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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tomorrow	20 th May	1.20pm	Lockdown Emergency Drill.
Fri - Fri	20 th – 27 th May		Grade 3/4 Swimming program, Leisurelink.
Wed – Fri	1 st – 3 rd June		Grade 5/6 Bluelight Youth Camp.
Friday	3 rd June	9:00am	Book Club Orders Due.
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.
Monday	30 th June	9:30am	Headlice information session for parents.
Friday	4 th November	4:00- 8:00pm	Vintage Fair.

Student of the week

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

Mia N	P/H	For being a great listener on our Lego excursion and helping build such a great piggy house!
Kai H	P/M	For being a great team member and building a great piggy house on our excursion!
Maeve D	1/2C	For being a positive and responsible Grade 2 student who is always the first to help others. Well done Maeve!
Joel M	1/2D	Being a good role model and helping his classmates with learning activities.
Autumn L	1/2G	For writing an amazing narrative in class this week. Your story used lots of interesting adjectives! Well done!
Maddy C	1/2M	For always trying her best in everything she does and being a fantastic role model to others. Keep it up!
Maiyah D	3/4E	For being exceptionally creative and using a range of engaging adjectives and adverbs when writing narratives. You have a real way with words Maiyah!
Bethany M	3/4M	For having a red hot go at everything and being a supporting, friendly classmate! Good on you Bethany!
Crystal S	3/4T	For presenting all handwriting and bookwork in such an immaculate manner every single day! Your work is truly amazing Crystal!
Anna N	5/6L	For being a positive, happy and friendly member of our class who always tries her absolute best!
Sammy M	5/6M	For being the 'hardest working' boy during our visit to the BioLab with a maximum heart rate of 206 Beats Per Minute!
Teagan L	5/6P	For always being so helpful and kind to all those around her, what great qualities to have!

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Student of the week

School Fees As much as a small number of our community would argue school and education should be free the reality is that schools rarely have sufficient funds to meet the costs of all the programs and functions the school aims to provide for their students.

Here at Belmont we have made choices about what we can and what we cannot provide based on our level of funding and what parent contributions provide.

Paying school fees set this year at \$170 for the first child and \$155 for each child subsequently makes a significant difference for our school. Given we are heading for the half way mark in the year we would appreciate parents making every effort to finalise their children's fees by the end of term. Where parents are unable to do so, the school welcomes partial payment through weekly or monthly contributions. We have

made it as easy as possible for parents to pay with the addition of Paywave and this year BPay. So far 63% of our students fees have been paid by parents and 37% is outstanding.

Lockdown practise tomorrow. As part of the school Emergency Management Plan the school now practises different emergency drills each term. Last term we practised an evacuation from the buildings. Tomorrow we will be practising a Lock-down procedure. This drill is used when we need to secure all students and staff inside. In a previous setting for example we had a swarm of bees enter the school grounds and all students needed to come inside. Doors and windows are locked in this drill and students are asked to sit out of sight below window level or in corridors. The drill will only take a few minutes and should not alarm students in any way.

Staff have taken time this week to explain this kind of drill which has been used in real situations both here and in Melbourne in recent months for genuine threats or danger. Teachers may include a scenario of a stranger in the yard so parents might find it useful to revisit this with their children also. I spoke of this drill briefly at assembly last Monday.

5/6s visit BioLab This week all our seniors visited BioLab. This facility is based near Belmont High. Our students walked to the facility and enjoyed a great day. The programs were 'Beat That' (learning about the human body) and 'What makes me Tick' (heart and how it beats; speeds up during activity).



3/4 Swimming at Leisurelink has begun. Around 85% of our 3/4 students are attending. All past records and levels were forwarded to the new setting for the purposes of grouping students. A small amount of 'tinkering' in the first day or two of the program have ensured all students are in their appropriate level. Parents are most welcome to go and watch lessons however, if parents have any concerns they should please direct these through the class teachers attending. Reports from staff and students have been very positive. Certificates will come from Lifesaving Victoria and will be provided at the end of the program. The centre is under license from the Victorian Lifesaving Swim Program.

More details here: www.swimandsurvive.com.au

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

School Walkathon. Many families have forwarded their Walkathon sponsorships to the office. Just as every step counted on the day every dollar raised also counts. Please return any money raised as soon as possible. We have raised over \$3000 so far but are aiming for the \$4000 target set for this year.

Our main **Sandpit** was closed this week due to the unfortunate sewerage leak from a neighbours property which followed our pathways and some water entered the sandpit. Barwon Water attended and plumbers were on-site quickly. The pathways will be steam cleaned and the affected sand removed from site and replaced with new sand.

Year 6-7 Transition Our thanks to all parents for your timely return of Secondary School preferences. These have been forwarded and we will now await the next step in the process which will occur in the first week of June.

Secondary schools confirm receipt of all initial placements requests made by the primary school.

Interestingly we have preferences for a wide range of schools including Belmont High, Oberon High, Grovedale College, Geelong High School and Geelong College. The largest group electing Belmont High School which has been an historical pattern for Belmont PS. students for many years.

Headlice The school has a number of alternatives available to us in dealing with Headlice in the school and I have discussed these with the Professional service providers we used. This will be a discussion for School Council in the future after Term 2 feedback is sought from staff and our parents.

In the short term a **Headlice Information Session** for interested parents will occur in the final week of this term and will follow the last School Assembly. Proposed date is **Monday 20th June beginning around 9.30am.**

All girls with shoulder length hair or longer will be routinely encouraged to ensure their hair is tied back while at school. This small action has proven to reduce the incidence of Headlice transfer among students.

