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**BELMONT BULLETIN**  
**NO.25 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2016**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup> August	9:00-10:00am	Book Week Parade
Friday	26 <sup>th</sup> August	9.00am	Book Club due
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
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup> October		Messenger Dogs Puppet Show, Grades 3 – 6, No Charge
Friday	4 <sup>th</sup> November		Vintage Fair

**Student of the week**

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

Eli W	P/H	For making such an amazing start at Belmont Primary School. You are a wonderfully polite and happy classmate! Keep it up champ!
Maia F	P/M	For listening so attentively during the Bravehearts presentation. You remembered Ditto's important messages beautifully!
Cooper M Lloyd S	1/2C	For being our first Gold Medalist during our Classroom Olympics! You are the 1/2C World Champion Cotton Ball Shot Put thrower! Well done! For being an amazing sportsman and supporting his classmates during our Olympic Competitions! Well done on winning a Bronze Medal too!
Nicholas C	1/2D	For doing a fantastic job with all aspects of his writing, having good ideas, creating interesting sentences and using paragraphs. Keep up the great work Nick!
Oscar D	1/2G	For working hard in all integrated lessons and remembering lots of bones, muscles and organs! Well done Oscar!
Liam R	1/2M	For his outstanding display of sportsmanship during our Belmont Primary Olympics. An outstanding role model to all!!
Eliza T	3/4E	For being a terrific independent worker during Reading group activities and for producing a creative and entertaining 'Shadow Puppet' presentation.
Jake S	3/4M	For excellent financial management during our money maths activities!
Ashlinn M	3/4T	For her consistent hard-working approach and neat presentation of all work tasks, everyday! You are a star Ashlinn!
John C	5/6C	For persistence in class and all round kindness.
DJ C	5/6L	For being polite and hard-working and for putting an amazing effort into all of his work tasks. You are a super student DJ!
Jackson M	5/6M	For creating a magnificent newspaper article about the Australian basketball team titled 'Boomers Score Big!'.
Mary C	5/6P	For working so hard on her spelling and getting full marks. Keep it up!

**PRINCIPALS REPORT**



**Students of the week**

**NAPLAN** reports are **now available** for parents who have students in Year 3 and 5. These reports can be picked up by our parents at the **office** from Thursday afternoon. To keep disruptions to a minimum we ask that parents try to arrange pick up before or after school where possible. Students will not be issued with these reports. We have seen reports lost or damaged when given out this way. A page explaining how the report is presented and reads has been provided with the student report.

NAPLAN is a series of 'snapshots' on a given day using a given test format. This day or this format does not always produce the best results or most accurate results for all students. Teachers rely on a range of assessments to best determine the achievement levels for students not a single test on a single day.

The aggregated data does provide the school with some useful information specific to the subject areas. The staff examine this data as it relates to individuals and groups of students.

More on this next week. If parents have any questions please feel free to contact the school or your class teacher.

**Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Show** arrived for grades Prep-2 last Thursday. A small contingent of parents also attended and watched the interactive show. All students received 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.

The performance aimed to provide all of our students with strategies they can use and people they can talk to if they are not feeling safe.

More details can be found at [www.bravehearts.org.au](http://www.bravehearts.org.au)



Other useful numbers

**Parentline** 1300 301 300

**Women's Domestic Violence Line** 1800 015 188 (24hrs)

**Shortlisted videos** Two of our talented students have been shortlisted in an ABC video competition. Stella (5/6) and Jed (3/4) have entered their videos in an ABC3 competition. They are both finalists.

The 15 finalist videos can be viewed here <http://www.abc.net.au/abc3/rawr/challenge.html?id=4491866#whattodo>

Jed's is called The Longest Balltrack  
Stella's is called Big Big Ramps

The **Attendance Slips** sheet out with today's newsletter is a master sheet for parents to use if their students are away. We have found these **attendance slips** the most efficient way for our staff to register absences. Keep them handy on the fridge and use them when you next need to. They can be slipped into

the diary easily. **Skoolbag** also is an easy on-line way of registering a student's absence.

