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**BELMONT BULLETIN**  
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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Tomorrow		Due back approx. 3:00pm	Grade 3/4 Anglesea Camp
Tomorrow			5/6 Puberty & Personal Development Program Begins
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
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup> October	9:00am	Book Club Orders Due
Wednesday	31 <sup>st</sup> October	9.00am	Compass Parent Session
Wednesday	31 <sup>st</sup> October	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Prep 2019 Parent Information Session
Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup> November		3/4 Bike Ed Begins
Friday	9 <sup>th</sup> November	4:30pm – 8:30pm	School Vintage Fair
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup> November	School Review	School Curriculum Day 1 – No students at school
Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup> November	7:00pm	School Council Meeting
Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup> December	School Review	School Curriculum Day 2 – No students at school
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup> December	7:00pm	School Council Meeting
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**

Saskia D	1/2 C	For positively contributing to our class discussions and always taking on feedback so well. Well done Sas, keep up the top job.
Heidi C	1/2 G	For paying attention to 'details' when reading and for listening respectfully to the opinions of others. Well done Heidi!
Tayla C	1/2 E	For being such a kind, considerate and respectful member of the classroom. You are such a wonderful friend to your classmates. Fantastic work Tayla!
Malik S	1/2 M	For being a great classmate and having a red hot go... especially with his ascending and descending letter formation. Your journal writing has been much easier to enjoy and your word selection is improving fantastically. I am super proud of the efforts you are making, keep up the amazing work for a tremendous term 4!
Joe N	3/4 E	For your clever work with area model multiplication and long multiplication, and for using these strategies to solve some super tricky worded problems!
Isla D	3/4 L	Isla you have had such a fantastic start to Term 4! You have been sharing some great ideas and opinions in our Integrated Studies topic on Protecting Our Planet. It is lovely to see your confidence in yourself grow through the year. You're amazing Isla!
Juddah C	3/4 M	What a fantastic start to Term 4 you have had Judah! You have been so caring and helpful towards your peers in the classroom this week. You're amazing!
Lily Ives	5/6 C	For consistently producing work at an exceptional level in everything she does. Outstanding work Lily!!
Emily J	5/6 K	For her hard work this week during all class activities. You came back to school on day one ready to learn. Keep up the amazing work and positive attitude Emily!
Hayden W	5/6 L	For being a hard-working student who has made a SUPER start to Term 4! You always puts an amazing effort into every task Hayden and you are a fantastic role-model to others by always being friendly, polite and respectful. Well Done
Wilbur E	ITALIAN	For excellent recall of family members and animals in Italian.

**PRINCIPALS REPORT**

**Students of the week**



**Our 3/4 Campers** arrived safely at Coastal Forest Lodge yesterday and the weather has been very kind. Here are just a few shots so far including a birthday boy.





- Old time pictures
- Silent Auction
- Face painting / nails / tattoos
- Urban Upcycle
- Lolly Shop
- Cake stall
- Book stall
- Old tractors display
- And more in planning

Food and drinks will include:

- Great hot food choices (includes a Vegetarian option) and dessert
- Lions Sausage sizzle
- Coffee Van
- Devonshire tea

**So what's next?**

Next week- We are about to approach a range of businesses and shop owners directly for their support of our event. **If you are happy to approach a small number of these businesses please contact our office by Monday. We are after a small team of around 6 parents.**

2 weeks time- Parents too, are needed to help us with a direct letter drop. If you enjoy a walk and are happy to deliver to one or two streets within Belmont please let us know.

**After Hours School Care** In 2016 the school provider extended their service to include mornings as well as afternoons. We are interested in your views on the service, particularly if you are using before or after school care regularly. The survey should only take a few minutes and can be accessed through this link or with a QR reader on your selected device.

Go to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7DHKRXX>



**School Council Financial Assurance Program 2017-18 results**

Four hundred and one schools were audited this year as part of the School Council Financial Assurance program. The program covered 316 schools under the Agreed-upon Procedures and 85 schools under the two School Internal Audits. Belmont Primary was one of these.

The program examined procedures relating to locally raised funds, expenses, school local payroll, cash and bank, and school council governance. The results demonstrate an improved control environment at schools, and provide the assurance required by the Department to support the financial year end audit by the Victorian Auditor-General's Office.

**Our Vintage Fair** planning is continuing and I thank our growing team of parents who are helping out in lots of ways. 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), Stall holders, Silent Auction items and some further scavenger hunt items in nail polish and canned soft drinks.

This year more rides and activities will be available. We have priced an all ride ticket at an affordable \$10 per child and smaller side alley items will all be priced at \$1 -\$2. These reduced prices we hope will make it easier for parents to include their children in the fun. We have included a voluntary gold coin donation as entry however, this is focussed more on visitors to the school than our own parent group. We know our parents will spend at our Fair anyway.

