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**BELMONT BULLETIN**  
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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

<b>Friday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>District Cross Country</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Bookclub orders due</b>
<b>Tues-Thurs</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup>- 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>Naplan</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>3/4 Bollard Walk</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>Application for Year 7 Placement forms due back</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>Mothers Day Stall</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>Winter Lightning Premiership</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<b>Report Writing Day, No students required at school</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<b>Prep Lego Excursion</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<b>Queen's Birthday Public Holiday</b>
<b>Tue - Fri</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>8 Day program</b>	<b>3/4 Swimming Program at Leisurelink</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<b>Parent Teacher Interviews</b>

**Student of the week**

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

Grace G	<b>Prep H</b>	For looking quickly with her eyes and subsidising tricky numbers! Well done Grace!
Jonah S	<b>Prep P</b>	For his amazing efforts during writing time, slowly sounding out new words and using finger spaces. What a legend!
Maia F	<b>1/2C</b>	For taking great interest on our 'Where We Live' excursion.
Jamie B	<b>1/2D</b>	For consistent, delightful enthusiasm in class, always trying her best and showing great courage in her learning. Great job Jamie!
Ollie W	<b>1/2G</b>	For being a responsible and respectful student on our excursion to the Wool Museum and the Geelong Library. You're a superstar Ollie!
Emme S	<b>1/2J</b>	For producing a fantastic descriptive writing piece on her monster named Spotty and her love of playing chasey and catching up with her friend, Lucy. Well done!
Kale W		For working hard during our writing sessions to produce more detailed and interesting texts. Well done Kale, your writing has improved out of sight!
Ashley M	<b>3/4E</b>	For developing some clever arguments when writing persuasive pieces and for putting his best effort into all tasks - Well done Ash!
Milla J	<b>3/4P</b>	For coming up some terrific arguments and reasons to support her opinions during persuasive writing this week. Great job legend!
Joel M	<b>3/4T</b>	For his absolutely fantastic determination to learn new skills when working with fractions in Maths. You were so focused, I give you an 11/10 (super improper fraction) for all of your hard work Joel!
Mitchell R	<b>5/6C</b>	For his impeccable behaviour and for always having the courage to do his best. Keep up the great work Mitch!
Jackson M	<b>5/6K</b>	For being a respectful and responsible class member of 5/6K. Well done on always completing your work to a high standard, and taking pride in your work.
Tilly W	<b>5/6L</b>	For her enthusiastic participation in our Biolab sessions and for her AMAZING reaction times! Well done Tilly!
Ava L	<b>5/6M</b>	For having a red hot go at every task and being a great class mate. Good on you, Unicorn!
Luca L		For showing great leadership and sports skills during our excursion to BioLab. Well Done, Luca!

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT 2017



**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

### Pine Cone competition

My thanks to all parents who assisted their children in hunting down some pine cones of all shapes and sizes. Oliver B from Prep P equal winner of largest pine cone which came from a Bunya Pine. These pine cones are quite possibly the largest in the world measuring over 30 cms in length and between 5-7 kilograms in weight. Smallest pine cone measuring just 4 mm was Sarah D from 5/6K.



**NAPLAN** is next week and Grade 3 and 5 classes have been completing some basic practice in preparation for the tests. The emphasis has been on helping students to understand the specific formats of the tests.

Parents of students in these grades can be encouraged to talk about the tests as a snapshot in time and not something for students to worry about. Parents can also assist students by ensuring they have a good nights rest the night prior and have a solid breakfast.

Tests will be completed in the mornings Tuesday (Language Conventions and Writing) , Wednesday (Reading) and finish Thursday (Numeracy).

A small number of our students will not sit the tests where parents have indicated they would like their students withdrawn.

**Chicken Pox** Early this week the school was notified of a confirmed case in the Prep area of this contagious illness perhaps contracted from another family member. Students who contract Chicken Pox must be excluded from school until fully recovered or for at least 5 days after the eruption first appears. Any remaining scabs are not reason for continued exclusion. Parents of students in Year Prep have received additional information.

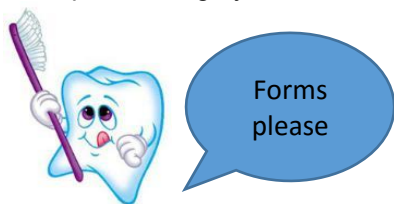
**3/4s visit from the Cats Healthy Heroes program** Healthy Heroes is a 1 hour program that focuses on issues around physical activity, food and nutrition, hydration and screen time. The program is tailored for grade 3/4's and links to the Victorian Curriculum.

**Who delivers the program?** Two players from the Geelong Cats delivered an engaging and memorable program to the entire grade 3/4 cohort.





**Kids Dental service update** So far 21 of the 57 student forms have been returned for this service we are trying to establish for some of our families. We need a minimum of 50 returns to have the Dental van on-site. If your child/family is eligible and you were provided with a form please return these as soon as possible. Replacement forms are available at the office or on request through your child's diary.



### Parent Feedback from Term 1

#### Keep doing:

- Positivity
- Happy staff
- Seesaw – the more updates the better. Seeing snapshots is a useful way to discuss with children their day when at home.
- Cross Country has been great – suggestion would be to ensure there are more helpers on the day.
- IPad program and lunchtime club
- What you're doing! You've cultivated a wonderful, fun and inclusive school community and my child is immensely happy.
- Children are happy at school making families at home extremely happy also.
- Play-pod development – providing a happy a secure environment for our kids to learn.
- Show and share
- The creative and fun ideas that are inspiring learning for each student
- Keep building a safe, friendly and family environment, Belmont is a school in which their children love attending.

