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**BELMONT BULLETIN**  
**NO. 6 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

<b>DATES TO REMEMBER</b>			
Monday	18 <sup>th</sup> March		Grade 3/4 Baseball Excursion
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup> March	7:00-8:00pm	First Meeting of New School Council
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup> March	9:00am	Book Club Orders Due
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup> March		School Walk-a-thon
Thursday	27 <sup>th</sup> March		Grade 3/4 Netball Carnival
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup> March		Grade 5/6 Summer Lightning Prem
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup> March	7:30pm	Parents Club Social Night at Archive Bar Belmont
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> April		Grade 3-6 School Cross Country – Please note new date
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> April		Grade 5/6 Girls Football
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup> April	9:00-2:30pm	Last day of Term 1 – Please note early finish
TUESDAY	23 <sup>rd</sup> April		First day of Term 2
Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup> April	7:30pm	Parents Club Meeting in the staffroom
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup> April		ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Wed-Fri	1 <sup>st</sup> May		Grade 5/6 Sovereign Hill Camp

<b>Student of the week</b>		
Congratulations to the following students whose efforts, behaviour and attitude have been recognised		
Isla P	Prep G	For having a go at writing all the sounds you can hear in words! You did an amazing job writing about your weekend! You are a superstar!
Lily G	Prep V	For working really well in reading sessions! Lily was able to explain <i>the problem</i> , and <i>how the problem got 'fixed'</i> , after reading Tiger, Tiger!
Isla B	1/2 C	For constantly having a positive attitude and giving all learning tasks a red hot go! Isla always has a massive smile and a friendly face and she is someone who offers encouragement to her classmates daily.
Xavier L	1/2 M	For making a huge effort to improve his writing skills. Keep up the great improvement!
Maisie M	1/2 P	For consistently completing her work to a very high standard. Maisie you have made a sensational start to Grade One, keep it up!
Troy P	1/2 T	For settling well into Belmont Primary School and working hard to solve some tricky number patterns in Maths this week. Keep up the great effort Troy!
Lucy R	3/4 C	For continually producing work at an exceptional level. Lucy is a hard worker, who always works to her full potential and is always up for a challenge. Keep it up Lucy!
Frankie M	3/4 E	For being an addition superstar! I am so impressed with your persistence and positive attitude during our Math's lessons. Your work blew me away! Keep up the amazing work.
Ali A	3/4 L	For always showing up to school with such a positive attitude. You manage to brighten up the room when you walk in, asking politely 'How are you today?'. Keep it up Ali!
Ruby J	5/6 L	For working hard at everything you do! You demonstrate the value of learning everyday and are a fantastic role-model to other students. Ruby, you are a superstar!!
Finn B	5/6 S	For working really hard in the classroom and using feedback to make improvements to his work and for being a kind and caring buddy. Well done Finn!
Chanulya K	5/6 T	For always being a courteous and respectful member of 5/6T. Your caring nature is appreciated by us all.

**PRINCIPALS REPORT**



**Students of the week**

**House Captains** for 2019 were announced last Friday at assembly and formal badge presentations will occur at **tomorrow mornings assembly**.

**Information reports** Our team of presenters from 3/4E last Friday. From left- Eden, Faith, Fern and Bonnie.



The formal aspect of our **School Review** is now completed. The review examines the schools progress over the last four years and importantly helps set new directions and goals for the next 4 year **Strategic Plan 2019-2022**.

Parents and students views also played an important part in helping the school collect evidence around what we are doing well and what might be future focusses for the school. In all, around 80 families returned our surveys in hard copy or on-line and these *views and thoughts were summarised* as best we could.  
 [Note: x 4 means - 4 parents commented similarly]  
 This week:

**What could the school do differently that would improve our school?**

- More focus on times tables
- Healthy lunchbox education
- More homework x 3
- Communicate earlier x 2
- Catering for students not engaged by mainstream curriculum
- More community actions eg. Aged care x 4
- Updates on important matters eg. New Preps
- Add electronics
- Different composite classes eg. 4/5
- Introduce Auslan or different language x 3
- Less technology
- Smaller class sizes
- Greater transparency around school curriculum
- Communication around excursions/events
- Recognise learning milestones
- More playground space and further improvements
- Music x3
- Catch up tutoring
- Engage with State Schools Relief (*We do this yearly*)
- More external school orientated activities eg. Belmont sports team
- Teacher stability
- Address bullying immediately
- More class mixing from year to year
- Individual teacher communication
- Encourage problem solving
- Online payments for camps/excursions & consent forms
- More excursions
- More whole school activities x 3
- Support children with difficulties
- Less waste with stationary
- Volunteering =options
- Different camps
- Create Year 5 roles in the School Concert
- Student led learning
- Refresh old learnings
- Learn about other cultures eg. Hindu scriptures
- Less badges
- Better waste management
- Secure bike shed
- Re-examine fee structure to better reflect schools demographic

