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BELMONT BULLETIN
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DATES TO REMEMBER			
Monday	25 th April		Anzac Day Public Holiday, no students required at school.
Wednesday	27 th April	7.00pm	School Council Meeting – in staffroom.
Thursday	28 th April	7:30pm	Parents Club Meeting.
Monday	2 nd May		Grade 1/2 Melbourne Museum Excursion.
Friday	6 th May		Mother's Day Stall.
Friday	6 th May	11:30am	School Walk-a-thon. Notices to come home shortly.
Tues - Thurs	10 th – 12 th May		NAPLAN testing.
Mon - Fri	16 th – 27 th May		Grade 3/4 Swimming program, Leisurelink.
Wed – Fri	1 st – 3 rd June		Grade 5/6 Bluelight Youth Camp.
Friday	10 th June		Report Writing Day, no students required at school.
Monday	13 th June		Queen's Birthday Public Holiday, no students required at school.

Student of the week		
Congratulations to the following students whose efforts, behaviour and attitude have been recognised		
Oliver M	P/H	For making a wonderful start to Term Two and writing an amazing list of his favourite footy teams.
Kale W	P/M	For being super switched on and making a great start to Term 2. Well done Kale!
Riley W	1/2C	For being a hardworking, mature and sensible worker in the classroom. Well done on the great start to Term 2!
Isabella M	1/2D	For having a red hot go at sounding out words.
Michael C	1/2G	For his improved handwriting in his journal writing. Well done Michael! Keep it up!
Surry B	1/2M	For his wonderful knowledge of the stegosaurus. A palaeontologist in the making!
Meg F	3/4E	For working cooperatively with her peers by discussing and sharing ideas and for making a super effort to complete all tasks to a high standard.
Angus M	3/4M	For being super resilient and not letting a broken foot get in the way of his school activities! What a champ!
Olivia A	3/4T	For her stunningly superb work ethic that she displays every single day! You are an amazing role model Olivia!
Jack E	5/6C	For his sensible and mature approach to learning this week. Keep up the brilliant work Jack!
Lily P	5/6L	For being an absolute superstar worker who approaches every task with a positive attitude and gives it her all.
Alex C	5/6M	For making a fantastic start to BPS and having the courage to ask questions.
Jacob I	5/6P	For being such an enthusiastic participant in all things relating to our Integrated topics of 'Creation of a Nation.' Keep up the great work!

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



BYOD Bring Your Own Device has been successfully launched across our Year 3/4 classes. A few teething issues have been quickly resolved with the additional support personal we have provided to work in the 3/4 area. I trust parents too have felt supported and informed as to the requirements of being part of this initiative. Please do not hesitate to talk or meet with teachers from this area or contact the school directly if you have any outstanding questions or concerns. We hope to bring you some more snapshots in coming weeks of the work we have been doing in this area.

ANZAC Our School Captains will attend a special service in Geelong tomorrow with **Miss Papasavvas** representing the school. The school with the help of **Michelle Lugg** will put together a flower wreath. If you would like to donate any flowers from your own gardens please send these in first thing Friday. The school will also briefly recognise this important day tomorrow with all students.



School Cross Country was held yesterday with all students age 8-13 competing for a position at the Regional Cross Country next Friday.

Students all competed well in perfect weather conditions. My thanks to **Mr Westley**, the supervising staff and parents who were able to attend and add to the support.



ART room in action



IMPORTANT : 2017 Enrolment The school has begun to take enrolments for Prep 2017. Parents who have children or siblings who will begin next year (turn 5 by April 30th) should make contact with the office as soon as possible. Thanks.

Feedback Thank-you to the 21 families so far who have been able to provide some feedback. This week I am pleased to share what parents enjoy about the school. I cannot include all comments but have selected common themes.

What I love about the school:

- The staff and strong relationships with the students
- Students' friendships
- Increasing music opportunities
- Great size school buildings and facilities
- Lunchtime program and library
- Sense of community / atmosphere / culture
- Specialists PE / Art / Italian / Music
- Communication via newsletter and App
- Focus on student well-being not just academic
- The change management of BYOD
- After and Before School Care
- Opportunities for parents to be involved

Head Lice checks will occur **next week**. We will begin by assuming all students have consent. If you do not want your child's hair checked you will need to contact the school immediately. We have one family so far chosen to exclude students. This is your right also.

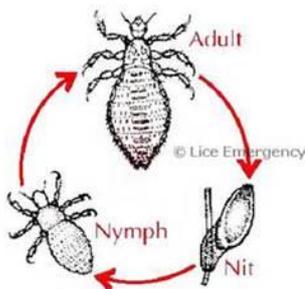
This approach using a recognised group (Geelong Headlice Service) will be a trial and we will make a decision afterwards based on the data we receive and feedback from parents whether or not to continue this approach.

Up to three staff from the service will check individual's hair, sterilize combs used between each check and provide written information to all parents. It has been the schools practice only to contact parents for immediate treatment if a child is found to have live lice. If students have eggs parents will be notified but there

is less urgency to have the child treated during the school day. We will be careful and respectful of the way in which we do this so no child will be signalled out or identified in front of peers or other classmates.

The service then returns one week later to check any child who was identified in the first checks.

There is no cost to parents but to the school. Other schools use services like these or have parents complete checks or have no checking system at all.



Chef of the month begins today for two of our year 6 students, **Tess & Millie** who were fortunate to be selected for this program from over a dozen students who applied. We look forward to seeing the girls on Masterchef in years to come. Thanks to **Miss Papisavvas** who has helped organize this program and to the parents who are providing transport.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Food allergies The school is continuing with individual appointments with parents to discuss plans specifically as they relate to their child. If you have a child with **Anaphylaxis** please contact the office to make an appointment to discuss the specific details and actions needed for your child. We have 7 students who have been identified as anaphylactic. Three appointments have been completed. The staff had a short briefing this week on the correct procedure for use of an EPI PEN. (epinephrine auto-injector)

Challenge for students this week was to do something 'nice' for a teacher or other staff. I know of one teacher who has received some lovely broaches and earrings. I have been given a flower and a picture.

