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BELMONT BULLETIN
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DATES TO REMEMBER			
Mondays	11th April onwards	8:45am	Uniform ordering day – Please note change of day.
TONIGHT	14th April	7:30pm	Parents Club Meeting.
Wednesday	20th April	9:30-11:00	School Cross Country.
Monday	25th April		Anzac Day Public Holiday, no students required at school.
Monday	2nd May		Grade 1/2 Melbourne Museum Excursion.
Tues - Thurs	10th – 12th May		NAPLAN testing.
Mon - Fri	16th – 27th May		Grade 3/4 Swimming program, Leisurelink
Wed – Fri	1st – 3rd June		Grade 5/6 Bluelight Youth Camp.
Friday	10th June		Report Writing Day, no students required at school.
Monday	13th June		Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday, no students required at school.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Holidays I trust all families have had an enjoyable break. I managed to head over to New Zealand for a week or so and enjoy some spectacular scenery and weather. Our school remained safe with no significant damage or graffiti evident. The new Mod 5, which houses two of our Junior grades, had a faulty AC unit replaced. This work is now completed ready to keep our students warm as Winter approaches and cool when Summer returns.



Our **Senior Leaders** are now all in place with a final House Captain badge presented this week to Jacob I.



Badges for our newly elected **Junior School Council** have been ordered and will be presented at a Monday assembly as soon as they arrive.

BYOD Bring Your Own Device launch was this week. Around 75% of our students from years 3 & 4 have bought their own device to school this week and our remaining students will have access to our best available school iPad fleet which has been positioned in this area (and also across several other grade areas).



There has been an enormous amount of work behind the scenes to ensure that the planning is now in place for this program.

The school has spent many thousands of dollars upgrading our infrastructure which benefits all student and staff users. We have visited multiple school settings and examined their approaches and ‘set ups’. We have developed whole school plans and a number of policies which will help keep our students safe on-line and our devices in good order.

I am confident that we have made our best efforts to ensure early and continued success for this initiative. It is important our students are ‘future prepared’ and engage with technologies which will increasingly be used in all parts of their lives. We believe student engagement and learning will be enhanced by the use of these technologies and many associated applications and the opportunities technology provides.

Staff are working to ensure any differences between students who have their own devices or are using school devices are minimised wherever possible.

2016- Years 3/4 Program begins
2017- Years 3/4/5 Program continues
2018- Years 3/4/5/6 Program expansion complete.

Next year our current Year 4s will enter the Senior area of the school with iPads. Current Year 2 students will be invited to take part in the BYOD program later this year for a Term 1, 2017 start.

New Spelling approach launch previously detailed in earlier additions of our newsletter.

Grade/area approaches in brief.

Prep Preps will each receive three spelling words a week which will be sent home in student spelling books. They will be high frequency words that will support our Preps reading and writing. Students who are still consolidating their letter-sound knowledge may have sounds to learn instead of these words. Students will be tested twice a term.

1/2 The children will be given five Spelling words to work with over the week. They will be words that we have identified from our testing as needing practise and specific to your child. We will not be doing weekly tests with these words but will be testing twice a term.

3/4 In the 3/4 Area, students will be given ten words: 5 words from their current level of the Belmont Spelling Words as well as 5 words with a specific sound focus, a specific spelling strategy focus, incorrect words taken from their books, or topic words. Students will then be tested on these words twice a term.

5/6 In the 5/6 Area students will be given ten words: 6 words from their level of the Belmont Spelling Words as well as 4 of their own personal words from their workbooks. Student's will then be tested on these words twice a term .

School Cross Country will be held next Wednesday from approximately 9:30-11.00am

- 8,9, 10 year old boys and girls first, then 11 year olds, and finally 12/13 year olds.

It is important for any of our students who have asthma to consider their needs on the day. Some asthmatics should pre-medicate prior to exercise of this kind. If parents unsure I recommend they check their asthma plans with their doctors.

IMPORTANT : 2017 Enrolment The school has begun to take enrolments for Prep 2017. Parents who have children or siblings who will begin next year (turn 5 by April 30th) should make contact with the office as soon as possible. Thanks.

Feedback Thank-you to the 12 families so far who have been able to provide some feedback. I will publish some of this feedback over the next few weeks

and address where possible. If you wish to provide feedback it is not too late.

