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BELMONT BULLETIN
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DATES TO REMEMBER			
TOMORROW	24th May		Prep to Grade 4 Dress Up Day - Careers
TOMORROW	24th May		Grade 5/6 Winter Lightning Prem
Monday	27th May		Grade 3/4 Bollard Walk
Tuesday	28th May		Division Cross Country
Wednesday	29th May	7:30pm	Parents Club Meeting – School Staffroom
Monday	10th June		Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday	11th June		Curriculum day - Confirmed
Wednesday	12th – 21st June		3/4 Swimming Program
Saturday	15th June	7:30pm	BPS Parents Trivia Night – Geelong Bowls Club
Wednesday	19th June	7:00pm	School Council Meeting
Thursday	20th June		School Disco – More information to come home soon
Thursday	27th June	2:00pm – 7:00pm	Parent Teacher Interviews – more information soon

Student of the week		
Congratulations to the following students whose efforts, behaviour and attitude have been recognised		
Edward G	Prep G	For working hard on his writing! You are doing an amazing job learning all your sounds and it is showing in your writing. Keep up the amazing work!
Zahli A	1/2 M	For working super hard to improve her writing by adding extra details and interesting facts Keep it up Zahli!
Shahzaib M	1/2P	For his excellent listening on our 'My Geelong' Excursion, you are a very polite and well mannered student!
Maia B	1/2 T	For representing Belmont Primary so well on our Geelong Excursion. You were respectful, curious and listened intently throughout the day. Well done Maia!
Will B	3/4 E	For approaching all NAPLAN tasks with enthusiasm and a super positive attitude. You did such an amazing job and should be so proud of your efforts.
Carter L	5/6 L	For his thoughtful and interesting contributions to our class discussions. Keep it up Carter!
Cordelia L	5/6 S	For her determination when taking on new challenges and taking risks with her learning. Well done Cordelia!
Ashton C	5/6 T	For always being a positive, friendly and encouraging member of 5/6T. The way you conduct yourself within the classroom is greatly appreciated by us all. Keep up the great work!
Lucas D	ITALIAN	For knowing different responses when asked how he is feeling in Italian.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Students of the Week



Election BBQ winner



It was a great day for a BBQ as captured early Saturday morning here on election day. My sincere thanks to all parents who gave up part of their Saturday to help us on the BBQ and the rest of Saturday smelling like bacon or sausages or both.

This year we achieved an outstanding result for the school raising close to **\$2400 clear profit**. We have plans to upgrade many of our take home books and this will see benefits flowing to every grade and every student across the school.



Photos: Courtesy of Mrs Gowers

Special thanks to Skye Knight (President of our Parents Club) who oversaw the organisation and running on the day. There were other key parents and many volunteers also but too many to mention here. Great job everyone!



Photo: Courtesy of Mr McArdle

Education Week 2019



This week is Education Week across many Government schools. This week aims to showcase and celebrate excellence in education through open days, exhibitions and special events. This year, Education Week runs from last Sunday 19th to Saturday 25 May, and the theme is 'Celebrating Careers'.

2019 is the 75th year of Education Week and it aims to positively profile and celebrate the strengths and achievements of Victoria's government education sector.

This week our main events included a visiting speaker for some of our grades, an Open hour today (**Thursday 23rd May**) and tomorrow (**Friday 24th May**) a Career themed dress up for our Prep to Year 4 students.

2019 Junior School Council were presented with their badges at last weeks assembly. We congratulate all students elected to JSC for 2019.



Assembly Challenge over the next few weeks the challenge for students is to find something unusual. Many occupations today require their workers to be 'curious' researching solutions to some of the worlds most serious problems. Let's see what our students can find....At assembly last week, Frankie M one of our students from 3/4E, provided us with a large Seahorse she had found at the Anglesea beachfrontslightly more dried than this one.



NAPLAN was completed for our Year 3s and 5s last week. My thanks to Sharon Liddle who oversaw the program this year and our staff who were involved in the lead up preparations and testing over the three days. We managed to catch up on just about all students who had missed tests on any given day. A small number of students were away for the entire period so were unable to take part this year.

Our staff were very proud of all of their students who gave it this formal testing 'their best shot'.

Walk to School Day last Friday

Well done to all of our students and families who participated in last weeks effort. We estimated around 90% of our students walked, scooted or rode to school and what a great day it was.

It was a close competition but the winning house for 2019 was Pleasant (BLUE HOUSE). My thanks to Mrs Ryan and her Sports Captains who arranged the walk or helped across the morning.



Pictured here our Blue House Captains Fin and Poppy with the coveted Golden Shoe Trophy.

World Bicycle Day is Monday June 3rd.

Our Grade 5/6s will be involved in a 4 week Sporting Schools funded bike skill sessions which will culminate in a ride down to the newly established bike track near Kmart.

We seek parent support in helping ensure student bikes are in good working order and are here each Friday (4 weeks) for the program which starts tomorrow week. All students who take part in the 4 weeks will also gain a free 3 month membership to the Geelong Cycling Group.



