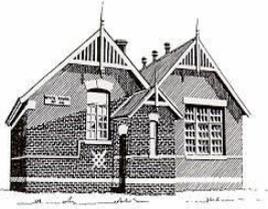




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**BELMONT BULLETIN**  
**NO.18 16th June, 2016**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

<b>Tonight</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Parents Club Meeting.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>2:30 - 7:00pm</b>	<b>Parent Teacher Interviews. All grades except 5/6P.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>2:30 - 4:30pm</b>	<b>Parent Teacher interviews. Extra for Grades 3/4 only.</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Headlice information session for parents.</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<b>Save The Frogs casual dress Day. Dress in green, Gold coin donation.</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>2.30pm FINISH</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 2.</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> July</b>		<b>First Day of Term 3.</b>

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

**Farewell and thanks to Sophie Bensted** who has been assisting in 1/2M this year and is finishing this week. I know Mr McElligott and all the children in 1/2M will miss her in the classroom. We wish her well in her future endeavours.



**Dogs and pets at Belmont**

In 2015 the school made some changes to the way dogs in particular are allowed in the school grounds. The main change was to ensure that at all times, dogs are under the control of adults. I have been pleased with the responsibility all of our parents have taken since this change and this has helped ensure we have not had any incidents of any note.

Last night staff discussed how dogs and other pets can enter classrooms and this was also a discussion point at School Council. Next week I will publish the schools revisited approach for classroom entry by pets. This followed a brief incident which occurred in a classroom after hours with a small dog.

Pets are so important for children. The Department have strict guidelines around the use of animals in schools. This strong direction relates to schools who use cattle, sheep and the like in their programs.

This brief article I found on the DET website certainly supports our view that Belmont should continue to be a pet friendly and accepting school.

**Children and dogs**

Children and dogs can form a wonderfully close bond and it is heart-warming to watch them interact. Apart from the obvious companionship and affection, there are many other benefits for children sharing their lives with a dog.

**Dogs can:** Teach responsibility: children learn about the requirements of a living being such as food, water and exercise.

- Aid childhood development: pets help children develop nurturing and social skills. Developing positive feelings about pets can aid self-esteem and help children develop verbal communication and compassion.
- Be a friend to children: children turn to pets when they need a friend, confidante or protector. Children often refer to their family pet as their 'best friend' As pets do not judge children or get angry at them, children often trust them with their secrets and private thoughts.
- Teach life lessons: pets are often the first experience a child has with death and grieving.
- Be fun! Pets provide unconditional love and affection. Children can participate in safe games with their pets. Parents are the first and most influential educators in their child's life journey. Teaching your child about the joys and responsibilities of pet ownership begins from an early age as they learn from your interaction and the way you nurture and guide their experiences with their pets.

More in next weeks newsletter.

**Feedback** Included with todays newsletter is our now regular feedback sheet for parents for Term 2. Belmont values feedback particularly the constructive kind.

**IN BRIEF:**

**3/4 Swimming** at Leisurelink certificates will go out with reports next Monday.

**Interview times** will go out tomorrow. One grade went early...oops.

**Reports** should go out next Monday to all families.

**BYOD** (Bring your own device-iPads) letter to Year 2 and 6 parents coming soon. This letter is the first part of the communication we will have with parents in these grades for 2017.

**Vintage Fair** We are about to ramp up work in preparation for the Vintage Fair set for early November. Meetings will begin in early Term 3.

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 2<sup>nd</sup>. More details can be found in the Parents Club section of this newsletter. We have sought and successfully received permission for this stall to operate.

Our main **Sandpit** reopened last Monday to the delight of many of our sand loving students. The contaminated sand was replaced to a depth of approximately half a metre with new 'triple washed' approved sand.



Over the holidays could I please ask for parents to be on the lookout for suitable but **safe sand play items** in Op Shops and the like. Trucks, cars and buckets can be picked up cheaply and add interest to the play in this area.

**Headlice Information Session** for interested parents will occur **NEXT Monday week 20<sup>th</sup> 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 way we deliver our Newsletter has changed**

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

**65 families** or around **31%** 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.

#### **Buildings and Grounds News**

- Replacement of **basketball backboards** and rings is almost completed.
- New Air conditioners have been ordered to replace a Prep room unit that has failed and a new unit will be installed in the office area for our foyer entry and sick bay.
- New **Long jump pit** is almost complete. The excess soil will be spread across our oval, run ups levelled and seating replaced under the large tree. (More shaded seating for summer)
- The oval tap has been repaired and moved to a better location to improve safety for students running at speed along the oval edge.
- Security lighting has been checked and faulty globes replaced.
- Further improvements to the boys toilets are being investigated including the possible installation of an exhaust fan and additional stainless steel.



Pictured here Sammy M with some **Art work** that has been recently completed for donation to the **Geelong Animal Resource Society**. My thanks to **Yvonne Mc Donald** and the students who contributed to the work.



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 ☺

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### SAVE THE FROGS!



