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**BELMONT BULLETIN**  
**NO. 23 15th August 2019**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Today	15 <sup>th</sup> Aug	9:00am	School Concert Tickets On Sale Now
Monday	19 <sup>th</sup> Aug		Prep – Grade 2 Gymnastics Program
Mon - Wed	19 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug		Grade 3/4 Cavehill Creek Camp
Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup> August	7:30pm	Parents Club Meeting in the staffroom
Monday	26 <sup>th</sup> August		Grade 1/2 Skydome Incursion
Friday	30 <sup>th</sup> August		Father's Day Stall
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup> September	9:00am	Book Club Orders Due
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup> September	7:00-9:00pm	School Concert
Friday	25 <sup>th</sup> October		Greatest Showman Sing A-long Movie Night

**Student of the week**

**Congratulations to the following students whose efforts, behaviour and attitude have been recognised**

Scarlett H	Prep G	For working so hard in Reading this week. You were able to sound out some tricky words and read with confidence! Well done Scarlett!
Charlotte H	Prep V	For her excellent writing about gymnastics. Well done Charlotte!
Grace G	1/2 C	For being engaged in our initial learning about persuasive writing. Well done Grace for thinking of some for and against arguments as well as some great introductory sentences for your topics.
Mahith G	1/2 M	For showing great leadership during our last dance practice, getting involved and helping others complete the steps. Great work Mahith!
Juniper L	1/2 P	For consistently being a kind and caring member of 1/2P. You always listen carefully and are very thoughtful!
Troy P	1/2 T	for showing great persistence when writing a procedural text on how to make a milkshake. Keep up the great effort, Troy!
Jamie B	3/4 C	For displaying great persistence when working on division and multiplication problems this week. Keep up the great work Jamie!
Charlie A	3/4 E	For applying himself to all areas of his learning this week. Keep up the great work Charlie!
Emme S	3/4 L	For your outstanding division skills this week. You have been so determined when learning long division, exploring long division problems with ease. You're a budding mathematician Emme!
Jesse R	5/6 L	For an excellent job using context clues to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words in texts. Well done Jesse, keep up the super effort!
Hana Y	5/6 S	For always giving 100% in every learning task and striving hard to always make improvements to her work. Well done Hana!
Phoebe O	5/6 T	For investigating Martin Luther-King and what makes a speech inspiring, using these skills to produce her own 'I Have a Dream' speech about equality.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

**Students of the Week**



**Assembly  
Share and Shine**

Congratulations to all the students in our School Choir who performed at assembly last Friday. It was an amazing performance of 'A Million Dreams' from The Greatest Showman. We were very proud of their effort and loved their beautiful voices. Thank you to **Samantha Robinson** for her guidance and mentoring of the choir and to all the family and friends who came along to support the children at their first performance. We look forward to the choir's encore performance when they shine on stage at the school concert.



the District Athletics. Thanks to Mrs Ryan for her organisation and for supporting students in their preparation for the event. Mr Thompson, Miss Leishman and Mrs Campbell will be attending the event with the Athletics team tomorrow.

Next week is Book Week. This year we will be celebrating the theme *Reading is my Secret Power* in a range of ways throughout the week. This year we will not be holding a Book Week dress-up day as we are aware of the need to lessen the demands on our families in light of the school concert, years 3/4 camp and an upcoming Italian day for the 5/6 students.

Our Literacy Team has planned a number of activities that include students bringing along their favourite book on Monday. Classroom book displays will pop up on classroom windows and doors as the week progresses and we are looking forward to a whole school display in the Arkinstall Hall by assembly time next Friday.

Book Week is a great opportunity to celebrate reading and books at home together. Family life is busy but I do encourage you to find time to read some family favourites together one night before bedtime or pop into a local library.