The Grade 1/2 students have been putting their learning into practise this week, by becoming Palaeontologists. After the recent dinosaur stampede, that occurred through the Belmont Primary School grounds, the 1/2 students were asked to locate and identify a range of dinosaur footprints. Some of the dinosaur footprints found were Allosaurus, Velociraptor and of course favourites, Triceratops and Tyrannosaurus Rex.



Cats Players Josh Caddy and Mitch Clarke from the Geelong Football Club visited our Years 3-6s this week. The tallest player we learnt visiting was 6 foot 7 inches in the old scale. They showed a video and answered questions. Key messages included eating good food to fuel your body and exercise and practise to improve your skills.



NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5 All assessments have been picked up early this week. Results for these tests will be available in Term 3. All parents with students involved will receive an individual report for their child. Some catch up tests were completed for a small number of students who were absent or ill on their testing day.

PREPS at Legoland in Melbourne.





Our **newsletter** has been provided in a hard copy form for many years and has proven an important communication tool for the school. School Council are discussing the possibility of sending out a digital form of the newsletter for most families in place of a hard copy for a number of reasons. Parents will be given an option to continue with a **hard copy** or move to a system which will see the newsletter routinely sent out by **email**. More on this in next weeks newsletter.

Regards,
David Houghton Principal ☺

FROM THE ART ROOM

School Crossing plans update 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 two additional safe crossing points.

At this stage Belmont Primary School Council have forwarded some questions and additional suggestions to the Greater Geelong Council. Raised zebra crossings are the most likely outcome. Below are the two suggested locations shown from a 'birds eye view'.



ANZAC Memorial grant
Letter received last week

Dear Mr Houghton,

The Department of Veterans' Affairs is pleased to confirm the receipt of documents you have submitted in order to acquit the grant of **\$1,830** awarded to **Belmont Primary School** under the Australian Government's Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program (ACLGP) **Repair School flagpole and upgrade surrounding gardens for commemoration ceremony (ref; 198491).**

The documentation submitted has successfully acquitted the grant and no further action is required from **Belmont Primary School**. The ACLGP is a key element of the Australian Government's Anzac Centenary program. Thank you for taking part in the commemoration of those who served in the First World War.

Kind regards,
Emma
 Commemorative Grants Section
 Commemorations Branch

GRADES FIVE AND SIX

Still working away on our dog art, nearly finished and ready to be glued onto our canvases. I can't wait to see the finished artworks.

GRADES THREE AND FOUR

New Artist!

Louise Nevelson (1899 - 1988) was an American sculptor known for her monumental, monochromatic (one colour) wooden wall pieces and outdoor sculptures. Born in Russia, she emigrated with her family to the United States when she was six years old. At twenty years of age she moved to New York where she scoured the streets of Manhattan collecting wooden crates and scraps of wood that she assembled to make the abstract, expressionist sculptures that finally made her famous. As Louise gained recognition in her sixties, she fabricated an art world persona adopting eccentric behaviour, dress and makeup to become the doyenne of the avant-garde art world. Her famous quote at art openings was "Buy my work, I need the money!"

She sounds a little 'kooky' but as I told the students, kooky can be good - it makes the world more interesting!

Her artworks are called Assemblages and this is what the students in grades three and four have begun working on this week. On cardboard backgrounds we are assembling various pieces of cardboard, balsa wood and other wooden bits and pieces. This is fun!
GRADES ONE AND TWO

This week we blended watercolour paints again, painting pre cut leaf shapes made from diffusing paper. It's a bit like old fashioned blotting paper and the colours soak in really well.

Next week we will choose one of our leaves for the next part of this project.

PREPS

COLOUR MY WORLD!

We are looking at the primary colours of red, blue and yellow. Using a light box we are going to investigate what happens when you mix these colours together and then will use cellophane and cardboard tubes to make telescopes and binoculars.

Yvonne McDonald
 Art Specialist

PARENTS CLUB

Walkathon

Thanks to those parents who assisted with the serving of Icy Poles on the day of the Walkathon, we really appreciate your efforts!

Mothers Day Stall

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the Mothers Day Stall, either on the day or with the preparations in the lead-up. Thank you to all teachers for allocating time for students to decorate their bags, complete their 'This is Your Life' sheets and attend the stall.

We also owe a big **THANK YOU** to the suppliers of our gifts, most of whom provided generous discounts to ensure we stayed within our budget!

- JAEBA Home is a Geelong based small business who produced more than 70 candles in delicious scents including Pomegranate; Coconut & Lime; and Monkey Farts (no, that's not a typo...I'm sure many Mum's will vouch for that!). You can find JAEBA Home on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/jaebahome/?fref=ts>
- Inspired by Ruby is a Geelong based small business who made more than 60 pairs of fabric earrings for us. They are available through The Collective, located on Level 1 in Market Square Shopping Centre or via Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Inspired-By-Ruby-1631825613721430/?fref=ts>
- The concrete pots were filled with local seeds – Pink Hollyhocks from a school family and Purple Beans or Kale from Watts Permaculture, who can be found at www.wattsparmaculture.com.au
- The 'Shopping' or 'To-Do' lists were accompanied by locally made Salted Caramel Popcorn...if the bags made it home, that is! Many students commented that Mum would never know it was missing!
- Southern Ranges Handmade Soap from Winchelsea, supplied 50 bars of soap with an amazing variety of colours and flavours! Find them on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Southern-Ranges-Handmade-Soap-589082271222421/>

The best way you can show your appreciation is to support these local businesses.

If you have any feedback about the gifts or ideas for next year, we'd love to hear from you. Please feel free to contact Rebekah Hughes on 0438 316 240 or leave a note for me at the School Office if you prefer.

Thanks,
Rebekah Hughes
President, Parents Club

BOOKCLUB

Bookclub orders are due back no later than Friday 3rd June at 9.00am.
Thanks

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.

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	4.20pm
Belmont Boomers	play at	4.20pm

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