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**BELMONT BULLETIN**  
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DATES TO REMEMBER			
Tomorrow	31 <sup>st</sup> August		Gymnastics Program for Grades Three to Six
Tues - Fri	4 <sup>th</sup> Sep – 7 <sup>th</sup> Sep		Scholastic Book Fair
Tuesday	4 <sup>th</sup> September		Book Week/Fair Dress Up Day
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup> September		Grade 3/4 Excursion to Geelong Basketball & Netball Centre
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup> September	7:30pm	Parents Club Meeting at the Belmont Hotel
Wednesday	19 <sup>th</sup> September	7:00pm	School Council Meeting
Friday	21 <sup>st</sup> September	9:00 am – 2:30pm	Last day of term 3, early finish
Tues - Fri	9 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct		Prep Swimming Program
Wed – Fri	17 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct		Grade 3/4 Anglesea Camp
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup> Nov – TERM 4		School Curriculum Day – No students are required to attend school on this day
Wednesday	19 <sup>th</sup> December	6:00pm-8:30pm	Grade 6 Graduation Night

Student of the week		
Congratulations to the following students whose efforts, behaviour and attitude have been recognised		
Max D	Prep G	For his outstanding work all week with his reading and writing. You worked so hard at sounding out words carefully and using finger spaces. What a super star!
Zoe F	Prep P	For her amazing Show & Share talking about healthy and unhealthy foods. Zoe you did a great job involving the class - you would be a wonderful teacher!
Jacob S	1/2 C	For an excellent beginning to our persuasive unit of writing. Well done Jacob for listening to and applying the tips.
Juniper L	1/2 E	For the excellent effort she has put into creating her persuasive writing piece. Your writing continues to improve each and every day. Keep up the great work!
Michaela H	3/4 E	For displaying fantastic organisational skills and working hard to complete all homework and classroom tasks on time. Well done Michaela!
Lily Stewart	3/4 L	What a hard worker you are Lily! You have been doing an amazing job with converting improper and mixed fractions. Keep up the great work Lily!
Mackenzie W	3/4 M	For her phenomenal work with fractions all week. Equivalent, Improper, Mixed, Converting, and Adding..you name it, she can do it! You're half genius, half super star Mackenzie!
Charlie L	5/6 K	For her positive attitude towards school. You always come to class with a smile and are ready to learn. Well Done Charlie!
Martha H	5/6 L	For being a responsible and helpful member of our class who always tries her best in all learning tasks. Great work Martha!
Luke C	PE	For his 100% effort consistently each class and his super dance skills!
Flynn S	ITALIAN	For always being prepared to have a go at answering questions in Italian class.

**PRINCIPALS REPORT**

**Students of the Week**



**Book Week** The school recognised Book Week last week with a visiting Children's Author Rosemary Selkirk.



Rosemary captured the attention of our youngest students as they enjoyed listening to the story she had written about imagination. Students joined in some role play before completing their own monster creations.



If parents still wish to view this. Select Preview from

the menu  where you will find a page turning copy of the book on the website

[www.psycheperspectives.com.au](http://www.psycheperspectives.com.au).

Rosemary was kind enough to write in and sign each of the copies we purchased for the school.

Our thanks also to Dale Baker another Children's author who donated a hard copy of his book Arty Farty Marty a clever story about a 10 metre tall Octopus who likes to paint and surf. A parent kindly arranged this for the school.

**NAPLAN** The school is expecting Parent reports this week for most of our Year 3 and 5 students. These will be distributed through our office next week. If parents are unable to drop in later next week to collect the reports we can mail them out. Please let us know if this is your preference through your child's diary. The school will not routinely send home these reports with students as we have had incidents where they have been lost or damaged in transit.

**Clapping Sticks** These are the large poles that are against our fence line currently that many families would not know the history of as they were first erected 20 years ago. One of our parents explored this for the school and this may be of interest. Here's what was found out...

Clapping Sticks sculpture was erected in the spirit of reconciliation.

- Clapping sticks are the most important musical instrument of the Victorian Aboriginal People
- They're usually made from various species of Sheoaks - grown locally in the area
- In **1998** BPS received a grant for \$3,000 to employ an 'Artist in Residence' - funded by The Victorian Arts Council and the Vic. Education Dept.
- Local Artist - Victor Cebergs (who has many sculptures in and around Geelong) was the nominated artist in residence.
- During his time it was decided that he would sculpt a pair of giant clapping sticks combined with a ladder-like structure as a symbol of reconciliation
- The sculpture was sponsored by various local businesses and organisations. e.g. Telstra donated the wooden poles which Cebergs used to carve with a chainsaw.
- The installation was landscaped with donations from Flintstones and others
- The unveiling ceremony took place on 19th June 1998

This file comes from the Alfred Deakin Prime-ministerial Library within the Special Collections repository at Deakin University - **the author - Louis N. Lane** was a local archaeologist and anthropologist who provided the historical background for Cebergs & the school.

