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**BELMONT BULLETIN**  
**NO.31 12th October, 2017**

<b>DATES TO REMEMBER</b>			
<b>Friday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>		<b>Grade 5/6 Totally Puberty Program Begins</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov</b>	<b>9:30am, 10:00am</b>	<b>Grade 1/2 Swimming Program</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> October</b>		<b>Geelong Cup Public Holiday</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>11:30am, 12:30pm</b>	<b>Prep 2018 Transitions Sessions Begin</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>		<b>Grade 3/4 Bike Ed Program Begins</b>
<b>Mon-Fri</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>		<b>Prep Swimming Program</b>



**Aussie of the month**

**Stella M (5/6L)** For displaying all the school values that we promote at BPS. Stella has a kind and caring nature and is friendly and respectful to everyone. She is involved in the school community through her role as House Captain, a responsible monitor and as a member of the school debating team.

**Foundations work**



**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

**MAJOR WORKS** on our oval upgrade and surrounds has begun and will affect the use of our oval particularly as the upgrade continues well into term 4. The timing is necessary and centres around providing the best opportunity to establish the new grass that will be rolled out as part of this upgrade before the heat of Summer.

**Oval upgrade begins**

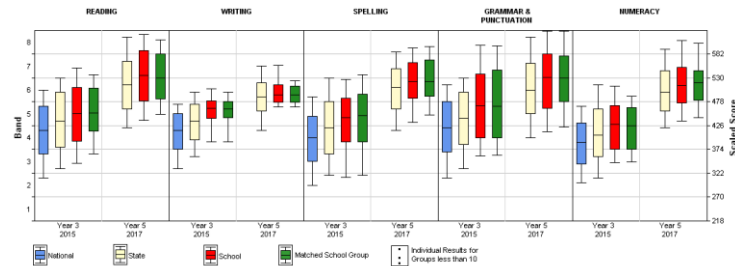




## Coming Up this Term

- Planting- Oct/Nov: 5/6 garden beds
- Swimming Year Prep and 1/2.
- Sporting Schools Tennis
- Puberty Program
- Regional Aths & 5 /6 T 20 Cricket
- Prep and Year 6 Transition programs
- Gymnastics Program
- Grade 2 BYOD parent meeting
- Prep Werribee Zoo Excursion
- Blue Light Disco
- GEELONG CUP DAY HOLIDAY (Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October)
- Grade 6 Graduation

## NAPLAN data

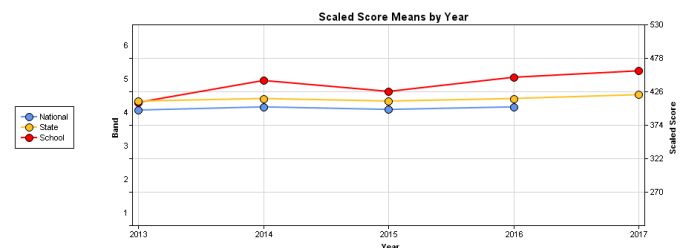


This years NAPLAN results were very positive at both Year 3 and Year 5.

In summary our school remained above or well above State and National levels in every area measured by these tests.

We also performed at expected levels when compared to other 'like schools'. These schools have similar student demographics and level of parent education for example. A child's background continues to have a strong correlation to how they might perform in these kinds of standardised tests.

Other data sets have been shared with school Council recently. There are many ways to look at data but one of the stronger kinds is called 'Trend data' where a schools results are shown over time. This graph below for example shows 2017 Numeracy for Year 3 (red) trending upwards. This is a good sign demonstrating improvement over time.



A great deal of other work was completed across the break including:

- Repairs to our girl's toilets. The school has been working through a long standing warranty issue since the upgrade to this area some years ago. We believe this issue has now been resolved.
- Painting of Year 5/6 Mod 5s inside and out.
- Sanding, repair and re-staining of large deck 5/6 area
- Removal of front tree stump near sandpit, dead wood from our largest trees and cleaning out of the understorey to our large Norfolk Island Hibiscus (Prickly tree). These were some of the recommendations made by an arborist late last year.
- Repair begun on all large pergola posts which border the Prep and LOTE areas.
- Digging over Senior playground fall areas and installation of a further 10 cubic metres of certified soft fall and further landscaping of POD area.
- Repositioning of some seating.
- Installation of 140 metres safety fencing.