Next week: Consider doing

#### 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. School tours are welcome. If you have friends with school age children who are in our area please encourage them to contact the school.

**Woorabinda Camp 5 day camp update** The school has forwarded our expressions of interest for this additional camping experience offered recently to our Year 4 and 5 students. 5 boys and 16 girls expressed their interest. The school will now wait for its limited allocation before we draw names and offer places.

**Welcome this week** to two Deakin Pre-service teachers. Mr Harrison Reader – 3 /4 P and Kristopher Pignataro –1/2 C

Welcome also to our parent helpers some of whom have begun work across our Junior grades this week.

#### Chinese proverb of the Week

*When the winds of change blow some people build walls and others build windmills.*

Enjoy the rest of your week.

Regards

**David Houghton**

Principal

### FROM THE ART ROOM

Lot's of great work being done in the art room this week and much talk about the Van Gogh exhibition. Many children had seen items on television about Van Gogh and some had seen articles in the newspaper. One of our students told us how he saw the real Starry Night painting when he was in New York last year ( yes, I know, I'm jealous too) and talked about it's size and how amazing it was to see the real thing in front of you. Other children told about family members who have also seen this painting while in America, one child's grandmother has visited the Van Gogh Art Gallery in The Netherlands and this afternoon our school's computer technician told me how he had visited the French town of Arles where Van Gogh did much of his painting. On top of all this interest we also had a student bring in a wonderful storybook about Van Gogh to read to everyone. This is starting to sound like a gossip column!

I love it when the students connect like this to work that you present to them and create wonderful art into the bargain. I'm planning on heading off to the NGV this weekend. Maybe I'll see you there.

Yvonne McDonald

Art Specialist



### ITALIAN TERM 2

#### GLORIOUS FOOD CIBO GLORIOUSO CIBO

Ciao, we are having so much fun with our **Food** topic this term. We thought we would start with dessert; Gelato, to be precise.

We have set up a gelato shop and are role playing buying a gelato. To complete this section of food we are treating the students to some ice-cream. The idea is that students have to ask for an



ice cream in Italian. **'Vorrei un gelato, per favour'**: I would like an ice cream, please.

This will happen on **Thursday May 11<sup>th</sup>**.

**NB If your child has any issues with dairy, (vanilla ice-cream) or gluten, (cones), please let class teachers know. If you could make a substitution that would be greatly appreciated.**

**If you have an ice-cream scoop that we could borrow, could you please label it and send it into the class teacher.**

Ciao, Signora Rosa

### NO CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

Please note our eftpos machine is down and out of action until further notice due to storm damage to the line over the holidays. We are unable to process any eftpos or credit card transactions until further notice. Any payments that have been received since the beginning of term are being held securely and will be processed as soon as the machine comes back online. We are still able to take BPAY and cash payments. Sorry for the inconvenience.

### GRADE 1/2 WOOL MUSEUM EXCURSION

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April the grade 1/2s headed off into Geelong to find out more about 'Where We Live'. We visited the Geelong Library where we had a tour guided by Andrew. He showed us the many different features of the building as well as introducing us to the amazing kids level. We went up to the Heritage Centre where we were able to look at some photos of Geelong from back in the day. Some surprises were that Geelong used to have trams and that the Village Cinema building is very old!

At the National Wool Museum we learnt about some people who first settled in Geelong. We went on a hunt around the museum and enjoyed learning about how wool is made and even watched carpet being constructed on a huge machine. We found out all the different things that can be produced from sheep! Marshmallows were definitely a surprise!

We finished off by enjoying lunch and a play at the Geelong Playspace. Lots of fun was had on our excursion and some great knowledge acquired about where we live!



### SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES - CURRICULUM DAY- FRIDAY JUNE 9TH

Hi There Families

School Support Services is currently taking expressions of interest to run a session on the upcoming Pupil Free Day:

**Report Writing Day – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

Due to the staffing requirements and pupil free day extended hours (7.30am-6pm) we cannot guarantee we will run a 'pupil free day' session on each scheduled pupil free day. We are able to plan and run a session when we reach 10 expressions of interest from families.

If families wish to express their interest in booking their child/ren in on a pupil free day, please email [bookings@schoolsupportservices.com.au](mailto:bookings@schoolsupportservices.com.au) with as much notice as possible.

Expressions of interest should be emailed at least 1 week prior to the pupil free day. This will ensure we can make a decision (based on the interest received) in the hope that we can support families which require care.

The cost per child is \$55 (if you are entitled to CCB/CCR this will be a reduced rate) for the day and the session runs from 7.30am-6pm.

If you are interested in booking a session for your child/ren, please email [bookings@schoolsupportservices.com.au](mailto:bookings@schoolsupportservices.com.au)

## EARTH DAY



What we did...  
We made self watering pots from old plastic bottles and planted seedlings or seeds in them.

## BOOKCLUB

Book Club orders are due **by 9am Tomorrow, Friday 5th May** please. Remember that you can also easily order online through Scholastic's LOOP system.

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Thanks and happy reading! Jo

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