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BELMONT BULLETIN
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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tomorrow	24 th March		Junior Cross Country
Tue - Fri	21 ST – 31 ST Mar		Grade 5/6 Swimming
Monday	27 th March	9:30am	Parents Cyber Safety Session
Monday	27 th March		Students Cyber Safety Sessions
Tuesday	28 th March	7:00pm	Parents Cyber Safety Session
Friday	31 st March	9:00-2:30	Final Day of Term 1, Early Finish
Thursday	20 th April	7.30pm	Parent Club Meeting in staffroom
Friday	9 th June		Report Writing Day, No students required at school
Mon-Wed	14 th - 16 th Aug		5/6 School Camp
Wed-Fri	13 th – 15 th Sept		3/4 School Camp

Student of the week

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

Lucas D	Prep H	For being a reading super star and using the first letter of words to help him solve tricky words.
Jacob S	Prep P	For being so courageous and having a red hot go during writing time! You wrote beautiful sentences about the two fish! Well done!
Charlie S		For being so courageous and reading his new reader all by himself. You knocked the socks off Mrs Preston—what a superstar!
Wilbur E	1/2C	For consistently having a positive attitude towards all maths tasks and taking on challenges willingly.
Amelia H	1/2G	For always being a reliable monitor and helpful class member in 1/2 G. Great job Amelia!
Faith L	1/2J	For working super hard to complete her Graphing Flip book! Well done on being a neat and accurate Mathematician! Keep it up!
Miller A	3/4E	For displaying a mature attitude towards all learning tasks, taking pride in his work and putting in his very best effort. Keep up the outstanding work Miller!
Jed M	3/4T	For always inventing super-creative diagrams and ideas for work pieces that are original and filled with fun! I can't wait to see what else you can create this year Jed!

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT 2017



Students of the week

Sad news On behalf of the Belmont PS community we would like to extend our sincere condolences to the Renick family on the sad passing of Vicki Renick who had been battling cancer. Vicki was a past Assistant Principal of Oberon Sth Primary School and in more recent years Principal of Grovedale P.S, Regional Network Leader in Barwon South Western Region and a consultant who worked in many schools through the Bastow Institute.

Over many years, Vicki guided the learning of countless students, built the skills of both graduate and experienced teachers and worked alongside school leadership teams to enhance the ability of schools to nurture the learning environment for all students and their families.

Junior Cross Country

This is a first for Belmont and the weather looks like it will be in our favour. The run is **within the school** boundary and is much shorter in length.

Approximate Running times

9:10 am – All students on oval for briefing of races and where they are able to sit and watch

9:20 am – **Prep** boys start followed by Prep Girls (2 Laps)

9:30 am – **Grade 1** boys start followed by Grade 1 girls (3 laps)

9:50 am – **Grade 2** boys start followed by Grade 2 girls (4 laps)

10:10 – awards given to top 3 students in each year level and age group

Great News – Walkathon update

Total raised so far \$4800. Reminder to all parents, all sponsorship money needs to be finalised by tomorrow please.



School Council 2017

Last night our new School Council met for the first time.

I would like to congratulate our new Office Bearers who were elected to the following positions:

School Council President: Jo Manderson
School Vice President: Anna Murray
Treasurer: Kristy Southon
Secretary: Merran Stewart

Council Members: Adelle Preston, Phoebe Gowers, Lucinda Eales, Tim Abetz, Nathan Boseley, Aaron Garrett, Rebekah Hughes and myself.

Topics discussed last night included:

- Sub-Committees of Council
- Investment changes
- Confidentiality
- School Grant \$107,000
- Play-pod project
- School Facebook and our aim for this to be a positive and constructive space. (Parent run)

FREE Dental Service

This Federally funded scheme is a wonderful opportunity for our school to get on board with this initiative to improve the health of our students teeth.

Students whose parents receive **Family Tax benefit A** can receive this service right here at school in a Dental Van that is set up on-site and run by qualified dentists and technicians.

A typical visit will provide students with a check up, teeth clean, fissure sealing (where appropriate), fluoride treatment and treatment record detailing any recommended follow up to all parents.

Small fillings may be completed (no needles) if found, but no major work will be done during these school based visits.

Students receive between \$180-\$360 dollars of dental preventative work at no cost. There is no gap for parents to pay.

If you have not sent back your expression of interest it is not too late. Write a note in your child's diary or call the office on 52432972 soon.

Students will enjoy their time and leave the van with a toothbrush and pencil case. I encourage all families who qualify to get on board with this one. Likely visit will be **NEXT TERM**. We must achieve the minimum of 50 students first.

