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BELMONT BULLETIN
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DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday	6 th May	TOMORROW	Mother's Day Stall.
Friday	6 th May	11:30am	School Walk-a-thon.
Tues - Thurs	10 th – 12 th May		NAPLAN testing.
Friday	13 th May		Prep Lego Excursion.
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.
Wednesday	22 nd June	2:30- 7:00pm	Parent Teacher Interviews.

Student of the week

Congratulations to the following students whose efforts, behaviour and attitude have been recognised

Bonnie M	P/H	For designing and building such a wonderful shelter for Foxy! You are very creative.
Ella M	P/M	For making a thoughtful and well designed teddy shelter to keep Mousey safe.
Jed M	3/4E	For having a red hot go during writing sessions and showing confidence in his own arguments when writing persuasive pieces. Way to go Jed!
Matilda A	3/4M	For having a super crack at every activity we do, especially her writing tasks! Keep up the good work!
Alanna B	3/4T	For using amazing persuasive arguments in a letter to her parents -asking them to let her stay at a friend's house for the night. Excellent work Alanna!
John C	5/6C	For being focused and showing great persistence to complete all learning tasks this week. Well done John!
Charlie T	5/6L	For showing a positive attitude towards his learning and being a great friend to his classmates. Keep it up Charlie!
Tilly W	5/6M	For collaborating with Eloise and working hard to create the epic short story 'Pointy and Stubbs!'
Ariella H	5/6P	For her ongoing outstanding attitude toward her learning and a highly persuasive text on why a rabbit would make the best class pet!

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Students of the week



Tess E and Toby W receive Aussie of the Month awards February and March.

Choir cancelled tomorrow FRIDAY due to injury of our teacher this week and perhaps next week also. We wish Ally a speedy recovery.



3/4 Swimming at Leisurelink will begin in less than 2 weeks time. We are very pleased with the numbers so far who will be attending this years program. At this stage 76 of our 89 (around 90%) of our 3/4 students will be attending.

Hopefully all parents will have now received additional information about this venue. Twenty-two schools across the Geelong area use this centre for their lessons and in addition to this several Secondary schools use the facilities and larger pool for other water based activities.

Our school lessons offer good value at less than \$10 for a 30 minute lesson. Current rates are \$13.50 for a 25 minute lesson and 5 mins opportunity to talk with instructors.

Remaining grade levels across the school will continue with the Geelong Aquatic Centre for their lessons this year.

School Walkathon tomorrow

11.30-12.30pm All parents welcome to join the students as they raise money for our main fundraiser this term.



Junior School Council badges will be presented this coming Monday at assembly. We have 9 students who will be recognised in this role for 2016.

Head Lice checks were completed for around 95% of our students last week with a few students who did not participate and around 15 absent for their selected day.

This approach, using a recognised group (Geelong Headlice Service) was 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. Follow up checks with all students who were identified with eggs or live lice were completed today. We thank parents for their willingness to have their children involved in this trial.

Regional Cross Country

Many of our students recently competed in the Regional Cross Country and we are pleased to announce many have now qualified to go on to compete at the next level. We had some outstanding results and many **place getters**.

They were:

Sarah D 1st place
Skye A 3rd place
Megan D 1st place
Nate D 3rd place

Other qualifiers

Cohen W, Ida L, Harry W, Alex C
Kate M, Rose M, Anisa T, Ethan M
and Callie B. 13 in all.

Well done to all students who competed in very difficult conditions. Thanks too to staff and parents who braved the conditions on the day.

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. We have 23 students enrolled for 2017 so far.

Feedback Term 1, 2016 - Thank-you to the many families who provided some feedback. This week I share much of what parents suggested for the school.