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

Our next meeting will be an evening meeting. This will be selected when we can organise a special visitor expert in the field of school events like ours. We are just **78 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?	<b>Found we think.</b>
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	<b>May have found one but he is on holidays.</b>
5 Environment- Bunting / Hay bales	<b>Bunting on order.</b>
6 Silent auction / Mystery boxes	Investigate: Anyone like to take on High Street to collect prizes/donations? <b>Letter requesting donations completed and available at the office.</b>
7 CENTRAL Stage idea with varied activities/artists scheduled A. School Bands B. <b>Salvation Army band</b> C. School Choir D. <b>Local Karate</b> E. Local Callisthenics F. <b>Imogen B</b> G. Barbershop quartet H. Local old timers dance group I. Tim Mc Callum J. <b>Gordon Catwalk-Fashions</b> 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: We have a parent who may be able to help.
9 <b>City of Greater Geelong permissions</b> Traffic Management	Investigate: Parent connected. <b>All sorted.</b>
10 Local Church x 2 involvement eg. Allow parking on their grounds/car parks	Investigate:
11 <b>Parking Mt Pleasant Road – Community House gravel areas</b>	<b>All sorted.</b>

### 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?



### **Social Media Facebook repeat message**

A few weeks back I wrote about the Social Media phenomena. I thought it important to repeat this message and update parents with regard to some of the work we are doing here at Belmont.

Fortunately our school experiences very few social media events which raise concern for us but it is a timely reminder to us all that what we choose to publish on social media can have a widespread impact.

I encourage all of our parents to continue to approach class teachers or the administration at any time if they are concerned about any matter as it relates to the school. More often than not this respectful discussion at the source resolves 99% of those matters that are raised.

The raising of issue on social media gives the school no recourse as stories or issues that might be shared are rarely in context and rarely present all sides to a story or an event. Such exposure can negatively impact on the view held by our community of our students, our staff or the school in general.

Belmont PS will from time to time of course make decisions that are not popular with all of our parents. This is 'life'. Parents should have every confidence however, that important decisions made by the school involve strong consultation, adequate and informed discussion and a level of compromise where required.

If we are aware of any incidents these are followed up. A recent survey of all of our Year 5/6s for example is evidence of our efforts to support all of our students.

The results of this school based survey identified some further improvements we could make for students and the school has acted on these promptly.

Our Year 3/4s are also about to trial a survey to help teachers at this level, get a different perspective on the attitudes of our middles toward school.

All of this work goes on behind the scenes because staff at Belmont care about each and every student.

All decisions we make and all actions we take always return to the common denominator: **'What will be best for our students and .....what will be best for this child?'**

### **SPECIAL DAYS**

**Next week is BOOK WEEK** 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 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!**

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

**Challenge of the Week:** No challenge this week. Put your feet up!

Regards  
**David Houghton**  
(Principal)

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## Proposed Zebra Crossings Street

Nearby property owners will be contacted this week regarding the pedestrian access improvement project proposed for the intersection of Regent Street and Thomson Street.

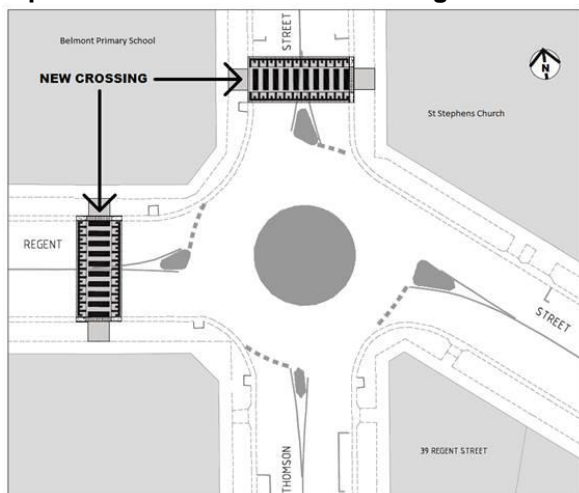
A key priority of the City is to create people-friendly spaces by improving conditions for pedestrians, whilst balancing the needs for parking and vehicle accessibility.

