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BELMONT BULLETIN
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DATES TO REMEMBER			
Tuesday	7 th February		Icy Pole Sales Commence
Thursday	9 th February		School Banking Commences
Friday	10 th February		School Lunch Orders Commence
Monday	13 th February	9.00am	Book Club Orders Due
Wednesday	15 th February	5:00pm	Welcome Picnic / BBQ
Wednesday	22 nd February	7:00pm	School Council Meeting
Friday	10 th March		Curriculum Day, Pending School Council Approval
Monday	13 th March		Labour Day Public Holiday
Friday	17 th March		School Walkathon - More info sent home closer to the date
Wednesday	22 nd March		School Council Meeting
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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

WELCOME BACK to all of our students, parents and wider school community. A very special welcome to our 43 new **Preps**, parents new to the school and several new staff pictured here busy at work Day 2.



We have a number of **new students** and families to the school who started yesterday including:

- Grade 1: Ali A, Oliver S, Rogan K
- Grade 2: Isla D'G
- Grade 3: Xavier K
- Grade 4: Luca D'G
- Grade 5: Lily

We trust these news students will feel most welcome and their families equally so.

Staffing Updates

Here is our line-up for 2017:

Classroom

- Prep Adelle Preston
- Prep *Brittany Hudgell*

- 1/2 Emma Johnson
- 1/2 Dee Dearnley 4 days / *Rebecca Kelly* 1 day
- 1/2 Phoebe Gowers
- 1/2 *Shanelle Craven*

- 3/4 Temae Mc Cormack
- 3/4 Lucinda Eales
- 3/4 *John Paterson*

- 5/6 Susie Lewis
- 5/6 *Julie Keating*
- 5/6 Craig Corker
- 5/6 Paul McArdle

ES staff:

Jenny Diery, Maree Koch, Fiona De Paoli , Bec Gillett, Deb Krupa, Lisa Bauerle.

Administration Staff

Jacqui Eddy, Alannah McCooke, Kelly Wilde

Senior Administration

Jen Koehler

IT Support

Pete Williams, Therese Sellars

Just left us for more exciting pastures

Georgina Papasavvas (Maternity Leave)

School Magazine At the end of 2016 all families received one free copy and additional orders were also sent out to families who requested and paid for these. We hope all students and families enjoyed looking through our 160th Year edition. A small number of additional copies remain available through the office at a cost of \$10 per copy.

Lions Club of Geelong South Barwon have generously donated \$3000 toward the cost for the construction of safety netting which will be installed across the face of our Senior Playground. This additional safety netting will help to eliminate risk to our students from ball strike while playing on equipment directly adjoining the oval area.

We sincerely appreciate this kind gift and greatly value the strong relationship we have built with this wonderful Community Group over many years.

Our School Captains begin their important leadership role across the school. Pictured here left to right: Rose Mayhew (VC), DJ Corrin (VC) Xander Close (C) and Ella Howard (C). We congratulate them again on their appointment to this very responsible role.



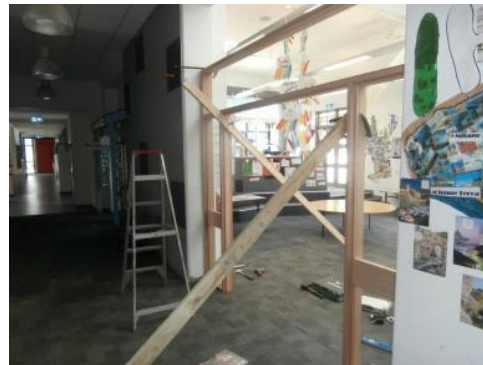
A Welcome Picnic / BBQ has been planned for Wednesday 15th of February. Starting from 5pm with visits to all classes. Meet teachers and have an informal chat. (Parents importantly can request an individual meeting with any of our staff to discuss their child's specific needs if they would like this at a later time.)

