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**BELMONT BULLETIN**  
**NO.24 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2016**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Tonight	11 <sup>th</sup> August	7.30pm	Parents Club meeting
Monday	15 <sup>th</sup> August	9:30am	Vintage Fair Meeting
Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup> August	7.00pm	School Council meeting
Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup> August	9:00-10:00am	Book Week Parade
Friday	26 <sup>th</sup> Aug, 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> Sep		Gymnastics Prep – Grade 4
Tuesday	30 <sup>th</sup> August	12:30-1:30pm	V.I.P. Day
Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup> September		Fathers Day stall
Tues/Wed	13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 September		Ambulance Visit, Grades Prep – 4, No Charge
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup> September		Footy Colours Casual Dress Day, gold coin donation
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup> October		Messenger Dogs Puppet Show, Grades 3 – 6, No Charge

**Student of the week**

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

Sophia B	P/H	For challenging herself during maths time and making amazing number sentences. She also has made our classroom so musical with her lovely ukulele songs.
Jasper C	P/M	For giving everything a 'red hot go' during our 100 days at school celebration. You showed enthusiasm and persistence with every task! Fantastic effort!
Mackenzie W	1/2D	For doing a fantastic job with all multiplication activities and using arrays brilliantly.
Lucy F	1/2G	For making amazing improvements in her handwriting. Well done Lucy, your handwriting is developing beautifully! Keep up the great work!
Tyler W	1/2M	For his outstanding attitude and behaviour both in and out of the classroom. Keep it up Tyler!
Emily J	3/4E	For being a confident participant in all class discussions and for her standout performance when presenting her highly entertaining group play to our grade!
Jack M	3/4M	For displaying excellent sportsmanship during our sports excursion. Well done Jack!
Riley N	3/4T	For his excellent organisational skills and hard-working approach to his work when planning his narrative piece in Writing. Amazing work Riley!
Fletcher S	5/6L	For being an enthusiastic and co-operative participant during group work for our 'Fast Cars in Schools' project. Awesome job Fletcher!!
Marcus K	5/6M	For presenting some excellent rebuttals in his first debate against Chilwell Primary School.
Angus T	5/6P	For being an innovative Lead Engineer and using his deep thinking skills to come up with some very original modifications.

**PRINCIPALS REPORT**



**Students of the week**

**Bravehearts visits Belmont Juniors**

Bravehearts has been operating since 1997 and provides an interactive educational performance, Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Show, which targets students ages 3-8 years. We are providing the show for grades Prep-2 today.

The performance runs for around 40 mins and has an element of fun and non-threatening messages to help students identify strategies they can use and people they can talk to if they are not feeling safe.

All students who attend the show each receive an activity book. These books will make their way home at some stage and parents are encouraged to discuss the books messages further with their child where they deem it appropriate.

Parents interested in reading further go to [www.bravehearts.org.au](http://www.bravehearts.org.au) where you will find a detailed history of the group and the tragic findings from research nationally of the life long impacts any form of abuse has on young children, teenagers and others.



Coming soon

Other useful numbers

**Parentline** 1300 301 300  
**Barwon CASA** 52224318  
**Women's Domestic Violence Line** 1800 015 188 (24hrs)

**CENSUS** This week some of you would have completed the census in your own households. The school is regularly requested to provide a snapshot of our own school population. This is provided to the Department and determines levels of funding and provides other important measurements that help our department provide resources for our larger network of schools.

From the census for your interest

- We have more girls than boys. 152 girls and 148 boys.
- We have a *predicted* enrolment for Prep 2017 of 42 students.
- Home languages spoken by our students include: English, Malayalam, Mandarin, Nepali, Gujarati, Hindi, Chinese, Korean and Wu.
- We have an increasing number of families who have occupations which fit under category A and B of senior management, associate professionals and managers. Our third largest group C are parents whose occupations include tradesmen/women, clerks, skilled office, sales and service staff.

**Parent Opinion Survey** Our thanks to the 39 families who were able to complete the survey we sent out a couple of weeks ago to 50 families. Around 80 % return has helped ensure we have met the DET requirement for a school of our size.

**Secondary School selection** This week all parents of students completing Year 6 received confirmation of their next school placement. Our students go to a number of different settings which I have published here for parent interest.

Geelong High School	2
Oberon High School	5
Belmont High School	21
Grovedale College	6
Other settings	3

Many thanks to **Lions Club International South Barwon** who are kindly storing our 8 bikes for Bike Education. This has certainly freed up some space in our sports shed. My thanks to Lion Laurie Deans for his direct action and support with this one.



