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BELMONT BULLETIN
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DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday	25 th Nov		Grade 5/6 Blue Light Disco
Tuesday	6 th Dec		Orientation Day – Grade 6 Students
Wednesday	7 th Dec	7.00pm	BYOD Information night.
Wednesday	7 th Dec	2.30 – 3.30pm	Grade 4 Girls Puberty Session
Friday	9 th Dec		Xmas Dress Up Day – Gold Coin Donation for Adopt a Family
Friday	9 th Dec		Zen Bakery Special Lunch Order Day
Monday	12 th Dec	8:00am	Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday	13 th Dec	7:00pm	Grade 6 Graduation
Wednesday	14 th Dec	7:00pm	School Council Meeting
Tuesday	20 th Dec	9:00 - 1:30pm	Last Day of Term 4, 2016
Wednesday	1 st Feb		First Day of Term 1, 2017 (tentative)

Student of the week

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

Abby A	P/H	For being such a kind and wonderful friend each and every day! I was so impressed with the way you helped a friend who was feeling sad. You are a champion!
Yoyo Z		For being the most wonderful Belmont Primary community member! You helped one of our new Preps settle into school with such kindness and care! What a star!
Atharva P	P/M	For being persistent and writing an amazing story about Arthur the Giraffe. Your writing is really rocketing!
Miller A	1/2C	For becoming a more independent worker during all activities. Well done for becoming a more mature and sensible learner!
Mai L	1/2D	For helping in the classroom before school, recess, lunchtime and after school.
Seb S	1/2G	For working hard on our poem writing this week and always being a responsible and honest class member of 1/2 G. Thank you for always helping others. Great work Seb!
Emme S		For writing a great rhyming poem about a frog and for trying your best everyday. Well done Emme!
Milla J	1/2M	For always caring for those around her. A true friend to all! Well done!
Evelyn K	3/4E	For being a super hard worker who has made incredible improvements in all areas of her learning this year. Keep up the fantastic work Ev!
Jack H	3/4M	For being a funny and caring classmate who has a crack at every challenge!
Josh G	3/4T	For working hard on his handwriting and presentation of all work tasks. You have so many great ideas Josh, keep up the excellent work!
Georgia M	5/6C	For always being a caring, sensitive & responsible class member of 5/6C. You are a gem Georgia!
Ella H	5/6L	For being a kind and thoughtful student who is a fantastic role model in our class.
Millie B	5/6M	For giving up a lot of her own time to work on her face painting skills and using them at the vintage fair.
Hanna B	5/6P	For showing a HUGE improvement in her weekly Maths Challenge results, keep it up!

Students of the week



Lions Club of Geelong Breakfast President Raechel Gleeson presented our Peace Poster place getters Michael M, Hannah M and Amber R at assembly on Monday. Amber was also selected as the 2016 Best Peace Poster as judged by local artist William Linford.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Daniel P enjoying the **Bike Ed Program** which continues tomorrow.

Last Monday we had a wonderful visit from a touring Secondary School from Wangaratta. Over 30 students and a number of staff braved the horrendously hot conditions and performed for all of our grades in two performances.

The set up and pack up in mid 30 degree temperatures was a challenge. The student's willingness to all pitch in was a credit to themselves and the school they represented.

We certainly enjoyed the opportunity to see such a wonderful range of musical instruments and hear the results of years of practice come together in a polished performance.



Class requests Each year I receive a small number of written requests from parents regarding the placement for their child(ren). Parents who wish to make such a request need to please contact me by letter / handwritten note or email if they have a specific request they would like us to consider in the grade placement of their child(ren).

The school takes into account a number of factors when placing students ensuring grades have a solid mix of students abilities, gender balance, important family considerations (eg Twins) and other factors. Requests from parents are always taken into account but may not always result in the change or positioning they have requested. This should be done by close of business tomorrow, Friday 25th November.

As the school staffing is not yet finalised grade teachers are yet to be announced.

School Magazine All families will again receive one free copy of the school magazine. Extra copies must be ordered by Friday (Tomorrow!) at a cost of \$10 per copy.