From around 6pm we will join on the oval for a shared picnic/BBQ and some games. It will be a chance for parents at all levels to visit student's classrooms, chat with staff and then enjoy a picnic together. Due to the confined space games held last year will be replaced by equipment that students can play with around the school with friends. More details will follow soon. Feedback from parents will see a return of a BBQ sausage sizzle. It is sure to be a good night with families and friends.

While many of you have been able to get away or just enjoy a break we have been busy here at Belmont getting ready for the start of our 2017 year.

I congratulate our staff and Administrative staff on the preparations they made in the days prior to our start making sure students came back to attractive and highly organised learning environments. A new LOTE wall (Italian) has been installed opposite our Prep rooms in the main building. We believe this will help reduce any noisier activity from impacting the Prep room and vice versa.

Start



Nearly done



My thanks too, to a small number of families who came up on Tuesday night to help sweep and tidy our yard ready for our start. Your help was sincerely appreciated.

This time last year we had poured a new pathway, installed 2 new classrooms, built a back fence and we were partially flooded.



Skoobag growth I encourage any parents who are yet to download our APP to get on board this year. We have received great feedback from many parents of the usefulness of this tool. We have just surpassed **780** downloads. (35% increase on Feb 2016 levels) Parents can select to receive notices that only relate to the grade levels of their children. The school limits the number of direct alerts we send out with most of these being reminders.

This time last year Skoobag had a total of **502** downloads.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Food allergies Parents are advised that we have several students with food allergies and other allergy forms here at Belmont. In particular **nuts and kiwi fruit** are among the foods we would prefer are not sent to school due to the risk and potential for serious and life threatening results. Thank-you.

SLIP SLOP SLAP All parents are reminded that Term 1 all students must wear a broad brimmed school hat. These can be purchased from PSW, Malop Street Geelong.

Owners risk Parents are reminded that personal or valuable items brought to school by students (staff or parents) are not covered by Department Insurances. Such items become the responsibility of the owner in every instance.

School Diaries are an important communication tool between home and school. These are checked regularly but students are encouraged to hand the diary directly to a teacher where a parent has written a note and wants to make immediate contact using the diary. Parents can call the school at any time to seek clarification of any information. No question is a silly question. We are here to help.

Attendance Slips. It is the schools strong preference that parents use our pink attendance slips or our Schoolbag App for every absence.

ATTENDANCE SLIP
Please complete this slip and return in your child's diary as soon as possible.
Many thanks.
Name: _____
Grade: _____
Absence dates: _____
 Illness
 Appointment
 Medical
 Injury
 Dental
 Other (please specify)

Parent Signature

Electronic emails. Please note this week we have given every family a hard copy of the newsletter, however the school is transitioning to an electronic version going forward. If you would like to receive a digital copy please fill in the slip at the end of the newsletter and return it to school by 8th Feb 2017.

David Houghton

Principal ☺

OHSC Before and After Hours School Care change

We have had some changes to the staffing in the OSHC program. Hayden is no longer working for School Support Services, therefore, we have a replacement Coordinator we would like to introduce.

Tayla will be taking on the Coordinator role at Belmont OSHC. Tayla is a 3rd year Bachelor student, she is studying at Deakin University and is thoroughly



enjoying the course so far. Tayla enjoys spending time with friends, going for long walks with her dog admiring the wonderful beaches we have on offer around the Geelong area. Tayla is excited about meeting the OSHC families and the wonderful people of the Belmont PS community in the coming weeks.

We have an assistant Dalys working alongside Tayla until next Wednesday afternoon. Sharon our regular 2016 worker is looking forward to getting back to Belmont OSHC next week.

Kind regards
School Support Services Management

FROM THE ART ROOM



Welcome back everyone and a special welcome to our preps and other new students throughout the school. Art lessons will commence next week. We begin our sessions celebrating The Chinese New Year with 2017 being The Year of the Rooster but more about that next week. What I wanted to let you know about is The Hawker's Bazaar this coming

weekend on the riverside at Crown Casino in Melbourne. It has been running now for fifteen years and I have been quite a few times. It's a great family day out if you're looking for something to do this weekend. It's on Saturday and Sunday beginning at 11:00 am. The advertisement for it runs as follows..... To celebrate The Year of the Rooster, more than 60 stalls along the riverside at Crown will feature a series of activities and entertainment. The special events

include lion and dragon processions, cooking demonstrations, food stalls with Asian culinary delights as well as a host of cultural activities, exhibitions and live entertainment.

