Important dates
Fri 20th Nov  Twilight Movie Night – ‘Paper Planes’
Sat 21st Nov  2016 Preparatory Experience Morning
Wed 25th Nov  Carols Service
Thu 26th Nov  Year 2 String Concert
Mon 30th Nov  Year 5 2016 Orientation Day
Wed 2nd Dec  Year 2 Scienceworks Excursion
Thu 3rd Dec  Year 4 Transition Ceremony
Mon 7th Dec  Junior School Presentation Morning

Berwick Campus Twilight Movie Night - ‘Paper Planes’ – Friday, 20th November 2015
All College families and friends are invited to attend this special event. Refreshments for the movie will be available for sale prior to the movie from 5.00pm – 7.30pm, along with some fun activities. Food options include, Pizza, BBQ, Potatoes and Sri Lankan Cuisine. Families are able to bring their own picnic but please be aware that this is an alcohol free evening. Tickets for the movie are still available online at the College Shop. Adults at children’s prices, general admission $10.00 each and special ‘Gold Grass’ premium seating, including bean bag, is available for $20.00.

People watching the movie can collect their wristband from a marquee located near the oak tree from 5pm. Please be ready to show your receipt as proof of purchase. The cinema viewing area will then be open at 6pm for people to reserve their seat. This promises to be a great event and all proceeds from the evening will go towards our fundraising efforts in East Timor so please bring along your spare change to support this worthy cause. Please bring your own torch to help with your packing up at the conclusion of the movie.

Junior School Assembly
Due to VCE and Year 11 Examinations the Performing Arts Hall will be unavailable from Wednesday, 28th October to Monday 23rd November. As a result we will not be holding Assembly during this period of time.

Apple Store Family Funded Program – Fountain Gate – Year 3 2016
Please visit our Junior School Portal page for more information in relation to this.


2016 Junior School Stationery
Junior School families will save at least $100.00 per child on the cost of the 2016 booklist, thanks to a new College initiative.
As already mentioned in earlier Bulletins, for 2016, the College will bulk buy stationery items at a reduced price - on behalf of parents - for each classroom. There is a small number of classroom text resource items parents still need to buy from the booklist. Under the new arrangement, parents will be required to pay a stationery contribution to the College. For Years Preparatory to 2, this will be $80.00 and Years 3-4 $70.00. This contribution is due by no later than Friday, 22nd January 2016 and is available now to be paid online through the College Shop. https://shop.beaconhills.vic.edu.au/browse/browse.asp?DeptID=144&CatID=1114
However, there are specialists’ resources that are required to still be ordered through Campion. Campion booklists can be completed online at www.campion.com.au code HQRM or by downloading a hardcopy from our Junior School Portal Page/Teaching and Learning and handed to our Berwick Campus Main Reception by Wednesday, 9th December 2015.

Preparatory 2015 Experience Morning – Saturday, 21st November
This event will take place this Saturday, 21st November from 9.30am – 12noon. If your sondaughter is commencing Preparatory in 2016 we look forward to welcoming him/her to this special event. Students will find out who their class teacher will be and have a wonderful morning getting to know new classmates and establishing routines.

Berwick Carol Service – Wednesday, 25th November
The Annual Berwick Carol Service will be held in the Performing Arts Hall on Wednesday, 25th November at 6.30pm. All the traditional Carols will be sung and it will be a time to commence our Christmas celebrations. All families are encouraged to come to this happy celebration. Please place this special event in your calendar now as it promises to be a very special evening. All are welcome as this is a community event.
Year 2 Scienceworks Excursion – Wednesday, 2nd December
The Year 2 students will be attending Scienceworks on Wednesday, 2nd December. This is an aspect of their Inquiry Unit on Forces: Push and Pull. They will be exploring different science exhibits and attending a session called “The Toys and Forces Show”. They will need to be at school by 8.30am, with an excursion bag, snack, lunch and drink bottle. The students are required to wear their PE uniform and make sure they bring their spray jacket.

Year 4 Transition Ceremony – Thursday, 3rd December
As Year 4 leave the Junior School this year they will take part in a special Transition Ceremony on Thursday, 3rd December in the Lecture Theatre. This is a special afternoon and one all Year 4 parents should attend. It will commence at 2.00pm. All are welcome. It is always an emotional time as our older members of the Junior School take the next step forward.

