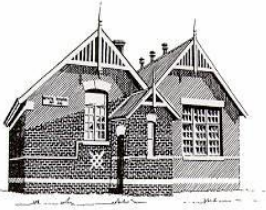




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BELMONT BULLETIN
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DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday	18th July		RACV Street Smart Incursion, Prep – Grade 2
Friday	22nd July	9:00am	Bookclub orders due
Friday	29th July		School Athletics Day
Thursday	28th July	7:30pm	Parents Club Meeting
Thursday	11th Aug		Bravehearts Incursion, Prep – Grade 2
Friday	26th Aug, 2nd & 9th Sep		Gymnastics

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Welcome back to Belmont!!

We have been busy beavers over the break with lots of work completed or started.

- Air Conditioners have been installed in the Prep room and Office. Pigeons are still hanging around, even though their home (AC unit) outside has gone.
- Election has come and gone but the school enjoyed a VERY successful Sausage Sizzle and Cake stall thanks to many of our committed parents. More details later in this newsletter.
- One student girls toilet is out of action. We have had an ongoing leak for some time at a cost of an internal plaster wall so far....
- 3/4E large sliding door fixed and wall trim reglued.
- Loose tiles in Arkinstall hall reglued and now in colour!
- Three unserviceable taps replaced outside 1/2C and 1/2G.
- Large drain repair at street near new relocatable. Hopefully this will resolve our flooding issues. One tennis ball and a broken drain among the findings.
- Testing and tagging 95% complete.

Staffing news

- Jen Koehler will return around week 8 this term in a part time capacity.
- Jacqui Eddy back today from Long Service Leave.
- Craig Corker will take Long Service Leave later this term. More details soon.
- Mrs Carollo LSL returns next week from Long Service Week. Bravo.

Frog fundraiser

On the last day of term Junior School Council held 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.

We raised a total of \$ 368.20 which will be donated to an Australian based group called 'Frog safe'.



Many students and staff braved the very cold conditions (which if we were 'cold blooded' might not have mattered at all).





Music has changed this 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.

Parking has changed

The rules for the parking area near the new Mod 5 changed last term. We have had the City of Greater Geelong rezone this area to become **a drop off and pick up zone**. It remains the schools preference that parents do not park long term in this area but remain with their cars to drop off or pick up students within a few minutes.



IN BRIEF:

- **Vintage Fair** We are about to ramp up work in preparation for the Vintage Fair set for early November. Meetings will begin soon.
- **Long jump pit** is still waiting for the weather to improve so that equipment can be used to finish this project.
- **Book Week Parade and VIP Days** planned for later in the term will be announced soon. Details will follow.

FEDERAL ELECTION

BBQ and Cake Stall. Our sincere thanks to all of the parents who donated goods or helped us out with our Federal Election BBQ and Cake Stall.

We were very 'liberal' with the sauce, 'laboured' over the sausages with a 'coalition' of helpers, and other polling booths were 'green' with envy at our success in 'self raising' **a total of over \$2,200 for the school.**

Particular thanks to Rebekah Hughes who co-ordinated this effort and of course the parents who donated cakes and or their time to run the stall.



Setting up



Generous cake donations



Last Friday night I attended the Sth Barwon **Lions Club Changeover Dinner**. It was wonderful to represent the school and speak briefly about the rich history that is Belmont Primary School.

Lions Clubs International have a rich history of their own being founded almost 100 years ago and now boasts more than 1.4 million members in over 200 geographical areas. There are 27,000 members in Australia.

This local group are now based in Mt Pleasant Road and continue to seek members who would like to contribute to their community. Last year alone the group sponsored more than 30 schools, charities and causes which totalled over \$28,000.

Some of these causes included V2 Child Cancer Appeal, Kokoda Youth Program, Juvenile Diabetes, Beyond Blue, Cottage by the Sea, Lions Hearing Dogs, East Geelong PS. and many more. The Club is always looking for new members.

More details can be found on their website: www.geelongsouthbarwon.vic.lions.org.au or email: southbarwonlions@gmail.com

The school is hopeful of the Lions support for our upcoming Vintage Fair in early November. Remember to support this wonderful group whenever you see their Lion symbol and perhaps place an order for one of their tasty Christmas fruit cakes.