- Programming further activities for the 5/6s (computers) and a 3D printer.
- Combine our work with the veggie garden into the school Curriculum.
- Fix the broken BBall ring
- Access to materials for building things
- Lower class numbers or single level classes
- More activity eg. Start of the day
- Cubby house in the playground
- Better use of time in the last weeks of school
- Food available for purchase at the canteen
- More interactive assemblies eg. Classes taking turns to present an item.
- Bag hooks/cubes outside to increase inside spaces
- Bring back milo mornings during Winter
- Stay small no more additional classrooms taking up space
- An interview early in the year
- Drama introduced
- A class list to be distributed with children's names and numbers at the start of the year.
- Continue to improve the oval or replace with synthetic turf.
- Both verses of the National anthem

Response

The school is progressively adding options and activities for students with many interests. There has been some discussion about a computer lunchtime club but this is yet to be realised but still on the drawing board.

The school investigated as recently as this year an area off-site we could use to grow vegetables etc with a view to involving a class level or levels in this kind of work. All leads fell short unfortunately so at this stage our limited space means limited opportunities to expand this work further. Our vegie patch will soon receive a facelift with replacement of treated timbers and a new ramp to be installed in place of temporary steps.

The school has new backboards and rings ready to install but is waiting on a qualified and insured tradesperson to complete the installation. Soon we hope.

Our canteen does not operate here at school. The idea has been examined over the years but our relationship with Zen's bakery has worked for us each Friday and remains well supported by our parent group. Most schools which run successful canteens are larger and/or have a canteen manager to ensure a constant workforce is available.

We already have some plans in place to add further interest to our assemblies. Hopefully parents who attend will see the difference. Our choir for example will perform we hope toward the end of this term and our guitar groups in the future also. Grade items will also be supported by Gavin Dowling who has some plans underway.

Milo mornings are likely to run again this year as usual.

Unfortunately PRIVACY guidelines prevent the school from publishing or distributing names of parents or students and their contact numbers. The idea is a good one we understand, but cannot be accommodated by the school. 'The Department must only use or disclose personal and health information for the primary purpose for which it was collected'.

Drama is used in many classrooms for a range of purposes from simple role plays to reading scripts. In some larger schools drama may be taught as a specialist area. Our school has not elected to do this but has continued with Music, PE, LOTE and Art as our specialist areas.

The oval will continue to remain on our schools radar. Some works planned to install a new long jump pit soon will also allow some tidying up of the edges on this side of the oval. We have spent money and time on trying to maintain and improve what is a very high traffic area in our school. The cost of instant turf was explored in 2015 when the price was estimated to be around \$85 a square metre installed. With an estimated oval surface of around 1200 square metres the cost would be around \$100,000.

School Crossing plans update as promised in last weeks newsletter. I am pleased to report that the recent surveys completed by the City of Greater Geelong confirm the need for the school to be serviced with additional safe crossing points. At this stage Belmont School Council are examining plans sent by the City. One strong possibility is the installation of a raised zebra crossing like that pictured here. School Council will work further with Geelong City Council and should see plans finalised and initiated as soon as possible. This work has been going on now for 18 months and began from concerned parent feedback.



Food allergies The school is finalising 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.

Regards,
David Houghton Principal ☺

FROM THE ART ROOM

GAR - Geelong Animal Rescue.
While most of us are aware of and support GAWS - Geelong Animal Welfare Society, we also have in Geelong a group called GAR - Geelong Animal Rescue. This group consists entirely of volunteers, does not receive funding and is a not for profit organisation established in 2012.
It is dedicated to the rescue and rehoming of unwanted animals. In term one a representative from this organisation contacted our school (along with others) requesting the donation of a piece of artwork, preferably animal themed, to auction at a fundraising night being held at the Barwon Club on Saturday the 16th of July. I love animals and know that the majority of our school community does also so of course I said YES! I decided to create an artwork for this with one of the grade five sixes but then I thought why not make four! We will donate one artwork to GAR and keep the other three as raffle prizes for our school fair later this year. Each child in these grades will have their work included on one of the four canvases. This is the project we started working on this week.
GRADES THREE AND FOUR
For reasons that I cannot fathom I am not particularly good at origami so when I came across a seriously

cool winking cyclops eye that I wanted to make with grades three and four I had to work hard to create a positive mindset for myself. This of course is something we constantly promote here at Belmont Primary with the children. So, I decided that yes I could probably do this if I set my mind to it (even though the instructions were in Russian) and by the end of the weekend I had it mastered. I hope you like the examples that come home.