To enable greater pedestrian access and mobility, the City will be installing two zebra crossings at the roundabout of Regent Street and Thomson Street.

The zebra crossings will be constructed with a 'raised profile' so that the zebra crossing will be on top of a speed hump. These treatments are also known as 'Wombat Crossings'.

The new raised crossings encourage slower vehicle speeds and provide priority to pedestrians to safely cross the road. This project is programmed to be constructed late September 2016.

## Proposed Plan for Wombat Crossings



## VIP DAY

To celebrate Literacy and Numeracy Week this year the school will be holding a VIP Day on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August**. Students will send home an invitation sometime in the next week inviting a special guest to come and visit them in their classroom.

This is a great opportunity for grandparents or other relatives/friends to have a look at classrooms and the school. The classrooms are open from 12:30 – 1:30 and guests are welcome to stay and have a picnic lunch with students outside in the school grounds afterwards.

## BELMONT P.S VINTAGE FAIR

The Belmont Primary Vintage Fair will be held on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November**, and as a part of festivities we will be running a book stall.

We are seeking donations of good quality books of all genres. We would appreciate recent novels/thrillers/biographies/children's books.

Books need to be a saleable quality. We will be unable to accept encyclopaedia, outdated travel books, or old scrappy paperbacks. We hope to have an inviting, orderly display, with the stall to be operated by one of the Grade 5/6 classes.

There is a drop off bin near the office. If you have any questions or would like to donate books out of school hours, please call me on **0401 926 728**.

Thanks for your support!

## PARENTS CLUB

### Fathers Day Stall

Friday 2 September 2016

Thanks to those parents who provided ideas via the Facebook page and those who attended last week's meeting to discuss the Fathers Day Stall gifts...after much discussion, we've finalised the gift choices and are now making the purchases. The cost is \$5.00 per student; if your child wishes to participate, please make the payment to their classroom teacher as soon as possible.

For new parents, here's how it works:

- Parents Club purchases gift bags and a range of different gifts.
- Each student is given a gift bag to decorate during class time.
- Students attend the Fathers Day Stall and select a gift; there are at least 5 different gifts to choose from and the students put a lot of thought into what will suit best!

### Feedback

If you have any ideas or suggestions, feel free to contact any of the Parents Club Committee Members...Emily Jolley, Leah Walker or Rebekah Hughes ☐

Many thanks,  
Rebekah Hughes  
President, Parents Club  
Ph: 0438 316 240

## BOOK CLUB DUE – Fri 26<sup>th</sup> August

A reminder that Book Club is due **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August at 9.00am**.

Thanks,  
**Michelle & Jo**



## FROM THE ART ROOM

### PREPS

This week in art we learnt about mosaics. Mosaics...A picture or pattern produced by arranging together small pieces of stone, tiles, glass, broken crockery, paper etc.

We looked at examples of very early mosaics made back in Roman times and it was interesting that some of the children commented on the muted colours in comparison to the mostly bright coloured mosaics that you see today. We talked about tiles and which rooms of our house has them and why then got into pairs to make a butterfly mosaic using torn papers. I deliberately chose butterflies for our activity to reinforce the concept of symmetry that we investigated last week.

### GRADES ONE AND TWO

We also looked at symmetry this week and again butterflies and moths are the perfect example of this concept. The children chose a half butterfly from a choice of four then completed the other half themselves in pencil first then when happy with their work black marker over the top.

Next they cut them out taking care with the antennae and glued them onto coloured paper of their choice. The butterflies were coloured using soft pastels from our wonderful new sets ..... forty eight colours to choose from, yeah!

### GRADES THREE AND FOUR

We started weaving the trees onto our painted countryside plates this week and I have to say they are looking amazing .... These will definitely have to go straight to the poolroom!  
(The Castle movie for those wondering what on earth I'm talking about.)

### GRADES FIVE AND SIX

After three sessions working on our Formula One T shirts we are nearly there. Those not finished will now be completing them in their classroom when they have spare time.