**Vintage Fair Nov 4<sup>th</sup>**

Our next meeting will be at 9.30am **next Monday 15<sup>th</sup> of August**. We are just **85 days out** from this special school event. Would you be able to help out with any of these investigations?

1 Spinning wheel Can we source one with not too many numbers on it?	Investigate:
2 Buskers / jugglers / <b>balloon art</b> entertainment / tram conductor (Conny?)	Investigate: Anyone have a contact for any of these performers?
3 Old style lemonade	Investigate: Does anyone make this stuff?
4 Penny Farthing entertainment	Investigate: Any contacts?
5 Environment- Bunting / Hay bales	Investigate: Any suppliers. Possible parents may be able to make bunting.
6 Silent auction / Mystery boxes	Investigate: Anyone like to take on High Street to collect prizes/donations?
7 <b>CENTRAL</b> Stage idea with varied activities/artists scheduled  A. School Bands <b>B. Salvation Army band</b> C. School Choir D. Local Karate E. Local Callisthenics <b>F. Imogen B</b> G. Barbershop quartet H. Local old timers dance group I. Tim Mc Callum J. Gordon Catwalk-Fashions at the fair. Could be student old clothes version.	Investigate: Any contacts/possibilities? We have a lead on those <b>highlighted</b> here. Thanks.
8 Sound / PA	Investigate:
9 <b>City of Greater Geelong permissions</b> Traffic Management	Investigate:
10 Local Church x 2 involvement eg. Allow parking on their grounds/car parks	Investigate:
11 Parking Mt Pleasant Road – Community House gravel areas	Investigate:

### News so far:

We have placed a deposit to secure a small children's **Ferris Wheel** pictured here below.



**Sadly** our Vintage cars we were hopeful of securing are headed South to Tasmania for a special event.

Any other old car possibilities out there?

### A Royal Day last Friday in Prep H



### SPECIAL DAYS

#### Coming Up:

#### **BOOK WEEK 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

Each year across Australia, The Children's Book Council of Australia brings children and books together celebrating Children's Book Week. The theme for 2016 is Australia! Story Country.

Belmont P.S. is celebrating Book Week on **Tuesday August 23<sup>rd</sup>** by conducting a Book Week Dress Up Parade.

The parade will be conducted between **9 – 10 o'clock**, parents are welcome to view the parade and join our celebration.

Children are asked to dress up as their favourite book character or as something related to this year's theme. It would be great to add a copy of the book your costume relates to or a copy of the cover made into a book. Carry it in the parade!

**We look forward to seeing many colourful, interesting and imaginative costumes on the day!**

If any parents ( or older children) are available to make some decorations for our parade please see **Mrs. Dearnley** in the **1 / 2 portable ASAP**.

- **VIP Day Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August** Grandparents and special others
- **Footy Colours Casual Dress -JSC Fundraiser Gold Coin donation Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

#### **Feedback** from Term 2.

#### **Headlice** approach

- Positive feedback in the hope to keep headlice at a minimum
- Headlice checks cost the school money for a small issue. Would not want to see the school fund this again, much better ways to spend the money. Was worth trying, but didn't see the value in doing again, unless funded by families.
- Wording needs to change to students with long hair, not just girls. A bit sexist and implies there is a problem with girls only.
- Great idea and hope it continues.
- Headlice – appreciate this approach and wish that it continues. Important to the families who are unable to keep on top of it.

Response: The process helped identify for all parents that headlice are in every school ...Belmont included. It also reinforced for some families the importance of following up any 'first effort'. We had some students with evidence of eggs or live lice for several subsequent follow up checks that we organised. School Council will discuss this matter further with a view to make a decision about where to next.

**Challenge of the Week:** This weeks challenge is to draw a mascot for our upcoming Vintage Fair. Just the two entries in so far.

Regards

**David Houghton** (Principal)

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## GRADE 3/4 GEELONG NETBALL AND BASKETBALL EXCURSION

Last Friday, all of the Grade 3/4s went to the Geelong Basketball and Netball Centre for our Integrated Studies topic 'Eat Wise, Exercise and Energise'. We played two games of basketball, netball and soccer each. We were in teams that were made up of students from each grade which was awesome! The teachers had a game of basketball elimination, we all cheered really loudly and Miss Eales and Mrs McMahon won. We all had a fantastic day and enjoyed doing some fun exercise together!



