



BEAUMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents

9 February 2012

The following information is for your attention:

1. BOLANDER NEWS

I was quite taken aback by an article I came across in last week's Bolander newspaper. The title of the article was "What example do you set your children?" It was written by one of our learners' grandmother after experiencing a fall whilst attending our Annual Interhouse athletics meeting. She had lost her footing and tumbled down an embankment, yet experienced no form of assistance in spite of being physically and emotionally shaken. Not one adult in close proximity attempted to come to her aid or even ask if she was ok. She quite fittingly developed inner thoughts regarding reaping an example of indifference when a helping hand is needed. We often advocate a caring, nurturing approach amongst our learners through various programmes we run at Beaumont, which also ties in with our school's motto, UT PROSIM, meaning in order to serve. Let's also live this spirit within the entire Beaumont family and extend that sense of caring to those around us. I trust that the grandmother is doing fine after her unfortunate fall.

2. BUILDINGS / RENOVATIONS

The building programme is still very much on track and basically all wetworks have been completed. I'm pretty sure that the buildings will look stunning when completed. We are now at the stage where we are choosing paint colours, floor tiles and also finishes to classrooms like cupboards and pinboards. The swimming pool area is also now complete and it looks stunning. The Foundation Phase Gala was held there on Tuesday and everybody had a great time!

3. SPORTS BRAG BROAD

The last two weeks featured many school events and some of the results / achievements of those happenings are listed below:

Beaumont Interhouse Athletics

For the first time ever, Beaumont held its Interhouse Athletics Meeting in the afternoon and into the early evening. It was a huge success and the athletes as well as the parents enjoyed athletics of a very high standard. The athletes in the photo won the following trophies:

Back row: Tegan O'Grady – Best Field Girls Athlete, Arend Stapelberg – Victor Ludorum and Best Field Boys Athlete, Rebecca Kaps – Victrix Ludorum, Janneke Turck – Senior Girls Track Athlete.

Front row: Dalvon Blood – Junior Boys Track Athlete, Danelle Human – Junior Girls Track Athlete, Markus Seele – Senior Boys Track Athlete. Well done to all these athletes! Impala won the trophy for the winning team and Oribi won the Spirit cup.



Beaumont Interhouse Gala

The Intermediate and Senior Phase Interhouse Gala took place last week and we had the opportunity to try out our brand new undercover pavilion! It was amazing to see all the Gr 4 – Gr 7 learners fit in on the pavilion and they didn't have to sit in the sun. Once again it was an amazing gala and for the first time we opened the gala to all learners in the school. It was a very successful event and well done to the Oribi team who won the gala quite convincingly.

Circuit 6 Athletics

On Friday and Saturday the Circuit 6 Athletics Championships took place at Hottentots Holland High School. Twenty schools took part in this championship and the competition was very strong. Well done to the following athletes who qualified for the Circuit 6 team who will take part in the Metropole East Championship at the end of the month:

Thomas Sickle, Mathew Miles, Taylin Dupont, Jodi Lourens, Tegan O'Grady, Francois Lötter, Melinda Mieny, Arend Stapelberg, Harry Frith, Dinisha Coopoosamy, Dalvon Blood, Jade Southon, Rachel Kaps, Janneke Turck, Rebecca Kaps, Nina Smit, Phillip van Dyk, Lauren Vermaak and Taryn Nisbet.

Adventure Club

The Adventure Club has already had 2 outings this year. On Saturday morning, 21 January we had our annual hike up the Helderberg Mountain Range. It was a lovely morning and all the parents and learners enjoyed a very tiresome hike up the mountain. We enjoyed a well deserved break at the kloof and had time to rest the blistered feet and drink fresh mountain water!

On Saturday morning, 28 January a group of 25 Beaumont hikers decided to try out an even bigger mountain – Table Mountain! We had to be at the cable car station at 07:00 in the morning. It was an absolutely stunning morning and we were on our way. After two hours of really hard and exhausting climbing we reached the top of the Mountain. It was amazing! Well done to all the hikers that completed that hike/climb! After spending some time walking around on top of the mountain we came down with the cable car.

Tennis League Results

<u>Team</u>	<u>Opponents</u>	<u>Result</u>
u/11 Girls	vs Somerset College	– Beaumont lost 1-2
u/11 Boys	vs Somerset College	– Beaumont won 3-0
u/13B Boys	vs De Hoop	– Beaumont won 5-1
u/13B Girls	vs Lochnerhof	– Beaumont won 5-1

4. ARTS AND CULTURE

Art Club

Megan Mol (aged 7 years in 2011) of the Beaumont Art Club, recently won the 7 – 9 age group in a USA International Art Competition for an Environmental Awareness Programme "Frogs are Green". See the website for the colourful artwork! **CONGRATULATIONS MEGAN – WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU.**

More Art Club news

The following Gr 2 learners, Nadine Wrench, Jessica Fair, Clarice Lohan and Clarissa Swart also took part in the above competition and their works of art were highly commendable. Entries were received from 22 different countries around the world.



