

BEENLEIGH STATE SCHOOL



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From the Principal

Dear Parents,

It has been an amazing start to the school year. It is great to see students in class and working hard to achieve their best. We have made many changes for the start of this year and it is going to be a fantastic term.

This year as we focus on the engagement in the classroom I have invited Mr John Fleming to work with us. Mr Fleming is the Deputy Chair of the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership, Deputy Principal at Haileybury College's Junior School, and Director of the Haileybury Institute. John's an advocate for the explicit instruction teaching method and has worked as a consultant in schools across Australia teaching strategies to educators. Mr Fleming began the program at Melbourne's Bellfield Primary School in 1996, where 80per cent of the students were performing below the state average. When he left the school in 2005, the school had become one of the best-performing schools in Victoria. More information on explicit instruction maybe found at : -

<https://www.teachermagazine.com.au/article/john-fleming-explicit-instruction-myths-and-strategies>

Tuesday is your first opportunity to see the great work happening at BSS and I invite everyone to come and meet their child's teacher from 3-4 pm. This is a not an interview but simply an opportunity to talk and understand what will be expected this year. The P&C have organised a free sausage sizzle for those who attend. The sausage sizzle will start at approx. 3.40 p.m.

Shortly I will begin teaching and working in classrooms. I will start in the year 3 and 5 this coming week. Also every week I will be taking home a selection of student books to mark and read through. Our current year 6 students are preparing for the challenges of leadership this year. In the coming weeks they will vote on the school leaders for 2017. I wish them every success.

WHAT DID YOU DO AT SCHOOL TODAY?

Quite possibly the number one question to come out of our mouths of an afternoon to our children, "What did you do at school today?" However the response you receive is possibly even shorter than the question itself! Does your child have few words to share at the end of a school day? Do you get a yes or a no and that is it? Below are some suggested questions to help engage in conversation with your child about their day at school. Over dinner or an afternoon game is also a wonderful time to casually catch up with your precious ones and gain an insight into their day. What response would you get to these questions?

- What was the best thing that happened at school today?
- Tell me something that made you laugh today.
- Where is the coolest place at the school?
- If I called your teacher tonight, what would she tell me about you?
- How did you help somebody today? / How did somebody help you today?
- Tell me one thing that you learned today.
- When were you the happiest today?
- Who would you like to play with at recess that you've never played with before?
- What word did your teacher say most today?
- What do you think you should do/learn more of at school
- Where do you play the most at recess?
- What was your favourite part of lunch?
- If you could switch seats with anyone in the class, who would you trade with? Why?
- Tell me about three different times you used your pencil today at school.

(excerpt from online article. Huffington post)

Adam Knights

Principal

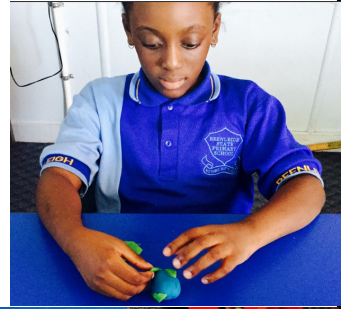
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Date	Event
7 Feb	Parent Teacher Afternoon
13 Feb 2:15	School Assembly
13 Feb 3-4 pm	P and C General Meeting
25 Feb	Bunnings BBQ
4 March	Bunnings BBQ

From the Classroom..

Year 3

3C have had an exciting start to the year! In Science we have started looking at the earth and its features. We made models of the earth using playdough and included the axis and equator. Looking forward to more fun times in 3C!



Prep 3

'Our preps in Prep 3 have had an amazing start to the year and have settled in well. We have been working hard on our numbers, sorting and fine motor skills! These are just some of the fun activities we have done thus far!



BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club run by a dedicated crew of volunteers, from both our school and the community, continues to offer a healthy breakfast for our school community. A healthy breakfast each day is the best defence against a child losing concentration in class and having low energy levels at playtime.

We thank all our volunteers for their continued support.

