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BELMONT BULLETIN
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DATES TO REMEMBER			
Tomorrow	30 th November		Crazy Hair Day
Saturday	1 st December	6:00pm	Parents Club Lawn Bowls Night
Monday	3 rd December	School Review	School Curriculum Day 2 – No students at school
Wednesday	5 th December	8:15am	Finance Committee Meeting
Thursday	6 th December	7:30pm	Parents Club Meeting at School
Friday	7 th December		Grade 5/6 Bowling Excursion
Friday	7 th December		Prep Fairy Tale Dress Up Day
Tuesday	11 th December	11:00-11:30am	Parent Helpers Morning Tea
Wednesday	12 th December	7:00pm	School Council Meeting
Wednesday	19 th December		Grade 1/2 Supatramp Excursion
Wednesday	19 th 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		
Hugo D Austin B	Prep G	For working so hard on learning his magic words. You are doing an excellent job. You also had a super positive attitude during our P-2 athletics. Well done Hugo! For writing amazing descriptive sentences using 'air' sound words. It was your first time using dotted thirds and you did a fantastic job!
Blake T	Prep P	For showing amazing courage after breaking his arm! You have not let it slow you down and you are working so hard in our classroom. Way to go Blake!
Bonnie M	1/2 C	For always coming to school with a positive attitude, happy smile and a willingness to engage in all learning tasks on a daily basis. You are a superstar student Bonnie!
Jude B	1/2 G	For his excellent work with 'arrays' this week. Jude was able to show the connection between repeated addition and multiplication.
Paige R	1/2 M	For making great improvements in all her work and bringing her happy, cheery personality to 1/2M. What an all round champion! Great work Paige!
Maryellen R	3/4 E	For settling into Belmont Primary School so well and being such a positive and helpful member of 3/4E. We are very lucky to have you in our grade Maryellen!
Xavier T	3/4 L	Xavier I have been so proud of your behaviour this term! You have worked so hard towards listening and concentrating more, and it has showed in the outstanding effort that you have been putting into your work. You're a superstar Xav!
Judah C	3/4 M	For leading the way in creative comic strip making this week. Thank you for sharing your enthusiasm with the class.
Ruby C	5/6 C	For simply being an awesome student day in and day out! You work so hard to achieve your very best results, you're a wonderful friend to everyone and you are always the first to take on extra responsibilities. YOU ARE A STAR.
Jesslyn A	5/6 K	For her hard work and dedication to her F1 project and team. You have worked above and beyond what was expected of you and I know your team are very grateful for the effort you put in. AMAZING and IMPRESSIVE effort Jesslyn!!!
Micah B	5/6 L	For being a kind and helpful member of 5/6L who always tries his best in all learning tasks and is a co-operative team member. Great work Micah!
Lily I	ITALIAN	For an excellent presentation of her Italian slide show 'Mia Casa'.

PRINCIPALS REPORT

CRAZY HAIR DAY

Tomorrow, Friday 30th November is Crazy Hair Day.

Students may wear casual dress and **CRAZY HAIR.**

Please bring a gold coin to support our Junior School Council Fundraiser, Adopt a family.

CURRICULUM DAY

Monday 3rd December is a Curriculum Day.

No students are required at school on this day.

Students of the week



Parent requests Each year I write to remind parents about requests they may have for the year ahead. Parents are welcome to write to me and make requests for academic or welfare/well-being reasons. Parents can be confident that our grade selections take time and consider a whole range of factors. A change begun last year which saw staff no longer asking our students to select friends with whom they would like to advance.

