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BELMONT BULLETIN
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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tonight	28 th July	7:30pm	Parents Club Meeting
Tomorrow	29 th July		School Athletics Day Grades 3-6
Wednesday	3 rd August	3.00-3.30pm	Vintage Fair meeting.
Friday	8 th August		Grade 3/4 Netball & Basketball Centre Excursion
Thursday	11 th August		Bravehearts Incursion, Prep – Grade 2
Wednesday	17 th August	7.00pm	School Council meeting.
Tuesday	23 rd August	9:00-10:00am	Book Week Parade
Friday	26 th Aug, 2 nd , 9 th Sep		Gymnastics Prep – Grade 4
Tuesday	30 th August	12:30-1:30pm	V.I.P. Day
Friday	16 th September		Footy Colours Casual Dress Day, gold coin donation

Student of the week

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

Olivia H	P/H	For his wonderful enthusiasm when writing. You work very hard and should feel proud of your efforts!
Jack K	P/M	For enthusiastically sharing his ideas with the class and always with a super smile. Well done Jack!
Sophie N	1/2C	For learning the names all of the major bones in her body. Sophie, you are a bones master! Well done!
Charlie A	1/2G	For creating an amazing skeleton and always trying his best in maths! It is paying off and you are becoming more confident in maths everyday. Well done Charlie!
Joseph N	1/2M	For as close to perfect as any student can be! Always doing the right thing and caring for those around him! A true role model!
Poppy N	3/4E	For being a brilliant independent worker at all times and setting a great example for all her classmates!
Hayden W	3/4M	For being a fabulous, funny and conscientious classmate.
Gus H	3/4T	For being a hard-working student who demonstrates excellent classroom work habits as well as great joke-telling talents every day! Excellent work Gus!
Isabelle K	5/6C	For her enthusiasm and competitiveness during the Girls Football carnival . A WAFL player in the making!
Jack O	5/6L	For a great start to his Maths Challenge for the term. Well done Jack, great effort!
Eloise S	5/6M	For taking on the role managing 'Team Thunder' and developing her leadership skills.
Zoe S	5/6P	For being the world's best helper and always delivering her assistance with a smile!

PRINCIPALS REPORT



Students of the week

Welcome to a number of trainee teachers

Belmont PS is involved in the training of teachers each year supporting Deakin University in Geelong and other selected Universities at different times. School placements are a very important part of teacher training. Training students remain under the close supervision of their mentor teachers and take lessons and extended units of work during their rounds. The teaching placements and requirements increase over the four years of their courses with the longest placements spanning up to 6 weeks.

We welcome:

- Natasha T in Prep H
- James S in 3/4T
- Madeleine M in 5/6L



Good News: Zebra Crossings coming soon

School Council have been working with the City of Greater Geelong to improve the safety for our students by creating additional crossing points in Thomson and Regent Streets. It appears this work will begin perhaps as early as mid-September during the school holidays. School Council requested further information and I have included this below for parents interest.

1. Is it possible to counter the removal of the crossing attendant with the inclusion of some solar powered flashing orange lights and speed signs at school start and finish times near the crossings similar to other schools in the area?

Unfortunately VicRoads warrants aren't met at this point in time for flashing lights at the Zebra crossing. We will design the crossings to have as much prominence in the road space as possible to highlight to motorists that pedestrians have priority

2. Will there be warning signs on the approaches to the roundabout which don't have the wombat crossings? i.e. to avoid people coming from the shops along Thomson St turning into Regent street without properly looking.

Yes, there will be advanced warning signs for the zebra crossings

Biggest concern is children (and parents) being complacent about the safety of these crossings and assuming that vehicles will stop for them. (Often cars move quickly around that roundabout)

We will endeavour to make the road conditions clear to all road users, including pedestrians, about who has right of way. We will also consider a message for pedestrians to be aware of motor vehicles when they are crossing.

3. Do you have any advice on how other schools have promoted these crossings within the school community and to local residents.

As far as I am aware Belmont Primary School will be the first school in the South West Region to have this type of treatment.

Our existing crossing in Mt Pleasant Road will continue unchanged and remain as a supervised crossing.

Belmont Girls Football Team



Well done to our 5/6 girls team who competed last Thursday in some wet and testing conditions. Thanks to Craig Corker and Fiona DePaoli who 'acted' as our super coaches.



Last Monday we sent out the **2016 Parent Opinion Survey**.

Each year the Department of Education request all schools conduct this survey with 15 per cent of the school community or around 40 families in most cases. Our school elected to survey 25% of our parents or around 50 families.

The survey is designed to take **no more than 20 minutes to complete** and your feedback and opinions play an important role in making our school the best it can possibly be. Please be assured that your responses are completely confidential.

If you receive a survey I ask you to please take the time to complete it as your opinions are important to us and will contribute to the future management and organisation of our school.

Parent payments The Department will soon release the new Parent Payment Policy. The policy will have a stronger focus on transparency and family hardship, as well as outlining the expectations of implementation and communication with parents.

The policy also emphasises that all children should have access to the standard curriculum regardless of their parents' ability to pay.

