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BELMONT BULLETIN
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DATES TO REMEMBER			
Tue- Thru	13th - 22nd June		Grade 3/4 Swimming Program
Friday	16th June		Prep Lego Excursion
Monday	19th June	After Assembly	Uniform HALF PRICE Sale – Staffroom (cash only)
Wednesday	21st June	7.00pm	School Council Meeting – Staffroom
Friday	23rd June		Grades 3-6 Athletics Day
Thursday	29th June	2:30 – 7:00pm	Parent Teacher Interviews
Friday	30th June	2.30pm FINISH	Last Day of Term 2.
Monday	17th July		First Day of Term 3.
Thursday	20th July	7.30pm	Parents Club Meeting – Staffroom

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT 2017

Major Plans 2017

Last Saturday preparatory grounds work were completed as a first stage for significant oval redevelopment which is in planning for 2017. Many families will already know the school was given a grant for \$107,000. The Buildings and Grounds sub-committee of School Council are overseeing this grants work. Under changes to the way the Department of Education issue any funds to schools, we must first apply and seek approval for any proposed work. If approved, funds are then released to the school in part and then in full when evidence of completion is provided by the school. These sorts of funds are rarely available to schools so there has been much thought regarding the projects that will most benefit our students into the years ahead.

The following works are proposed:

1. Concreting of pathway to back gate including new connecting pathway to the bike shed.
2. Concreting area outside BER building to complete pathway started in 2016.
3. Inclusion of a concrete run up for newly build long jump pit.
4. Besser brick retaining walls for the North (major) and South ends (minor) of the oval are planned.
5. Installation of new safety fencing at the North end.
6. Creation of a new garden bed and seating North end.
7. Levelling and full resurfacing of the oval with kikuyu. (Instant turf)
8. Upgrade to sprinkler system.
9. Refresh garden beds near 5/6 classrooms.
10. Painting of Mod 5s interior and exterior 11. Cut back and re-staining of deck areas Mod 5s.

These works will restrict use of the oval during these works.

The school is making early plans to help accommodate the additional demand that will be placed on remaining play areas that will result from closure of the oval over the period of this re-development.

Fundraising

Our Playpod project is being funded in full from money raised by our parents in 2016. The playpod area near the rural building has now been cleared ready for arrival of our container which did not arrive on time as promised but we hope within this next week. It will remain on the oval until it can be safely moved into place.

An area for our new Values display has also been started adjacent to our assembly area under the large Prickly tree. This display has also been fully funded from fundraising in 2016 and will see the installation of 6 large timber posts, values signage and additional safety fencing. Planning for making our school values more visible around the school began last year so it is great to see this vision become a reality. These display posts will now take a prominent position near our assembly area; one of our main entry points to the school and should also provide a new passive play area for our students.





Great News Next July over two full days all of our Grade Prep and Year 1 students will be provided with a wonderful opportunity to have a thorough eye test here at school carried out by the Essilor Vision Foundation who we had read about last year and booked.

There will be no charge to parents as this group has many supporting patrons. This trained group undertake testing across the world often with people who experience great disadvantage. We have uploaded a brochure provided to us onto Skoolbag if parents are interested and a web link below.

I hope that all parents will provide consent for their child(ren) to be tested here at school. This consent will be sent out early next term. Parents will be notified of any students identified with any anomaly with their vision who can then be referred onto an ophthalmologist for further checks.

Data supplied by this group suggest that 30% of all Australian children suffer from uncorrected poor vision. 1 in 5 Australians is myopic- blurry vision from afar.

This group have been booked to return in 2018 to continue testing with different grade levels.

More information can be found at: www.essilorvisionfoundation.org



Swimming Year 3/4s Swimming for our Year 3/4s started on **Tuesday 13th June** with over 90% of students attending this 8 day program. All students have made a great start.

Session 1 from 9.30 to 10.00am,

3/4T and ½ 3/4P surnames A-L

Session 2 from 10.00 to 10.30am,

3/4E and ½ 3/4P surnames M-W.

Parents are most welcome to come along to watch.

THANK YOU 1/2C for helping pick up papers on Tuesday prior to going back to class! Amazing job!



WANTED can you help?

When the Playpod is completed (Late Term 4) we will be looking for resources to use to provide for our students to play with. If a parent or parents have an interest in this we need some 'scouts' to visit Urban Upcycle in Marshalltown Road, Grovedale as this has been recommended to us as a possible source for interesting things to add to our Playpod.

We will be looking for ideas for our final design and layout for the area. Ideas or designs welcome.



Chinese proverb of the Week

"Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood."

