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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tomorrow	9 th Dec		Xmas Dress Up Day – Gold Coin Donation for Adopt a Family
Tomorrow	9 th Dec		Zen Bakery Special Lunch Order Day
Monday	12 th Dec	8:00am	Finance Committee Meeting
Monday	12 th Dec	8:30am	Curriculum Policy Meeting
Tuesday	13 th Dec	7:00pm	Grade 6 Graduation
Wednesday	14 th Dec	7:00pm	School Council Meeting
Thursday	15 th Dec	2:45-3:15pm	Students to meet new teachers in classrooms
Monday	19 th Dec	9:30am (After assembly)	Parent helpers morning tea
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.

Elke P	P/H	For working so hard to improve her writing! It is super detailed and it is so much fun to read. Well done!
Remy M	P/M	For being an all-around super star at Belmont Primary. You always help your classmates with a smile and a positive attitude!
Maeve D	1/2C	For becoming a happy, positive and smiling student each day as she walks through the door! Well done on having such an amazing year in Grade 2!
Blair G	1/2D	For Making a huge attempt to keep his writing neat. Keep it going Blair!
Jake S Jessica W	1/2G	For giving everything thing a go and doing it with a positive attitude! Well done, Jake! For being a responsible and honest class member and showing pride in her the presentation of all her work. Great job, Jess!
Surry B	1/2M	For always presenting work to a high standard. A great role model for all those around him! Well Done!
Jed M	3/4E	For entertaining us all with his creative writing pieces and working hard to use outstanding sentence openers. Well done Jed!
Harry B	3/4M	For being a fun and supportive classmate who always has a crack at new things! Good on you Harry!
Owen S	3/4T	For being an amazingly hard worker who produces work of a high standard every day! You are a super star Owen!
Amelie A	5/6C	For the exceptional standard of work with her Asian Studies project. Simply BRILLIANT!
Lily P	5/6L	For showing the school values of respect and responsibility at all times and being a kind and friendly member of 5/6L.
Maggie C	5/6M	For consistently having a fantastic attitude towards her learning and producing amazing work every week.
Zoe S	5/6P	For her outstanding learning in all areas, all year, always! You are a star!



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Great Victorian Bike Ride Two of our senior students recently joined this great annual event. Rose and Callie pictured here, rode 3 days of the Great Victorian Bike Ride with their dads. They began in Apollo Bay on Friday morning and rode 80km to Bellbrae. On Saturday it was 50km to Queenscliff and on Sunday, 60km to Geelong. They rode along the Great Ocean Road with around 4000 riders setting up camp each night and packing up in the morning. Well done girls.

Staff Update At this stage two of our teachers, Lil Moore and Michael Lobbe will finish their fixed term employment at the school at the end of this year. Both staff have achieved full VIT (Victorian Institute of Teaching) registration which has been a wonderful achievement and have fulfilled many important roles across the school. We wish both staff the very best for the period ahead as they seek further teaching roles in 2017 and beyond and thank them for their contribution and commitment to our Belmont students and wider community.

Next year the school will employ three part time specialists- Art, PE and Italian (LOTE). Music headed by Gavin Dowling as a specialist area will not be continued in 2017 however, this will not mean music or our bi-annual concert will disappear from what we provide here at Belmont for our students. Other music opportunities will continue to be offered throughout the year where possible and we are still hopeful of providing a concert next year.

We hope too that Gavin can continue in some respect his connection with the school which has been since 2012. His efforts to provide a varied and engaging program within such a short space of time, is to be commended. Our concert last year was certainly a highlight, I believe, and showcased the wonderful talents of our students and obvious co-ordination skills and talents of Gavin himself.

We sincerely thank Gavin for his considerable contribution and commitment he has made to our school over these 5 years. Gavin will continue in his Senior role at Ashby Primary School where he currently fulfills Senior Leadership, PE and Music Specialist roles and we wish him well for 2017.

School Magazine All families will again receive one free copy of the school magazine. Our magazine is now in its final stages at the printers. We have had our share of challenges but are now hopeful we can receive our order before years end.

Final Day of school this year is Tuesday the 20th December. Students will be dismissed at **1.30pm** on this day. Hours will be 9.00am – 1.30pm.