Feedback from Term 2. My thanks to the **26 families** who provided us with some feedback late last term and this week. I cannot fit all responses in but have

selected a range. Overwhelmingly parents have been constructive and positive in their remarks. This is appreciated.

What I like about the school, would like to see more of in the school or suggest for the school.

Loving our first Prep year thank-you....See Saw App is providing a great line from school to home facilitating after school conversations...(several comments about this one)

The school has a fantastic family friendly atmosphere. We really like how welcome we have been made in our first year...

Quality teachers who make each child feel valued is so appreciated.(Lots of similar comments) Thank-you!

It would be great if the prep pergola could be covered to provide weather protection in sun and rain.

More incursions/excursions to enrich learning experiences. More in class extension/challenge for high performing students.

I would like to see more done on the oval.

I love the motivational assemblies and challenges set for the children each week.

I like the new long jump pit-great idea 😊. (several comments about this one) Need to maybe double check the bolts on the big kids playground...

Very efficient move to iPads, would have thought the program was in place for years.

Fixing the drinking taps so they turn off properly.

Would like to see less movies or TV shows during classtime...use as a very special treat.

Become more pro-active regarding childrens unexplained lateness/absences

Better communication for parents who are unable to attend School Council or Parents club: it seems lots of information is shared here but not clearly explained to others.

Fluoro jackets in the yard at recess and lunch..great!

Kids loved soccer players helping train for the lightning prem.

Before School/After School Care- a brilliant program and peace of mind for parents-thank you. Small class sizes. Teachers of all ages, good gender mix. Focus on kindness/inclusion of others/seeing the whole person. The Art Room- brilliant.

I think the introduction of a school fair is a great one, more dress ups eg. For book week would be welcomed.....

Feedback responses

Our **Seesaw APP** at this stage is being rolled out across our Prep to Year 4. We have received plenty of great feedback about this new way of communicating and sharing with our parents.

A **Prep pergola** is a great idea. The challenge of course with any good idea is meeting the cost of materials and once roofed, the necessary permits and building regulations which may then apply. We have large sections of our aging roof on our 160 year old main building which may be a first priority.

The good news is that several **incursions** are booked for this term across many grade levels. The first of these is for our Prep-2 next Monday with the RACV visiting.

The **oval** continues to be a work in progress. We have further plans for this area later this year we hope. Currently it is very wet and sodden.

We know our **drinking taps** have been misbehaving. We took time to investigate if the recurring problems were serviceable and they are not. This last holidays we have replaced three and will see how this new tap type performs before replacing any more.

TV shows and or **movies** are not routinely used across the term and usually do make an appearance in the final days of each term to allow staff necessary time to sort, plan and clean areas. There are regular shows like BTN or series like David Attenborough which are wonderful programs for students highly educational and provide rich discussion which might be confused for movies.

The school takes **unexplained absences** seriously and our new software program COMPASS is providing the school with better data sets which help guide our work with a small number of families.

I will endeavour to provide a brief overview of **School Council** discussions in future newsletters following our monthly meetings. School Council next meet in August.

A **challenge** for the holidays was to create a 'sculpture'. This could 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 next week. We have 13 entries so far. This was a challenge idea from a parent. Any more good ideas out there?



Looking forward to a great term.

Regards,
David Houghton Principal ☺

FORMULA 1 AT BPS NEW GRADE 5/6 UNIT OF WORK FOR TERM 3

The F1 Schools Technology Challenge is the world's largest secondary school technology program. It involves over nine million students from 17,000 schools in 31 nations. F1 in Schools is a holistic action learning program which focuses on developing long term employability skills. Students learn leadership, team building, project management, business planning, public speaking, marketing, collaboration, and writing and presentation skills.

All teams will visit Deakin CADET to learn about specific sciences around design and human reaction time.