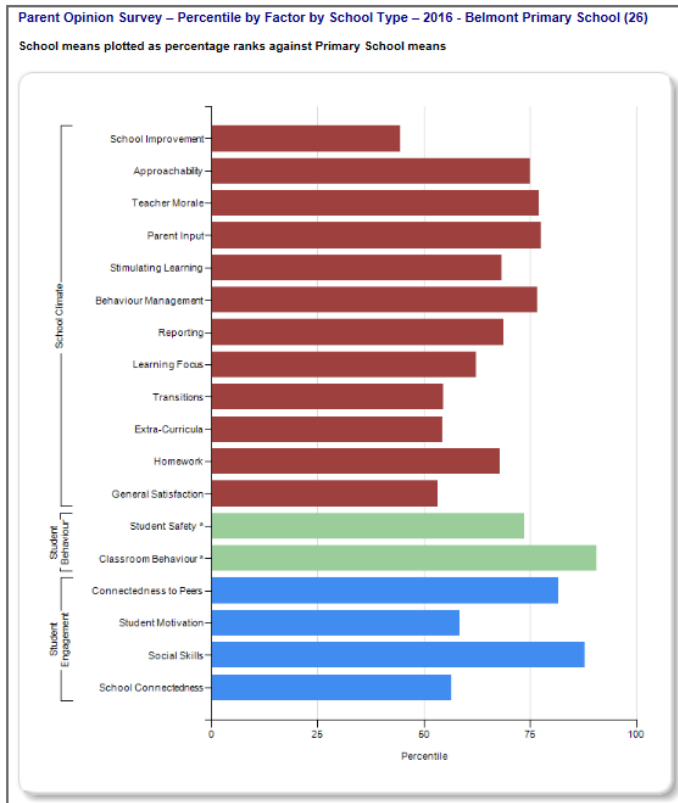
Final Day of school this year is Tuesday the 20th December. Students will be dismissed at **1.30pm** on this day. Last year the trial to start earlier at 8.30 am and finish earlier did not prove successful or popular with parents. Hours will be 9.00am – 1.30pm.

Parent Opinion Survey 2016

Published here is one data set and graph for our Parent Opinion Survey for 2016. The graph represents scores in a range 1-7 given by randomly surveyed parents (39 in all / 50 surveys sent out) against a large number of topic areas. A score of 1 meaning - Strongly disagree to a score of 7 Strongly agree.

The scores compare our school with other Primary Schools and the State as a whole. Our results were very positive and places us predominantly in the top third of all schools.

Our school examines this kind of data each year and works to address any identified areas of needs but also importantly celebrates the achievements of the staff and school generally when the data is as positive as this.



	School	2016 School type (Primary)	STATE
School Climate			
School improvement	5.74	5.72	5.62
Approachability	6.17	5.83	5.72
Teacher morale	6.3	5.97	5.80
Parent input	5.91	5.44	5.31
Stimulating learning	6.14	5.93	5.74
Behaviour Management			
Reporting	5.92	5.62	5.52
Learning focus	5.92	5.77	5.70
Transitions	5.94	5.87	5.76
Extra-Curricula	5.13	5.03	4.98
Homework	5.4	5.16	5.05
General satisfaction	6.03	5.93	5.84
Student Behaviour			
Student safety	5.70	5.38	5.47
Classroom behaviour	5.18	4.33	4.24
Student Engagement			
Connectedness to peers	6.15	5.91	5.85
Student Motivation	5.85	5.74	5.56
Social Skills	6.17	5.83	5.73
School Connectedness	5.99	5.93	5.74

Looking for:

Pick up Sand table from a factory at 3 Dalmore Drv in Scoresby. The hours would normally be Monday-Friday 7.30 - 5.30. (Ute, trailer or small truck required) Save the school \$350 postage.

A steel supplier

The school is examining the idea to use steel sheeting to create an increased edge to some of our existing garden borders to better retain mulch and leaves etc. This will help improve safety keeping our pathways cleaner and free of garden dirt and bark. Do you have a contact? Have you done this in your own garden?

Building works

The school requires some structural building works that will need to be completed over the next holiday period. If you are a Registered Builder (or know a good one) and would like to quote on this work please contact the school office. The work includes an additional inside wall to separate the existing Prep room and LOTE room, repairs to some old external timber windows which form part of the staffroom and the building of a small step to assist Preps.

