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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tonight	20th April	7.30pm	Parent Club Meeting in staffroom
Monday	24th April	9.30am	Parent Helper Information Session
Tuesday	25th April		ANZAC Day Public Holiday, No students required at school
Wednesday	26th April		5/6 BioLab Excursion
Friday	28th April		1/2 'Where we live' Excursion
Wednesday	3rd May		5/6 BioLab Excursion
Friday	5th May		District Cross Country
Friday	12th May		Bollard Walk
Friday	12th May		Application for Year 7 Placement forms due back
Friday	19th May		Winter Lightning Premiership
Friday	9th June		Report Writing Day, No students required at school
Friday	16th June		Prep Lego Excursion
Tue - Fri	13th – 23rd June		3/4 Swimming Program at Leisurelink
Thursday	29th June		Parent Teacher Interviews

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT 2017



Congratulations to Frankie B who was awarded the Sports Award at the end of last term at Cross Country.

Great News: With the generous sponsorship from our local **Belmont Lions Club** the school now has had a large protective net fully installed across the face of our senior Playground. This netting will significantly reduce the incidence of ball strike for students playing near the oval on the playground equipment.



Sunsmart Term 2

Please ensure students keep their hats at school for Term 2. Our policy has changed to reflect an

increasing awareness that we will have days which still pose as a danger for student's exposure to UV rays. The school will direct students to wear their hats on some days in Term 2 or be directed to shaded areas if they do not have a hat.

ANZAC

Our School Captains will attend a special service in Geelong tomorrow with **Mr Corker** representing the school. Thank you **Sheridan Hoy-Smith** who will put together a flower wreath. The school will also briefly recognise this important day on Monday.

Pictured here with their winning entries and prizes (Tomato Sauce) were our recent winners of the best **Home Grown Tomato** from left are Oliver M, Nate A and Kai H. Apologies to Nate for incorrectly acknowledging him at our recent assembly.



Year 7 Transition forms

These forms may already have found their way home to all parents of students in Year 6. Parents need to ensure they attend to these important forms and return them to the school by the due date. Parents who fail to do this increase the risk of not being able to enrol their child in the school of their choice. These are due back to the school by **Friday 12th May**.

Prep enrolment for 2018

If you have a child who is starting next year in Prep and you have not yet contacted the school please do so. We have strong demand for places at the school with around 25 enrolments confirmed already. If you have friends with school age children who are in our area please encourage them to contact the school.

We have a busy term ahead. Some of the planned events for this term include:

Prep Area

- Responsible Pet Ownership Incursion – Friday 26th May
- Lego Education Centre Excursion – Friday 16th June

1/2 Area

- 'Where we live' excursion – Friday April 28th

3/4 Area

- Bollard Walk – Friday 12th May
- Swimming Program – 13th -23rd June

5/6 Area

- Biolab – 26th April & 3rd May
- Winter Lightning Prem – Friday 19th May

Next week? Largest and smallest Pine cone. Be on the lookout for any you can find.

Quote of the Week

“A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.” - Winston S. Churchill

Craig Corker, Susie Lewis

FROM THE ART ROOM

Welcome to term two. I have lots of enjoyable activities planned for all grades and can't wait to get stuck into them. It's always exciting for me to see what the students come up with when presented with different ideas and techniques and coming up with new ways of doing things keeps me on the ball as well. Signora Rosa is going to spend some time this term working on a food theme in Italian classes so I thought I would start the term off with a few food related activities as well.

PREPS

This week I introduced the preps to mosaics ... a pattern or picture made up of small pieces of tiles, stones, china, paper, cardboard etc. We looked at a variety of examples and heard a few stories about what some of our clever parents are using this technique for at home. In small groups we then worked together tearing coloured paper into small pieces to mosaic large pictures of fruit. These will be displayed outside the Italian room where Signora Rosa can set to

work labelling them all in Italian.

GRADES ONE AND TWO

I read the story of The Tortoise and the Hare to the children choosing the version by Brian Wildsmith which has amazing illustrations, one in particular is of carrots shown growing underground. We discussed the moral (lesson) contained in the story then moved on to THE CARROTS! Can you see the way my mind works? I call it gently leading. We also discussed mosaics (revision for these children) and each completed a magnificent carrot or carota as Rose would say, then finished the lesson by munching on some carrot sticks for a snack!

GRADES THREE AND FOUR

Did you know that the five most popular apples grown in Australia according to Mr Google are Red Delicious, Pink Lady, Granny Smith, Royal Gala and Fuji. I am doing a very informal survey outside the ARTROOM to find out what our favourite of these is at school, feel free to vote.