During Term 3, principals, business managers, school councils and key regional staff will be supported to transition to the new policy, for implementation for the 2017 school year.

The facts for Belmont- So far this year we have around 70% of our parents who have paid the school charges in full. The difference between this level of payment and 100% of parents meeting these charges is in excess of \$21,000. Parents who are yet to finalise our school charges will be invoiced again shortly.

I encourage all parents to please, where possible, meet these modest charges which amount to around \$40 per term or \$4 per week. A small amount on paper but in combination a large amount and financial impact for the school.

SPECIAL DAYS

Next week

- **Vintage Fair** planning meeting next Wed **3.00pm – 3.30pm**
- **5/6s** off to CADET as part of their F1 unit
- **5/6** Debate vs Chilwell PS
- Coles workers here to help complete our vegetable garden areas (Thursday 12.30pm)
- **3/4s** excursion to Basketball Centre
- Karen Healy Nurse visit/assess **PREPS**

Coming Up:

- **Book Week Parade Tuesday 23rd August** 9.00 am-10.00am 'Country Theme' more details soon.
- **VIP Day Tuesday 30th August** -Grandparents and special others
- **Footy Colours** Casual Dress -JSC Fundraiser Gold Coin donation **Friday 16th September**

Feedback from Term 2.

Swimming Year 3/4 move to Leisurelink

We had fewer responses under this feedback due to it being just a 3/4 change.

All responses were in support of this trial.

- More space and great facility.
- Change rooms ran smoothly.
- No need to wear swimming caps due to the more efficient filtration system.
- High quality swimming instructors
- Overall great move.
- Would like to see other grade levels at this centre.
- Play on last day was a success.
- Prefer this change.

Feedback response

Our 2016 program is set for this year with remaining programs to be run at Geelong Aquatic Centre. Staff and School Council will discuss our 2017 program in coming months.

Next week: Headlice approach feedback

This weeks challenge was to create a vegie and/or fruit creature. This challenge continues for one more week. All entries will be donated to our schools worm farm. Here were a few of our entries.



Regards,
David Houghton Principal ☺

Pizza Making in Italian with 5/6L
80 pieces eaten by 20 students in record time!



Some reading which may be of interest:

Inclusive Schools Fund Teachers and students are being encouraged to think about how they can improve school facilities for students with disabilities or special needs, with round two of funding now open under the Inclusive Schools Fund.

Minister for Education James Merlino opened applications today while visiting Belgrave South Primary School to inspect work on a new sensory garden for students with autism, which the school is building thanks to a \$100,000 grant from the first round of funding.

The Andrews Labor Government established the Inclusive Schools Fund to help government schools build new facilities to better support the social and educational needs of children with a disability.

Schools are encouraged to be creative and innovative with their ideas to make interesting and stimulating learning and play spaces that will benefit all students, including those with special needs.

The Labor Government doubled the Inclusive Schools Fund in *Victorian Budget 2016/17*, meaning a total of \$20 million will be delivered to schools over four years.

Round two of the funding will deliver \$5.5 million to schools across Victoria.

The Fund is one of nine initiatives in the *Special Needs Plan for Victorian Schools* to ensure that students with disabilities get the same chances as other students, and fulfils a key election commitment.

Applications close on 29 September 2016.

Strengthening needs-based funding is key to improving educational outcomes, former premier Steve Bracks told principals today.

Mr Bracks met with more than 60 principals and Department of Education and Training staff at a breakfast at Federation Square to discuss the Government Schools Funding Review (Bracks Review).

The review made 70 recommendations about how best to invest in education and break the cycle between a child's social and economic background and their outcomes at school, at a time when there is a lack of clarity about future federal funding.

Mr Bracks said he enjoyed writing the report immensely and relished the chance to hear the views of principals as they are the 'key ingredient' to success in education.

He said strengthening needs-based funding, removing red tape and providing clarity about future federal funding would improve educational outcomes.

'Funding to schools by all levels of all government must be needs based, simpler and more transparent,' Mr Bracks said.

'It is an investment in the productivity prospects of a nation. School funding is a vital tool to improve educational outcomes for all students when it is allocated appropriately.'

Secretary Gill Callister said the brief given to Mr Bracks was simple, but the task was enormous: to determine how we can invest in education into the future.

Ms Callister said the Government was planning to deliver a high-level response to the review by the end of the year.

Mr Bracks and Ms Callister took questions from principals about issues including:

- locally raised funds
- expanding the definition of disadvantage to include mental health
- collection and release of data
- attracting high-quality future principals to rural and remote areas.

FROM THE ART ROOM

GRADES FIVE AND SIX

This week the children had time to complete their chosen artworks involving spirals. We also looked at a variety of optical illusions that have been made using circles and spirals with some children having a try at reproducing these. Next week we will begin working on designs for their Formula 1 teams and getting these designs onto their T shirts. If your child hasn't brought one to school yet please have it here for next weeks lesson.

GRADES THREE AND FOUR

We had so much fun this week! The children used their I Pads to take a series of photos of a toy animal or something similar in a variety of positions and situations around the school. They then chose their favourite to put onto SeeSaw with a caption explaining why the particular photo was chosen. Check out all of their photos when they bring their I Pads home at night. I think they all did a great job. Next week they are to select an interesting item of their own choice from home to bring along for a new series of photos.