**Girls Footy** Last week at Belmont PS, the girls footy team received a clinic from two AFLW players from the Geelong Cats - Maddie Boyd and Rising Star Olivia Purcell. The ladies took the team for a training session where they learnt handballing, kicking and tackling skills. The Belmont PS girls football team will be participating in an interschool competition on Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup> at the South Barwon Reserve, Belmont. Any volunteer helpers for the day will be greatly appreciated!

Parents might be interested to know that a third of all people who now play football as a sport are girls and women.



**Family holidays** Where families take holidays during school terms, we would appreciate advanced notice of this in writing please. With our improving communication with families around unapproved absences, it will help us accurately record this absence and also help prevent families from receiving daily SMS messages or other contact from the school.

**Aussie of the Month** for February  
 Neena C (5/6S)



**Choir restart** In our continuing efforts to increase the music opportunities for our students we have employed our current piano teacher Samantha Robinson to start up a new choir here at Belmont PS. It will run one lunchtime each week and involve around 28 students. **Tomorrow** Samantha will be auditioning all students to help achieve a balance of voices in setting up the choir.



Although sufficient interest was expressed for drum lessons through the **Music Bus** we have been unable to find an appropriate time that does not interfere with key learning times across the morning or means the buses entry over recess or lunchtimes which cannot be done safely. We will try again in Term 2.

This past week we welcomed back **Senior Constable Robbie Noggler** who met with our students and talked about safety and **Cyber safety**.



**Indoor air quality study (3/4C and 5/6T)** – This year Belmont PS has agreed to be part of RMIT University research study which aims to improve the air quality in selected schools and aged care centres in Victoria with the use of fresh filtered air ventilation systems.

Indoor conditions of the schools and aged care centres will be monitored and assessed for one (1) year across the four (4) seasons. The results will develop new knowledge aimed at improving the well-being and educational outcomes of young children and quality of life and resilience of older Australians, assisting in climate change adaptation.

This project will monitor the IAQ parameters such as temperature, relative humidity, carbon dioxide concentration levels and particulate matter in classrooms before and after the installation of fresh filtered air ventilation systems.

Equipment installed at no cost to the school in one of the classrooms remains the property of the school after completion of the study.

**Grades 3/4C and 5/6T** are involved in the study. Consent forms will be sent home explaining more about the research and requesting parents consent to interview students about any changes they may notice in the classroom. This work is scheduled for next Wednesday. I encourage all parents to consent to their children to become part of this DET approved university led study of air quality in schools and aged care centres.

**Did you know?** Over 100,000 species of flies live on earth but luckily none have teeth.



Regards from Principal Team  
**David Houghton**                      **Sharon Liddle**  
 Principal ☺                              and    Assistant Principal ☺

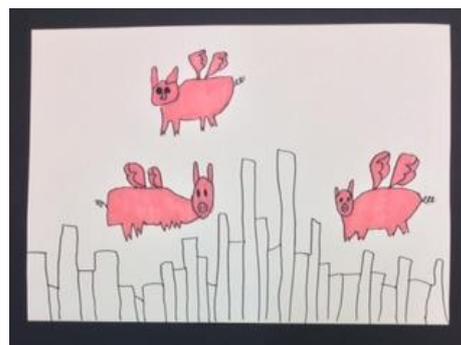
**FROM THE ART ROOM**

**YEAR OF THE PIG  
 YEARS 5/6**

The students at this level have begun creating a freestanding pig using corrugated cardboard and Supertac (a bit like PVA but faster to stick.) They are using the same techniques as Parisian artist Claude Jeanette who has a workshop at 10 Rue Pelican in Paris. A school excursion to visit her would be fun!! I'd need parent helpers of course.

