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**BELMONT BULLETIN**  
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<b>DATES TO REMEMBER</b>			
<b>Monday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> December</b>		<b>Prep Werribee Zoo Excursion</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> December</b>		<b>Grade 1/2 Supatramp Excursion</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>6:45pm-8:30pm</b>	<b>Grade 6 Graduation Night</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>9.00-1.30pm</b>	<b>Final Day – PLEASE NOTE EARLY DISMISSAL</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>31 January 2019</b>		<b>First Day back for students</b>

<b>Student of the week</b>		
<b>Congratulations to the following students whose efforts, behaviour and attitude have been recognised</b>		
Angus H	<b>Prep G</b>	For making some lovely patterns during Maths this week. You did a great job of making sure they kept going and going!
Kayla B	<b>Prep P</b>	For making some amazing patterns with shapes, colours and numbers during Maths this week. What a super star!
Rinya O		For doing a great job reading with Mrs Preston this week! Keep up the great work!
Archie F	<b>1/2 C</b>	For working well with fractions during our small group lessons. Well done Archie for actively participating and contributing to our discussion.
Rogan K	<b>1/2 G</b>	For excellent work when recording fractions this week. Well done Rogan !
Will S	<b>1/2 E</b>	For listening so carefully to instructions and applying all he has learnt when solving fraction problems. Amazing job Will!
Kale W	<b>1/2 M</b>	For fantastic fraction finagling, finding fine facts and formulas. Great Work Kale!
Blair G	<b>3/4 E</b>	For an amazing few weeks of work! I am so proud of the care and effort you have been putting into all tasks to improve your skills and knowledge. Keep it up Blair!
Max W	<b>3/4 L</b>	For your amazing work creating such an imaginative and well written newspaper, 'Max W Magazine'. Your soccet-ball was such a great idea, I want to buy one! Well done Max
Seb S	<b>3/4 M</b>	For always working to your best ability and taking time to sit and work with other students if they have needed a partner. Well done to you Seb.
Laura I	<b>5/6 C</b>	For her commitment to her F1 team to ensure that the project was completed at an exceptional standard. You proved to be a real leader and support to your team.
Evelyn K		For being a happy, vibrant and caring member of 5/6C every single day. Your positive energy has such a great impact on everyone around you :-)
Daniel P	<b>5/6 K</b>	For his happy nature when in class and in the yard. Your passion for technology has been great to see throughout the year. Well Done Daniel!
Mitch R	<b>5/6 L</b>	For having a positive attitude towards all areas of school and producing amazing project work. You are a kind and caring member of 5/6L and are always willing to help out your classmates. Well done!
Oliver M	<b>ITALIAN</b>	For making an excellent effort in Italian class.

**PRINCIPALS REPORT**

**Students of the week**



**School magazine reminder**

So far the school has received 64 orders for a hard copy of the School magazine. If you would like to ensure you receive a hard copy this year please complete an order form and return to the school by tomorrow, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec.

For several years now the school has been transitioning to a 'user pays' system for the magazine as the real cost to the school exceeded \$5000. Over the last two years we have sought sponsorship and this approach has worked well to reduce costs overall. Without sponsors the real cost would be much higher to parents. We also rely on volunteers to put the magazine together and it took the school some time to source two parents who have taken on this very time

intensive task. Our School Fair too, requires huge resourcing and volunteer hours, which can impact indirectly on completing end of year tasks like this one. Our free digital copy was also introduced last year recognising not all families wish to purchase a magazine. The school is sorry we have not been able to meet publishing deadlines to deliver a hard copy by years end.



### 2018 School Captains

I would like to acknowledge this years soon to be retiring School Captains. Our Captains have helped out across the school and importantly represented the school at various times throughout the year.

We acknowledge we have further work to do around engaging our Senior Leaders more often. I would like to thank these fine young leaders and wish them continued success perhaps in other leadership opportunities that may present in the years to come.

**Anthony Serra (C) Ashlin Mc Lean (C)**

**Pat Mac Pherson (VC) Yoyo Zhong (VC)**

Pictured here with our next 2019 student leaders.



**2019 Staffing update** 2019 will see some movement of staff. Changes to staff positions within the school are often about balancing each area with expertise/experience, staff preferences or changing numbers or requirements.

### Foundation (Prep)

Phoebe Gowers (L) Virginia Glassford

### Year 1/2

Shanelle Craven (L) Paul Mc Ardle  
Adelle Preston Yet to be appointed

### Year 3/4

Craig Corker (L) Megan Leishman  
Lorann Elkington

### Year 5/6

Susie Lewis (L) Sharon Long  
Yet to be appointed

### Specialists

Yvonne Mc Donald Art  
Helen Mc Nabb LOTE (Italian)  
Rachel Ryan PE

L - Professional Learning Community Leader

# Our grade positioning is unchanged for 2019.

### Buildings and Grounds news

**CCTV vision proposal** The school is considering the installation of CCTV vision in four outdoor positions. Most weekends the school has regular visitors and most behave themselves and use our facilities respectfully. Others unfortunately do not.

The most regular behaviour is to leave bottles, cans and take-away containers around parts of the grounds. Most students would not see the clean-up which can occur some Mondays before their arrival.

More destructive or concerning behaviour in recent years has included:

- Broken bottles in play areas
- Smoking apparatus left behind
- Graffiti paint and textas
- Breakage to windows x 2 and damage to deck edges by skateboards
- Damage to shed roller doors (2016)
- Theft of bikes and scooters (2017)

School Council have agreed to this idea in principle. We believe this installation may help to deter the more serious behaviours, which can result in an increased risk to student safety/welfare and or a financial loss to the school where repairs or replacement are required.

