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**BELMONT BULLETIN**  
**NO.31 11<sup>TH</sup> October, 2018**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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
Mon – Fri	22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov		Grade 1/2 Swimming Program
Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup> October		Geelong Cup Public Holiday – No Students at school
Friday	9 <sup>th</sup> November	4:30pm – 8:30pm	School Vintage Fair
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup> Nov – TERM 4	School Review	School Curriculum Day 1 – No students at school
Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup> December	School Review	School Curriculum Day 2 – No students at school
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**

Elsa C	Prep G	For writing a great holiday wish list making sure to use capital letters and full stops! What a super star!
Maia B	Prep P	For her brilliant work during Maths this week, you used tally marks perfectly to count your dice rolls. Way to go!
Gina Y	1/2 C	For setting herself a goal before publishing her autobiography and achieving that goal with flying colours. Well done Gina, you should be proud of your consistent enthusiasm towards your learning.
Milla M	1/2 E	For working super hard during writing lessons to up-level her writing and make it even better. You have done such a wonderful job Milla. Keep up the great work!
Oliver B	1/2 M	For making such a huge effort to present his 'Back In The Day' speech clearly and confidently. Your cue cards highlight your preparation and practise. Well Done Oliver!
Tyler W	3/4 E	For a super week in both the classroom and the schoolyard. You showed great cooperation skills and worked and played fairly with all of your peers. Well done!
Lauren H	3/4 L	Lauren you have had such an amazing Term 3! You're so dedicated to your learning, and always willing to try new things. I was especially proud of the effort you put in to your Dolphin poem, and how you beautifully presented it. You're a poet and you didn't even know it, great stuff Lauren!
Remi G	3/4 M	For returning to school after a fabulous holiday and being so adaptable to having a new teacher!
Sarah D	5/6 K	For her hard work this week during all class activities. You worked hard on your project and when working on your Inanimate Alice story. Keep up the great work next term Sarah!
Cordelia L	5/6 L	For being a fantastic team member while completing project work. Well done for working co-operatively and contributing positively to your group.

**PRINCIPALS REPORT**

**Students of the week**



**Great News**

We congratulate Temae Mc Cormack and husband Jack on the safe but early arrival of Grace born 7lb 2oz or 3.25 kgs.  
 Mum and baby both doing very well.



## **VINTAGE FAIR November 9<sup>th</sup> 4.30pm**

How did you go with the...

### **HOLIDAY FAMILY SCAVENGER HUNT**

This hunt will help us enormously in our early preparations for our Vintage Fair **4 weeks and 1 day** from now.

Please help us where you can.

**Our Vintage Fair** planning is continuing and I thank our small team of parents who are helping out. We are seeking all our parents help however in preparing for this large school based event.

In particular we need entertainment items (perhaps you know an individual or group), **Silent Auction items** and some further scavenger hunt items in nail polish and canned soft drinks.

### **Buildings and Grounds news**



We have managed to complete some further improvements and repairs over the School holiday period. This has included:

- New asphalt markings for Bike Education and freshen up main BB Court and four square courts.
- Asphalt repairs to remove several tripping hazards and some preventative work.
- Painting of main windows on our oldest Administration building.
- Installation of a protective cage for upgraded gas main.
- Coring and fertilising of our oval.
- Arrival of new seating. Not yet installed.



### **WEBEX SMART BOARD**

Just before the break we saw the arrival of a new WEBEX CISCO smart board. This board is being installed in all Government Primary Schools and will increase our schools capacity to connect and interact with others live in multiple ways and help us build skills students will need to thrive in a digital economy and emerging career paths in later years. The device allows for messaging, file sharing, virtual conferencing and whiteboarding.



**Chinese School** In 2019 Belmont Primary School will be building a new relationship with a Chinese Community School, which will operate on school premises on Sundays. This school currently has over 70 students and will lease a number of our class spaces. Apart from a small financial gain for the school, we see the school being able to benefit in other ways as this relationship builds over time. Staff and School Council have voted in favour of this new venture. Several meetings have already occurred in the lead up to this decision. The Chinese School is

currently operating out of Diversitat in Norlane but began here in Belmont at the South Barwon Community Centre in Mt Pleasant Road when it was just beginning. We look forward to the benefits we believe will stem from this new partnership and undertaking.



### Important notice:

A child in our school is currently receiving treatment with medications that lower their ability to fight infection. This applies particularly to viral infections such as measles, chickenpox and shingles, which could result in serious illness.

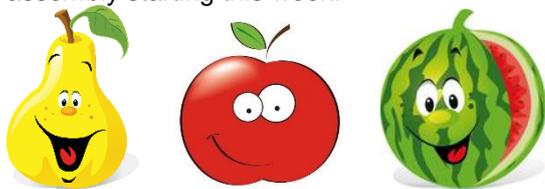
We ask parents to please inform the school immediately should your child develop any of these infections, or if he/she has definite contact with these infections.

