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BELMONT BULLETIN
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| DATES TO REMEMBER | | | |
|--------------------------|--|---------------|--|
| TODAY | 24TH MARCH | 2.30pm | EARLY FINISH FOR LAST DAY OF TERM |
| Monday | 11th April | 9:00am | First day of Term 2 |
| Mondays | 11th April onwards | 8:45am | Uniform ordering day – Please note change of day. |
| Thursday | 14th April | 7:30pm | Parents Club Meeting |
| Mon - Fri | May 16th – 27th | | 3/4 Swimming program, Leisurelink |

| Student of the week | | |
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| Congratulations to the following students whose efforts, behaviour and attitude have been recognised | | |
| Sophia B | P/H | For amazing Miss Hosking with her reading and always being ready to have a red hot go at everything! |
| Jack C | P/M | For always being ready to learn and tuning in carefully to his teacher. Well done Jack! |
| Sophie N | 1/2C | For being so positive, persistent and resilient while having to complete all activities with a cast! It has been amazing to watch as you have overcome all of the hurdles that a broken arm can bring. |
| Esme L | | For being a very responsible and persistent Grade 1 student! Your hard work is showing through your amazing improvement in reading and counting. Well done! |
| Maddie M | 1/2G | For concentrating really hard on improving her writing and working perfectly this week in 1/2G! Well done Maddie! |
| Emme S | | For improving her handwriting and doing a super job on her writing and drawing of the seasons! Great job Emme! |
| Gemma G | 1/2M | For her outstanding procedural writing on “How to brush your teeth.” Fantastic!! |
| Sam P | 3/4E | For being a super thoughtful and co-operative team mate when participating in our “QR code” scavenger hunt! |
| Micah B | 3/4M | For working super hard to get his work done well, especially his journal writing! What a champion! |
| Cohen W | 3/4T | For a superb presentation of his handwriting when joining. Fantastic work Cohen! |
| Amelie A | 5/6C | For her never ending enthusiasm and love for learning. Amelie, you are a wonderful role model to everyone in 5/6C! |
| Sam T | 5/6L | For working hard to extend and challenge himself when completing Maths tasks. Fantastic effort Sam! |
| Sam J | 5/6M | For setting a good example for others students by consistently being responsible at the swimming pool. |
| Xander C | 5/6P | For producing the most imaginative and cleverly constructed Dreamtime Story movie ‘Out of Day’! You blew us away! |

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Students of the week



Congratulations to our newly elected Junior School Council (JSC)

JSC: Presidents- James W and Anthia B
Secretaries Milly B and Callie B
Treasurers: Charlie C and Hudson L
Office Bearers: Peter E, Harry M and Sagun P.

Our Year 6 Leadership Group received their badges.



New homework guidelines have been released by the Department. Our school will examine these in Term 2 and involve parents in this work.

The Department states that: Schools can support students by-

- fostering lifelong learning and connecting families with the learning of their children, as part of a comprehensive and balanced curriculum within Victorian schools.
- ensuring the school's homework policy is relevant to the needs of students
- advising parents/carers of homework expectations at the beginning of the school year and provide them with a copy of the homework policy.
- encouraging parents/carers of early primary school aged children to read to and with their children for enjoyment.
- ensuring that upper primary and secondary school students use homework diaries to provide a regular communication between parents and the school. Diaries may be electronic.

BYOD / iPad Information Night was held last Thursday night from 7pm for all parents with students in 3/4. Around 35 interested parents attended the night and heard first-hand the extensive work that has been going on behind the scenes in preparation for our launch in Term 2. We have around 70% of parents who have opted in to the program and a further 10% who remain undecided on which device to purchase.

The school owned devices will be used by students whose parents have chosen not to opt into this first intake. At the end of this year parents of students in grade 2 will receive information about the program. Next year the initiative will then stretch from Years 3-5 inclusive and a further year later Years 3-6. No further extension to the program is proposed beyond these year levels.

Last week our 3/4s enjoyed a scavenger hunt with a difference using QR codes to answer questions from

our reading, maths and integrated curriculum from clues hidden around the school.

The activity also provided an opportunity to reinforce safe handling practice when out and about with this portable technology.



Mini Working Bee Our next target is a new long jump pit. I need 2-3 semi-skilled parents / grandparents to put together a new 3 sided pit. All materials, drinks (water), food and encouragement provided. Please contact the office if you can help. Should be a 1-2 hour job at the most. In the off season it will provide an additional sand play area. (Two offers in thanks. Any others?)

Music tuition I apologise for the delay in getting additional classes and sessions up and running. The school calendar and the calendar of our visiting musicians take some time to arrange and align. The school recognises the importance of music but equally is seeking to reduce unnecessary disruption to other programs and classes when putting these timetables in place.

Choir began last Friday 18th March, just the one session before the end of term. We have a starting group of around 18 students but have room for up to 24 students. The cost per term is just \$10 with the school helping to meet some of the overall cost. That's just \$1 a session! This cost should be paid please through normal school fees arrangements.

Guitar group 2 also had just the one lesson before the break but will begin the first Friday back. Guitar students need to remember their guitars and music books. Invoices for this program are sent directly to parents.



Singing has one shared spot at 1.40pm available. At a cost of just \$15 for a twenty minute lesson it represents good value for interested students. Contact the office if you would like to take up this available spot.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Food allergies The school is continuing with individual appointments with parents to discuss plans specifically as they relate to their child. If you have a child with **Anaphylaxis** please contact the office to make an appointment to discuss the specific details and actions needed for your child. We have 7 students who have been identified as anaphylactic. Three appointments have been completed.