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

Next Thursday all of our students will have an opportunity to meet their new teachers for 2017. We have a number of new staff joining the school and at this stage are hopeful all will be in attendance for this

short meet and greet session. Basic details will then be sent home with each student on this day to all parents.

School Crossing warning Some parents have reporting to us that some of the students are riding across the new crossings that have been recently installed. We have reminded 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. 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. Thanks.

Bravehearts This year 10,800 children have attended the "Dittos Keep Safe" incursion for junior grades. 94 kindergartens and 75 primary schools have taken part in this program over the last 5 years. The program endeavours to protect our children from sexual assault providing the youngest of children to know who they should trust and what they can do if they feel unsafe. Belmont PS have included this incursion in our program for the last two years and now will use the program on a 2 year rotation. We will see Bravehearts return in 2018.

Puberty Session for our Grade 4 GIRLS occurred yesterday. This session has certainly grown in popularity since its introduction in 2014 and was *offered* again this year. Mothers joined their daughters and Kimberley Thomas (Puberty Educator) for an afternoon tea and 'chat'.

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.



Looking for: Someone to pick up a 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?

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



Happy news Miss Hosking has returned as Mrs Preston. Here is a snap from Adelle's special day.



FROM THE LIBRARY

Borrowing from the library has now finished for this year. All books now need to be returned A.S.A.P. Thank you.
Jenny Diery
Library Aide

FROM THE ARTROOM

We have been very lucky in the Art room with a huge collection of trophies being donated by a member of staff with a very sporty, talented family. Only the preps believed that I won them all myself! The children have had fun drawing them, making shadows with them and designing trophies of their own that they would like to win. Thankyou very much for this wonderful donation. Well the end of the school year is nearly here and it's time to send home any amazing artwork that is still here at school. Please ask your child to see it, keep the best bits and maybe take a photo of any that you don't have room for. Don't be too ruthless though because once they are grown up being proudly presented with a piece of their artwork becomes a distant memory. Have a great holiday everyone.



Yvonne McDonald
Art Specialist

GROW AND GOBBLE

Last week we snipped, dug and watered before enjoying our broad bean dip with some biscuits. Each week it is interesting to see the faces that arrive to help at garden club. Some are regulars, while some are now in the middle and senior levels at school and discovering the veggie patch. Some of the children arrive with a wealth of garden knowledge, while some come wanting to know what we do and can they come next week. Guaranteed there are always questions and keenness.

Yesterday we spent time preparing our garden for the school holidays. We are hoping we can return at the start of 2017 with some produce ready to gobble.

Help wanted

Seeking a highly qualified hose holder.

Seriously, our vegetable patch will require a little bit of watering over the holidays. It would entail the last two weeks of the school holidays in January, watering one day a week. If you can offer one week that is great. If you can offer two weeks awesome. Call Deb Biro 52432678 to arrange.

Many thanks (water will stop our plums and nectarines from dropping off)

LIONS CLUB CAKES AND PUDDINGS

We currently have a selections of Lions Club Cakes and Puddings for sale at the office.

Large Cakes \$16.00

Small Cakes \$12.00

Pudding \$12.00

Correct change, cash sales only please.



ADVERTISEMENTS



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- Start or continue your journey towards becoming a Lifesaver.
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For details and enrolment -
<http://janjucsurfclub.com.au/nippers/surf-ed-program/>

OR Call - 5261 2755.



St Albans Football & Netball Club



"The Place to Be"

2017 Junior Registration Day

Sunday 12th Feb @ 10am-1.00pm

Junior Football U9's to U16's

Junior & Youth Girls and Colts U18's

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



Venue: St Albans Recreation Reserve
Boundary Road, East Geelong
Netball Rooms

EFTPOS available.

facebook.com/stalbans.netball
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BACK TO SCHOOL HAIRCUTS SPECIAL OFFER

Jomara Hair Studio

30 Church St, Belmont

Ph 52412445

Preschool \$10

Primary \$10

Secondary \$15

After a break enjoying her family, local Mum Mariesa

is back as owner of Jomara for a second time. She & her staff invite you to visit with us & look forward to helping your whole family look & feel great!

For more information visit jomara.com.au or ph 52412445

Offer available for Jan 1 - Feb 14th 2017 & is for haircut only. Shampoo and or blow wave available as per our usual prices



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. ☺