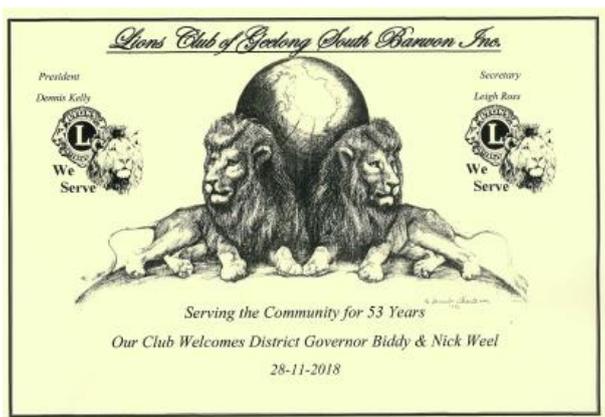
This approach which had worked for some students also proved to be the most difficult element when our selections and placement could not always meet these requests or were not, in the view of staff, in the best interests of the student concerned.

This change was based on our own observations and feedback from parents back in 2016.

Lions Club Thanks

Last night I was privileged to attend a Lions Club of Geelong South Barwon dinner and receive a cheque for \$500 on behalf of the school. This club has been associated with our school for many years and their support for our students is hugely appreciated. This cheque was from the proceeds raised at our recent Vintage Fair where their workers battled early showers and sold the ever popular sausage in bread.

This group have been serving the Belmont community for more than 50 years and Lions International for more than 100 years. It's headquarters are in Illinois and now boasts more than 45,000 clubs with more than 1.7 million members in 190 countries.



VOTING at BPS

Last Saturday Belmont Primary School was a live site for voting. Our school provided a BBQ, cake stall and book sale. My sincere thanks to all of our parent and student volunteers who helped us out on the day and the many parents who contributed to the cake stall. The school raised in excess of \$1500 a wonderful result.



Throughout any given year, there are many opportunities for parents to help us out and the more helpers we have the lighter the load for all. Please consider helping us out in 2019 if you have been unable to this year.

Adopt-A-Family Fundraiser Junior School Council have organised a Crazy Hair casual dress day with a gold coin donation **TOMORROW Friday 30th November** to raise money to support a family this Christmas. The crazier the better.



School Banking For many years now the school has supported a school banking program through the Commonwealth Bank. On any given week, a very small number of our families use this service which is supported by one of our parents who volunteers their time. After consideration and discussion at School Council, we have decided to close this service with the last banking opportunity next week. This decision has been based on a number of factors but has included:

- Number of families using this service
- Judgement whether providing this service is part of our schools core business
- Current banking environment and culture
- Changing nature of banking for most families

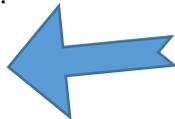
I would like to acknowledge **Mrs Jo Boyd**, a long time supporter of our school and this program who has volunteered each week. We appreciate the dedication she has shown in providing this service to our families so consistently over such a long period of time. Thanks Jo.

Vintage Fair feedback



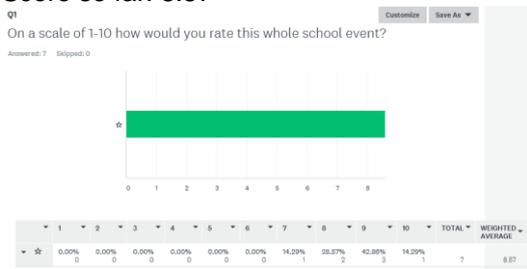
Please follow this link below to provide us with some valuable **feedback**. The survey should take no more than 3 mins of your time and will help us further improve this event in the years to come.

www.surveymonkey.com/r/MXPNBZP

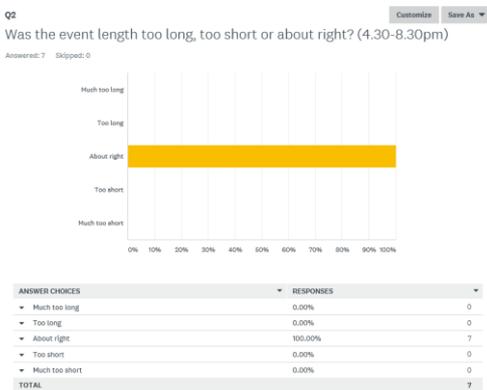


So far just 7 responses. More needed please.
 Q1. On a scale of 1-10 how would you rate this whole school event?