Regards,
David Houghton
Principal

Secret Bubble mixture. Great holiday fun perhaps. My thanks to Keith Robertson for this secret recipe:

Per 1 litre of water

Heaped 1/4 tsp of guar gum

Heaped 1/2 tsp baking powder

40 - 60 ml Fairy dishwashing detergent

You can purchase Guar gum from the health food shop near 63 Degrees in Highton, I think it is called Mammoth Health.

UNIFORM HALF PRICE SALE

As some of you will be aware, uniforms were available for purchase through the school directly however are now purchased through PSW Geelong. There is still some remaining stock that we need to get rid of and can offer these to families at a greatly discounted price. If you are interested in picking up a bargain come along to the staffroom on **Monday 19th June** straight after assembly. First in best dressed and cash only to be paid in full at time of purchase.

Thanks,
Meagan S

VICTORIAN PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE



This year Belmont Primary School will be participating in the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge. The challenge encourages students to read a certain amount of books in a designated time and to record their reading online. Regular reading from an early age is vital for success at school and has lifelong benefits. The Challenge encourages children to read more and promotes a love of reading, supporting the Education State target to have more students reaching the highest levels of achievement in reading.

This Friday 16th of June, each student who is the eldest in the family will receive a form which documents more about the challenge and a consent form. Please fill out and return the form by no later than **Friday 26th of June** if you wish to be involved.

To complete the challenge, **Prep – Grade 2s must read or 'experience' 30 books** before the cut-off date. Students at this level may still be learning to read and therefore can have the help of an adult or older sibling to read the book. If you have assisted your child to read a book or have read to them, please ask them questions about what they have read to ensure they were engaged in the story. Students in **Grade 3-6 must read 15 books** before the cut-off date. All students who complete the challenge will receive a certificate of achievement from the Victorian Premier and a chance to have their name published on an online Honour Roll.

PARENTS CLUB

DID YOU KNOW...?

As the school is unable to predict how much money is raised each year, fundraising dollars are spent the year after they are received. In 2016 the school's fundraising activities raised over \$10,000 which will be used this year to create the exciting new 'Playpod Area'. Keep an eye out for the shipping container arriving soon!

This year we are aiming to raise \$10,000 to fund some exciting projects in 2018. Perhaps your family could provide some suggestions on how you'd love to see this money spent.

In Term 1 the **Walk-a-thon** was a great success, the kids enjoyed this morning immensely and we raised \$5000. Thank you for your support! Also in Term 1 was the yummy **Hot Cross Bun** fundraiser, which raised \$572.50 for our school.

Entertainment Books in book form or digital membership are still available for \$60.00. If you haven't used the digital membership before, it's simply an app that you download...no need to carry the book

around with you. It has a great 'search near me' feature to find the offers closest to you and is updated with new offers throughout the year. You can purchase the book from the office or a digital membership here: <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/113d118>

HAVE YOUR SAY...

Thank you to everyone for their fundraising suggestions posted to the Parent Facebook group. Your ideas were discussed at the Parent's Club meeting on Thursday 1 June and we are busily researching and planning several activities. Keep the suggestions coming! You can add to the discussion on Facebook, email us at belmontsparentsclub@gmail.com or approach one of the Parent's Club committee members at pick-up or drop-off time...Rebekah Hughes, Fiona Martin, Emily Jolley or Emily Emerson.

WHAT'S COMING UP...

In **Term 3** we'll be organising a **school disco**. Watch this space for more information! If you would like to help with this activity in any way, please speak to Kristi Southon or Leanne Robinson.

Also for **Term 3** we are seeking expressions of interest for a **Supatramp** night. This will be on a Monday or Tuesday night from 5:30pm until 7:30pm. The cost is \$25.00 per person which includes socks and 2 hours of jumping and climbing (usually \$32.00). We need a minimum of 50 people for this to go ahead so if you haven't already registered your interest, please do so via email or on the Facebook post. The school receives \$10 per person so 50 people = \$500 for our school and lots of fun for the kids. WIN WIN!

Our **Father's Day Stall** will be held on **Friday 1 September**. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Rebekah Hughes.

The **School Concert** is on Monday 4 September. We are planning a raffle as the fundraising component of the night. If you have any quality items to donate, or leads as to businesses who would be willing to donate, please contact Meagan Smith, Emily Emerson or Natalie Thompson.

If you'd like to make contact with someone but you're not sure who they are, please feel free to post in the Facebook group to make the connection! Or send an email to belmontsparentsclub@gmail.com and we can pass on your contact details to the right person.

NEXT MEETING...

The next Parents Club Meeting is on Thursday 20 July at 7.30pm in the Staffroom...we'd love to see you there!

Have a great week,
Rebekah Hughes
BPS Parents Club

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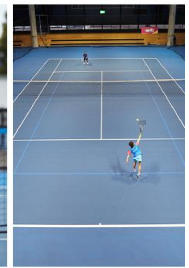
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