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DATES TO REMEMBER			
Friday	1 st September		Father's Day Stall
Monday	4 th September	7.00pm	School Concert
Wednesday	13 th September	7.00pm	School Council Meeting in Staffroom
Wednesday	13 th – 15 th September		Grade 3/4 Cavehill Creek Camp
Friday	22 nd September	9.00am – 2.30pm	Early finish – Last day of term 3
Monday	9 th October		First day of term 4

Student of the week		
Congratulations to the following students whose efforts, behaviour and attitude have been recognised		
Gina Y	Prep H	For working so hard to include amazing describing words in her writing. Keep up the great work Gina!
Jack W	Prep P	For being a sensational member of Prep P who always shows respect to his friends and teachers. What a super star you are!
Anthia L Ryder C	1/2C	For always being a respectful class member and consistently producing work of a high standard. For being an independent worker during our maths groups and being an exceptional skip counter.
Ali A Elke P	1/2D	For working so well in Literacy groups. Keep up the good work Ali. For having such a positive attitude to all aspects of school, giving everything her very best and being a polite and friendly class member. So good to have you in 1/2D Elke!
Xavier T	1/2G	For working on his listening skills this week and showing persistence when solving multiplication and division problems! Well done Xavier. Keep up the good work!
Micah B	3/4E	For always being a caring and respectful friend to everyone, and for creating a brilliant stop-motion project about the importance of being kind to others. What a great message to spread!
Liam R	3/4P	For always showing complete respect for his teacher and school mates, seen in the genuine nature of his willingness to help anyone in need. Keep up your terrific attitude Robbo!
Charlotte G	3/4T	For always showing such a great respect to her friends and classmates. You are such a fun, kind, and thoughtful classmate Charlotte. You should be super proud of the care you show towards others!

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT 2017



We apologise for an oversight on our part, kindly pointed out to us by a parent, which saw 1/2D not shown in our Students of the Week over a number of weeks. This has now been corrected.

Welcome back to our Seniors from the Sovereign Hill Camp. Lots more on this next week.

Student Safety The school continues to make changes that seek to improve the facilities and safety for our students. From feedback we understand the installation of the single gate on Thomson Street has made entry slightly more congested and a little harder to negotiate with prams and the like. From the school's perspective this was a necessary and important change to improve the safety of this entrance. Gates left open at any time presented a significant risk for our youngest students and needed to change.

The good news is that a second gate is in planning around 20 metres up from this one, alongside the BER building. We hope this will help ease the congestion and improve access for all of our parents and students.

State Schools Relief acknowledged the school this week with a certificate of appreciation for our donation of \$339 recently.

Thanks to schools like ours, State Schools' Relief has supported over 43,000 students in 2016 with 150,000 items of school clothing and shoes.

The Parent Opinion Survey opened last week and is completed annually by the Department of Education and Training and is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents from the school system computer at every school in Victoria. This year, about 30 per cent of parents have been invited to participate. If you received a letter about this from your child last week, you are among those parents randomly selected. All responses to the survey are anonymous.

The survey helps our school gain an understanding of how you view our school climate, student engagement, and relationships. Our school will use the results to inform school planning and improvement strategies.

The survey will be conducted online by ORIMA Research Pty Ltd and reportedly should only take 15 minutes to complete. It can be accessed through to Sunday 27th August.

School Concert is coming soon (Monday September 4th) and we are well into rehearsals. Be sure to put this date in your diary!! It will be a great night. Tickets are now available for sale with around 30% of all tickets already sold. Information has been sent home with all students. Ticket prices are the same as for 2015 to help encourage as many friends and family as possible to attend. Adults \$15 / Children \$10 (children not in the performance)

Tickets are not sold for specific seating but for entry only. There are approximately 800 tickets available for our families and friends. Students on the night, are seated on the floor of the stadium directly in front of the stage supervised by staff.

Go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/RKRU> to purchase up to 4 tickets per family. If any seats remain, these will be released closer to the event and parents notified.

Sponsorship School Magazine



We are looking for any generous sponsors for this year's school magazine. This year all families will receive one free copy with additional copies available for a below cost sum of \$10.

This year parents have the choice to receive a **hard copy or digital copy of the magazine**. **Parents will need to make a choice**. Where parents do not let us know what they prefer, a digital copy will be made available and no hard copy will be ordered for them. One clear advantage with the digital copy is that it can be shared with friends and family anywhere in the world.

This year we are fortunate to have **Etheridge Cleaning** chipping in again as they have done since 2015. Minor sponsorship available for \$250 – \$500 and Major sponsorship from \$1000.

If you interested in **sponsorship** or are interested in being involved in **editing** this years magazine, please contact the office. 'Many hands make light work.'

Playpod next steps

We are looking for ideas for the design and surrounds to our Playpod. We envisage this structure to be more than a 'garden shed' so are looking for great ideas to incorporate in our planning.

We are likely to install windows, shelving and sliding double doors somewhere in the design to ensure safe access and sufficient natural light and storage. Perhaps a servery or other idea ?? Designs and ideas are very welcome and can be sent in to the office.

605 cms (* 6 metres) x 240 cms



Life Education Van has now left our site. Our thanks to the 8 parents who were able to attend the information session. Among the messages was around providing good 'fuel' for your children. Children who are meant to run on 'diesel' can run on 'unleaded' but it is ultimately the decision of the parent what our students fuel their bodies with and this decision is made at the supermarket.

More information is available here: <https://www.lifeeducation.org.au/what-we-do>



Some snaps of 3/4T and 3/4E hard at work in the Life Education Van and out for a sunny lunch.