Rides and activities will include:

- Giant inflatable slide
- Spinning Tea cups and saucers
- Ferris Wheel
- Mini Golf
- Jurassic Jumping Castle
- Fairy floss and popcorn
- Chocolate toss
- Handball competition

The audits support the efforts being made in all Victorian government schools to spend public funds as intended. They have also given the Department a better understanding about where improvements can be made and where more support is needed.

Our school had two auditors on site over a full day. My particular thanks to Jacqui Eddy our Business Manager who spent this day in support of this extensive audit. Our school performed very well with a small number of minor exceptions for us to address over the next period.

**In case you missed it....**

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

- 4. Soft toys **129** (200)
- 5. Silent Auction items **28** (50)

## 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 on the morning of **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> (9.00am) in the BER.** This will be a great opportunity for any parent who has not yet managed to access the portal.

**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***

One-One was a racehorse.  
Two-Two was one, too.  
When One-One won one race,  
Two-Two won one, too.

Regards  
**David Houghton (Principal)**

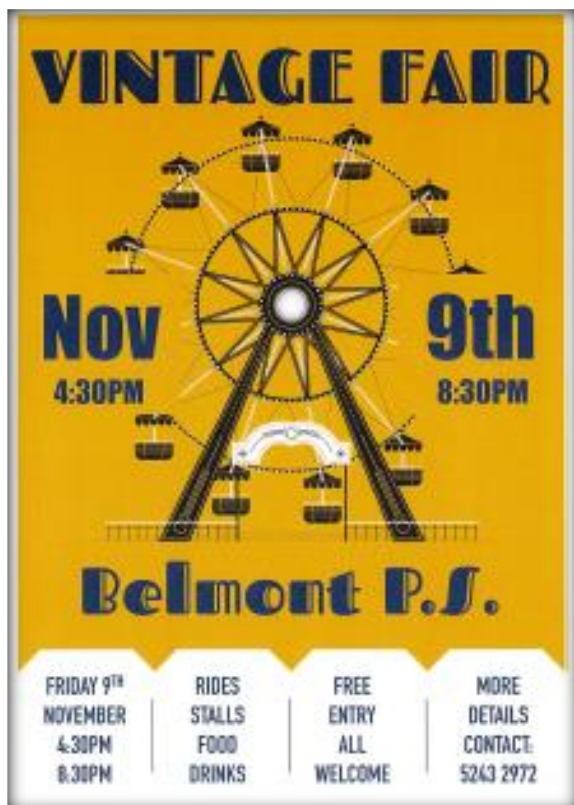
**VINTAGE FAIR November 9<sup>th</sup> 4.30pm**

How did you go with the...

**HOLIDAY FAMILY SCAVENGER HUNT**

This hunt will help us enormously in our early preparations for our Vintage Fair **3 weeks and 1 day** from now.

Please help us where you can.



**The count so far.... ..Target**

- 1. Mystery Jars **64** (100)
- 2. Mystery Bottles **42** (80)
- 3. Chocolate bars **42** (80)

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**



**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.

So what is next?

- Our **Pink Slips** will be phased out by the end of this year.
- Skoolbag notifications will also be phased out by the end of the year.
- Parents will need to use COMPASS as their main way to communicate student absence with the school.
- Parents can expect to receive a notification of their child's absence by SMS from November 1. \*

\*This communication will then allow parents to contact the school and provide an explanation for the student's absence through COMPASS.

A small number of parents have worked this out already and have reported they have found the process relatively easy and straightforward.

#### Next steps for parents

- **Download the COMPASS APP or bookmark on your selected device**
- **Login to COMPASS**
- **Ensure your latest contact details are correct**
- **Begin the habit of entering same day notification or up coming appointments or other known absences for your child(ren).**

Further information regarding this change to our school attendance processes will continue to be provided to all families as we approach this date.

### FROM THE ART ROOM

We have all been tessellating in the art room this week!!!

