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DATES TO REMEMBER

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| TONIGHT | 27 th October | 7.00pm | School Council Meeting - CANCELLED |
| Friday | 28 th Oct, 4 th , 11 th Nov | | Grade 5/6 Gymnastics Program |
| Friday | 28 th October | | Grade 3/4 Bike Ed Program Begins |
| Tuesday | 1 st November | 9.30-10.30am | Prep 2017 Transition Session 1 GROUP A |
| Tuesday | 1 st November | 11.30-12.30pm | Prep 2017 Transition Session 1 GROUP B |
| Thursday | 3 rd November | | Grade 3/4 Bike Ed CHANGE OF DAY (this week only) |
| Friday | 4 th November | 4:00-8:00pm | Vintage Fair |
| Monday | 7 th November | 9.00-11.00am | Pre Prep Screening (2017 Preps) |
| Tuesday | 8 th November | 9.15-10.30am | Prep 2017 Transition Session 2 GROUP A |
| Tuesday | 8 th November | 11.30-12.45pm | Prep 2017 Transition Session 2 GROUP B |
| Monday | 14 th November | | Curriculum Day, No Students required at school |
| Tuesday | 15 th November | 11.30-1.00pm | Prep 2017 Transition Session 3 GROUP A |
| Wednesday | 16 th November | 11.30-1.00pm | Prep 2017 Transition Session 3 GROUP B |

Student of the week

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

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| Billy O | P/H | For being super organised at swimming and for all his hard work in the pool. Well done Billy! |
| Harry N | P/M | For being enthusiastic and organised at swimming! What a star you are! |
| Albie S | 1/2C | For being an incredibly responsible swimmer and for setting a good example for the Preps on how to be a sensible student outside of school. Well done! |
| Anthia L | 1/2D | For making a good start on her return to Belmont. Welcome back Anthia! |
| Michael C | 1/2G | For being a very responsible student at swimming this week and taking care of all his belongings! Well done Michael! |
| Harry M | 1/2M | For displaying outstanding skill and determination during our swimming program. Well Done!! |
| Lyla S | 3/4E | For being a kind and helpful classmate every single day and for showing great responsibility with all her learning. You are a super kid Lyla! |
| Esther H | 3/4M | For having a red hot go in Maths, even when things get tricky! Top work Esther! |
| Zane S | 3/4T | For being a super enthusiastic and knowledgeable participant in all discussions relating to our topic 'Protecting our Planet'. You are such a clever 'scientific' cookie Zane! |
| Yue Z | 5/6C | For his consistently high scores in our weekly Maths Challenges. Well done Yue! |
| Sagun P | 5/6L | For consistently producing work at an outstanding standard in all curriculum areas and displaying a responsible and respectful attitude at all times. You are an absolute delight to teach Sagun! |
| Evann K | 5/6M | For exceeding expectations when learning about algebra and taking every opportunity to share his knowledge with others. |
| Sal L | 5/6P | For his ongoing enthusiasm and participation in all things Maths! |

PRINCIPALS REPORT



Great NEWS

The school this week received a **Federal Grant** for maintenance to the tune of **\$107,000**. These grants were featured in the local paper this week but somehow they missed us on the list.

This is a wonderful cash injection to attend to some costly work which is required with our Main Building particularly. Being 160 years of age, this building requires some roofing works, timber restoration and brick repairs. The Government have received a great deal of feedback from schools about the money allocated to schools for general maintenance not ever being sufficient to address costly maintenance issues;

so this news is great for Belmont Primary and the many schools who also received monies.



Vintage Fair- We are just **1 week and 1 day out!** from this special school event. There is lots of work going on behind the scenes but we will need your help.

We have estimated that around 300 volunteer hours will be needed for this event. Many of these hours are required helping to serve food, take money or supervise stalls, activities or events.

If you can spare an hour or TWO please let us know through the office or the return slip. If you are not fussy where you can help we'll place you against an activity and let you know. If you would like to directly support your class or classes of your children just let us know.