GRADES ONE AND TWO

The children at this level added red stick on spots to their black and white printing from last week and we all agreed that this was just the thing to finish this artwork off.

When finished the children had free choice which can include drawing, making collages, making temporary art or whatever takes their fancy in the art room.

PREPS

This week our focus was WHAT CAN YOU DO TO A PIECE OF PAPER?

Well, you can rip it, scrunch it, cut it, fringe it, roll it up, fold it and a heap of other things.

We did all of this and more using our striped paper painted earlier this year then glued our bits onto a black background. They look really interesting and these skills will be used in future artworks.

Yvonne McDonald

Art Specialist

PARENTS CLUB MEETING

We're catching up tonight and would love to see you! We'll be in the Staffroom from 7.30pm if you can make it.

We understand evenings are not always convenient for parents, so we'd love to hear your thoughts about the timing of meetings...would you prefer a morning meeting after school drop off? Or perhaps straight after school pick up while the kids are playing outside? Whatever your thoughts, please let us know what you think. You can contact Rebekah Hughes, Leah Walker or Emily Jolley with your feedback, or leave us a note at the school office!

If you have any suggestions for Parents Club and you're unable to come along tonight, please feel free to contact me on 0438 316 240.

Many thanks,
Rebekah Hughes
 President, Parents Club

LOST 1/2G

There are 3 named hooded windcheaters belonging to the same student missing from the classroom. Please can all parents check the names on their child's jumpers and if necessary return to 1/2 G or the school office.

Thanks ☺

TOUCAN APPEAL

Geelong Food Relief Centre has been providing free emergency food to those in need for 25 years. They are currently running their annual Toucan Food Appeal. Please help us support this very worthy cause by donating any packaged or canned food items into the box at the front office. All donations are greatly appreciated.

FRIDAY NIGHT BASKETBALL

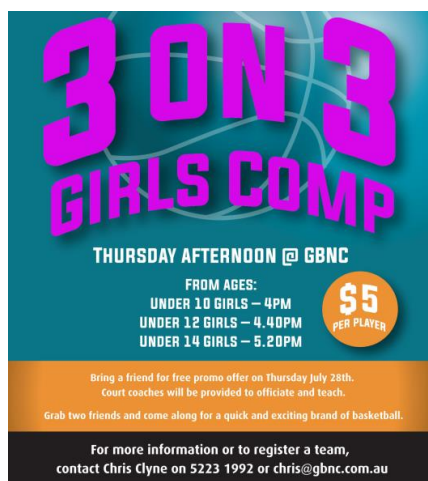
BELMONT STARS	play at	4.20pm
BELMONT BOOMERS	play at	5.05pm
BELMONT 26s	play at	BYE

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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3 ON 3 GIRLS COMP

THURSDAY AFTERNOON @ GBNC

FROM AGES:
 UNDER 10 GIRLS - 4PM
 UNDER 12 GIRLS - 4.40PM
 UNDER 14 GIRLS - 5.20PM

\$5 PER PLAYER

Bring a friend for free promo offer on Thursday July 28th. Court coaches will be provided to officiate and teach.

Grab two friends and come along for a quick and exciting brand of basketball.

For more information or to register a team, contact Chris Clyne on 5223 1992 or chris@gbnc.com.au



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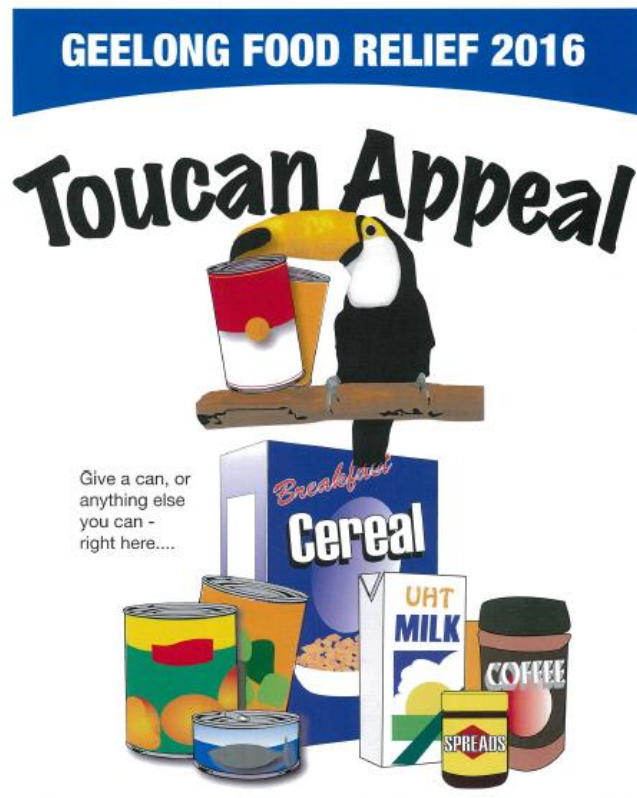
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