**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.

## FRIDAY NIGHT BASKETBALL

<b>BELMONT STARS</b>	<b>play at</b>	<b>5.05pm</b>
<b>BELMONT BOOMERS</b>	<b>play at</b>	<b>4.20pm</b>
<b>BELMONT 26s</b>	<b>play at</b>	<b>5.05pm</b>

## 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 ☺**

## ADVERTISEMENT

"If you want to make money, you've got to push—display—the best-selling brands!"

"The best-selling razor blades are **GILLETTE BLADES!**"

"And Gillette Blades have been regularly, consistently advertised in **FUCHS, the Comic Weekly\*** and Sunday comics for 17 years!"

\*Other best sellers regularly advertised in Fuchs include Cigars, Dental Cream, Wildroot Cream, Sun-Gay, Plaster's Hand Cream, Klorox, Tissues, Camel Cigarettes, and many more.

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## Hook In 2 Hockey

Come and try hockey with a FREE Hook In 2 Hockey program, 4.30 pm, Tuesday August 23 to September 13, Lloyd Reserve, Windsor Rd, Newtown. Equipment provided. All welcome - boys and girls aged 5 to 12, no experience necessary.

Enquiries: Claire Barnes, 0417 015130

email: [contact@newtownhockeyclub.com.au](mailto:contact@newtownhockeyclub.com.au)

[www.newtownhockeyclub.com.au](http://www.newtownhockeyclub.com.au)



## TACKERS

**TACKERS 1 - FUN & CONFIDENCE - \$295**  
Introduction to fun sailing & confidence on water. Sail in pairs in small boats. Meet new friends.

**TACKERS 2 - TRICKS & TECHNIQUES - \$295**  
Better sailing, tricks, techniques & sailing safely by yourself with support & supervision. Tackers 1 is a prerequisite.

Tackers is a fun introductory, games-based sailing program designed for kids aged 7-12yrs.

Kids don't need to have any sailing experience to participate.

All equipment, including boats, is provided. Tackers is about playing games & going on adventures while learning how to sail together.

Tackers is a great way to increase a child's life skills - communication, self reliance, team work, problem solving and self confidence. Each participant receives a certificate of participation.

**JOIN THE FUN!**  
[www.rgyc.com.au](http://www.rgyc.com.au)

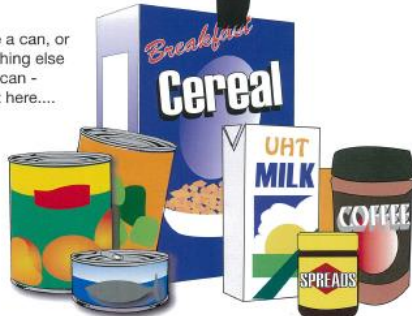
Contact RGYC to book, or for more information  
[www.rgyc.com.au](http://www.rgyc.com.au) - 03 5229 3705 - info@rgyc.com.au



## GEELONG FOOD RELIEF 2016

# Toucan Appeal

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



[www.geelongfoodrelief.org](http://www.geelongfoodrelief.org) Facebook.com/GeelongFoodRelief Ph: 5278 8588

## Father's Day Family Night

FREE



Time: 6-8pm Date: Thursday 1st September

Join us for a great night of fun!

- Make a gift for dad
- D.I.Y. workshops
- Light refreshments
- Free gift wrapping

Plus more great activities in-store including:

- T - Rex !!!!
- Wildlife and Reptile Show
- Bouncy Castle
- Make a mobile phone holder for DAD
- Free Sausage Sizzle
- Raffle prizes

Bookings recommended: Please contact Bunnings Waurn Ponds : 52448200



# What's on

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS @ BunningsWaurnPonds

## TWEEN WORKSHOPS

Tuesday 20th September

Make your own Terrarium



Tuesday 27th September

Make your own funky jewellery

## KIDS CRAFT WORKSHOPS

Thursday 22nd September

Make your own drum workshop



Thursday 29th September

Felt creatures workshop

## DAZZLING DAN

Wednesday 21st September

11am - 12.30pm with a magic show !