Sent home last Thursday was a list of volunteer opportunities and a reply slip. We have put this up on Skoolbag and additional hard copies are available at the office.

Thanks so much for the soft toys. **We have enough now** with over 250 donations and are having trouble keeping them all fed and contained in our foyer.



Our final Hunt is now focusing on nail polish any colour, drinks any kind (not alcoholic), stall holders and Silent Auction items. We have a brand new trampoline which has been donated!

Our advertising is ramping up. Our street sign is now installed and my sincere thanks to **Vanders Real Estate, GAV'S T-shirts and signs** and our own Lanny McCooke in our office who created the art work for us.

Letterbox drops have begun, shop posters soon, FACEBOOK and many balloons will all help to raise the profile of our Fair. This is a family/community event. *No alcohol will be sold at this event.*

We have quite a few interesting things booked in now and confirmed including a few very old cars 1924-1927, a Town Crier, State Member visit, Belmont High School Jazz Bands, music, rides (a small number) activities including face painting and chocolate toss, children's craft activities, stalls and more.

More stalls needed. Do you know someone??

More entertainment required do you know someone?

Donations for **Silent Auction** also greatly needed.

Can you help? Perhaps you would like to **re-gift something new** you just can't find a use for? These are slowly coming in including a lovely voucher, new handbag, movie passes and other interesting items.



In summary...

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| Silent Auction | New items needed. Do you have a business? Can you donate an item or service? |
| Stall Holders | Suitable stall holders. \$20 entry and donation of a stall product. |
| Pea Straw | Soft to sit on and good for the garden afterwards. Pick up from Mitre 10 needed. |
| Performers / Entertainment | Free for our stage 10-15 mins |
| Shop walkers | Deliver requests to shop owners in Highton |
| Volunteers | We will need dozens of volunteers on the night to help with a range of food stalls etc. |

Gastro cases

This week we continued to receive reports of a small number of students who have contracted this illness. The school employed additional cleaning time this week treating all surfaces, door knobs and railing as our part of our own efforts to help reduce continued cases. It is near impossible that the source of such an illness can be found. With all parents following a few guidelines we hope to see these current infection numbers decrease and cease.

Details included in last weeks newsletter

Gastroenteritis is an illness triggered by the infection and inflammation of the digestive system. Typical symptoms include abdominal cramps, diarrhoea and vomiting. In many cases, the condition heals itself within a few days.

The main complication of gastroenteritis is dehydration, but this can be prevented if the fluid lost in vomit and diarrhoea is replaced. Some of the causes of gastroenteritis include viruses, bacteria, bacterial toxins, parasites, particular chemicals and some drugs.

The Health Department Guidelines state that children should be excluded from school for a further 24 to **48 hours** after symptoms have ceased. NO students or siblings should be brought to school or other activities if they have symptoms please. eg. Swimming which increases the risk for other children of exposure to the illness.

Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) is currently taking expressions of interest to run a session on the upcoming Pupil Free Day:

Curriculum Day – Monday 14th November 2016

Due to the staffing requirements and pupil free day extended hours (7.30am-6pm) we cannot guarantee we will run a 'pupil free day' session on each scheduled pupil free day. We are able to plan and run a session when we reach 10 expressions of interest from families. If families wish to express their interest in booking their child/ren in on a pupil free day, please see details below or contact the office.

Expressions of interest should be emailed at least 2 weeks prior to the pupil free day. This will ensure we can make a decision (based on the interest received) in the hope that we can support families which require this. **So far 3 families have expressed an interest.**

The cost per child is \$55 (if you are entitled to CCB/CCR this will be a reduced rate) for the day and the session runs from 7.30am-6pm.

If you are interested in booking a session for your child/ren, please email bookings@schoolsupportservices.com.au or contact the school office.