Puberty Session for our Grade 4 GIRLS

This session has certainly grown in popularity since its introduction in 2014. This session will be run soon (see below). Starting at 2.30pm -3.30pm mothers join their daughters and Kimberley Thomas (Puberty Educator) for an afternoon tea. Kimberley shares with the group 'age appropriate messages and information'. Our feedback from parents who have attended previous sessions has been hugely positive and many have commented that the session proved to be a good starting point for their own discussions even at this very young age.

GRADE 4 Girls

Wednesday 7th of December at 2.30pm

Come and join Kimberley Thomas of Totally Random for a cuppa, a treat and a chat about the awesome changes that girls go through.

Come and begin a really important conversation with your daughter!

Cost is \$10 per mother/daughter or \$5 per girl At Belmont Primary School. Notes have been sent home!

FROM THE LIBRARY

With the end of the year fast approaching it's time to start returning ALL library books. Please have a look around home, cars & school bags for any stray books. Next week will be our last borrowing week. Thank you.

Jenny Diery
Library Aide

FROM THE ARTROOM

This week we have continued our work about shadows. The preps made basic shadow puppets, grades 1, 2, 3 and 4 have been given the challenge of making the most interesting shadow that they can using a variety of materials and the students in grades 5&6 made shadow puppets with at least one moving part using split pins and wire. The students have all done a great job and had lots of fun during their session in THE DARK ROOM.

Next week I'm hoping to do some shadow work outside but of course need the sun to cooperate so if you could all keep your fingers crossed for sunny weather next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday that would be great. (Sunny weather NOT blasting heat please.)



Yvonne McDonald
Art Specialist

BOOKCLUB

Did you know that you can easily order and pay for your Book Club order online, through Scholastic's LOOP system? No need to fill in and return the order form to school or find those pesky coins! Ordering online through LOOP means you can view your current and previous orders, access information and resources on books and there are often special offers for LOOP orders.

Simply visit scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the app!

A reminder that Bookclub is **due tomorrow Friday 25th November** at 9.00am ☺

ADVERTISEMENTS

YMCA GEELONG SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
19th - 23rd December, 2016

ALL SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN
3rd - 25th January, 2017

- Camp Wyuna Fun Day Camps
- Outdoor Games & Play
- DIY Hats & Drink Bottles
- Theatre Performance
- Christmas Decorations
 - Bike Ride
 - Karaoke
- Inflatable World
- The Park Skate Park
- Ballarat Wildlife Park
- Piggy Banks
- Oval Games
- Silent Disco
- Arts, Crafts, Games, and more!

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!
See Program Details On Our Website & Facebook

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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN



Open Gardens Day

Sunday November 27th 10am-4pm

Gardens at 10, 50 & 70 Lemins Road, Waurnd 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 



Lions Club of Geelong-South Barwon

Christmas Tree Sale at The Lions Den
33 Mt Pleasant Road, Belmont
Each Saturday and Sunday in December,
9.00 am till 4.00 pm

Trees can be pre-ordered by phoning
Mick on 0421 236 354, or Bob on 0409 955 485
or completing the Order Form available at the
School Office.

Sizes available are: 1.5 m \$45 1.8 m \$55
2.1 m \$65 2.4 m \$75

The club also has **Christmas cakes and puddings**
available on the tree sale dates or at the stall at
Belmont Centreway between 10.00am and 4.00pm
daily during December.

All funds raised are used to support local
community groups and charities. ☺

GIRL'S FOOTBALL ST MARY'S

Information Day Sunday November 27

You're invited to attend our
Girls Football Information Day –
Sunday November 27

Age Groups: U12, U15 and U19 competitions

Come along and enjoy a free BBQ & soft drink along with
a bit of a kick around from 12 noon on **Sunday November
27**. New Geelong Women's Development Coach Jason
Armistead will also be in attendance.

Why play football and benefits with St Mary's?

- All games will be on a Sunday
- No impact on netball or Saturday sport
- Program focused on fun, enjoyment and development
- Access to St. Mary's recently released on and off field Development Program
- Fantastic facilities and coaching
- All new equipment with jumpers and shorts supplied female styled
- Low cost and club netball players subsidised
- Eligibility for overseas cultural exchange trip with netball girls

Please feel free to bring along your friends or for those
who can't make Sunday November 27 and are interested
please contact madisonk@everydayind.com.au,
kevin.mcmahon@ndis.gov.au or contact club on
info@stmaryssc.com if you require any more information.