Our 3/4 Team hard at work posing as 'super models' for a budding student photographer



Spelling at Belmont PS. The school is streamlining and creating a more purposeful approach to learning spelling here at Belmont PS. Parents have become familiar with take home spelling words and for our early years this focus will not change. We will be adopting a very successful approach which has been extensively used at Prep level with the small set of high frequency words sent home until they can accurately be read and spelt before another set are issued. Further information and updates will be released in Term 2.

The effective learning of Spelling is a regular inclusion in all of our classrooms and is supported with our school wide program called Soundwaves. Soundwaves is based on the phonemic approach, which is recognised as one of the most effective ways to teach spelling and reading skills. (**Phoneme:** A **phoneme** is the basic unit of sound in a word. **Phonemic** Awareness relates to the working knowledge of the individual **phonemes** that form words, including the ability to segment words into their component sounds.)

Feedback

Attached to this weeks newsletter is an opportunity for parents to provide us with some feedback. Belmont PS values parent feedback and has routinely collected feedback from parents 2-3 times each year and also more formally using the Parent Opinion Survey tool.

If you would like to provide some feedback please complete the form and return it with your child(ren) to their class or the office. I will provide parents with some of the results next term.

Last year here were a few that we were able to act upon or put in planning. Of course not all feedback can be acted upon.

Like to see more of/ suggest

- Maintenance to school oval ✓ (more planned for this year)
- Gates locked during school hours ✓ (more work planned in this area)
- More dress up days – eg. Book week ✓
- Better communication for parents who are unable to attend school council or parent club. It seems lots of information is shared here but not clearly explained to others. ✓
- More covered areas around 3/4 classrooms. (In planning) ✓
- Fixing the drinking taps so that they turn off properly. ✓ (Half replaced so far)

Recently the **MySchool** website was updated with 2016 school data. Our NAPLAN data is one of the key data sets the Department use as part of this site. Within the site, the school can be compared to 'like schools' with similar demographics to our own. (Demographics- school size, Parent background, ESL background, location)

Our results continue to be very good reflecting in part, the success our students are achieving in many areas.

Shown here are just two of the available comparisons that can be accessed through the site.

The darkest dot represents where our school sits in comparison to like schools. In these examples I have chosen Reading for both Year 3 and 5.



If a cursor is held over a dot parents can see which school is represented and the actual result (numerical) achieved in 2016 NAPLAN test for that subject area. <https://myschool.edu.au>

PLAYPOD

WANTED a parent contact for a Crane and operator for a 2.3 tonne lift and a Franna. (smaller crane for transport)



ITALIAN ROOM

TERM 2: FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD CIBO GLORIOSO CIBO

During Term 2 in Italian I would like to have a focus on food. I would like to set up a gelato shop, a super market and a restaurant. In all these situations we would be using Italian greetings, menus, likes and dislikes, numbers – in regards to money, and of course FOOD.

If anyone has anything that we could use please don't hesitate to see me. I was thinking the plastic fruit that we could label. Any Italian tea towels or tablecloths would be greatly appreciated..

Lascia mangiare- let's eat.



Ciao, Signore Rose

FROM THE ART ROOM

PREPS

This week we discussed What is a pattern? We played around with Pom poms, gum nuts and other bits and pieces and came to the conclusion that a pattern is something that is the same again and again, it is repeated. Each child used objects from our trinket trays to make their own patterns. They then drew their patterns using texas and when finished sang them to the class with others using musical instruments to keep the beat.

GRADES ONE/TWO

We combined art and science this week to make Clucking Roosters using paper cups and wool. A piece of damp sponge is tugged down the wool and as it vibrates a wonderful clucking sound is made. The shape of the paper cup amplifies the sound. We added eyes, combs, beaks etc to make very cool looking roosters.

GRADES THREE/FOUR

Eric Carle ..born 25 June 1929

Eric Carle is an American designer, illustrator and writer of children's books. He is most famous for The Very Hungry Caterpillar, a picture book written in 1969 which has been translated into more than 62 languages. His artwork is created with a collage technique using hand painted papers which he cuts and layers to form bright and colourful images. The children began cutting and pasting the painted papers that they created last week into colourful designs of their own and I think Eric Carle would be proud of them.

GRADES FIVE/SIX

This session was spent playing around with coloured printed handprints that the students then added to, to create an animal, bird or object of their choice.

Yvonne McDonald

Art Specialist



PARENTS CLUB

The purpose of the BPS Parents Club is to:

- Contribute to the wellbeing of the school community
- Encourage the participation of all parents in the life of the school and the education of their children

- Provide opportunities for parents to get to know each other and to be informed about their child's school
- Work in cooperation with the School Council
- Assist with fundraising activities

Our goal is to provide a variety of opportunities for parents to be involved in this awesome school!

HOT CROSS BUN FUNDRAISER

A huge thank you to all families who have supported this fundraising activity! Thanks to Meagan Smith and Kathy Newton for collating everyone's orders...229 x 6 packs of delicious Bakers Delight Hot Cross Buns, which is a profit of **\$572.50** for Belmont Primary School!