Prep-2 Swimming - Our Prep-2s continued their swimming program this week at **Geelong Aquatic Centre** Bridge St Newtown. Parents are most welcomed to attend and when I visited we had plenty braving the very humid conditions at the lower pool. We have excellent attendance with over 95% of our students attending this program. Staff and School Council have been discussing future placement of swimming programmes for 2017.

Friday November 4th 4.00 -8.00 pm.



Our Vintage Fair meetings are finished. We now have the final run to the finish line and the weather is looking positive at this stage.

Regards
David Houghton (Principal)



Chefs with a smile

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Skye Armstrong and Megan Dickson for outstanding efforts at this weeks State Athletics Championships. Skye won **GOLD** in High Jump up against a large and strong group of finalists. Megan came **2nd** in 1500m and **4th** in 800m. Well done girls.



FRIDAY NIGHT BASKETBALL

BELMONT STARS play at **4.20pm**

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Rotary
Club of Highton



Open Gardens Day


Sunday November 27th 10am-4pm

Gardens at 10, 50 & 70 Lemins Road, Waurn Ponds
and 26-30 Cityview Drive, Wandana Heights
\$7.00 for one garden
\$15.00 for 2 or more gardens.

Refreshments available.



All proceeds will support community programs through the

Rotary Club of Highton 

GSODA Junior Players
PRESENTS

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

SHREK THE MUSICAL
LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS
HAIRESpray
SWEENEY TODD
ALADDIN
BRING IT ON
HEATHERS
SCHOOL OF ROCK
MUSIC TO FIVE
NO FIVE YEARS
MUSICAL

THIS IS OUR STORY

GPAC DRAMA THEATRE
NOVEMBER
10TH - 12TH 2016

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

THIS IS OUR STORY

This is our story' is a variety musical production, that will showcase some of Geelong's most talented, creative and exceptional young performers. This show will take audiences on a journey through popular, well-known musicals such as Hairspray, Aladdin, Sweeney Todd and Little Shop Of Horrors, as well as modern, movie-inspired musicals including Shrek, Bring It On, Heathers and School Of Rock. This production promises to be visually effective, energetic, comical, unique and musically pleasing. For one weekend only, come along and support some of Geelong's finest young talent.

Director: Hannah Petrie-Allbutt
Co-Vocal Directors: Rebecca Newman and Hannah Petrie-Allbutt
Co-Choreographers: Jemma Lowther, Jenn Stirk, Damian Caruso and Ariane Gavin

THURSDAY 10TH NOVEMBER
Opening Night - 7:30pm

FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER - 7:30pm

SATURDAY 12TH NOVEMBER
Matinee - 2pm | Closing night - 7:30pm

TICKETS GO ON SALE AT GPAC 3RD OCTOBER, 2016
Avoid disappointment and book early
Adult \$35 | Concession/Students/groups (10+)/Child (-12) \$25

BOOKINGS GPAC.ORG.AU or CALL 5225 1200



LEARN TO SWIM

ENROL FOR SUMMER

VICSWIM summer kidz
\$30 p/w
*An additional entry cost may apply at some pools.

VICSWIM Summer Kidz Program is a great way for your child to learn how to swim & stay safe in & around water!

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Aquatics & Recreation Victoria (ARV), through its VICSWIM Summer Kidz Program has been teaching children to Play It Safe by the Water with swimming & water safety lessons, since 1976. The VICSWIM Summer Kidz Program is offered to all Victorians, with nearly one million having participated over this time. This long standing, proven program is offered for one, two or three weeks during the January school holidays, at pools and open water locations throughout Victoria.

VICSWIM Summer Kidz is coming to a pool or beach near you.
For dates, locations & times go to www.vicswim.com.au

ENROL ONLINE TODAY
IT'S EASY!

- Visit www.vicswim.com.au for locations
- Enrol your child/children
- Proceed with payment by credit card
- Log out
- Check email for confirmation of enrolment (for assistance call ARV 9271 3800)