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**BELMONT BULLETIN**  
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<b>DATES TO REMEMBER</b>			
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Parents Club Meeting at Cucina One 12</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>		<b>Prep – Grade 2 Gymnastics Program</b>
<b>Mon - Wed</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Aug</b>		<b>Grade 3/4 Cavehill Creek Camp</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> September</b>		<b>School Concert</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> October</b>		<b>Greatest Showman Sing A-long Movie Night</b>

<b>Student of the week</b>		
<b>Congratulations to the following students whose efforts, behaviour and attitude have been recognised</b>		
Lucas G	<b>Prep G</b>	For having a wonderful first term at Belmont Primary School. You have tried your best each day and it is great to see you learning lots! Keep up the awesome work!
Kay S	<b>Prep V</b>	For her wonderful telephone made out of a cereal box! Well done Kay!
Eedie F	<b>1/2 M</b>	For taking on many new challenges and learning new skills, especially in Reading and Maths. Well done Eedie!
Charlie S	<b>1/2 P</b>	For writing a very detailed and entertaining recount of his weekend. It was great fun to read! Well done!
Angus H	<b>1/2 T</b>	For working incredibly hard on his Information Report about scorpions. You showed great determination and persistence when researching information, planning and writing your report. Well done Angus, keep up the great effort!
Harry M	<b>3/4C</b>	For displaying extraordinary sportsmanship when he sacrificed his one race to help a fellow competitor at athletics. Congratulations and well done Harry!
Lila K	<b>3/4 E</b>	For creating a wonderful narrative with an engaging, interesting introduction. Wonderful work Lila!
Mila R	<b>3/4 L</b>	For always being such an amazing class helper! You are always willing to help anyone around you, even cleaning up messy tubs for others! You're a superstar Mila.
Meg F	<b>5/6 L</b>	For putting an amazing effort into creating her character for our Gold Rush Gala Day. Well done for your excellent research and knowledge of your character Meg!
Spencer H	<b>5/6 S</b>	For demonstrating courage, determination and persistence to learn new skills and achieve success. Well done Spencer!
Brody M	<b>5/6 T</b>	For displaying a high level of skill and understanding during our numeracy sessions. In particular when converting between fractions, decimals and percentages.
Lachlan R	<b>ITALIAN</b>	For learning facial features in Italian so well.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Welcome back to Term 3 everyone. I hope that all members of our community enjoyed a chance for dedicated family time and our students and staff are returning well rested. We are very pleased with the calm and positive manner in which all students have commenced the term, with all classes settling quickly back into the daily routine of learning.

This week we extend a warm welcome to Dakota (5/6L), Tallis (5/6T) and Jeelson (Prep V) and their families to Belmont Primary School and wish them well as they settle in and enjoy our wonderful school community.

Mr Houghton is taking some long overdue but certainly well-deserved leave this term and I feel very privileged

to be leading and supporting the school community during his short-term absence.

I am looking forward to the busy but exciting term ahead with the School Concert planned for later this term. Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you need to discuss anything at all with me.

**Students of the Week, Week 10 Term 2**



## Holiday works completed

While students and parents have enjoyed the break we have been busy here at school completing some improvements and repairs.

These have included:

- Removal of tripping hazards near the DOME
- Placement of Aboriginal ART work and design
- New seating installed
- Additional safety fall mulch added to Junior Playground
- Continued work on Cubby Area (Mini Village)
- Additional safety fencing installed
- Protective work completed on BB backboards.
- Test and Tag all electrical items.
- Spraying weeds on the oval
- General clean up
- Repairs to the library door

## After School Care

In our continuing efforts to review and enhance the provision of before and after school care, we are providing current users of the service with an opportunity to provide us with ongoing feedback. Please use the link or QR code below to access the quick survey. Your feedback is valued and welcomed.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/35BQBF5>



## Staffing News

On the last day of Term 2, we were both excited for and saddened to learn that one of our ES staff members, Mrs Bec Gillett, has successfully been appointed to a position at Drysdale Primary School for the remainder of the 2019 school year. This position provides an opportunity for Bec to work closer to her home and family and to broaden her professional experience. Bec has been a dynamic and dedicated member of the staff team for the past six years, working with many children across the school. Whilst there is little doubt that we will certainly miss Bec's daily contribution to our community here at Belmont, we wish her all the very best in her new school.

## Welcome to the Belmont Team

This week we welcomed Sarah Constable and Jade Campbell to our Education Support team. Sarah and Jade have both recently completed training in Education Support and have varied experiences in working alongside children in a range of ways. Sarah will be working within the 5/6 team whilst Jade will be providing additional support within the 3/4 team.

