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BELMONT BULLETIN
NO.2 14th February 2019

DATES TO REMEMBER			
Tuesday	19 th February	3:40pm – 5:00pm	Meet the Teacher
Wednesday	27 th February	7:00pm	School Council Meeting
Tuesday	5 th March		School Photo Day – more info to come home today
Wednesday	6 th March	9:00am	Prep Parents Morning Tea run by Parents Club
Monday	11 th March		Labour Day Public Holiday
Tue - Fri	12 th - 22 nd March		Grade 5/6 Swimming Program
Wednesday	20 th March	7:30pm	Parents Club Meeting
Monday	25 th March		School Walk-a-thon – more info to come home shortly
Tuesday	26 th March		Grade 3-6 School Cross Country
Friday	29 th March		Grade 5/6 Summer Lightning Prem
Thursday	4 th April		Grade 5/6 Girls Football

Student of the week		
Congratulations to the following students whose efforts, behaviour and attitude have been recognised		
Harvey M	1/2C	For beginning the year with a positive attitude and having the courage to try new things and meet new people. Well done Harvey, SUPER EFFORT!
Isabelle H	1/2M	For jumping straight in to Grade One, having a go at everything with a smile and looking after her many new classmates. Great start Isabelle!
Laysha A	1/2P	For making an excellent start to Grade 2. You have been so polite and are working very hard! Keep it up!
Rosie O	1/2T	For beginning the year with a positive attitude and supporting other students in the classroom. Well done Rosie, SUPER EFFORT!
Luke C	3/4C	For settling into his Grade 3 year with such courage and a willingness to tackle all learning tasks. What a great start Luke!
Lily S	3/4E	For being such a kind, responsible and hard working member of 3/4E. It has truly been a pleasure working with you this week. Keep up the amazing work.
Caitlin W	3/4L	For beginning the year confidently and settling in to a brand new school so well. Great work Caitlin!
Eliza T	5/6L	For beginning the school year with a positive, happy attitude towards her learning and being a friendly and welcoming classmate to everyone. Well done Eliza!
Archie B	5/6S	For being a great role model and demonstrating all of our school values. Well done Archie!
Hayden W	5/6T	For showing a high level of care and respect towards everyone in 5/6T. Your calm and approachable manner is appreciated by us all.

NO ASSEMBLY TOMORROW, Friday 15th February

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Prep (Foundation) It's hard to believe our Preps have already completed a week of school but we are very proud how quickly they have settled into the routines of school. Wednesday testing is also running smoothly and our Prep team are learning a great deal from important 1 on 1 time with individual students each Wednesday.



Day 1



Day 3



Welcome Picnic / BBQ It was great to see so many parents and students take advantage of our Open Classrooms and BBQ get together last night. We had a great turn up and the weather, although cool, did not stop our students particularly enjoying time together.

A favourite shown here with students enjoying the music. We couldn't help but notice also, some of our staff doing a move or two while busy at the BBQ's.



Our thanks to a regular supporter in **KERR's** hire who provided some additional BBQ's and also a hoist which allowed us to complete some awkward repairs and replacement to our BB backboards.



Proud and generous sponsor of our
2019 Welcome BBQ/Picnic



Important reminder

All dogs (big and small) within school grounds must be under the control of an adult at all times. Part of our policy to keep students safe is a requirement for adults to be in charge of their dogs at all times please. At no time should students be in charge of pets within the school boundary please.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

Parent application forms for the CSEF Fund are now available at the office. If you received CSEF in 2018 you do not need to re-apply.

Eligibility

On the first day of term one (29 January 2019) or the first day of term two (23 April 2019), a parent or legal guardian of a student must be an eligible beneficiary of one of these cards:

- Veterans Affairs Gold Card
- Centrelink Health Care Card
- Pensioner Concession Card

Payments are:

- \$125 per year for eligible primary school students
- \$225 per year for eligible secondary school students.

Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student. Most payments start from March onwards.

Applications can be received over term one and two.

Payments are for the application year and cannot be claimed for previous years.

Year 7 and Prep students in government schools who receive the fund are also able to get support for school uniforms. For more information regarding this initiative, please see the office about [State School Relief](#).

2018 School Magazine Our school magazine is still with the printer but is being finalised for print.

Meet the Teacher next Tuesday 19th February 3.40 – 5.30pm. We still have available spaces for parents (10 minute times) who would like to make a specific appointment with their child's class teacher.