The Department do not routinely recommend installations of CCTV vision unless there is consistent evidence of damage to support this action. If you have any views or feedback around this proposal please let us know. We will investigate this option further in 2019.

This past week we were congratulated on our involvement in the '**Schools Water Efficiency Program**' (SWEP). Since 2012, schools that have registered for SWEP in the Barwon Region have saved a collective 658 ML. This equates to a saving of around \$2.097m in water related charges as a result of early leak detection and repair. In 2017, Barwon Water announced its support for SWEP by funding years two and three of the program, making it free for all schools in the Barwon Region to participate.

This week we thanked our parent **volunteers** at a special morning tea. If you were unable to attend we

extend our thanks for the work you have done in supporting our school in 2018.

Volunteering has not always been around but really took off in the early decades of the 20th century, several volunteer organizations were founded, including the Rotary International, Kiwanis International, and Lions Clubs International.

The Great Depression saw one of the first large-scale, nationwide efforts to coordinate volunteering for a specific need. During World War II, thousands of volunteer offices supervised the volunteers who helped with the many needs of the military and the home front.

Probably the largest recent effort to organise volunteers was back in April 2015, when the then Prime Minister David Cameron, pledged to give all UK workers employed by companies with more 250 staff mandatory three days' paid volunteering leave. Just that one action had potential to generate an extra 360 million volunteering hours a year.

Across the Prep area we estimate we have around 20 volunteers for each class giving roughly an hour or more each week and similar numbers across our 4 Junior 1/2 grades. So, in any given term this part of our volunteering force represents more than 350 hours of support.

I thank you all for the time you have given this year. If you have not been able to help us out this year please consider volunteering in 2019. We appreciate your help.

#### Few special mentions

- **Skye Knight** and our Parents Group
- **Jo Boyd** School Banking
- **Jo Eddy** Bookclub

'We make a living by what we earn, but we make a life by what we give.'

#### Volunteer joke in case you missed it:

A retired man who volunteers to entertain patients in nursing homes and hospitals went to one local hospital in Geelong and took his portable keyboard along.

He told some jokes and sang some funny songs at patients' bedsides. When he finished he said, in farewell, "I hope you get better."

One elderly gentleman replied, "I hope you get better, too."

#### **School Magazine**

**It's not too late if you 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.



#### **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 a dog chews shoes, whose shoes does he choose?



Regards  
**David Houghton (Principal)**

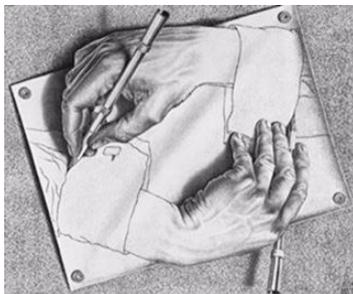
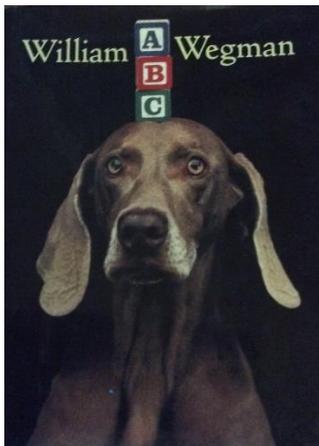
## FROM THE ART ROOM

I have had a really enjoyable time in the art room this year. We've covered a lot in this Year of the Dog and the students have created some very high quality artwork that we can all be proud of. The willingness of the students to embrace new ideas and take on challenges is terrific. Thank you for sharing your children with me.

Next year is Chinese Year of the Pig!! The gorgeous dog photos this year have been a constant source of interest but I don't know that we'll have many photos of pet pigs to display. I did think of guinea pigs but no, guinea pigs are actually rodents and pigs are mammals so there's no way I can pull that one off. It could be a good teaching point though.

Lastly, if you're looking for something to do, the Escher exhibition at the NGV is on now and remains until the 7th of April 2019. While you are there you could also catch a free exhibition on Level 3 by William Wegman, who is known for his amazing photographs of Weimaraner dogs. I'm looking forward to going these holidays and if you have the chance to go I think your children would enjoy it too.  
Have a wonderful break.

**Yvonne McDonald**  
Art Specialist



## LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to those who have already returned their library books.

Can all families please check the bottom of bags, in your school lockers or even in your home bookshelf as there are still a lot that are outstanding.  
Thanks.

## LUNCH ORDERS – FINISH TOMORROW

Tomorrow, **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December** will be the final day for Lunch Orders for 2018.  
There will be no lunch orders on the final day due to the early dismissal.

## BOOKCLUB ORDERS

All Scholastic Bookclub orders are ready for collection from the school office due the possibility of them being a gift.

## FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

This week will be the last week for Fresh Fruit Friday for this year. Thank you to all our lovely helpers that help each week, you are greatly appreciated.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS FOR SALE



We have a few brand new school uniform items for sale from the office.

Girls Dress,	size 14	\$15.00
Girls Box Pleat Skirt,	size 12	\$15.00
Girls Box Pleat Skirt,	size 14	\$15.00
Girls Boot Leg Pants,	size 12	\$10.00
Boys Double Knee Pants,	size 4	\$10.00

## ADVERTISEMENTS



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THE PROGRAM OPERATES FROM  
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(EXCLUDING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS)

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Please call 0488 662 783 to make a booking for your child. Alternatively you can email [bookings@schoolsupportservices.com.au](mailto:bookings@schoolsupportservices.com.au)  
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We require a 2018 Online enrolment form for each child that attends vacation care. If you have not already completed the 2018 Online Enrolment form you can find this at [www.schoolsupportservices.com.au](http://www.schoolsupportservices.com.au)  
Children must be aged between 5-12 years and enrolled in primary school to attend the vacation care program.

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