Enjoy the rest of your week and the holidays which are upon us. Stay safe and see you back on **Monday 11th of April**.

Regards,
David Houghton Principal ☺

Quote of the week: The time to relax is when you don't have time for it. *Sydney J. Harris*

PARENT HELPERS INFORMATION SESSION

Emma Chivell and Adelle Hosking presented a parent helper program to over 30 Prep and 1/2 parents on Wednesday morning. Parent helpers will begin in the early years in week 2 next term.

At Belmont we are extremely lucky to have the support of so many parents who are able to support school based programs.

GROW AND GOBBLE

We are the lunchtime group of students who enjoy to plant and grow some fruit and vegetables. Ultimately we are seeking the rewards at the end of the grow season.....eating it.

The first question children ask is "Can I help?" followed by "are we picking or eating anything today?"

From the other side it is about having some fun while learning what's involved in growing seeds, nurturing the crop to reap the rewards. We learn about lots of other things along the way.

We meet each Wednesday lunchtime. It is an informal come along, you can stay for a little while or your whole lunchtime. Help this week but not next week. What we do need is a **few adult helpers** to help the children carry out tasks. You might be a horticultural expert, you may want to learn about growing fresh produce or you may be a grandparent who needs to fill in your spare time.

If you think you have 1 hour a month to come along and help some children enjoy time in the garden see the office or call me **Deb Biro** in 52432678.

UNIFORM ORDERS CHANGE OF DAY TO MONDAYS

Starting in **Term 2, Monday 11th April at 8:45am**, uniforms orders will be taken on Monday morning in the staffroom. Orders will no longer be taken on Thursdays.

2015 YEAR BOOKS FOR SALE

A reminder that we have 2015 Year books for sale at the school office for \$10.00.

Please visit the office if you are interested in purchasing one. Thank you ☺

PARENTS CLUB

Our next Parents Club Meeting will be held on April 14th at 7:30pm in the staffroom. We are seeking expressions of interest for President, Vice President and Secretary. All Welcome!

ICY POLE SALES

Icy poles are available for students to buy on **Tuesday** and **Fridays** every week at lunchtime.

Fruit stick 50c
Paddle Pops \$1.00

ADVERTISEMENTS

Discover Grovedale College

CAMPUS TOUR DATES 2016

Parents, prospective students and friends are warmly invited to participate in a tour of Grovedale College.

Scheduled tours occur every **Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30am** during the months of **March, April and May**.

Alternative tour times are available by appointment, please contact the College office on 5245 4545.



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Discover Grovedale College

Information Evening 2016 Wednesday 20th April Activities commence at 6.00pm

Parents, prospective students and friends are warmly invited to attend our Information Evening 2016.

The night begins with displays of students' work and a sausage sizzle at 6.00pm. Guests are invited to tour the College in small conducted groups during this time.

Formal activities commence at 7.00pm with a musical performance followed by an address from the Principal.

Teaching staff and Team Leaders will provide information on Transition Programs, Curriculum Options, the eLearning Program, Musical Opportunities and our Sports Academy Program.

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BUBBLE DANCE TIME

Join us in the library for a bubbly dance party and jump and jive along to your favourite songs. Ages 5+

Wednesday 30 March
Waurm Ponds 10.30-11.30am

BOOK NOW

MOVE IT, SHAKE IT STORIES

Join us for some ambitious storytelling that will have kids on their feet and jumping around. Ages 5+

Wednesday 6 April
Waurm Ponds 10.30-11.30am

BOOK NOW

ANIMAL BEAT

Discover how the animals dance in this wild and adventurous story session. Ages 5+

Thursday 21 March
Belmont 10.30-11.30am

BOOK NOW

ACTIVE ART

No brushes allowed! Get creative in this art session using movement and action to produce brilliant results. Ages 5+

Tuesday 30 March
Belmont 10.30-11.30am

BOOK NOW



MOVIE MANIA

It's a feast of film fun these school holidays. Join us for a movie that is sure to entertain. Monkeys G and PG rated. Ages 8+

Tuesday 30 March
Waurm Ponds 2.30-4.00pm

BOOK NOW

Wednesday 6 April
Waurm Ponds 2.30-4.00pm

TREASURE MAPS FOR THE INTREPID ADVENTURER

Calling all young adventurers! Come along to the library and take part in making your own treasure map and finding some library treasure. Past participants will design and draw a map and take part in a treasure hunt within the library. Ages 5+

Monday 4 April
Waurm Ponds 10.30-11.30am

BOOK NOW

BUILD A BUBBLE

Build a bubble wand, blow a giant bubble and play bubble games with us. Ages 5+

Thursday 7 April
Belmont 10.30-11.30am

BOOK NOW



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All events are FREE unless otherwise specified. Bookings essential. Online www.grlc.vic.gov.au/events. In person at any branch, or phone 4201 0500.

Strive for the Highest
Year 7 2017

Prospective Parents and Students
are invited to attend an

EDUCATION EXPO

Information Evening
Thursday 14th April 2016

WHEN TO COME:

5.00pm – 7.00pm

School Tours

Meet at the flag pole in
Rotherham Street

7.00pm – 7.45pm

Information Session

In the School Gymnasium



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