## FROM THE ART ROOM

### PREPS

This week we looked at pictures of some really interesting butterflies and moths. We talked about their colours and patterns and how to tell if we were actually looking at a butterfly or a moth, butterflies .... wings out, moths ... wings folded down. The children noticed that both sides of their wings were the same ( I knew they would eventually ) and this led to the introduction of Symmetry, both sides the same. We looked at various objects around the room and decided together whether yes it is symmetrical or no it's not. Next we made folded mirror prints using a range of colours. The children were encouraged to add extra paint and refold if they weren't totally happy with their first effort. These prints are good fun, look great and of course are symmetrical.

### GRADES ONE AND TWO

A bit of simple wool work this week with the children making turtles in much the same style as gods eyes. Most children did very well but still need a bit of practice joining two bits of wool together with a knot. If you have the time and some spare wool or string at home it would be great if you could help your child practise this skill.

### GRADES THREE AND FOUR

We have moved on from our photographs and painted a country scene (with perspective) onto a paper plate using a variety of colours which the children had to mix themselves. Next week with the paint having dried we are going to weave a tree from wool on top of the

painting. This is an activity that I haven't used before so I will be practising the tree weaving this weekend. If all goes to plan they should look amazing.

### GRADES FIVE AND SIX

Lots of team work happening here and decision making as a group. The team logos are looking good and should be completed soon.

### Yvonne McDonald

Art Specialist

## 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.

## LOST GRADE 6 JUMPER

Can all families please check the name tags of their jumpers, especially grade 6 jumpers. Kai L lost his jumper and badge two weeks ago and it hasn't yet been returned. Any help with this would be greatly appreciated.

## RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle tickets are being sold at the school office to help support Megan.

**Tickets are \$2.00 each** and prizes are as follows.

- 1<sup>st</sup> PRIZE: Suzuki Swift GL Auto
- 2<sup>nd</sup> PRIZE: Travel / Accommodation Voucher
- 3<sup>rd</sup> PRIZE: LG 139cm Curved 3D Smart TV
- 4<sup>th</sup> PRIZE: Yamaha Home Entertainment Package
- 5<sup>th</sup> PRIZE: Bottle Fridge – Vintec 100 bottle cooler

## SSV FUNDRAISING



Belmont Primary School student Megan Dickson has been selected in the School Sport Victoria (SSV) Team Vic 10-12 years Boys & Girls Cross Country State Team competing in the School Sport Australia Australian Cross Country Championships to be held in Canberra, ACT from 19 to 22 August, 2016.

Support Megan by buying a raffle ticket for \$2.00

Thank you 😊

## FRIDAY NIGHT BASKETBALL

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

## ADVERTISEMENT



## GIRLS FOOTBALL

The South Barwon Junior Football Committee is investigating the possibility of starting up girl's football as of 2017. Currently we have only one girl playing football with us (Belmont Primary School's very own Ruby Cook) and she has played alongside boys in the Under10 age level for the last 2 seasons. Although she has loved every minute, I'm sure she would relish playing with other girls and against other girls too.

At this stage there will be 3 age levels: Under 12, Under 15 and Under 19 and all games will be played on Sunday mornings so as not to clash with netball. All we ask of you at this point is to express your daughter's interest in playing football in 2017 and their age as of 1 Jan, 2017.

Please email Kath Cook, Junior Football Coordinator South Barwon at [wkcr@bigpond.com](mailto:wkcr@bigpond.com).

More information will be made available as it comes to hand but for now we really need to know potential numbers.

Thank you for your time

South Barwon Junior Football Committee

## Donate your leftover Nappies

The **Geelong Baby & Children's Market** are excited to be a *pop-up* location for **The Nappy Collective**.

Drop off your unused Nappies at the  
**Saturday 20 August Market**  
at Barwon Valley Activity Centre, Belmont

The Nappy Collective take your unused nappies and redistribute them to organisations that support families in crisis or need.  
Please support this worthy cause.

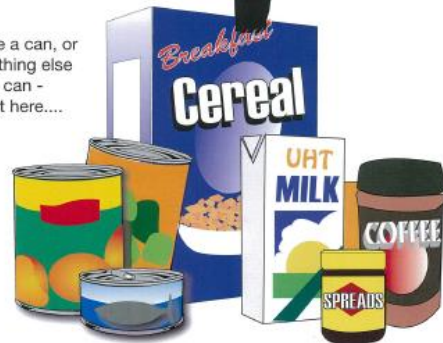


## GEELONG FOOD RELIEF 2016

# Toucan Appeal



Give a can, or anything else you can - right here....



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