5. ECO NEWS

Recycling

The first month of 2012 is over, and from now on we hope all will be plain sailing!

We have started a NEW INITIATIVE at Beaumont, namely E-Waste collection. You are kindly requested to bring your e-waste to school every FIRST MONDAY of the month. What is e-waste? Any old electrical appliance, eg. computers, laptops, electrical cords, and flat batteries. The first e-waste collection at Beaumont will therefore take place on Monday, **5 March**. Please put all your e-waste in a separate bag / box and bring it to your chosen recycling point.

6. WEBSITE NEWS

Academic Matters – Grade 4 - 7

We want to invite you to visit our website: www.beaumont4u.co.za for useful academic information. We endeavour to keep on updating this section of our website in order to build a stronger partnership with you as parents. The Grade 4 – 7 test information has already been posted on the website.

This is a friendly reminder that parents are encouraged to update their details on the website. It is imperative that you update so that you are effectively informed via sms, the communicator and email regarding the programmes / events / activities offered at the school. Thank you.

7. FITNESS AND FUN CHILD KINETICS PROGRAMME

Please note that this programme is only for the Grade R – 3 learners. The programme is compulsory and is presented to the learners during school hours.



All queries regarding payments are to be directed to Christa at 072 266 6651 after 15:30 or contact Mr Andre Schillig (Programme Developer) on email: fitandfun@telkomsa.net

Method of payment: In order to minimise the administrative costs it is recommended that once-off payments be made. The account details are as follows:

- **Fitness & Fun**
- **Standard Bank**
- **Cape Gate**
- **032179340 (account number)**

It is very important that your **child's INITIALS, SURNAME and SPECIFIC GRADE NUMBER** (eg. JWhite 1E3) are used as your **only reference**. Your proof of payment then needs to be e-mailed to: fitandfun@telkomsa.net or faxed to 086 654 8723. **All payments are to be made by the end of the First Term.** Payments received after 30 April 2012 will carry an additional, once-off administrative fee of R35,00.

8. LOST PROPERTY POLICY

Lost items are sorted every Friday afternoon and learners are informed via the class teacher if items have been found. The Lost Property room is open on a Friday from 12.45 – 13.15 for collection of lost items (outside Mr Momberg's class). Please mark all school items clearly with your child's name and grade so that learners may be informed when items are found. The school has partnered with Tag-a-Long to facilitate this process (contact Karin Snyman on 0829259988 for more information).

Lunchboxes and towels left behind after a gala or fun day event (e.g. Funtasia) are washed and may be collected from the kitchen during the week in which the event took place. All other lost items found are placed in the passage outside Bennie's office for the week prior to sorting. Any items not collected within 2 weeks will be donated to charity as the school unfortunately does not have the storage capacity to keep them.

9. GENERAL NEWS

On Wednesday 22 February 2012, Scouts all over the world will celebrate the birthday of the founder, Lord Robert Baden Powell. All Scouts and Cubs at Beaumont Primary School are allowed to wear their Scout / cub uniform in honour of their leader on this day.

10. IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 10 February	:	Sandwich drive
	:	Valentine sokkie u/13 sport tour fundraiser
	:	Detention Grade 4 – 7 ONLY
Monday 13 February	:	Bring your recycling between 07:30 – 08:00
	:	De Hoop Swimming gala at Beaumont
Tuesday 14 February	:	Summer sport photos
	:	Clothing bank open between 13:00 – 14:30
Wednesday 15 February	:	Neatness Inspection
	:	Liaison meeting in the hall at 13:00
	:	ASLA Athletics at Strand High School (after school)
Thursday 16 February	:	Girls Mini Cricket Tournament at Beaumont (after school)
	:	Parents receive notice re: GB Elections
	:	Clothing bank open between 13:00 – 14:30
	:	Governing Body meeting at 18:30
Friday 17 February	:	Sandwich drive
	:	Benbel Interschools Athletics meeting at SWPS (after school)
	:	Detention Grade 4 – 7 ONLY
Saturday 18 February	:	Benbel Interschools Athletics meeting at SWPS
Sunday 19 February	:	Tennis team leaves for Sun City Tournament
Monday 20 February	:	Bring recycling between 07:00 – 08:30
	:	Sun City Tennis Tournament
	:	BPA / GB Get-together function
Tuesday 21 February	:	Rhenish A team gala (after school)
	:	Sun City Tennis Tournament
	:	Clothing bank open between 13:00 – 14:30
Wednesday 22 February	:	Sun City Tennis Tournament
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Kind regards



Mr. G Reddell
Headmaster

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