**COMPASS** Recently we sent out letters to all parents asking you to please check and/or update the details we hold for you. **We have had a great response thanks. If you haven't had a chance to return these please do so as soon as possible.** It's not too late.



**Website update** We have begun to rebuild our website this week having purchased a new theme which we hope parents and visitors alike will find easy to navigate and find information about the school. It will take time to rebuild and equally to ensure the site remains secure. We will be happy to receive your feedback as we go but for now it has just begun.

### Eisselor Foundation Vision Screening

This group returned last Monday for a second day of screening. Our Preps and some Year 3s were involved in the 45 minute testing.

It continues to be of some surprise the numbers of screened children that receive a recommendation to have further testing done.

30% or around 1 in 3 students have received a recommendation for a follow up screening.

I strongly encourage parents who receive this recommendation to do this. In some cases it may be a minor issue, which can then be monitored over time or in some cases some intervention may need to occur.

8% of boys or 1 in 10 are colour blind. This would suggest that in every grade we could expect to find one boy with this condition.

Eye testing for children is available at no cost to parents where it is bulk billed. We are very thankful to the Essilor Vision Foundation for their support and we are hopeful of their return in March 2019.



### Parent Opinion Survey

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents and CLOSES this Sunday.

Approximately 30 per cent of parents (90) have been invited to participate in this year's survey. **So far we have had 45 (last week 28) responses. Our minimum response rate to achieve reliable data is 43 respondents. We are very appreciative of parents helping us to achieve this target.** 😊

**Science at Assembly** last Friday we had a 'special guest' or two modelling how fast our hair grows. It is estimated for most it is around 15 cms per year. Two years growth modelled here. Students were reminded keeping healthy hair means washing, brushing and sometimes cutting. Some don't need to do this often.



#### Hair Jokes of the week

What do you call a policeman with blonde hair ? **A fair cop !**

How does the moon cut his hair?  
**Eclipse it!**

There are three ways a man wears his hair – **Parted- unparted or departed**

*Enjoy the rest of your week and a very happy Fathers Day to our dads or special others.*

Regards

**David Houghton (Principal)**

### BPS SPELLING FOCUS

**Weekly Sound:** or as in horse

**Word Study:** Prefixes

Prefixes are added to the beginning of words to form new words. Some common prefixes and their meanings are:

dis = not Eg. disagree.

im = not Eg. impossible

re = again. Eg. reread

un = not. Eg. unhappy.

**Home Activity:** Using the prefixes listed above, see how many different words you can think of that begin with that prefix. How many words can you think of?

### FROM THE ART ROOM

Lessons this week ....

Grades 5/6 Blue Picasso Guitar paintings.

Grades 3/4 Totem Poles.

Grades 1/2 Float your boat.

Preps. What can you do with a piece of paper?

Please ask your children about these lessons if you get a chance and let them explain what we've been doing. I'll include more details next week but for today I'm including photos of our lovely preps building dog kennels for Snoopy.

**Yvonne McDonald**

Art Specialist



### PARENTS CLUB

The next social night for Belmont Primary Parents is on Friday the 14th September at the Belmont Hotel from 7:30pm. Everybody is welcome.

### BOOK CLUB

Book Club orders are due 9am Thursday 6th September please. Did you know that you can easily order and pay online? Just go to [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or download the app. You can preview books and, once you've registered, you will also be eligible for special offers throughout the year. Happy reading! Jo.



## BELMONT BOOK FAIR 4<sup>TH</sup> – 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER



At this years Book Fair there will be a fabulous selection of books available to purchase at very reasonable prices and each purchase will help to build and refresh our library and guided reading texts.

Each student will visit the fair with their classroom teachers to see what is available and write their wish list. Then parents can purchase books in the allocated times below.

Tuesday 3:30 – 4:30

Wednesday & Thursday 8:40 – 9:15 & 3:30 – 4:30

Friday 8:40 – 9:45

Happy reading.

## ADVERTISEMENTS

### Juniors' Registration



**Thursday, September 6**  
5pm to 6.30pm

**Come to King Lloyd Reserve to sign  
up for Season 2018-19**

Murghe is a terrific family club located in the heart of Geelong beside the Barwon River in Newtown.



#### Registration fees

- Woolworths Junior Blasters (Thursday night session): \$75 includes Cricket Australia pack
- Under 11s & Under 13s (Wednesday night training): \$50
- Under 15s (Wednesday night training): \$75
- Under 17s (Tuesday & Thursday night training): \$75

If you have any questions, please contact our Junior Coordinator Chris Hocking  
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