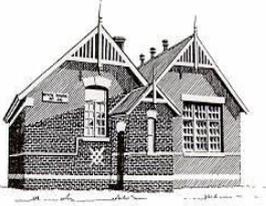




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BELMONT BULLETIN
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DATES TO REMEMBER

TOMORROW	10th June		Report Writing Day, no students required at school.
Monday	13th June		Queen's Birthday Public Holiday, no students required at school.
Tuesday	14th June	2:30 - 6:30pm	Parent Teacher interviews. 5/6P ONLY.
Wednesday	15th June	7:00pm	School Council Meeting.
Thursday	16th June	7:30pm	Parents Club Meeting.
Wednesday	22nd June	2:30 - 7:00pm	Parent Teacher Interviews. All other grades.
Thursday	23rd June	2:30 - 4:30pm	Parent Teacher interviews. Extra for Grades 3/4 only.
Monday	20th June	9:30am	Headlice information session for parents.

Student of the week

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

Aaron B	P/H	For making such amazing progress learning his letter names and sounds! Well done!
Daisy L		For making such amazing progress learning her letter names and sounds! Well done!
Harry N	P/M	For trying his very best with his reading & writing each day. Keep up the great effort Harry!
Miller A	1/2C	For being a Money WHIZ and counting collections of coins quickly and confidently!
Jada B	1/2D	For sharing all the details of her holiday in such an interesting manner, with maps, pictures, dialogue and a very informative journal.
Lucy F	1/2G	For trying her hardest in her handwriting this week and being friendly and happy student of 1/2G, Well done Lucy!
Ben P	1/2M	For working really hard to complete his work within the given time frame. Keep it up Ben!
Jesslyn A	3/4E	For delivering a sensational reading of her book 'Meet Alice' during our weekly Book Share, using beautiful expression and explaining her favourite parts of the book in great detail.
Arkie Z	3/4M	For always being a happy and cheerful classmate who looks after friends while doing beautiful work! Good on you Arkie!
Taylor B	3/4T	For her tremendous effort when writing with joined letters in all Writing activities. You should be very proud of your handwriting Tayla!
Abbey T	5/6C	For being a wonderful friend to those that needed support at camp. Well done and thankyou Abbey.
Michael M	5/6L	For being a happy, polite, friendly camper who joined in all activities with a positive attitude and a smile!
Khiara E	5/6M	For having a huge smile on her face throughout camp and taking the opportunity to learn about the mining era.
Hanna B	5/6P	For being a happy and persistent camper.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Tomorrow, Friday 10th June is report writing day.
Monday 13th June is a public holiday.
 Students are not required at school on these days.

Belmont Primary would like to congratulate Damian and Fabia (previous Italian teacher here at school) on the safe arrival of a beautiful baby girl, Octavia Rose, born Saturday 4th June. All doing well.



Newsflash

Cross Country success Two students from the same family Megan D and Sarah D have made it through in the Cross Country to the State Finals. This is an amazing achievement for the girls who both qualified yesterday coming 4th and 12th respectively in the Regional final.



3/4 Swimming at Leisurelink has now finished. Certificates have been forwarded from Lifesaving Victoria and will be provided soon. The centre is under license from the Victorian Lifesaving Swim Program. We will seek parent feedback toward the end of term.

Planning has begun for the upcoming **Federal Election BBQ and Cake Stall** which will be held here at Belmont. We are calling for volunteers for the day. It is to be held on Saturday July 2nd. More details can be found in the Parents Club section of this newsletter.

Unfortunately our **Sandpit** remained closed this week due to the unfortunate sewerage leak from a neighbours property which followed our pathways and some water entered the sandpit. The **very good news** is this will be fixed on Friday when no students are on site. The contaminated sand will be replaced to a depth of approximately half a metre with new 'triple washed' approved sand.

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 week 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.

Prep Pyjama Day yesterday complete with teddies



The way we deliver our Newsletter is changing.

This week we begin our transition to our newsletter being sent out as a hard copy and by email.

62 families or around **30%** of our families have made the move and will now not receive a hard copy. Our **newsletter** has been provided in a hard copy form for many years and has proven an important communication tool for the school.

Parents who wish to move to an email will need to provide a current and suitable email address. Where parents change this address at any time, they will need to provide us with an update as soon as possible. Where parents like the current system and wish to continue to receive a hard copy will not need to do anything.

Veggie garden works completed last week saw the complete replacement of all treated timber products from our schools veggie patch and a new ramp installed to improve safety in this area.

Robert and Deb Biro two of our parents have had an important and long standing commitment to ensuring this area has been maintained and supported over many years and we thank them for this. Many of our students can still join in and learn potentially 'life long skills' and attitudes working in our Belmont Veggie garden. The equipment cupboard is now in place for all of the garden 'bits and pieces'. This has been a great and convenient addition to the area.

