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BELMONT BULLETIN
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DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday	23 rd June	2:30 - 4:30pm	Parent Teacher interviews. Extra for Grades 3/4 only.
Friday	24 th June	TOMORROW	Save The Frogs casual dress Day. Dress in green, Gold coin donation.
Friday	24 th June	TOMORROW	NO Lunch Orders.
Friday	24 th June	2.30pm FINISH	Last Day of Term 2.
Monday	11 th July		First Day of Term 3.

Student of the week

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

Charlie M Lila K	P/H	For designing such a wonderful toy lightsaber and including great detail in his plan! For making such amazing progress with her reading and writing! What a star!
Maeve O Lucy W	P/M	For being a great listener and trying her best with her writing each day! For being an all-round fantastic member of Prep M. You are a brilliant role model who always does her very best.
Billy M Jesse R	1/2C	For writing amazing letters all week, I'm sure that your Penpal in 1/2M loved receiving such a thoughtful and well written letter! Well done! For bringing a positive attitude to writing to his Penpal in 1/2M. Jesse you wrote a detailed and entertaining letter that was engaging and interesting to read! Well done!
Isobel M	1/2D	For up-leveilling her sentences, using adjectives and connectives, making them far more interesting and exciting.
Wil O Jessica W	1/2G	For his improvements in his handwriting and always being a polite and friendly class member of 1/2 G! Well done Wil! For writing a great letter to a class member of 1/2 D and being a helper and kind member of 1/2 G. Great Job Jessica!
Jamie B	1/2M	For making sure she had capital letters and full stops in her writing, when sending a letter to her Penpal in 1/2C. Well done!
Yoyo Z	3/4E	For her superb presentation of her rainforest biome. What super expression and volume you delivered with Yoyo. Well done!
Laura I	3/4T	For being a gorgeously bright and happy student who always works hard and puts excellent effort into her work! Amazing work Laura!
Charlotte R	5/6C	For tackling any learning task head on and for always consistently achieving wonderful results. You are a STAR Charlotte!
Chloe R	5/6L	For being a kind and caring friend to everyone in 5/6L and always displaying a happy and positive attitude!
Tom H	5/6M	For showing the courage to be the first student in 5/6M to publish his narrative onto our class podcast.
Janelle M	5/6P	For her truly magnificent artwork and detail in all her bookwork. Fantastic!

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Welcome to the final Principal's report for the term. It has been a wonderful term with many highlights. If you have time please drop any of our staff a note in your child's diary. We occasionally receive a lovely note from an appreciative parent and without exception these can 'make your day'.

Students of the Week (including our very own dance troupe and 'photo bomber'. Can you spot her?)



Dogs and pets at Belmont continued

Last week staff revisited a discussion about how dogs and other pets can enter classrooms and this was also a discussion point at School Council. This week I can share our agreed approach.

Pets in classrooms

Parents, students or staff wishing to bring a pet of any kind into the classroom should ensure the following actions and preparation has been made and/or considered.

1. Talk or write to the class teacher or Principal about the proposed visit.
2. Ensure students (and where deemed necessary-parents) are made aware of the visit and ensure any students who do not wish to take part are catered for or excluded.
3. The pet remains under the control of the supervising parent or class teacher while in the classroom.
4. Students should remain seated at tables or on the floor while the pet is visiting.
5. Where deemed appropriate, students may be allowed to pat or handle the pet 1-2 children at a time.
6. School Council will be involved in any decision to grant regular access and consent for a school based pet eg. Dog.
7. Parents/staff should only consider visiting with pets that they are confident will handle new surroundings/situations and crowds.

I have been in schools that have had visiting horses, a donkey, a sheep and believe it or not.... a very large camel.

The school welcomes any feedback in relation to this procedure.

Feedback Included with last weeks newsletter was our regular feedback sheet for parents for Term 2. Belmont values feedback particularly the constructive kind. It is not too late to return yours. We have 19 feedback sheets that have been returned so far. (10% of families represented)

Frog fundraiser tomorrow

Tomorrow we are having a Green Frog Day to help raise our awareness of the plight of frogs across the world. The problem of chemical use and general human impact on frogs is leading to a significant decline in populations across the world.

In these busy last days we have accidentally mixed an overseas Frog group 'Save the Frogs' with an Australian based group called 'Frog safe'.



My personal interest in this fundraiser came from a story recently featured in the media about an unfortunate Green Tree Frog. It spoke of the extraordinary efforts many people made to save a single frog.

Frog hit by lawn mower flown to Cairns hospital for life-saving treatment

A frog hit by a lawn mower in Mount Isa owes its life to animal lovers who worked to fly it across Queensland for life-saving treatment at a special Cairns frog hospital.

The common green frog was run over in April by a woman who was "very distraught", FrogSafe president Deborah Pergolotti told 9NEWS.

The frog suffered a "deep gash" to his back and the woman called a relative for help, who in turn contacted FrogSafe's Cairns Frog Hospital.

The group then coordinated a rescue effort, enlisting the help of a regional airline and an animal transport company to fly the frog to Cairns. © ninemsn 2016
Read more at-
<http://www.9news.com.au/national/2016/06/09/22/00/frog-hit-by-lawn-mower-flown-to-cairns-hospital-for-life-saving-treatment#lGaY2igAJVLHAVg6.99>

The school will make further enquiries to ensure all donations will be forwarded to this recognised Australian group. I hope all families can support tomorrows **Junior School Council Fundraiser**.