**YEARS 3/4**

This week we have begun a drawing called "Pigs might fly". We discussed the meaning of this saying and all agreed that it means something that is never going to happen. A funny drawing was one of a winged pig flying over a bride and groom. The groom was asking the bride to marry him and she said "Pigs might fly!" Priceless.



## Years 1 /2

These children have completed their artworks about The Three Little Pigs and when finished also filled out a self reflection form. They will be bringing both home this week and I think you will find them quite interesting. The self reflection form is to get them thinking about their artwork, materials used etc and also how they have used their time and whether they are proud of their finished creation.

The artwork from 1/2C is going on display outside the staff room so these will be sent home at a later date. (If there's not enough room for them all I try to share the displays around.)

### PREPS

This week the Preps will be making pigs using boxes wrapped in brown paper, a few other materials and the amazing Supertac. You'll see them soon.

**Yvonne McDonald**

Art Specialist

## HELPERS WANTED

### HELPERS WANTED!

Are you able to help out with the schools Lightning Premiership teams? We need helpers to accompany the 5/6 student teams in Basketball, T-Ball and Volleystars (no experience necessary!) on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March. This is a whole day activity at the Geelong Basketball and Netball Centre in South Geelong and at the Geelong Baseball Centre in Waurin Ponds. Any help for all or part of the day would be greatly appreciated!

### MORE HELPERS WANTED!!

We are also looking for helpers for the School Cross Country (Grades 3-6) on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. This year we are trying something new and are running the event at the Barwon Valley Fun Park, to give the students a more realistic experience of distance running. The event will run from 9:00am to 11:30am approximately and we would love some parents to be helpers at the venue on the day.

If you are able to assist with either of those events, please leave your details with your child's teacher, the office, or with me directly. Many, many thanks in advance!

Rachel Ryan

PE Teacher and Sports Coordinator

## HOT CROSS BUN FUNDRAISER

We are once again partnering with Bakers Delight Belmont to offer you the opportunity to purchase delicious Hot Cross Buns and raise funds for our school. For every 6 pack of Hot Cross Buns purchased, Belmont Primary School will receive \$2.00, so we encourage you to ask your family and friends to support us. Simply complete the order form when it is sent home with your child (also attached to this newsletter/spare copies are available from the school office) and return it with the correct change to your child's classroom teacher no later than Thursday 28

March. Orders will be available for collection from the Staffroom between 3:00pm and 3.45pm on Wednesday 3 April. If you would like to help with this fundraiser or ask questions please contact Anthea Doran on 0478 617 713.

## GROW AND GOBBLE

It is always a busy time when we come back from the long Summer break, lots of tidying up and getting ready for Autumn. But one really exciting part of Term 1 is the produce we get to pick and share. We had a great crop of nectarines this year and they were yummy. Some have been frozen to transform into icecream later this term. Most of our plums came ripe over the holidays and dropped to the ground. So sad! Our tomatoes are coming along well now and last week we cut some up and placed them out in the sun, covered with mesh and let that very hot weather go to work. Yesterday we were rewarded with some very yummy sundried tomatoes. The children also got very excited by the grapes. We had a very heavy crop and have picked most of them now. Weather is a funny thing.....this week some of the grapes had become sultanas (news to some children that they are the same fruit.)



Each year we need some very special helpers in the garden. It would be for one hour a month on a Wednesday lunchtime. You don't need to know anything about gardening (if you do it is a bonus); you would assist the children with tasks in the garden. You can be a parent, older sibling, grandparent, family friend, if you are interested call me on 0413411229 or contact the office.

If anyone is interested in seeing the garden the children help create and enjoy.

I empty the Fruit Friday scraps into the compost each Friday at app 3.15pm. I will keep the garden open till the end of school, just climb the new stairs near the library and you will find the grow and gobble garden.

Deb Biro

## PARENTS CLUB

The second Parents Club meeting for 2018 was held last night, Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of March and it was a very well attended meeting with a full table again. At this meeting the formal positions were declared vacant and volunteers appointed into the following positions:

President       Skye Knight  
Vice President   Meagan Smith  
Secretary       Kay Cornell and Emily Rae

David provided a Principals report at the meeting on recent and future activity within the School and several other topics and dates were discussed, including:

- Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser – Forms going out this week
- Parents Social Night – Our first Parent social night is happening on **Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> of March** at the Archive Bar in Belmont, 7:30pm. This is an informal night, a chance to celebrate the end of Term 1 and chat to other parents.
- Mother's Day Stall – Mother's Day is coming up on May 12<sup>th</sup> and Parents Club are already working on putting together a range of gifts for the annual Stall. Given the school holidays, notes will be going out in the coming week with further details.
- Election Day BBQ – As we still don't know the date of the Federal election we are unable to fully plan for this event but we will be asking for volunteers as soon as we know, be that turning sausages on the day or baking cakes.