Replacement of **basketball backboards** and rings will be completed as soon as our order for new rings has been delivered. The boards and rings were showing signs of wear and tear. **Padding** has now been positioned on all basketball towers further improving the safety for our students.

Power has been connected to our sheds last week. This has now also allowed us to install security lighting for this area. This efficient LED lighting will operate automatically based on a sensor. Our automated doors on both sheds have been a great improvement with entry by students and staff made much easier and safer.

Last weeks challenge was to find out who had the heaviest cat. We had quite a few entries but the winning entry weighed in for the week at 7.2 kilos. 'Chappy' is owned by the Lugg family. All students who entered won a toy prize for their cat! A later entry was a cat named Tigga weighing in at a whopping 7.7 kilos. Pictured below our entrants with cat prizes.



An upcoming challenge for the holidays is to create a 'sculpture'. This can be made from anything at all using any combination of materials. Wood, clay, vegies, recycled items and any size that can fit in the family car. We will organise a special showing in the second week of term 3 when the challenge is set. This was an idea from a parent. (No entries before the holidays please)

Regards,
David Houghton Principal ☺

PARENTS CLUB

Our next catch-up will be held on **Thursday 16th June from 7.30pm** in the Staff Room. We'll be discussing upcoming events and ideas for Term 3 and 4 and an excellent selection of chocolate will be supplied!

Election Day is fast approaching and our school has an ideal opportunity to raise some much needed funds by hosting a Sausage Sizzle and a Cake Stall on Saturday 2nd July. If you're interested in helping out, here's an idea of what we'll need help with:

In the lead-up:
Purchasing supplies for the sausage sizzle, designing and printing labels for the cake stall and baking a cake, slice or biscuits.

On the day (1 hour rostered shifts):
Set-up and pack-up
Cooking and serving sausages
Hosting the Cake Stall

We understand this is in the middle of the school holidays and not a very convenient time for a school event, so we will be very grateful for any assistance. If we don't receive enough support for this event, we will need to re-consider whether we can go ahead. If you'd like to help, please pop into the school office and add your name to the 'Yes, I'd like to help!' list.

As always, if you have any feedback or suggestions, please leave a note for me at the school office or give me a call on 0438 316 240.

Many thanks,
Rebekah Hughes
President, Parents Club

GRADE 5/6 MALDON CAMP

On the first of June all of our grade 5/6's went to Maldon Blue Light Youth Camp. We had lots of fun, the activities were: Mini Golf, a long ride to Carman's Tunnel Gold Mine, bike track, BMX track, fire station, quiz night, Obstacle Course and Ping-Pong. The food was amazing! On the first night we had Spaghetti Bolognese and for dessert we had double chocolate mousse, then for breakfast on Thursday we had pancakes with the option of maple syrup, sugar or butter on top. For lunch on Thursday we all had a delicious salad roll on the way to Carman's tunnel, and more. It was amazing and we all had heaps of fun. We thank all the staff and parents that were involved. ☺
By Kyara M and Kate M



WALK ON WEDNESDAYS

Belmont kids are active kids. Throughout May we have continued to go over our target of 70% of children actively travelling to school at least one day a week.....maybe it's time to raise the target.

Our Golden Shoe winners for May were 3/4M, 1/2C and 1/2M.....well done.

Another reason to walk or ride to school is to spend more time out doors. A study recently discussed on the ABC program, Catalyst and published in Nature showed that children need between 3 and 5 hours exposure to daylight each day to prevent the development of myopia (short sightedness). Walking or riding to school adds to your daily tally of sunlight hours as well as helping with fitness. So keep walking through winter and enjoy the benefits.

FRIDAY NIGHT BASKETBALL

Tomorrow night's semi-final times are:

Belmont Stars	play at	4:20pm
Belmont Boomers	play at	4:20pm

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

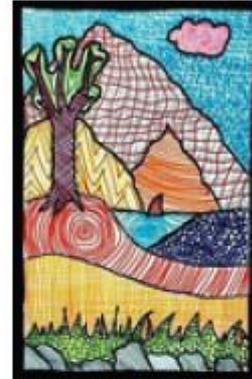
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OPPORTUNITY TO OFFER HOMESTAY

During Term 3 this year there will a group of students attending Belmont High School on study tour from Italy for 10 weeks. We invite school families to host these students. The homestay payment is \$250.00 per week per student. Non smoking households are preferred and Working with Children Checks are required.

To express interest or for further information please contact Cherie Cordingley, Belmont High School, on 5243 5355.