A special protective injection is available to the child receiving treatment and needs to be given as soon as possible after exposure to these infections. Your child is at no risk whatsoever from this situation however, the health and well being of this child depends on our school communities help and co-operation in this matter. Thanks.

**Out of Hours School Care** We are interested in your feedback for this service which operates at the school each morning and afternoon.

We will create a Survey monkey **soon** and place this link on Compass and in our newsletter in coming weeks. We hope to gain some insights into what is working well for you and your family and what might be areas for improvement.

**Fruit Friday** will return this term. It may prove a little tricky being at the same time as our school assembly. We hope that a few parents will be able to stay on and help us out immediately after our regular Friday school assembly starting this week.



## Welcome to Compass

A guide for parents and families

**Compass Parent portal is now open** to parents.

Parents are now able to:

- View latest school news
- View newsletters
- View attendance and Semester reports (2017/18)
- Notify us of absences.

- Update personal details at any time
- Other functions will become available overtime.

If you are having any difficulties accessing the portal please let us know. We will offer a chance for parents to learn more about the site here at school early this term. This will be a great opportunity for any parent who has not yet managed to access the site.

**Website update** We are continuing to rebuild our website having purchased a new theme which we hope parents 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. Visit us at: <http://www.belmontps.vic.edu.au/>

**Tongue twisters** are a fun and effective way to promote a child's language development and will be a small feature of our newsletters this term replacing jokes of the week.

### ***Tongue Twister of the week***

'The peppy puppy the prince presented to the princess produced piles of poop in the palace.'

Regards

**David Houghton (Principal)**



### **Same-Day Notification of Unexplained Student Absences**

Department of Education guidelines for school attendance now specify that government schools must contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same-day of an unexplained student absence.

The same-day requirement supports the safety and wellbeing of all students. Schools need to know when and why a student is absent and parents/carers need to know if their child is not at school.

Parents and carers have an obligation to notify the school as soon as possible **on the day of absence** using the school's preferred method.

This will require us making some changes at Belmont Primary School about how and when parents communicate student absences to the school.

Within the next week or so, our school will be using the compass management system to notify parents **on the same day** either via email or sms when a student is absent from school and the school has not been notified by the parent or carer. This communication will

then allow parents to contact the school and provide an explanation for the student's absence.

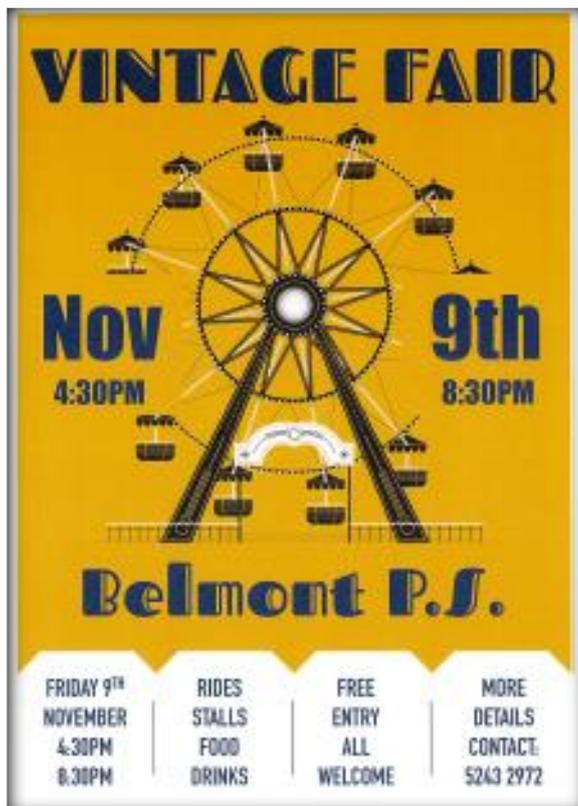
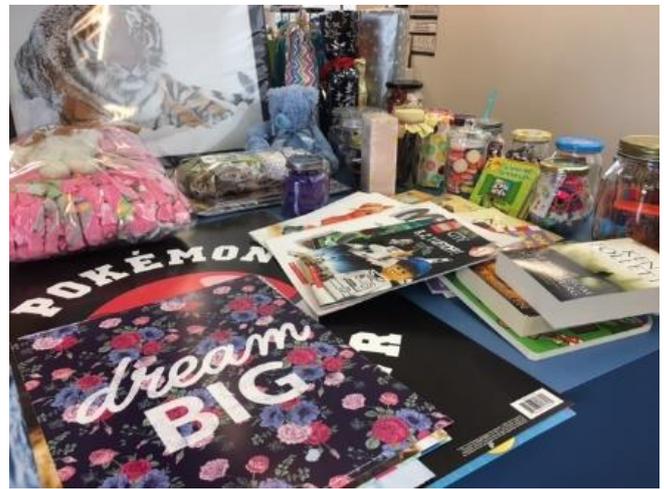
Parents are able to log onto their Compass Portal either at a computer or by using the Compass App to easily enter a student absence notification....and this will save parents the need to contact the school directly.