Congratulations to Skye A who raised \$180 for the recent Worlds Greatest Shave.

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.

Regards,
David Houghton Principal ☺

FROM THE ART ROOM

Welcome to Term Two! The children have come back from their holidays rested, happy and ready to create.GRADES FIVE / SIX We headed off to Paris this week (I wish) to the shop of Claude Jentet, a very creative lady who makes amazing animals from corrugated cardboard. Her shop is called Atelier du Pelican and you can find her at 10 rue du Pelican 75001 Paris. We have begun making a monkey using instructions from her book " Cardboard Creatures". When finished the children will then use techniques learnt from this to create animals of their own choosing. The ideas are flowing already.GRADES THREE / FOUR These students also went to Paris. We checked out the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe and then stayed at the Notre Dame Cathedral for a closer look. We are working on drawings of the front of the building which will include a colourful rose window made from coloured scratch paper. If you have access to a DVD of The Hunchback of Notre Dame, now would be a great time for them to watch it because it will show much of the building that we are drawing.I would suggest the DISNEY version however which is much child friendly than earlier versions.GRADES ONE /TWO Dendrochronology --- This amazingly long word means the dating and study of annual rings in trees. Dendros - using trees : the growth rings of trees. Chronos - time : events and processes in the past. Ology - the study of.We had a good look at the growth rings on two tree stumps and learnt how you can tell the age of a tree by counting them. We also learnt that evenly spaced rings means that the tree is happy and growing well. But, if some rings are very close it means that something happened in those years to affect it's growth - drought, overcrowding, bush fires etc.What has this got to do with art? CIRCLES! And in particular concentric circles. After our investigations and discussions the children used oil pastels to draw the growth rings of their own tree and to state it's age. They look fantastic.

PREPS Leaves. We looked at, handled and smelt a variety of leaves and classified them into groups according to shape, colour, texture, smell and so on. Next we used hole punches to make holes in them ready to thread into interesting perfumed necklaces. Using the hole punches and threading is good fine motor coordination practice and the leaves provide a wonderful way to look at colour and shape.

Yvonne McDonald
Art Specialist

WALK ON WEDNESDAY

The House Captains and Vice Captains have been collecting data each week to tally the number of active travellers in each grade and in the whole school. The class data is used to award the Golden Shoe trophy at assembly each week. The whole school data is submitted to the HandsUp Survey run by the Bicycle Network and enables us to keep a record of results over the months and years and has also resulted in us winning significant prizes for our active travel rates. We have set a target of 70% of all children travelling actively to school each Wednesday (and hopefully every day) and so far we have met this target every week. This means that our children are getting more exercise than the average Australian child and we have fewer cars around our school making it safer for everyone.

Winners of the Golden Shoe for the last 3 weeks of term were 5/6P, 3/4M and 5/6P again. This week's winners will be presented on Monday with the Golden Shoe Trophy and a small Golden Shoe to display in their room. To be included as an active traveller children can walk all the way or part way (that's at least a block or 2, not just from the car to the gate), ride, scoot or skate.

Good luck next week everyone and enjoy the walk or ride.

ANZAC DAY WRISTBANDS

Anzac Day wristbands will be for sale for \$1.00 starting tomorrow. All proceeds to go to the Geelong RSL.

UNIFORM ORDERS CHANGE OF DAY TO MONDAYS

Starting in **Term 2**, uniform orders will be taken on Monday morning in the staffroom. Orders will no longer be taken on Thursdays.

BOOK CLUB

A reminder that Book Club is due on **Friday 22nd April at 9.00am.**

Thanks,
Michelle & Jo

2015 YEAR BOOKS FOR SALE

A reminder that we have 2015 Year books for sale at the school office for \$10.00. Just a few left. Please visit the office if you are interested in purchasing one. Thank you ☺

PARENTS CLUB

Our next Parents Club Meeting will be held tonight, 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

LOST

A **set of keys** have been lost somewhere between Belmont Primary School and Westpac Bank in Belmont. The keys are on a chain with a Toyota car key also attached. Please if found return to the school office.

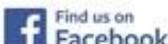
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CAMPUS TOUR DATES 2016

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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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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