IN BRIEF:

- **BYOD** (Bring your own device-iPads) letter to Year 2 and 5 students has been sent out this week.
- **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.
- Replacement of **basketball backboards** and rings is complete.
- New **Long jump pit** is complete with a some more sand organised for delivery during the holidays.
- During the holidays all of our **electrical items** will be **tested and tagged**. This is done yearly.
- During the holidays a new A/C Air conditioner will be installed in the Prep room and pigeons moved on we hope!
- **Music is changing** next term. Grades will attend music once a fortnight from the beginning of Term 3.
(Grades P-2 *60 mins and Grades 3-6 *40 mins) We are trialling this new approach to allow the program to develop differently and include a wider scope of works including performance. More on this next term.

- **Our Skoolbag APP** continues to reach new heights this week topping 600 downloads.



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. Our sincere thanks to parents and students who helped sort our plates and further information. An all 'round' great effort.



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.

The way we deliver our Newsletter has changed

We have begun our transition to our newsletter being sent out as a hard copy and by email. **64 families** or around **34%** of our families have made the move and will now not receive a hard copy.

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.

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)

To all families we wish you a safe and enjoyable break. We'll see you back fresh and ready for a wonderful **Term 3 starting Monday 11th July**.

Regards,
David Houghton Principal ☺

FEEDBACK

Letter received just this week from **Maldon Camp** which our **5/6s** recently attended.

Hello Belmont,

We just received all the wonderful letters your students wrote to us. It was fantastic to hear that everyone has such a great time at the camp and to read all the positive experiences that the students have gone home with. Our jobs were made easy due to your well organised staff with such a big group, so give your selves a pat on the back. We would like to thank you, your staff & students for being so polite, well-mannered and organised. Please thank your students for each and every one of their letters and let them know we read every letter we receive. ☐

Regards

Denise

P.S. Look forward to seeing you all again in 2018

Denise Williams
Assistant Manager
Victorian Blue Light Youth Camp – Maldon

Students at play this week in our ever popular **Lunchtime Program**.





PARENTS CLUB

Election Day is fast approaching and all families will receive a 'Cake Stall' pack this week. We will be very grateful for any contributions of home-made cakes, slices, biscuits, muffins etc. Due to the school holidays, there are 3 options for delivery so please take advantage of whichever suits your family best. If none of those options suit and you'd still like to contribute, please contact Rebekah to discuss alternative arrangements.

The roster for the Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall is now complete and we owe a huge THANK YOU to those parents who have volunteered their time to assist.

Can't help on the day but still keen to support the event?

We're seeking donations of water (600ml bottles) and soft drinks (375ml Coke and Coke Varieties) to sell at the Sausage Sizzle. Donations can be dropped off at the school office before the end of Term, otherwise please contact Rebekah to arrange drop-off during the school holidays.

Parents Club Night Out at Belmont Hotel!!

Friday 24 June 6.30pm til late

Come for a casual bar meal or just a drink and a great time. No need to RSVP, just come along!

GROW AND GOBBLE

As we draw to the end of term we have been quite productive. We have our wonderful new garden edging which has given us four new garden beds, that is very exciting. Our worm farm and compost are back in operation again, we have been collecting items and building a bug house to attract lacewings and other beneficial bugs to our garden.

Within our garden we have tried to celebrate some of our school cultures with vegies and herbs plantings. Our Touch of Asia garden grows pak choy, coriander, garlic chives, lemon grass and a sesame plant that was donated by one of our Korean families. We are

looking to expand some of these ideas into new plantings and as I talk with the children I have been trying to collect some ideas of what to grow. We have grown a pizza patch in the past and will recreate that and we are thinking of a Curry space. If you have any special vegetables or herbs that you cook with at home and we could grow feel free to call me.

Deb Biro 52432678

NO LUNCH ORDERS TOMORROW – FRI 24th JUNE

There will be no lunch orders tomorrow Friday 24th June due to last day of term.

Sorry for the inconvenience ☺

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

ADVERTISEMENTS



**Cubby House
For Sale!**

The St Joseph's College VET Building & Construction (Carpentry) students together with Year 12 VCAL are selling their hand built cubby house. They have decided to support the fight against Multiple Sclerosis by donating all of the proceeds to the **MS** Society. The cubby is built tough and will withstand the test of time. So make the kids happy and support a great cause!



**Only 1
Cubby
Available!**

Width: 1.2m

Length: 2.7m long
(internal length 1.8m &
veranda length .9m)

Height: 2.2 high
(at ridge - top of pitched
roof)

Features:

- Treated pine base frame and decking
- Corrugated zinc roofing
- Solid pine doors.
- Weatherboard pine cladding

COST: \$600

INFORMATION & SALES: Jarrod Gore. Email: jarrod.gore@sjc.vic.edu.au Ph:5226 8118

9am to 3pm




Holiday PROGRAMS

**5-10
YEARS**

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Grovedale College
Wingarra Drive, Grovedale
Tuesday 28th June
9:00AM-3:00PM
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