Further information regarding this change to our school attendance processes will be provided to all families early next week.

In the meantime, please make sure that your contact details are up to date and if you haven't yet logged into the Compass Portal, that you try to do so over the next week.

If you need assistance to access the portal, please let us know. We are only too happy to help guide you through this process.

*Sharon Liddle*  
*Assistant Principal*



Thanks to the families who have already donated scavenger hunt items. Our office area is beginning to fill with lots of books, jars, stuffed toys and other goodies for the Vintage Fair.

Don't forget there is a prize for the class that has the most completed Scavenger Hunts.

#### FROM THE ART ROOM

Welcome to term four everyone! We've had an enjoyable week in the art room and despite the wind and crazy unsettling weather the children have come back from their break ready to learn. This newsletter item is to let you know about an exhibition happening right now in Geelong and an amazing one coming up soon at the NGV (National Gallery of Victoria) in Melbourne.

#### 2018 ARCHIBALD PRIZE

First awarded in 1921, the Art Gallery of New South Wales' Archibald prize is Australia's favourite art award and one of its most prestigious. Awarded to the best portrait painting, it's a who's who of Australian culture, with subjects often including politicians, celebrities, sporting heroes, authors and artists. The Geelong Gallery is the exclusive Victorian venue for the 2018 Archibald Prize. This exhibition began on the 22nd of September and runs until the 18th of November. It's a great opportunity to see some amazing portraits all together and to provoke a discussion about what appeals and what does not. No one says you have to like them all and it's fun to decide what your choice of winner would have been if you were the judge.

## MC ESCHER EXHIBITION

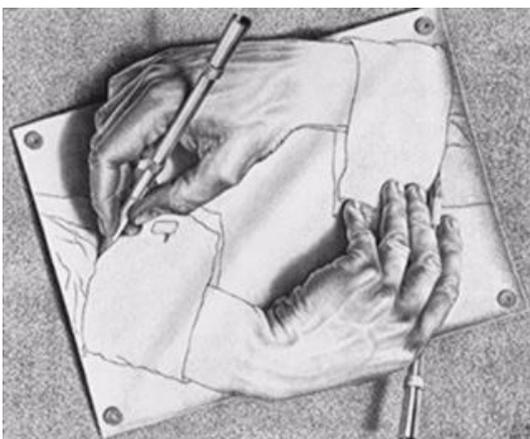
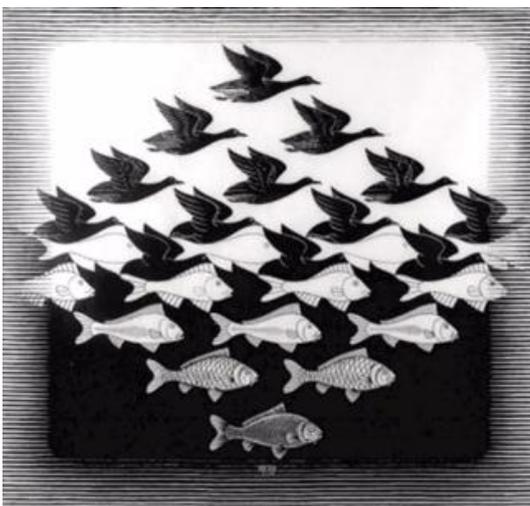
NATIONAL GALLERY of VICTORIA.

December 2nd 2018 .... April 7th 2019

Escher x Nendo, Between two worlds is the first major Australian exhibition to feature the extraordinary work of Dutch artist M.C. Escher along with the work of acclaimed Japanese design studio nendo. Maurits Cornelis Escher is best known for his works from 1936 onwards which include his impossible geometry, optical illusions and tessellations. Escher is one of my all time favourite artists so I'm particularly excited about this. All students from Prep to Grade six will be learning about Escher and we will be focusing mostly on his work with tessellations. I'm sure many of you will have seen his work before, I've included three images of his art just in case you need a reminder.

**Yvonne McDonald**

Art Specialist



## BPS SPELLING FOCUS

**Weekly sound:** oo as in boot

**Word Study:** Synonyms

Synonyms are words with the same or similar meanings. Eg. glad/happy, split/crack. Knowing synonyms helps to improve our writing and make it more engaging to our audience.