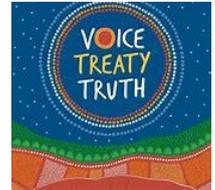
## Reporting to Parents

Many thanks to the families who participated in the Parent-Teacher Conferences in the last week of term. We really value the time that our families devote to having shared conversations with our teachers about how students are progressing in their learning. We

were delighted with the number of parents who used Compass to be able to book your own appointments and hope that you found it a more efficient and effective process – our teachers certainly loved how it streamlined their work at the end of such a busy term. We will be seeking feedback from our parent community in coming weeks regarding all the elements of our reporting to parents approach in Semester One. This includes the continuous learning tasks, the modifications to the student reports and the parent-teacher conferences.

## NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observers Committee) Week is celebrated every year around the country in July. NAIDOC week often falls in the July school holidays and this year has been the same. This year's theme was "Voice, Treaty, Truth – Let's work together for a shared future" and during this week, our students and teachers have been participating in a variety of activities to commemorate this special week of significance for our Indigenous Australians. We will recognise NAIDOC Week together at assembly this Friday.



*Our indigenous artwork is almost complete.*

## Parent Opinion Survey

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. Approximately 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey.

The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behavior and student engagement.

Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. This year during the School Review, data and feedback from the Parent Opinion Survey over the past four years was used to help form our targets and key improvement strategies within the new strategic plan.

This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** to **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August**.

If your family is selected in the random sample, then early next week you will receive a letter outlining the information that you need to access and log into the secure site to complete the survey online.

### Essilor Foundation Vision testing

On Monday we started the term with the Essilor Foundation conducting the vision testing for the majority of our prep students, along with a number of other students throughout the school. I thank our many parents who supported our efforts to connect with this free and valuable service. A range of tests were carried out to identify any vision issues by fourth year trainee optometry students under the supervision of trained staff.

15 of the 56 students tested (about 27%) have been referred on to seek further assessment with all students involved being provided with a written report. On behalf of our school community I expressed our appreciation to Greg, Ash, Geoff and their team for their continued offer of this service to our school community.

### Whooping Cough Alert

Earlier this week, we informed our community via a Compass notification that we have been advised that one student has been diagnosed with whooping cough. This has been a single case and the child affected has received medical assistance and has been recovering well at home.

Further information is available from the Royal Children's Hospital fact sheet available at [https://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/fact\\_sheets/Whooping\\_cough/](https://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/fact_sheets/Whooping_cough/)

We hope families find this information helpful and advise any parents with concerns around your child's health to please seek medical advice.



Preparations are under way for our 2019 School Concert. Please set aside Wednesday 11 September for what promises to be a great night out as we enjoy seeing our students shine on stage.

This year the concert will have a theme around movie musicals with classes selecting a movie and performing two songs from that movie. Movies and songs are still being finalised and will be confirmed next week but we are due to commence rehearsals later next week. Each class will be provided with a weekly 40 minute rehearsal time with our experienced choreographers to learn and practice their concert items over the next month or so.

### Tracky Dack Day

Congratulations to our Junior School Council who organised a very successful casual dress day on the last Friday of term. It was great to see our students coming to school in their warm and comfy 'tracky dacks' (especially with the cold winter weather) and coming together to support a worthy cause. Thanks to all our families for supporting this activity – overall \$294.50 was raised for TLC For Kids.

### Did you know?

Reasoning is one of the four mathematical proficiencies that are fundamental to learning mathematics and working mathematically.

Students are reasoning mathematically when they:

- explain their thinking
- deduce and justify strategies used and conclusions reached
- adapt the known to the unknown
- transfer learning from one context to another
- prove that something is true or false
- make inferences about data or the likelihood of events
- compare and contrast related ideas and explain their choices.

Try this open-ended mathematical challenge together as a family. It fosters reasoning skills and certainly isn't limited to one correct answer.

**Find a reason for why each of these numbers doesn't belong...**

9	16
25	43

Happy reasoning...have a great week.

Kind regards

**Sharon Liddle**  
Acting Principal ☺

### PARENT PARKING

Recently the parking conditions on the corner of Thompson Street and McDonald Street have changed. Please be aware of the painted yellow lines which we have been advised is a no parking zone. Parking officers will be visiting the area at peak times.

### FROM THE LIBRARY

The library currently has a number of new books in need of contacting. If any parents have some spare time and would like to help out please see Deb in the Library or contact the school office.

## PARENTS CLUB

Our next Parents Club meeting will be held next week on Wednesday 24th at Cucina One 12 in Belmont, starting at 7:30pm.

Please let me know if you can come so I can include you in the reservation on 0412 203 356.

Thanks  
Skye

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Here are a few more photos from last term's 5/6 Gala Day.

Students dressed up as a character from the gold rush era and presented their journals and answered questions about what they had learned about their chosen character. Thank you to the parents, grandparents and family members who attended the Gala Open Session and supported our students in celebrating and sharing their learning.



**Belmont PS School Choir** in rehearsal late last term. All going well we will get to see a 'sneak peek' of their concert performance in a few weeks time.



Congratulations to **Lila & Jireh** for a wonderful piano performance at assembly on the last day of Term 2. Keep up the great work.