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DATES TO REMEMBER

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.

Oliver M	P/H	For being consistently a polite, hardworking and caring classmate. Oliver you are a star and it is a pleasure being your teacher.
Tess M	P/M	For being an incredibly kind and caring classmate and always helping her friends.
Billy M	1/2C	For working beautifully at his table and being a good role model in 1/2C. Billy, you are a positive, enthusiastic and fun Grade 2 that brightens up the grade!
Isobel M	1/2D	For writing a fantastic exposition about why she should get new basketball shoes and shorts for Christmas.
Tahlia S	1/2G	For writing a fantastic persuasive writing piece about why spring in the best! Your arguments were great! Well done Tahlia!
Eden H	1/2M	For the outstanding presentation of her work and being a fantastic role model to her peers. Excellent work!
Bethany D	3/4E	For putting an incredible amount of effort into all tasks on her Book Project and for being a caring friend who always looks out for others.
Bethany M	3/4M	For being a champion coder in Hopscotch!
Lily I	3/4T	For being a beautiful member of the class who is always happy and puts an excellent effort into her work every day! You are amazing Lily!
Hudson L	5/6C	For his exceptional behaviour and even better dance moves at the Blue Light Disco!
Michael M	5/6L	For working hard to extend and challenge himself when completing Maths tasks. Keep up the amazing effort Michael!
Emily M	5/6M	For setting a fantastic example for all other students at the Blue Light Disco last Friday.
Mary C	5/6P	For her positive attitude and enthusiasm towards everything she does.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Congratulations to Skye from 5/6L who recently competed in the School Sport Australia track and field championships in New South Wales. Skye came 10th in her key event highjump achieving her best of 1 metre 25 cms. A great achievement considering Skye was competing with the best from across Australia. The winner a grade 6 girl nearly 6 foot tall in the old scale who jumped a winning height of 1.44 metres. Skye won a bronze medal in a medly relay event which has students running a combination of distances in the single race. I know the family feel very supported by our school community who bought raffle tickets or donated on-line. Well done to all involved and to Skye of course. Next stop perhaps..



Students of the week



BEIJING 2022



TOKYO 2020



Arborist visit Yesterday the school employed a qualified arborist to check the health of all of our medium to large trees. Last year the school was forced to remove a very large limb from our largest tree in the rear corner of the oval as it had developed a large split and posed a danger to our students. The arborist provides a written report for each tree which is then examined by the school.

School Crossing warning

Some parents are reporting to us that some of the students are riding across the new crossings that have been recently installed. We will remind all of our students at our assembly and in grades but also ask that parents report this to us should they witness this potentially very dangerous activity. A student has also recently been witnessed riding a skateboard down the centre of a roadway last week. It will take all of our community to help us identify these dangerous actions routinely and promptly so that the school can take all necessary actions to keep our students safe.

So in summary:

- Please contact the school if you see any dangerous behaviours of our students while using our crossings.
- Remind your own children about the inherent dangers of riding bikes, scooters or skateboards where it is not safe to do so.



Staff Update Steve Westley has accepted a wonderful opportunity in Queensland at Cannonvale State School in Airlie Beach, coordinating the schools PE program across 31 grades. At this stage the appointment is for 2 years and Steve and his family will then make a decision whether or not to return to Geelong. Steve has done a wonderful job here at the school, building student interest in all things sport and will leave large shoes to fill in this respect.

Steve has certainly been instrumental in efforts to bring in a multitude of visiting sporting groups and has ensured our students get every opportunity to compete at higher levels including Regional, State and even National competitions. Steve this year has also been an important member of our BYOD Team and has provided LOTE for our Year 5/6 students. On behalf of the school I wish Steve and his family all the very best with their new adventure and look forward to hearing of his further success in his new setting in 2017.

Class requests Each year I receive a small number of written requests from parents regarding the placement for their child(ren). This opportunity has now closed and our grades are being created by teachers at your child's level and teachers in levels above.

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.

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 should have been ordered by now at a cost of \$10 per copy. Our magazine is now at the printers thanks to the work of all staff but particularly Leah Walker who was instrumental in putting this years magazine together.

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. First day back for students will be **February 1st**. Staff return January 30th two days prior.