End of Year Junior School Presentation – Monday, 7th December
The Junior School Presentation Morning on Monday, 7th December, will be the final celebration of a busy, successful year and will be held in the Performing Arts Hall. Presentation morning will commence promptly at 11.00am and will conclude at approximately 12.30pm. We hope you will be able to join us. Students should not be taken home immediately after the Ceremony as school does not finish until 2.30pm. Please make an effort to attend as this event is the final Junior School event for 2015.

Parent Assistance Required – Guided Reading Book Collection
We are looking for a team of volunteers to work under the guidance of Lisa Trudget to audit the Junior School Guided Reading Book Collection and to categorise these resources so that they align with our Guided Curriculum Topics for 2016. This job will be a huge undertaking but certainly a worthwhile one with our students benefiting from our curriculum being integrated as much as possible. Your assistance for the day (or whatever time you can volunteer) will be greatly appreciated as many hands always make light work.

We will set this up in the Multipurpose Room on Tuesday, 1st December. Please contact Jackie Lang on 1300 002 225 Ext 1163 if you are able to volunteer your services.

Empty Christmas Tree Appeal
Once again this Christmas season we are conducting an Empty Christmas Tree as we have done over the last 11 years. Our community has supported this event and we have been able to make many donations to families in our local community who may be experiencing hardship. Our gifts will go to Windermere Community Centre, a local organisation for distribution to needy families. Books and toys for the following age groups for both boys and girls would be most appreciated. Age groups are 5-7 years, 8-10 years and 10-12 years. It would be most helpful if, when wrapped (hopefully in Christmas paper) a note on the outside showing what gender and age level the present would suit could be added. We invite you to bring your children to Reception together place the presents under the tree or bring them to the Carol Service. Thank you for your support of this appeal.

Take Home Books
Last day for borrowing is tomorrow Thursday, 19th November. Please return all books to the College by Friday, 20th November for auditing. Please check your child’s bag and at home for any misplaced books as many books have been lost this year that we are still hoping to locate, as it becomes a costly issue for the College to continue replacing them.

School Banking
School Banking will be finishing on Monday, 30th November. Any concerns please contact Melinda Healey – aaronmelinda@bigpond.com or Leanne Lowe leannemon@bigpond.com.

Book Club
Book Club is due back on Monday, 23rd November. Due to the end of term delivery date we won’t be able to accept any late payments after this date.

Buses Monday, 1st February 2016
The College buses will be running for the Years 5, 7 & 12 Orientation Day on Monday, 1st February 2016.

College Shop – Year 5 2016
Please make note of the uniform requirements for 2016 Year 5 students.

Girls – blazer, kilt, tie, winter shirt, larger school bag, cap, padlock and apron

Boys – blazer, winter shirt and tie (for photo in first week of term 1), summer shorts with tabs, winter trousers with belt loops, larger school bag, cap, padlock and apron

The uniform requirements and trading hours including extended hours are all on our website - http://shop.beaconhills.vic.edu.au/support/sitepage.asp?Page=Store^Trading^Hours

Enrolling Siblings of Current Students

As we begin the offer process for 2017, if you haven’t enrolled your child, it is recommended that you complete and submit your enrolment now.

Please ensure you have read the document “Planning your Journey” which is available under the College Enrolments link of our website as there have been changes to the financial and enrolment guidelines.

An Enrolment Application is available in this section of the website, or by taking the link below:

Important Notice – Students leaving the College

If your child is leaving the College at the end of this year, please note that it is a requirement of the College that a full term’s notice in advance of a student’s withdrawal is provided to the Headmaster. Sufficient notice enables us to contact those families who are waiting for enrolment offers.

Failure to provide such notice will require payment of one term’s fees in lieu of notice. Notice of departure of students can be emailed to enrol@beaconhills.vic.edu.au. Please include your child’s leaving date and the school/TAFE etc they will be attending.

College Shop

Just a reminder to families with new students commencing in 2016 that fitting days for uniform are approaching and will be held during October and November. Please visit the College Online Shop for uniform fitting and purchasing times.