If you can make it, don't forget to take your children into The Atrium at Crown (the foyer where children are welcome) to see the amazing Chinese New Year display which they create each year. I might see you there!

Yvonne McDonald
Art Specialist

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB INFORMATION

Welcome back to another year of school and another year of Scholastic Book Club! For our new families, or for those who'd like a refresher course, here is some information:

What is Scholastic Book Club?

Twice a term, a Scholastic Book Club catalogue will be distributed to students via their class teacher. You can purchase from a range of quality books which appeal to a range of reading levels and interests. Any purchases made earn our school 20% back in Scholastic Rewards which our staff can use to buy new books for our Library and resources for classrooms! Scholastic Book club books are great ideas for gifts and help our kids catch the reading bug!

How it works:

If you would like to order from Book Club, it's very easy.

You can order with a credit card through the Scholastic LOOP system on the Scholastic website (www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or download the app from the App Store or Google Play. You don't have to return anything to school. It's super quick, convenient, and saves having to dig around for cash!

OR

You can enclose correct cash with your completed order form and return it to school before the due date (reminders will be in the school newsletter). Books you have ordered will be delivered to school and distributed to the students in the following weeks. Generally, all orders will arrive at the same time, so if you order early through LOOP, the books will arrive after the Book Club cut-off date. If you have a book order as a GIFT, you can flag this in the LOOP order system or if ordering with cash, simply write "GIFT" clearly on the order form and it will be held at the office for you to collect discreetly!

If you have any questions, please ask! I'm also looking for anyone to help with the ordering and processing of Book Club deliveries this year, so if you enjoy looking at and sorting books then please let me know!
Jo Eddey (Book Club parent helper) (Ph: 0408060954)

ISSUE 1 is a quick turnaround this time.
ISSUE 1 orders are due Monday 13 February.
(ISSUE 2 will come out early March.)

SENDING MONEY AND NOTICES TO SCHOOL

A reminder that all payments and notices must go directly to your child's classroom teacher. This will enable your child's name to be marked off the class cash sheet before it's forwarded to the office for banking. This will avoid all confusion and benefit both the office and the classroom.

The only exception to this would be payment of the parent contribution.

Thank you for your help with this - Office staff ☺

SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS – FRI 10th FEB

Zen Bakery will again be providing lunch orders every Friday.

Please write your order on a brown paper bag **clearly** with your child's name and grade and with correct change **ONLY**. Then place it in the blue classroom lunch order bag at 9.00am on a **FRIDAY** morning only.

2017 Updated lunch order price list attached.

Thank you.

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking will continue on in 2017 and will remain on Thursday morning.

Bank books are to be handed to teachers at the start of the day and will be returned later the same day.

NEWSLETTER HELP

We are again looking for a few parents to help out with collating the newsletter on a Thursday from 12:30 to 1:15pm.

Please fill out the reply slip below or notify the office staff if you are able to help with this. Once we have enough participants we will then organise a roster of dates. Thank-you. ☺

ICY POLE SALES

Icy pole are available for students to buy on **Tuesday** and **Fridays** every week at lunchtime.

Fruit stick	50c
Paddle Pops	\$1.00

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REPLY SLIPS

Newsletter Help!

I am able to assist with Newsletter help on Thursdays from 12:30 - 1:15pm.

Name (print) _____

Phone _____

To be returned by Wednesday 8th February 2017.

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY CHOICE

I would like to receive the newsletter via email.

Email Address _____

Family Name _____

Parent First Name _____

Eldest Student _____ Class _____

I do not wish to receive the newsletter via email