Orders will be available for collection from the Staffroom between 2.30pm and 3.30pm on Thursday 30 March, unless other arrangements have been made.

FAMILY DINNER

Wednesday 29 March – 5.30pm onwards
Belmont Hotel

1 free kid's meal for each adult meal purchased. We'll need to book a table, so please RSVP by Friday 24 March to Rebekah on 0438 316 240 or belmontpsparentsclub@gmail.com

PARENTS CLUB MEETING

Thursday 20 April – 7.30pm in the Staffroom

At this meeting, we'll be confirming the President, Vice President and Secretary positions for the year ahead. But please don't let that put you off, there will be absolutely no pressure to commit to anything you don't want to do! We'll also be finalising the arrangements for the Mother's Day Stall so it will be a fun night!

SOCIAL NIGHT

Friday 21 April – 7.30pm onwards

Belmont Hotel

Join us for a drink to celebrate surviving the first week of Term 2!

DID YOU KNOW...

Supatramp now offer fundraising opportunities? The cost is \$25 per person for 2 hours of jumping and climbing fun (inc grip socks) with \$10 of this being donated back to Belmont Primary School. We are proposing to run this on a Monday evening from 5.30pm to 7.30pm in June. Keep an eye on the 'Belmont Primary School Parents Group' Facebook page for a poll we'll be running to see if it's worth going ahead.

BPS Parents Club is for you...if you have any ideas, suggestions or feedback, we'd love to hear from you! You can contact us at belmontpsparentsclub@gmail.com or call Rebekah on 0438 316 240. Alternatively, you are welcome to provide any feedback directly to David Houghton.

Have a fantastic week,
Rebekah Hughes
BPS Parents Club

Grade 3/4 Mythbusters Documentary

Parents of Grade 3/4 students please don't forget to return the bottom of the Mythbusters episode form only if you **DO NOT** wish for your child to watch the episode on Wednesday March 29th.
Thanks 3/4 Team.

ADVERTISEMENTS



Messy Church at St Stephens

St Stephens has been doing Messy Church as a part of our Sunday morning worship.

We are now moving

Messy Church to 4.00 pm on the 3rd Friday of each month and would like to invite you to join us.

Messy Church is primarily for people who don't already belong to another form of church

Messy Church is a way of being church for children and adults involving fun

Messy Church models and promotes good ways of growing as a family: a nuclear family, an extended family, and a global and local church family

Messy Church includes craft, bible stories, singing, prayer and food, to help people encounter Jesus in faith

Messy Church values are about Christianity, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration
We will provide healthy light refreshments as people arrive from school and a simple meal to finish our time together.

For more information about Messy Church
<http://www.messychurch.org.uk/> or call Revd Tim 5243 2557

Karen Feldman's Dance Studio

ENROLMENTS FOR 2017

DANCE CLASSES – BELMONT / HIGHTON

Mixed Style Dance Classes (Jazz, Hip Hop, Contemporary)

BELMONT STUDIO

Belmont Park Pavilion, Cnr High St and Barrabool Rd, Belmont

Tinies	Mondays 4:00pm – 4:45pm	5 – 6
years Juniors	Mondays 4:45pm – 5:30pm	7 – 8 years
Inters		Mondays
5:30pm – 6:15pm	9 – 11 years	

HIGHTON STUDIO

Highton Scout Hall, Barrabool Rd, Highton

Tinies	Thursdays: 4:30pm – 5:15pm	5 – 6 years
Juniors	Thursdays: 5:30pm – 6:15pm	7 – 8 years
Seniors	Thursdays: 7:15pm – 8:00pm	12 – 18 years

CLASS PRICES: \$10 (pay per week). 10% sibling discount applies.

Karen Feldman's Dance Studio encompasses 10 studios across the Geelong region. We also offer R.A.D. Syllabus Ballet Classes for Adults & Children and boys break dancing classes.

Contact Karen: (03) 5276 1357 or 0432 493 527.

Email: feldmans@ncable.net.au

www.karenfeldmansdancestudio.com



Suncorp NetSetGO Gala Day

Saturday 1 April 2017

10.00am – 12noon

Kardinia Park Netball Complex,
South Geelong



NetSetGO Gala Day is open to all current NetSetGO members along with anyone interested in giving it a go.

Participants aged 5 – 10 years are welcome to attend.

FREE Registration online: <http://bit.do/dg1tct>

Contact: Mel Taylor 0439 331 699 / melanie.taylor@netballvic.com.au



It's Chilwell Fair time at Chilwell Primary School -

Friday 24th March.

Lots of food stalls, Silent Auctions, Music, Wine, Rides for the kids and fun!

Come for dinner from 4 pm. till 9 pm. and bring all the family.