These appointments are being made available this year after feedback from parents who wanted an opportunity to share specific information with the class teacher concerning important matters like special medical conditions, physical conditions or diagnosis of conditions which might impact their child's learning.

These appointments are for parents to share important information with class teachers and are optional. So far around 20 bookings have been made through COMPASS but can also be made through the office.

Meet the Teacher

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Dashboard	Classes	Enrolments	Staff	Timeslots	Invalid Bookings
Cycle Settings Exports					
20	286	12	12	0.07	
Bookings	Students	Staff	Total Classes	Avg. bookings / Household	

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Food allergies Parents are advised that we have several students with food allergies and other allergy forms here at Belmont. In particular **nuts, eggs and kiwi fruit** are among the foods we would prefer are not sent to school due to the risk and potential for serious and life threatening results. Thank-you.

SLIP SLOP SLAP All parents are reminded in Term 1 all students must wear a broad brimmed school hat. These can be purchased from PSW, Malop Street Geelong.

Owners risk Parents are reminded that personal or valuable items brought to school by students (staff or parents) are not covered by Department Insurances. Such items become the responsibility of the owner in every instance.

School Diaries are an important communication tool between home and school. These are checked regularly but students are encouraged to hand the diary directly to a teacher where a parent has written a note and wants to make immediate contact using the diary. Parents can call the school at any time to seek clarification of any information. No question is a silly question. We are here to help.



Newsletter distribution update Families can access our newsletter through [COMPASS](#) or by request for a hard copy. Our newsletter is also available on our website but no longer through Skoolbag, which will be closed fully in coming weeks as COMPASS fulfils this service.

Student Requisites for the 2019

Your payment for essential items and any voluntary contributions made can make a significant difference for your children and our school.

No other request for payments of this type will be sent to parents.

So in summary for 2019:

1. **Essential costs** - sent out last week. For most students the essential cost is around \$180 per child for the whole year. Government Schools can ask parents to pay this component. This equates to around \$4.40 per school week per child. The school buys these items in bulk and this provides our parents with great value and our students identical quality materials appropriate to their age and work needs.
2. **Voluntary costs**- Voluntary costs between \$0 and \$130. This money directly supports the purchase of new equipment and to maintain our gardens and school environment.
3. **Excursions**, camps, swimming, sporting activities and incursions. These costs and requests for payment will sent out separately as they arise. We send out a summary of expected costs some weeks ahead where possible. This was requested through parent feedback.

Please return the **WHOLE form** when payment is made. We are happy to make a copy for your own records if you wish.
Parents are also welcome to pay on-line using **BPay** but please send your forms in also.
Payment by instalment is also welcome. Please make arrangements with David or Jacqui through the office.

No Assembly tomorrow There will be no assembly tomorrow we are sorry. The school has an important Review taking place across the day with many of our staff involved. This will not affect classes greatly however students may have a temporary class teacher at some stage in the day. We are using our

own staff and regular CRT (Emergency staff) to meet these needs.

The **Review** is between 3-4 days and involves staff external to the school along with an Independent reviewer. All schools are reviewed every 4 years and this year is our turn. The review seeks to assess the schools progress over the last 4 years but also helps define the work and goals for the next 4 year period. Our School Council President is involved in this process and will attend on some days.

A draft of our **Bully Prevention Policy**, which may interest parents has been put up on COMPASS today and will be taken to School Council shortly for further review and later ratification. All schools require this policy document as part of the VRQA requirements.

We hope you are all feeling part of our great school. We are all part of the same team to support your children in every possible way. Be sure to 'get involved' where you can. There is plenty of evidence which supports the view that parent involvement in a child's learning is makes a difference.

Regards from Principal Team

David Houghton

Principal ☺

Sharon Liddle

and Assistant Principal ☺

BELLARINE AND NORTH GEELONG DIVISION SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS



2019 Bellarine and North Geelong Divisions Primary Schools Swimming Championships

This year the District and Division Swimming Championships for the combined Bellarine and North Geelong Divisions will be held on Wednesday 20th March at Kardinia Aquatic Centre, Geelong from 9:00am - 2:30pm. If your child turns 9 or older this year and can swim within the set qualifying times, we would love to have them represent Belmont Primary School at this swim carnival. Please see the PE Office notice board for the qualifying times.