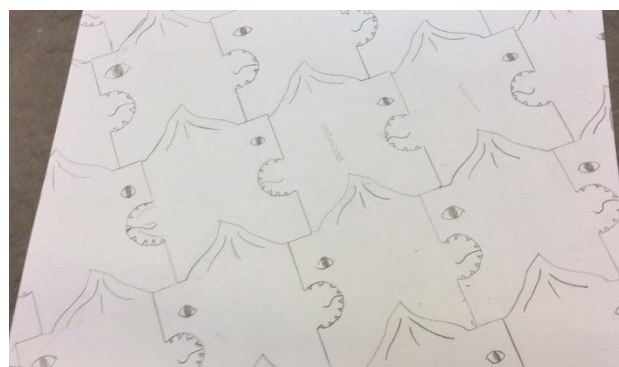
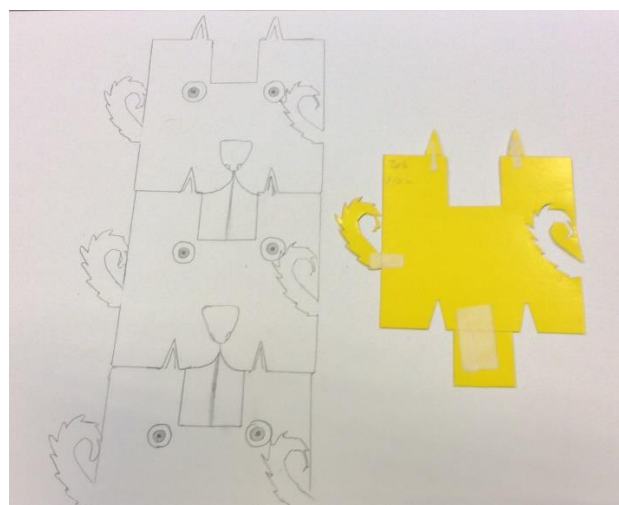
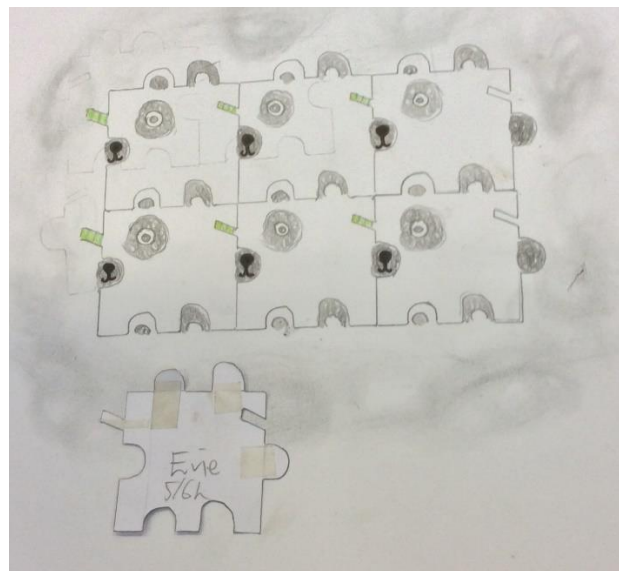
What is a tessellation? The dictionary definition is as follows, Tessellation .. an arrangement of shapes closely fitted together in a repeated pattern without gaps or overlapping. Escher is famous for his amazing tessellations so we have taken inspiration from him. The students from grades three to six have created their own by manipulating regular cardboard shapes, mostly squares and rectangles, cutting shapes out then repositioning them to make a template which is then traced around a number of times to make a design. They have worked at three levels. Level One - Create an irregular shape that tessellates. Level Two - Create an irregular shape that tessellates then turn it into something by drawing in the details. Level Three - Plan what you actually want your shape/picture to be before you create it. Level Three of course takes more

skill and creativity. Most children worked well at Level Two but we also had quite a few who could move to Level Three with good results.

The children in Preps and Grades 1/2 have coloured and cut out prepared Escher shapes (preps. butterflies, 1/2's birds) which will be tessellated together with the rest of their classmates for a spectacular end result. Photos of these next week. Below are a few photos of the older children's results which I suspect will make my explanations clearer.

**Yvonne McDonald**

Art Specialist



## BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all the families that made it to this year's Book Fair. The commission we made from all your sales helped us to receive all these fantastic books below.



## BPS SPELLING FOCUS

**Weekly Sound:** z as in zebra & s/si as in treasure

**Word Study:** Antonyms

Antonyms are words with opposite meanings. For example, best/worst, happy/sad. Knowing antonyms also helps to improve our vocabulary, making our writing more interesting and helping us to understand what we read.

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

Soft Quiet Good Small Light

## FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Fresh Fruit Friday is back on for Term 4. 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.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Book Club orders are due 9am Thursday 25th October please. If any orders are gifts, please be sure to select the GIFT option in your online order, or write GIFT clearly on your paper order. Gift orders will then be held at the school office for you to collect. Did you know that you can easily order and pay online? Just go to [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or download the app. Thanks and happy reading! Jo.

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The Principal  
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Dear Principal

On behalf of the President and members of Geelong Legacy, I would like to thank you, the staff and students most sincerely for the effort you have made to help our Annual Legacy Appeal.

We thank you for your continuing support as it is through contributions such as yours that Legacy can care for widows and children of deceased ex-servicemen.

A receipt for this donation is attached.

Yours faithfully

  
for  
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HONORARY SECRETARY

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