I would like to thank Emily Emerson for all her help as Vice President last year and Sarah Morrow and Steph Pitts as the previous joint secretary, thank you!

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of April, please contact me if you have any questions about Parents Club on 0412 203 356.  
Skye

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Book Club orders are due 9am Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March please.  
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. You can preview books and, once you've registered, you will also be eligible for special offers throughout the year.  
Happy reading!

## GEELONG MUMS

The School Captains and Vice Captains this year are working to support a wonderful community group called the Geelong Mums. Geelong Mums supports disadvantaged mums (and dads) with essential needs and the group started just a few years ago with 5 mums donating some of their baby goods and volunteering their time.

Last year they organised the donation of nearly 17,000 items new and old worth almost \$2 million dollars.

As School Captains we met with one of the organisers and are planning to collect for the Geelong Mums in March. Our aim is to gather 286 items which is the current school student population.

These items can include:

Soap                   Shampoo               Conditioner  
Tooth brushes       Toothpaste           Moisturiser  
Towels                Shaving cream       Deodorants  
Perfume (boxed)

Donations can be delivered to the BER each Monday or Friday from 8.45 am. We will be there to meet you.

**Remember March is Geelong Mums month.**  
**Thanks, School Captains**



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# BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL



An Open Evening for all  
Grade 6 students and parents  
will be held on  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Interested Parents of Grade 5 students are welcome to attend.

**Tours:** 5.00 – 6.30 p.m.  
Meet at Biolab in Rotherham Street

**Presentation:** 6.45 – 7.30 p.m.  
In the School Gymnasium

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Assistant Principal/Transition Coordinator: Ms Meagan McAlpine



**Oberon HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING**

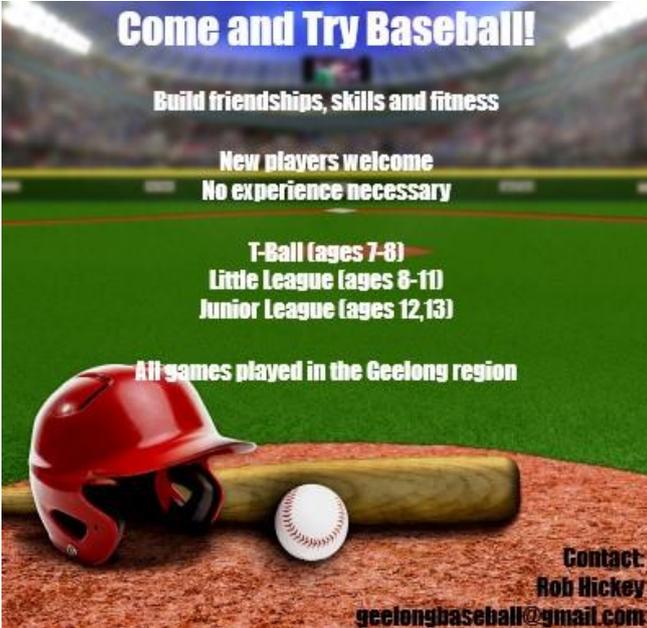
Parents and prospective students are warmly invited to our information evening

**Thursday 28th March 2019**

The evening commences with guided tours at 5.30pm followed by an information session at 7.00pm in the school gym.

We look forward to welcoming you to Oberon High School.  
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Contact:  
Rob Hickey  
[geelongbaseball@gmail.com](mailto:geelongbaseball@gmail.com)



Girl's "Come and Try" footy sessions will be held at St Mary's Sporting Club for any girls aged between 5-12 years wanting to do Auskick or play U12s footy this year.

The sessions will be on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March**  
4.15pm – 5.15pm at St Mary's Sporting Club (Anthony Costa Oval)

If you would like to ask anything about girls footy, you can call  
**Amanda Flynn 0425 718 094**