Grounds news

A replacement shade sail was installed in the Junior Playground to this week. It is highly likely that our oval area will be out of action for much of Term 4 due to the significant works planned for this area. When the work is complete, I trust we will all be saying it was 'worth it'.

Additional blinds have been installed in the Art room and 1/2 classrooms in readiness for the return to Summer.



Reading Challenge

This term there are tubs in the library, which have challenge books in them for the appropriate year levels. Participating students are encouraged to make use of these.



Bike and scooter security It is highly recommended that as a first line of defence all bikes and scooters should be secured with a chain and lock please. Recent theft of 4 scooters from this area has unfortunately meant we need to increase security for this area where we can without necessarily installing fencing, gates or security cameras which can detract from the welcome, safe and open feeling we have on entering our school grounds.

Facts today:

Total <u>Bikes</u>	7	Locks	2 (28%)
Total <u>Scooters</u>	9		3 (33%)

Parking reminder We request *please* that parents only use this area for dropping off students. It should **not be for parking** where parents leave their cars.

The City of Greater Geelong, responsible for parking around schools, will prosecute any driver who parks and then leaves their car to enter the school.



Farewell and best wishes to the Swaffield family on the move to Teesdale.

Chinese proverb of the Week

If you are patient in one moment of anger you will escape a hundred days of sorrow.

Enjoy the rest of your week

David Houghton

Principal

Lost and found

Missing Our library is missing 6 books in this series. (David Williams) They are a similar sized book to this one pictured here with the following titles: Awful Auntie, Mr Stink, Rat burger, Demon Dentist, Gangster Granny and The boy in the dress. If you find them at home, please return them to the office or library.



Thanks.

FOUND

Pillow and Army Green Katmandu jacket



CONGRATULATIONS

Last weekend Sarah D competed in the School Sports Australia National Cross Country Championships in Hobart. Sarah placed 27th in Australia for her age group. What a fantastic achievement Sarah, we are so proud of you!

DISTRICT ATHLETICS DAY

Last Friday 11th August many of our Grade 3 – 6 students participated in District Athletics Day. Students performed exceptionally well on the day with many students placing in their event and progressing to the Division Athletics Day. All results will be in next week's newsletter. Congratulations to all who participated on the day and thank you to the Staff and Parent helpers that assisted.



FROM THE ARTROOM

PREPS

This week we combined learning about shapes (circles and rectangles) with Ninjas. I like to research all the topics that I cover with the students but what I found out about ninjas would have provided you, the parents, with preps having nightmares for weeks so we mainly talked about the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (the goodies) before making our art. We did practise sneaking around the Art room like ninjas though so if you need some peace and quiet at home, ask them to act like a ninja!

GRADES 1/2

We looked at a variety of fans this week, all with accordion folds, then spent time experimenting with this technique to make fans of our own. Where would we see large fans of this type in Belmont? Ask the students.

SCHOOL CONCERT TICKET PURCHASING

SCHOOL CONCERT 2017

MONDAY 4th SEPTEMBER

CONCERT STARTING @ 7.00PM

DOORS OPEN AT 6.30PM

The GEELONG ARENA

110 Victoria Street, North Geelong

GRADES 3/4 MANEKI NEKO

If you've ever visited a Chinese or Japanese restaurant, Asian supermarket or any Chinatown shop, you've probably noticed a little cat figurine by the cash register. This Fortune Cat, or Maneki Neko, is a lucky charm that's very popular in Japanese and Chinese cultures. It's a talisman that is believed to attract good luck and fortune for its owners. What Maneki Neko means ... in Japan this means "beckoning cat". The cat has its paw raised as if it is waving in good fortune for its owners. Find out more facts about this cat from the children in grades 3/4 who are currently drawing a Maneki Neko in their choice of colour, the colours have different meanings.

GRADES 5/6

THE MONMON CATS ARE COMING!!

Our wave paintings are all but completed so this week I introduced the students to an amazing new artist, well I think so anyway, called Kazuaki Horitomo Kitamura, the creator of MONMON cats. You get to meet them next week.



Yvonne McDonald
Art Specialist

PURCHASING TICKETS - ON SALE FROM WEDNESDAY 9th AUGUST 2017

1. Go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/RKRU>
 2. Read information on opening page and click **BOOK NOW**
 3. Choose quantity of tickets you would like to purchase and then click **NEXT**
- Prep - 6 Concert Adult \$15 Child \$10 - not performing at the concert**
- Due to seating limitations at the arena we are limiting the sale of tickets to 4 per family initially and we will release further tickets if available in the week prior to the concert.
4. Fill out additional information and click **NEXT**
 5. Check your shopping cart to ensure you have selected the correct tickets.
 6. Fill in your booking details including email address and payment details then click **PURCHASE**
 7. Tickets can be printed and are also sent to your email address for printing at a later date.

*** For parents that don't have access to the internet at home, at work or on their smart phones, tickets can be purchased at the office at either 9.00am or 3.30pm on any day prior to the concert.*

THE LIONS CLUB DRUG AWARENESS FOUNDATION

Young people receive a new look website aimed to help them navigate life's challenges.

This year the foundation committed to undertaking a redevelopment of our popular youth health website, www.tuneinnotout.com

With over 600 instances of information across 48 topics, it is simple and easy to navigate.

Feel free to check it out when you have some spare time.

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Milo Cricket at Highton Heat!

Head to <http://playcricket.com.au/learn/in2cricket>, click on "sign up today" and search for Highton in the search window.

Milo Cricket will be held on Thursday nights from 4:30 to 6:00pm and runs from October 12th through to Feb 22nd at the South Barwon Football Ground, McDonald Reserve, Reynolds Rd Belmont.



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