Score so far: 8.57



Q2. Was the event length too long, too short or about right?



Mums and daughters Afternoon Tea

Our single session for our Year 4 girls and many mums was very well attended this year and has continued to grow since its introduction in 2015. We would like to thank our Puberty Educator, Kimberley Thomas who did a fabulous job preparing for the

afternoon and delivering important information for the girls and the mums who were able to attend.

Out of Hours School Care (OHSC) feedback

Out of Hours School Care Feedback for this service which operates at the school each morning and afternoon was collected via Survey Monkey with a total of 20 respondents. Last week we published a summary of these responses. A full unedited summary was provided to School Council.

A feedback summary has now also been provided to our service operators and the school will meet with representatives and discuss ways and approaches we can further improve this service for our parents and students.

School Magazine The school has committed to a further instalment of the 'ever popular' School Magazine. The school will arrange for both hard copies and a free digital copy for families. This year the full cost of the magazine, less any sponsorship monies, will need to be met by those parents who order a hard copy or multiple hard copies.

Would you like to sponsor the magazine this year. We have **Bronze** **Silver** and **Gold** levels starting at \$100 / \$250 / \$500. Sponsors are featured prominently on the back cover of the magazine and in our newsletters for a period of time at no extra charge. Please contact the office if you are interested.

The free digital copy will be available by years end we hope, however we expect the hard copy will not be available until the end of January or early February 2019 for pick up if necessary from the front office.

Our generous sponsors so far but more welcome.

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- 360Q Queenscliff
- Yummy Mummy
- Bean Squeeze
- Geelong's Gym
- ARB Geelong
- A Good Place to Start
- Belmont Meats
- FAGGS Timber and hardware

Can you help?

The school is seeking a new sponsor or two to help set up our central area of the BER building for our future learning. One of the likely directions for the school over the next 4 years will be an increasing focus around the subjects of science and technology.

Do you have a contact for a mid to large size business or corporation that might be interested in forming a partnership with our school?

Please let us know. We plan to write to local businesses and corporations soon seeking strong sponsorship and community partnership.

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

If two witches were watching two watches: which witch would watch which watch?



Regards
David Houghton (Principal)

Still locked up at the Bike Shed

I miss my owner



BPS SPELLING FOCUS

Weekly Sound: er as in ladder

Word Study: Homographs
Homographs are words that are pronounced differently but have the same spelling.
For example, wound/wound, live/live, read/read.

Home Activity: Homograph hunt time! See how many different homographs you can find or think of. You might like to use a reader to help you or one of your favourite books at home.

PARENTS CLUB

Election Day Fundraiser

Thank you to all the fabulous volunteers last Saturday and the amazing bakers who provided the cake stall with a great range of baked goods.

We made just over \$1,500 profit, which considering the stalls were only open for three hours is a great result. All of this money goes back into the school.

An extra special thanks to IGA in Grovedale East who donated all of the bread and half the sausages.

Parents Club Meeting

The final meeting of the year will be held on Thursday the 6th at 7:30pm in the staff room.

Thanks
Skye

SCHOOL BANKING

Next Thursday, 6th December will be the final school banking.

ADVERTISEMENTS



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Stuart, Melbourne



"My daughter loved her code camp and will be back for more... The experience was great, teachers were fantastic and the follow up emails with more activities has been unbelievable..."

Katie, Sydney



"The end result is far and away the best programming teaching environment I have ever seen. Seriously now my primary school child can program in JavaScript."

Jeffrey, Melbourne



Book with confidence

We are so sure your kids will love Code Camp, if they don't want to come back after Day 1, we'll refund the remaining days!



8th - 10th January
8:30 AM - 4 PM

Deakin University,
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Campus

Computers
Provided

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Alternate dates and locations available (no camps on public holidays)