Next stage will be the building of the small and larger retaining walls, which could begin as early as next week then concrete works soon after to finish pathways, new stairs and 3/4 area.

We have an active Buildings and Grounds Committee who have been instrumental in important planning and discussion around this work. The following parents are members of this group.

Mrs Alison Lornie, Mrs Anna Murray and Mr Aaron Garrett

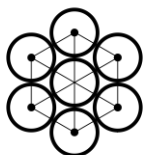
The school will publish further data received from the **Parent Opinion Survey** soon, once it has been shared with School Council.

**Concert CD sales** this year were just over 100 orders. There are some wonderful moments captured this year and we hope you enjoy reliving this great night.

**Power costs** rising for schools too. Parents will not be surprised to know that the overall costs for power and water for the school have risen over \$10,000 in the last 4-5 years. The school was recently successful in an application to have our budget increased through the Department to match our costs and usage. The school utilities will receive an on-going increase adjustment of \$8000 and in addition to this has the increase backdated for this financial year also.

Through a parent contact, the school is actively investigating solar possibilities and also most recently invited an audit of our current lighting across the school and possible replacement with newer LED technology. We'll see what possibilities and opportunities our investigations present.

### Compass Portal opening soon



In our efforts to connect and communicate better with our parents we are making preparations to open a portal (entry) to our large and complex computer software program called COMPASS.

We will need all parents who have an active email account to check their details and or provide their current email address. This is **the first important step.** Please return the Parent Emergency Contact Information sheet that was sent home late last term to us as soon as possible. We have only received about half of these.

The **Dental Van** was in full swing in the final days of term with more than 40 eligible students accessing the service. Parents would have been advised by now directly if more serious dental work or follow up was required.

It is not too late if your child was part of this program to provide us with some feedback. This will take just a minute or two of your time. There are 6 multiple choice answers only.

Go to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8QY3BWZ>

A letter received from the service.

Hi David,  
Good Day..!! We have finished for now at Belmont Primary School and it was an awesome experience. We thank the students and staff of the school for their co-operation and would like to meet again next year..... thanking you once again for giving us the opportunity to work with Belmont Primary School.  
**Best Regards,**

**AFZAL KADAR**

State Manager - Victoria

**AUSSIE MOBILE DENTAL SERVICES PTY. LTD.**

Interested in **piano lessons** for your child? Please let us know through your child's diary. We may not begin this in 2017 unless we have sufficient interest. So far we have 4 students on our list.

**Guitar lessons** will begin again soon. We have around half a dozen students who will begin lessons perhaps as early as next week. We have sourced a new teacher who is currently working in another school setting and comes to us highly recommended.

Quotes this term from Presidents of the past

I am a slow walker but I never walk back.  
-Abraham Lincoln

Looking forward to a great last term. Enjoy the rest of your week.

Regards

David Houghton (Principal)

### GRADE 6 2018 TOPS

It's time once again for 2018 Grade 6 students to order their commemorative polo and/or hoodie. The prices will be the same as this year with polos \$30, Hoodies \$45 or both for \$70. We have various sizes to try on, with a parent, at the office at 8:45am each morning. All orders are due back by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

### FROM THE ART ROOM

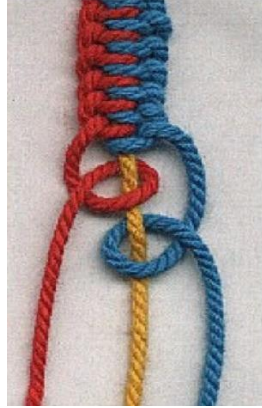
Welcome to term four everyone, I hope you all had some fun times with your children over the two week break.

This term in the art room we will mostly be playing around with threads and textiles activities.

The preps made delicately scented necklaces this week by threading a variety of leaves and beads onto curling ribbon after using hole punches which released their smell perfectly.