If your child is interested in competing, please collect a timing card from Mrs Ryan (PE Teacher) and return it by **THURSDAY 28th February**. Feel free to see me with any questions regarding the event. Good luck and happy swimming!

Mrs Ryan (PE Teacher and Sports Coordinator)

SCHOOL PHOTOS – MARCH 5TH

Student envelopes will be coming home today for our school photos on March 5th. All ordering is done online including family photos and must be done by Monday 4th March.

FROM THE ART ROOM

FEEDBACK I've had some wonderful feedback from a number of children who were able to attend Chinese New Year celebrations in Melbourne last weekend and also from some who have visited the Escher exhibition at the NGV. It's good for the other children in classes to hear different opinions and points of view about these events as well as mine.

Also, I know that everyone has busy lives and commitments so a big thank you from me to those who have been able to fit these experiences into their schedule. This is what memories are made from.

While talking about Chinese Dragons, several children have mentioned going to the Easter Parade in Bendigo in the past and how amazing the dragon was. I googled information about this and it turns out that Sun Loong, the world's longest imperial Chinese dragon has become quite fragile and will appear in the parade for the last time this Easter. He will be joined however, by a new dragon, Dai Gum Loong in his first appearance. If you can get yourself to Bendigo on Sunday the 21st of April, I'm thinking that this could be a spectacular sight. I've put some information about the dragons in the foyer outside the art room if you are interested in this.

Information about the children's artworks coming next week.

Yvonne McDonald
Art Specialist



ICY POLE SALES

Icy Poles will be available every Tuesday and Friday at lunchtime from the canteen window.

Paddle Pop ice creams - \$1.00

Quelch icy poles - \$0.50

NEWSLETTER HELP REQUIRED

We are looking for parents to help out with collating the newsletter on a Thursday from 12:30 to 1:15pm, for Term 1.

Please fill out the reply slip at the end of this newsletter or notify the office staff if you are able to help with this. Once we have enough participants we will then organise a roster of dates.

Thanks

PARENTS CLUB

Belmont Primary School has an active Parents Club and our purpose is to:

- Contribute to the wellbeing of the school community
- Encourage the participation of all parents in the life of the school and the education of their children
- Provide opportunities for parents to get to know each other and to be informed about their child's school
- Work in cooperation with the School Council
- Assist with fundraising activities

There are many ways you can become involved, so please join us at our next Parents Club meeting to learn more.

PARENTS CLUB MEETING

Wednesday 20th February 2019 7.30pm in the Staffroom

We have a short agenda; including David Houghton attending to present an update on what's happening around the school; so the evening is a great opportunity to meet other parents and ask any questions you may have. Our meetings usually run for an hour and everyone is welcome.

Committee Positions

In 2018 we had 3 formal positions:

President Skye Knight

Vice President Emily Emerson

Secretary Sarah Morrow and Steph Pitts

Some of the tasks the Committee are involved in are:

- *Organising and promoting meetings
- *Putting together small working groups for events such as Mother's Day and Father's Day Stalls
- *Brainstorming fundraising ideas
- *Taking minutes from Parents Club meetings and emailing to the school office
- *Promoting Parents Club activities and events via newsletter articles and the Facebook group

These formal positions will be declared vacant at the March meeting and we'll be seeking volunteers to fill these roles for 2019. If you'd like to know more about what's required, you're welcome to call me on 0412 203 356 to have a chat. Otherwise, please let David Houghton know that you're interested!

A closed BPS Preps 2019 group has been created by a fellow prep parent. This group is run by parents and is not part of the school administration. If you would like to join this group simply send a join request.

Skye

REPLY SLIPS

Newsletter Help!

I am able to assist with Newsletter help on Thursdays from 12:30 - 1:15pm.

Name (print) _____

Phone _____

to be returned by Wednesday 21st February 2019 to ensure we can get our roster organised.

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SATURDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2019 : 3-5PM

Parents, children, volunteers, anyone who has ever been involved with mainly music at South Barwon is invited to come and help us celebrate. It would be great to see you all and especially how the children have grown.



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RSVP: WEDNESDAY 20 FEB - 03 5243 9204
SALVATION ARMY SOUTH BARWON 180 FRANCIS ST, BELMONT