Colds and Flu

About this time of year, we see increasing numbers of our students (and staff) battling various cold and flu bugs. Parents are generally very good judges of whether or not their child is well enough to attend school however no students should be sent to school with a temperature or active cold which comes with uncontrolled coughing or runny nose. These *active* colds can spread rapidly and students effected are rarely in the mood for learning. It can be a difficult balance we know for parents. Parental leave has been a great addition for parents in many work places who have unwell children or other direct family members.

Reporting to parents is changing. Growing feedback from parents in recent years has resulted in the school making some changes to our reports.

To increase the communication and clarity around reporting to our parents, we will be uploading to

COMPASS subject specific assessment and reporting from next week through to week 10 this term.

It will be important that parents who have not yet connected to COMPASS do so. Kelly, our resident expert, is available to help you directly if you have lost your login for example. We will re-issued instructions to 33 families, who appear not to have taken this step yet with their original login and temporary passwords.

Our full report will still be available at mid-year on COMPASS and/or as a hard copy (but only where requested). Parent/Teacher sessions will again be offered. (27th June) We will seek your continued feedback about these changes with a view to continue to improve the way we report to all of our parents.

Woolworths promotion

After much discussion and accepting a broader view of all involved (staff, students, parents and SC) **School Council voted not take part** in the Earn and Learn promotion this year. In my mind, our core business is not about promoting companies who use direct marketing aimed at our students to change the shopping habits of their parents and there are many smaller groups who we can support in demonstrating our school value of Community.

Our Junior School Council are asking families to collect milk container tops. These tops cannot be recycled easily but, can be used in the production of prosthetic limbs. The target is 167 caps per grade. Please help them out where you can.



School Crossing Safety

Our students safety should be our number one priority when dropping off and collecting our children from school.

Parking between the crossing flags and the no standing signs makes it harder for the Crossing Person to help the children across safely.

Please refrain from ever parking within the flags, even if it for just a second.



The **NEWSLETTER** is now digital. The school has been transitioning to this for some time now. Parents will need to access our newsletter through COMPASS or our website from now on.

Did you know? Small 1/4 pint vintage milk bottles (I am old enough to remember having in Primary School) now sell on Ebay for up to \$8 each....empty.

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

FROM THE ART ROOM

Did you know that it was International Bee Day last Monday the 20th Of May? To be perfectly honest, I didn't until my sister mentioned it to me on the weekend, but I think that it's a wonderful coincidence that we are making artwork about bees at this time. On this day, May 20, Anton Jansa the pioneer of beekeeping, was born in 1734. The purpose of the international day is to acknowledge the role of bees and other pollinators for the ecosystem. In the art room we have been working on the following activities.

PREPS

We spent one lesson painting three group murals of colourful flower gardens then the next week made gorgeous bees using pom-poms and iridescent cellophane to buzz around the flowers.



YEARS 1,2,3,4

The children at these levels have been working on two hexagonal honeycomb cells each which will be

displayed together when finished to make giant honeycombs with interesting artwork inside them. I think I'll need a lot to get the right effect so that's why both departments are working on this.



YEARS 5/6

These students painted a textured background and are now adding painted bees after researching different techniques for doing this. They are looking amazing.



Yvonne McDonald
Art Specialist

RUNNING CLUB

On Wednesday's.... we RUN!!

Every Wednesday morning, all students are invited to join in our Run Club. For every lap around the outside of the oval, students will earn one house point. Be sure to collect your unifix block along the way and report to the House Captains at the end to register your points.

Each Friday at assembly the Golden Boot will be presented to the winning house. Good luck and see you next Wednesday at 8:45am!



PARENTS CLUB

Election Day Fundraiser

Thank you once again to everyone who helped out on Election Day and also baked for the cake stall component. Through the hard work of those who were able to assist we raised just over \$2,370 for the school, which is a great result. Our profit would have been significantly less without the kind assistance of the following businesses who were very generous in their support:

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- Kerr's Hire

Parents Club Meeting 29th May

The next meeting will be held Wednesday in the staffroom from 7:30pm. Amongst other items we will be discussing the trivia night on the 15th of June and the school disco planned for 20th of June. Everyone welcome.

School Disco Thursday 20th June

Planning is underway for this very important event. Notes will be sent home in the coming weeks with all the details.

BPS Parents Trivia Night Saturday 15th June

Geelong Bowls Club

Tables are now on sale for this social night. The cost is \$160 for a table of eight, get in early to avoid missing out! Please contact me on 0412 203 356 to purchase.

Thanks
Skye

Rovers Basketball Club is desperately seeking girls born between 2008 and 2012 who are interested in playing basketball. Games will be Saturday morning and training is at Clairvaux Primary School in Belmont. The winter season has already started and we need extra girls to make up the u10 and u12 teams.

If your child is interested in playing please contact Craig Cole on 0418 325 251



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Come and try hockey for free!! On Thursday 6th June we are having a FREE clinic for Belmont Primary School students, provided by the Newtown Hockey Club. The clinic is open to any students interested, but the group size is limited to 25, so first in, best dressed! Please sign up at the office to register your interest. The session will go from 3:30pm to 4:30pm and all equipment is provided – hope to see you there!

Mrs Ryan



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