Regards,
David Houghton Principal ☺

FROM THE ART ROOM

After telling you all about the Andy Warhol and Ai Weiwei art exhibition currently showing at the National Gallery in Melbourne, I finally got there myself last Saturday. I have to say it was amazing! One of the things I like best about seeing an exhibition like this is the sheer size of the artworks and the wow factor that this gives. A photo in a book just doesn't feel the same.

The exhibition finishes this Sunday the 24th so if you have been thinking about going, this coming weekend is your last chance.

GRADES FIVE / SIX

The monkeys made from corrugated cardboard are all but finished and the children are now working on animals of their own design.

GRADES THREE / FOUR

Still visiting the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris and creating wonderful art.

GRADES ONE /TWO

For quite some time now I've been following the blog of Justina Blakeney from San Francisco on her site called THE JUNGALOW. If you like Bohemian styling, lots of indoor plants and general creativity then this is a good site to take a look at. A part of her site that I particularly like is called Face the Foliage and I based our lesson this week around this. I brought along as many different flowers, leaves and seed pods that I could find in my garden and hanging over neighbourhood fences and the children arranged them to make various faces. They looked and smelt wonderful. Because this is very temporary art, photos were taken and will be on display soon.

PREPS

This week we are looking at patterns and in particular stripes. The children are completing a collaborative painting where they move around long strips of paper with their own pot of paint adding stripes of their colour to a group painting. It is also a bit of a test for self control because you are only allowed to paint stripes, no circles, no squiggles just stripes!

Yvonne McDonald

Art Specialist

UNIFORM ORDERS CHANGE OF DAY TO MONDAYS

Starting in **Term 2**, uniform orders will be taken on Monday morning at 8:45 – 9:45 in the staffroom. Orders will no longer be taken on Thursdays.

GROW AND GOBBLE

A huge thank you to the parents that have come forward to help out with our Grow and Gobble program. We are always looking for more helpers. If you are interested, and are available on Wednesdays at lunchtime, please let the office staff know.

PARENTS CLUB

Parents Club was held last week and we are pleased to announce the new Committee for 2016:

President: **Rebekah Hughes**
Vice President: **Leah Walker**
Secretary: **Emily Jolley**

We sincerely thank our outgoing Committee of Kristi Southon, Jess Powers and Bron Johnson for all their hard work and commitment.

Mothers Day Stall

Friday 6 May 2016

The cost is **\$5.00** per student and this year's focus is on local, handmade gifts. If your child wishes to participate, please make the payment to their classroom teacher as soon as possible.

For new parents, here's how it works:

- Parents Club purchases a range of different gifts and gift bags.
- Each student is given a gift bag to decorate during class time.
- Students attend the Mothers Day Stall and select a gift; there are at least 5 different gifts to choose from and the students put a lot of thought into what will suit best!

Our Next Meeting

7.30pm Thursday 28 April 2016

We'll be catching up next week to finalise the arrangements for the Mothers Day Stall. Everyone is welcome, the more the merrier!

Parents Club is a terrific opportunity to meet fellow parents, put faces to names and get to know what's happening around the school. There's no pressure to commit to extra jobs, we promise! If you have any feedback or suggestions, feel free to contact Rebekah on 0438 316 240 to have a chat.

From One Mother to Another

Geelong Mums is coordinating a Mothers Day campaign titled 'From One Mother to Another' and Belmont Primary School is pleased to be coordinating donations for this important initiative.

What is the 'From One Mother to Another' campaign?

Every week we are sadly seeing an increase in families escaping domestic violence, often leaving with very few possessions. This Mothers Day we are running a **#onemothertoanother** campaign. We are looking for donations of completed toiletry packs that include basics such as shampoo, tooth brushes, body wash, sanitary items, and any other bits you can think of! We would love a hand written note of encouragement to the mother receiving the pack. These donated packs will be delivered by caseworkers to Mothers in our Geelong community who are in need.

What sort of items are we looking for?

Some ideas are toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, hairbrush, hair ties, comb, shampoo, conditioner, soap, tampons/pads, sunscreen, body and face moisturiser, cotton buds, cleanser, eye makeup remover, nail clippers, nail file, tweezers, body wash, tissues, cleanser, razor & shaving cream, hand cream, lip balm, deodorant, face wipes, body wash, sunscreen, paw paw cream, band aids or a basic first aid kit. You might have samples or small toiletries from hotels or airlines that you can include.

Full information is available here:

<http://www.geelongmums.org/donate/one-mother-to-another/>

If you'd like to make any contribution, please deliver to the office no later than **Tuesday 26 April 2016**. We appreciate this is short notice and will be grateful for any contribution you can make. For further information, please contact Rebekah Hughes on 0438 316 240.

BOOK CLUB

A reminder that Book Club is due tomorrow **Friday 22nd April at 9.00am**.

Thanks,
Michelle & Jo

ICY POLE SALES

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

Fruit stick	50c
Paddle Pops	\$1.00

FRIDAY NIGHT BASKETBALL

Belmont 26ers	play at	4.20pm
Belmont Stars	play at	5.05pm
Belmont Boomers	play at	4.20pm

LOST

A **set of keys** have been lost somewhere between Belmont Primary School and Westpac Bank in Belmont. The keys are on a chain with a Toyota car key also attached. Please if found return to the school office.

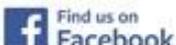
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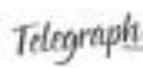
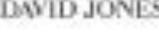
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