GRADES ONE AND TWO

Dinosaurs are the flavour of the month in this area so this week we did some serious drawing practice of these ready for a dinosaur artwork to be completed next week. The excursion last Monday was obviously enjoyed by all and it was really interesting to hear the incredibly diverse highlights of the day from the children. Some liked the squid eaten by a whale the best, the crystals, the stuffed animals, the 3D lava, the old fashioned cottage, the rainforest and of course the dinosaurs. My favourite, Phar Lap, got a mention too. I get to hear all sorts of interesting feedback from the grades in the artroom, that's for sure.

PREPS

This week our lesson covers genetics, checks and colour mixing. I'm not going to explain, you'll just have to wait for the finished product.

Yvonne McDonald

Art Specialist

WALK ON WEDNESDAY

The competition continues for the Golden Shoe with the house leaders collecting, analysing and submitting our data to the Bicycle Network.

Winners for April were 5/6P, 1/2G and 1/2C.

If you have not already had a go at walking to school why not have a try next week. It is wonderful at this time of year to feel the fresh cool air on your face in the morning....who will be first to see "steam" coming from their mouth this winter. In the afternoon it's great to walk with friends and have time to talk to your family about what has happened in the day. As a bonus, by walking or riding we are being much kinder to our environment as well as very kind to ourselves as we enjoy some great exercise.

Give it a try and see how it feels. Remember that we encourage people who live a distance from the school to park part way and walk the last few blocks. Part-way is OK. As a rough guide to help you plan a walk to school.....in ten minutes a slow walker will travel 600m, medium speed walker 900m and a fast walker 1.1km.....how far do you live from school?

And something to think about your car will produce around 300g of carbon dioxide to travel 1km. If you walk this goes down to 13g and if you ride it is only 6g.

WOW has so many benefits - fun, fitness and feeling good about how we treat our environment.

CHOIR

I'm so sorry but I have to cancel choir for this week and most likely next week. I've had a fall and ruptured the ligaments in my ankle. I'm unable to walk which makes getting to schools and lugging equipment around a bit of a difficult task.

Ally

PARENTS CLUB

Thank you to those families who have returned their Mothers Day Stall payment. If you haven't paid yet, we'd really appreciate you sending the \$5 per student as soon as you can. The Mothers Day Stall is not subsidised by the school and we rely on these payments to cover the costs. We hope all our students have a lovely Mothers Day!

Help Needed Tomorrow!! Tomorrow morning is going to be a busy one...we have Fruit Cutting, the Mothers Day Stall and the Walkathon...all of which require some assistance from parents to run smoothly. If you can spare some time, we'd really appreciate it!

If you have any ideas or suggestions for future Parents Club activities, you're welcome to contact me on 0438 316 240.

Many thanks,
Rebekah Hughes

ITALIAN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Italian Exchange Students and Host Families

Italian Exchange Students, both girls and boys aged 15-17, hope to be coming here this July for 3, 5 or 10 months to study, improve their English skills and learn about Australia and a host family. If you and your family feel you would like to host an Italian student during their stay here or even part of it, being able to choose the gender and interests of the student you feel would best suit your family, and perhaps making a friend for life, by having an extra person at meal times and providing a spare bed, please contact Klaus Schumann, their coordinator, on 03 97584279 or by email to let me know of your interest. There is no payment involved. There are other nationalities also available if you would prefer.
Hoping to hear from you.

Yours sincerely,
Klaus Schumann
SCCE Community Coordinator
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**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.

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

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