**Home activity:** Choose some words from the list below and come up with as many synonyms as you can for each word. Try and use some of these synonyms next time you write!

Fun  
Big  
Happy  
Said  
Good

## FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Fresh Fruit Fridays returns this **Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> October**. To be able to provide Fresh Fruit to the students we require parent volunteers to help chop the fruit just after assembly each Friday in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome.

## PREPARE FOR ADVENTURE

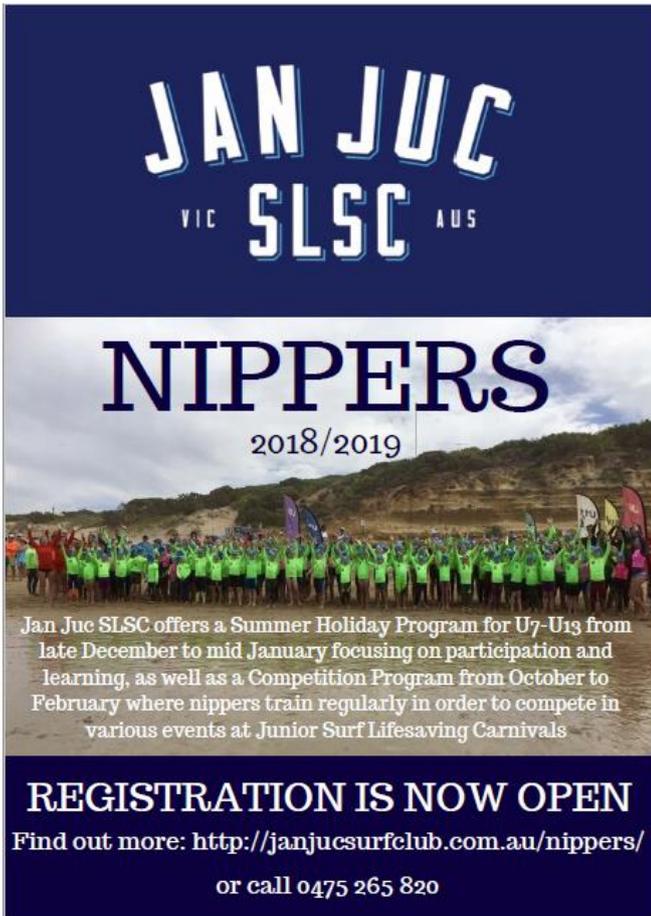
Miri and I along with 7 other scouts from 1<sup>st</sup> Belmont went on the Great Victorian Rail Trail over the school holidays. We caught a train to Tallarook then got a van to take us to Mansfield. We rode our bikes around 144kms in four days. Some of the highlights were making pizzas in the wood oven at Yea and the really long dark Cheviot tunnel that the ride goes through. It was a very fun trip, but was a very long ride.



If you would like to know how to have an adventure like this ask Miri or me.

Liam B 56C.

## ADVERTISEMENTS



**JAN JUC**  
VIC **SLSC** AUS

**NIPPERS**  
2018/2019

Jan Juc SLSC offers a Summer Holiday Program for U7-U13 from late December to mid January focusing on participation and learning, as well as a Competition Program from October to February where nippers train regularly in order to compete in various events at Junior Surf Lifesaving Carnivals

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN**  
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### Junior Blasters

Ages 5-7

Sessions run for 60min

- Learn new skills including catching, throwing and teamwork
- Make new friends or organise a group to learn together
- Wear the colours of your favourite big bash heroes in a personalised t-shirt
- All equipment supplied, parents join in the fun

Join the Junior Blasters Squad with sessions at

Alexander Thomson Cricket Club  
Highton Reserve, Roslyn Rd Highton  
Jenny Page, Woolies Junior Blast Coordinator  
0448 987 089  
[tpage1@netspace.net.au](mailto:tpage1@netspace.net.au)

Buzzing with the energy of big bash cricket, Woolworths Cricket Blast teaches kids how to bat, bowl, field and catch over 12 weeks during summer—all while making new friends.

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### Master Blasters

Ages 7-10

Sessions run for 90min

- For kids with basic cricket skills
- Every kid gets a chance to bat, bowl and field
- Wear the colours of your favorite big bash heroes with your choice of a coloured player cap and also receive a Alexander Thomson playing shirt
- Make new friends or organise a group to play together
- All equipment supplied, parents join the fun

Alexander Thomson teams will be playing in an interclub atmosphere against City Cricket Club and South Barwon Cricket Club.

Join the Alexander Thomson Master Blasters Team with sessions at:

City Cricket Club, Richmond Oval  
Richmond Cres East Geelong  
Jenny Page, Alexander Thomson Woolworths Coordinator  
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