Teams will be made up of five students, each student will have a specific roll in the team

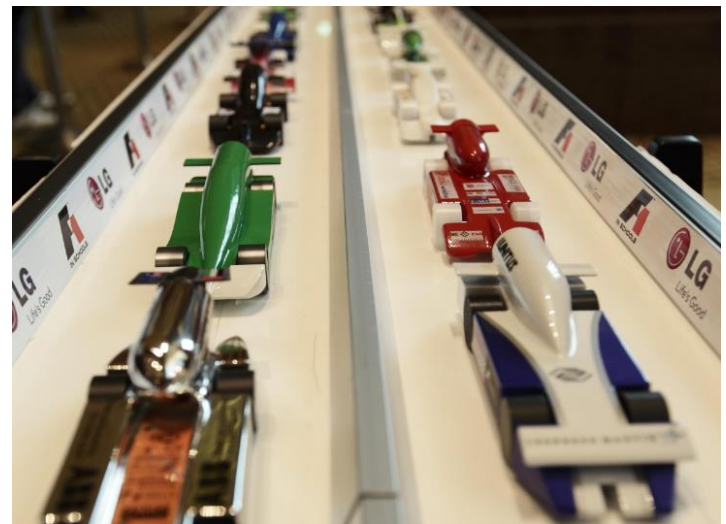
- Team Leader
- Team Engineer
- Team Graphic Design
- Team Marketing
- Team Presentation

Teams are required to

- Design a car – based on a card board base with freedom to do what they want on the body design so long as they stay within a minimum weight limit
- Develop and display a post A1 size that clearly shows all Design, development and testing. Provides team back ground and identity.
- Create a unique team uniform based on a plain t-shirt that will be designed by students.
- Deliver a presentation that shows the teams learning.

Each team member will lead the team in each of their specific areas to achieve that goal.

We look forward to our schools involvement in this great new and innovative unit of work.



PARENTS CLUB

Election Day

Thankfully the weather was kind to us and our Election Day Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall was a huge success! Our Cake Stall had almost sold out by 11am; and we sold out of sausages twice! We owe a very special thank you to **Champions Supa IGA** in Marshalltown Road, Grovedale for donating 300 Sausages and 16 loaves of bread; and to **Kerr's Hire** in Essington Street, Grovedale for donating the use of a BBQ (with a full gas bottle!) and a Coolroom. These generous donations kept our costs low, which in turn increased the amount of money raised for the school.

Our thanks to the following families for their assistance on the day:

Abetz, Atkinson, Biro, Boyd, Cook, Cornell, Goodwin, Hilditch, Johnson, Jolley, Laherty, Lee, Lorenzen, Lornie, Lugg, Manderson, McMahon, Mills, Muspratt, O'Loghlen Pitts, Robinson, Southon, Walker & Watson

A well-deserved THANK YOU to **Kristi Southon** and **Leah Walker** who provided a great deal of support in the lead-up to the event; and were both on-site all day. Thanks to **David Houghton** for his assistance in the lead-up to the event and on the day; to the **Manderson Family** for offering their home as a drop-off point for the Cake Stall; and to the **Hutchinson Family** for collecting and storing the sliced onions!

We are thrilled that we raised **\$2288.35** from the Cake Stall and the Sausage Sizzle. We couldn't have achieved such an amazing result without the contributions of many, so for all those who packed Cake Stall packs, baked something for the Cake Stall, donated drinks, supported us on the day... **THANK YOU!!!**

If you have any feedback or ideas for future activities, please feel free to contact me on 0438 316 240.

Many thanks,
Rebekah Hughes
President, Parents Club

ITALIAN

My apologies for not being available on the 22nd June, P/T night.

I would like to extend a welcome to any parents who may be interested in visiting the Italian Room and/or viewing their child's activity book. Feel free to visit on the 20th, 21st or 22nd of July either before school from 8.30am-9am or after school from 3.30pm -4pm. Hoping to see some smiling faces.
Ciao **Signora Rosa**.

FRIDAY NIGHT BASKETBALL

BELMONT STARS	play at	5:05pm
BELMONT BOOMERS	play at	5:05pm
BELMONT 26s	play at	4:20pm

BOOKCLUB

Bookclub orders are due back no later than **Tomorrow, Friday 22nd July at 9:00am.**

Thanks
Michelle & Jo

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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