Looking for:

Pick up Sand table from a factory 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 and is being *offered* again this year. This session will be run next Wednesday the 7th of December starting at 2.30pm. 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. We have replies from 10 of our 25 Grade 4 girls so far.

GRADE 4 Girls

Wednesday 7th of December at 2.30pm

Cost is \$10 per mother/daughter or \$5 per girl At Belmont Primary School . Notes have gone out.



We have our very own **Cinderella** story here at Belmont. Anyone missing two shoes?



Happy news Yesterday the staff, students and several parents helped farewell Adelle Hosking who is taking a short leave to be married. Miss Hosking will soon return as Mrs Preston. Staff celebrated briefly yesterday wishing Adelle and future husband the very best.



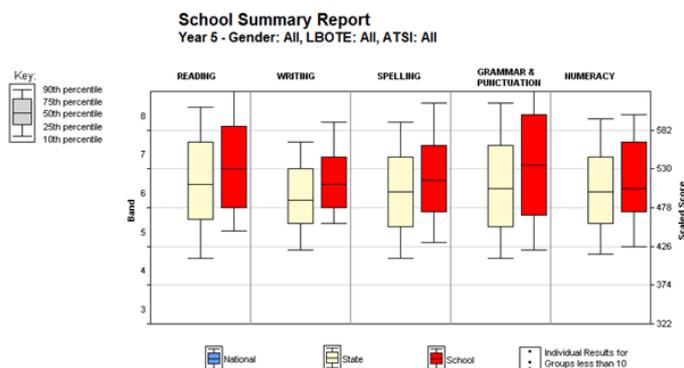
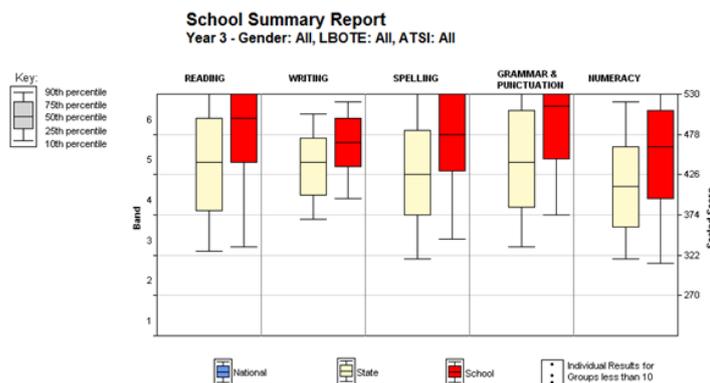
NAPLAN results Last week we shared some school data as it related to the Parent Opinion Survey. This week our focus moves to NAPLAN. This National set of assessments are conducted each year for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It is a single measure in time and examines the areas of Writing, Reading, Numeracy, Spelling, Grammar and punctuation.

These reports presented here will not be familiar to most parents but represent summary data for our Year 3 students and Year 5 students in each of these areas.

The lighter 'box and whiskers' shows all Primary Schools and the darker set (in red) represent our school results. These diagrams show where 80% of our students results are found and the centre line in the middle of each box the median (average across all results).

Our **Year 3** results were well above State measures for all areas. No National results are shown here.

Our **Year 5** results were above or slightly above in all areas.



The school examines this kind of data in much greater detail and can for example look at specific questions within a test and see how individual students responded.

PARENTS CLUB

Can you believe it's December? As another school year draws to a close, we'd love to take this opportunity to thank all those parents who have been involved with Parents Club activities in 2016. We understand how busy life is, and we're incredibly grateful to those who have been able support our activities this year.

Christmas Catch-Up

Thursday 8 December 7.30pm at Belmont Hotel. Come along for a drink or two, and enjoy an evening out to catch-up with other parents! We'd love to see you there, so please call or text (Rebekah: 0438 316 240) to let me know if you can make it.

Have a wonderful week!

Many thanks,
Rebekah Hughes
President, Parents Club

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

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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
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Sunday 12th Feb @ 10am-1.00pm

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Junior Netball U11's, 13's, 15's, U17's & 19's



Football Contact - Jacqui Lyons 0418 507 476
Netball Contact - Nat Quick: 0402 900 207



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Netball Rooms

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