SAVE THE FROGS! is the world's most effective amphibian conservation organization. Our mission is to protect amphibian populations and to promote a society that respects and appreciates nature and wildlife. We work in California, across the USA, and around the world to prevent the extinction of amphibians, and to create a better planet for humans and wildlife.

Since 2008, SAVE THE FROGS! scientists and volunteers have held over 1,600 educational events in 60 countries to educate people about the plight of frogs and teach them ways to protect amphibians. As we continue our work to counteract the massive harm being done to frog populations, your financial support is more crucial than ever

The Junior School Council will be holding a casual dress day on the last day of Term 2, Friday 24th June, to raise money for SAVE THE FROGS. We are asking students dress in green for the day (a green t-shirt, hat, green hair etc) and bring along a gold coin donation.

One of our many **after school visitors** showing off their 'scooter riding abilities'.



**Eric** showing off his 'lego building' skills. This work is on display in our foyer but only for a short time.



**Jen Diery** showing off the beautiful entry to our 'open library' every Wednesday at lunchtime. Yesterday when I visited we had almost 30 students using this space. If you haven't seen our revamped library...drop in for a look. You'll be surprised.



## FROM THE ART ROOM

### GRADES FIVE AND SIX

The eyes have it! We have spent our last few lessons drawing eyes -- humans, animals and DRAGONS. These lessons have focused mainly on observation and technique, the use of colour and shape, how are they different, are there any similarities? Each child is now using the knowledge gained to produce an artwork using their choice of one of these eyes.

### GRADES THREE AND FOUR

What do artists draw?

What they see .... Observation

What they remember .... Memory

What they imagine .... Imaginative

What they feel .... Expressive

After a discussion about the different types of drawing we got out our visual diaries and set to work. We ran out of time to try expressive drawing so we'll visit that next week. The clear preference for the majority of the children was imaginative drawing. Why is this so? I have some ideas but I am going to investigate this further and maybe get back to you on this.

### GRADES ONE AND TWO

This week we are doing a lesson that I call Explore, Create, Share. Materials offered to the children were coloured cover paper, hole punches, wool and string, textas, along with scissors and glue sticks. There is no "this is what I want you to make" it was entirely up to the children to see how they could use these materials. This approach is called process art and I use it a lot particularly with the younger children. So, what is process art?

Process art is all about the experience the children are having while they're creating. If it has a nice end product, that's great, but the end product isn't the focus of the lesson. Some of the learning that can take place via process art activities include .... fine motor skills, sensory exploration, literacy, math, science, language, creativity and self expression, art techniques, risk taking, problem solving and spatial reasoning. So, I guess what I'm saying to you is that just because your children don't necessarily bring home what we might think is an amazing piece of art doesn't mean they haven't learnt anything in art that session. You can be assured that they have learnt a lot!

### PREPS

Last week we talked about texture .... How does it feel?

The preps came up with some great words after feeling a range of materials .... slippery, fluffy, soft, weird, smooth, bumpy and so on. We all attached different examples of texture to the fingertips of hands that the students in grades five and six kindly made for us. Next we chose a texture word eg. Spikey (I'm not sure how you spell that!) and drew something for that texture. This week we are making a bumpy picture with maybe one small piece of soft.

## PARENTS CLUB

Parents Club will be meeting TONIGHT 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 2 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  
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 our school community can offer. If we don't receive enough support for this event, we will need to re-consider whether we can go ahead, which would be disappointing.

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

## FRIDAY NIGHT BASKETBALL

Tomorrow night's preliminary final times are:

**Belmont Boomers** play at **5:05pm**

## 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**

# Belmont Primary School

## 2016, Terms 3&4 Expected Estimated Costs

Term	Prep	Cost / Estimated Cost	1 / 2 Unit	Cost / Estimated Cost	3 / 4 Unit	Cost / Estimated Cost	5 / 6 Unit	Cost / Estimated Cost
Three					School Athletics Day	\$6	School Athletics Day	\$6
	Gymnastics	\$27	Gymnastics	\$27	Gymnastics	\$27		
					GBNC Excursion	\$5		
							F1 Project	\$10
					Coastal Forest Lodge Camp Deposit	\$50		
Four	Whole School Incursion	\$6	Whole School Incursion	\$6	Whole School Incursion	\$6	Whole School Incursion	\$6
	Swimming x 9 days	\$70	Swimming x 9 days	\$70	Coastal Forest Lodge Camp Balance	\$110	Puberty & Personal Development	\$16
	Werribee Zoo	\$30					Gymnastics	\$27
						Blue Light Disco	\$8	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$133</b>		<b>\$103</b>		<b>\$204</b>		<b>\$73</b>

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**At: Kardinia Health 2 -18 Colac Road, Belmont**

**Presenters:** Ben Bissett (Physiotherapist)

and Dr Robert Brzozek (Muscular Skeletal GP)

RSVP essential as places limited: by Tuesday 19th July

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