We looked at an example of each of these apples and particularly admired the wonderful blend of colours and pattern on my favourite, the Royal Gala. I like to take my time when I'm buying my apples to get the most attractive ones. Using oil pastels we created beautiful apples with blended colours on their peel that actually look good enough to eat.

GRADES FIVE AND SIX

No food for us! This was a thinking lesson where we talked about WHERE DO ARTISTS GET THEIR IDEAS? The children came up with some really good lists of things to inspire artworks. Next I gave each child a copy of a Junior National Geographic magazine which I found a heap of when I started decluttering my house on the holidays (if you know me you may find the idea of me decluttering amusing but it has actually started). Anyway, each child had to come up with five art activities inspired by articles in the magazines and as we aren't actually going to do them they could be totally weird and wacky and over the top as possible, think ten metre high sculptures, cars covered in glow in the dark paint so that you don't need headlights and optical illusions made with fairy lights. It's good to rev up the creativity now and then.

Don't forget the Van Gogh exhibition starting soon,

Yvonne McDonald

Art Specialist



PARENT HELPER INFORMATION

Next **Monday the 24th of April at 9:30am**, we will be running a Parent Helper Information Session for our Prep, Grade 1 & Grade 2 Parents. The session will run immediately after assembly for around 40 minutes. This session will cover our expectations of Parent Helpers here at Belmont Primary and explain the types of roles you may play in our grades. Please do your best to be there if you are going to be a classroom helper this year. Parents will be required to have a current working with children check to be able to assist in the classroom. They will also need to sign a school confidentiality document before commencing (which will be distributed at the information session).

PARENTS CLUB

PARENTS CLUB MEETING

TONIGHT – 7.30pm in the Staffroom

Tonight we'll be confirming the President, Vice President and Secretary positions for the year ahead. But please don't let that put you off, there will be absolutely no pressure to commit to anything you don't want to do! We'll also be finalising the arrangements for the Mother's Day Stall so if you'd like to have your say about the gift options, please come along!

SOCIAL NIGHT

Friday 21 April – 7.30pm onwards
Belmont Hotel

Join us for a drink to celebrate surviving the first week of Term 2! RSVP to 0438 316 240.

GEELONG MUMS – ONE MOTHER TO ANOTHER

We are proud to support this campaign again in 2017 by providing a drop-off point at the BPS office for the school community.

You can participate in two ways:

- Make up a gift bag of new women's toiletries – choose a nice toiletry bag and fill it with everything you would need if you had nothing. Include a card for another Mother to let her know you care.
- Donate individual items and we'll make them into gift bags. You can donate toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, hairbrush, hair ties, shampoo, conditioner, soap, tampons/pads, sunscreen, face and body moisturiser, cotton buds, nail clippers, nail file, tweezers, body wash, tissues, razor and shaving cream, lip balm, deodorant, sunscreen or any other personal care items.

Donations will be accepted until Wednesday 26 April to we have time to deliver to Geelong Mums for them to distribute to local Mums in need.

BPS Parents Club is for you...if you have any ideas, suggestions or feedback, we'd love to hear from you! You can contact us at belmontpsparentsclub@gmail.com or call Rebekah on 0438 316 240. Alternatively, you are welcome to provide any feedback directly to David Houghton.

Have a fantastic week,
Rebekah Hughes
BPS Parents Club

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TERM 2 WEEKEND PROGRAMS
Saturday mornings
Oberon High School
12 Pickett Crescent, Belmont
Sunday mornings
Western Heights College
37-61 Vines Road, Hamlyn Heights

Soccer Fun For Girls & Boys Aged 2 to 12!
TERM 2 WEEKEND PROGRAMS
STARTING 29th/30th April 2017
BOOK YOUR PLACE ONLINE NOW!

Mite-E Soccer (2-3yo) A great introduction to Soccer! Children work with their parents to learn new soccer skills and develop their motor skills! Lots of fun games in a non-competitive environment 35 minute classes \$130 for 8 weeks		Pint Size Soccer (4-5yo) Children take their first kicks in soccer! They'll be introduced to shooting, dribbling, goal keeping and more. Children get to play lots of fun, skill based games. Grasshoppers get introduced to the Pint Size 1v1 Big Game! 50 minute classes \$140 for 8 weeks	
Intro to Micro (5-6yo) Micro (6-8yo) The ultimate challenge for young soccer players! They'll learn the rules of the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game and develop their skills in passing, dribbling, shooting and more. Intro – 60 mins \$145 for 8 weeks Micro – 75 mins \$150 for 8 weeks		Micro Plus (8-12yo) This program focuses on skill development and teamwork in preparation for club soccer. Children will enjoy all the favourite soccer based games, fine tune their skills as well as play the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game! 75 minute classes \$150 for 8 weeks	

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