We felt the leaves (the lambs ears were a favourite), we found leaves shaped like hearts and stars and scrunched others up in our hands to release their smells. We even found a couple of tiny creatures still living on them much to the horror of some!

Grades 1/2 children prepared papers to use next week for a bit of over and under paper weaving and I showed the children in grades 3/4 how to make magic woollen ropes. This is one of my all time favourite activities and never fails to get oohs and aahs, I love it. The children in grades 5/6 tried out a new style of friendship band that I discovered recently and most are now proudly wearing one or two on their wrist. If you are up at school in the next few weeks check out Mr. Houghton's office which now features amazing colourful pumpkins completed by children in grades 5/6 last term. We think it would make great wallpaper.  
Yvonne McDonald  
Art Specialist



## GROW AND GOBBLE

Some terrible weather during term 3 brought us indoors. We had a small group who enjoyed cooking our school grown pumpkin. The recipe was one of the students own, after cooking and eating the pumpkin fritters the other children requested the recipe, so I listed it below. (hopefully it was not a family secret) I have also included the kale chip recipe. (Daisy had refused to try the chips until convinced by her fellow students that they were delicious. Reluctantly she tried them and she went on to eat her share.)

### Pumpkin fritters

Ingredients - 500g steamed pulled/ rough mashed pumpkin, 1 cup cake flour, 1tsp baking powder, 1 egg, pinch salt, 2tbs melted butter, 1/4 cup milk.

Mix altogether, prepare pan like cooking pancakes, drop spoonfuls into pan, flip when bubbles. When cooled sprinkle with cinnamon sugar.

Yummy....thanks Faith.

### Kale chips

50ml coconut oil, 1tsp salt, 1tsp pepper, zest of lemon, 1/2 tsp paprika, 1tsp chia seed, 1tsp thyme, 1 bunch kale off stalk.

Heat oven to 175oC. Combine all ingredients. Toss in kale to coat. Bake in tray not touching 8mins or u til crisp. Cool. Store up to one week.

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**WHEN**  
Sat 14<sup>th</sup> & Sun 15<sup>th</sup>  
October 10am-4pm

**WHERE**  
**Birregurra Festival**

Main St Birregurra

A major fundraiser for the Birregurra Primary School.

A safe and fun enclosure for the whole family. Activities for all ages, both loud and quiet.

**COME AND JOIN  
THE FUN**

### WHOLE FAMILY EVENT

#### TICKETS

\$5 entry  
Includes 5 x tickets to spend.  
Free play and ticketed games.

#### ACTIVITIES

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**SATURDAY - 14TH OCTOBER**

MAIN STAGE	STREET STAGE	MORE
10:00am BIRREGURRA UNUSUAL NOSTALGIC	10:30am LITTLE BEE	10:00am BOANING MUSICIANS
11:00am LUCY AND THE NIGHT SKY	11:00am HAMISH TAMLIN	11:00am ART SHOW 12:00pm BOC JUMP
12:00pm KITTY WATTS	12:00pm NIGEL WEARNE	12:00pm GARDEN HUB
1:00pm REUBEN STONE	1:30pm TOM WEST	1:00pm HISTORICAL CENTRE 1:30pm FOR KIDS
2:00pm LOCALLES	2:00pm CALLUM WATSON	2:00pm DEVONSHIRE TEA WOOD CHIPPING

**SUNDAY - 15TH OCTOBER**

MAIN STAGE	STREET STAGE	MORE
10:00am MIK MAKES	10:30am GEHAN FROST	10:00am ART SHOW
11:00am ORCHESTRAL MANOEUVRES	11:00am ROCK N ROLLERS	11:00am GARDEN HUB
12:00pm RESIDUAL	12:00pm RACHEL CADDY	12:00pm HISTORICAL CENTRE 1:30pm BOC JUMP
1:00pm PAT WILSON	1:30pm LOOKING FOR ALASKA	1:00pm FOR KIDS
2:00pm THE ACFIELDS	2:00pm ANDREA ROBERTSON	2:00pm DEVONSHIRE TEA

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