Of course, Book Week is also about the Children's Book Council of Australia's Book of the Year Award. Information about this year's shortlisted titles in each category can be found at:

<https://www.cbca.org.au/shortlist-2019>

### **Cavehill Creek Camp**

Our Years three and four students are heading off to Cavehill Creek Camp (north of Beaufort) next Monday morning and will return on Wednesday afternoon. Thanks to Mr Corker, Mrs Koch and the 3/4 team for all of their work in organising and planning for the camp. Thank you to the parent volunteers who will also be attending the camp for the three days. Our students only have these opportunities because we have staff and parents who are willing to spend time away from their own families so my thanks to everyone involved for their personal commitment to our students. Having been to Cavehill Creek Camp in the past, I know that our campers are going to have wonderful time. It looks like a top of 7 degrees is forecast for Monday in the Beaufort region (with a chance of snow!), so please remember to pack a warm coat other winter woollies such as a beanie, scarf and even gloves. Have fun everyone!

### **District Athletics**

Best wishes to all students who are heading back to Landy Field tomorrow to represent Belmont Primary at



**Wednesday 11 September 2019**

**Ticket Sales:** Tickets are available for sale from today. Information was sent home with students yesterday. Ticket prices have remained the same as the last concert in 2017 to help encourage as many people as possible to attend. Adults \$15 Children \$10 (those not in the performance).

This year tickets are being sold for specific reserved seating. We have approximately 800 tickets available for our families and friends.

Head to: <https://www.trybooking.com/BERXO> to purchase up to four tickets per family, If seats remain unsold then parents will be notified that these will be released for additional ticket sales closer to the concert.

Please note that on the night our students will be seated on the floor area of the stadium directly in front of the stage under the supervision of our staff.

**Costume Ideas:** Yesterday information was sent home to families suggesting ideas for costumes for each class. We encourage the creative handiwork of our families and know that often simple or colourful is very effective, However we have also included details of local costume stores as a courtesy for our families.

**Raffle:** Thank you to the families and local businesses who have donated items for raffles hampers and prizes. We appreciate your generosity and support. Raffle tickets will be available soon.



### Parent Opinion Survey

Thank you to the families who have completed the parent opinion survey. Emails containing the link and access details were sent again this week.

Whilst we are delighted that we have met the target of 45 responses, the survey remains open until this coming **Sunday 18 August**, so invited parents are still more than welcome to complete the survey.

### Learning Assessment Tasks

Our teachers have a new assessment task ready to be released this week. This time we will be including a *conversation* section in the task. This will provide parents with a space to write a brief comment back to the teacher, or ideally, a word of encouragement to your child acknowledging their effort and achievement on the task.

The *conversation* box provides a means for teachers to know which families have looked at the learning tasks, so we do ask that as a minimum, you reply with a simple *thanks* or *smiley face* 😊 so that our hardworking staff know that you have viewed your child's latest assessment and are engaging in important conversations with your children about their learning progress.

### Emergency Drills

As part of our school's Emergency Management Plan we are required to hold regular drills throughout the year to practice a range of emergency procedures. These can include an onsite evacuation, an evacuation to an offsite location, a lockdown or shelter-in-place procedure. As standard practice, we often hold several onsite evacuation drills throughout the year. This term we also plan to hold a lockdown drill and will practise an evacuation to a nearby offsite location. We will provide the community with advanced notice of these emergency drills through a Compass notification. If you feel your child may be anxious or distressed about either of these procedures, please discuss this with your child's classroom teacher.

### Premier's Reading Challenge

There is only one week remaining until this year's Premier's Reading Challenge is over. All books must be entered online by Friday 23 August. So far we have 49 amazing readers who have completed the challenge and all together our participants have read a MASSIVE 2303 books. Well done super stars!

Thanks to **Deb Krupa** in the library for her organisation and ongoing work in relation to this opportunity for our students.

### Raising Resilient Young People



#### Showing Empathy

The following students were our first to be recognised at assembly last week for showing empathy through a random act of kindness.

*Isla (Prep V) gave the winner of the Prep V student of the week award "two thumbs up" and an encouraging 'pat on the back'.*

*Lucas (Prep G) helped another student who was sitting on the other side of the aisle, click in his seatbelt on the bus to gymnastics.*

*Bonnie and Fern (3/4E) took time after school to assist Mrs Elkington with tidying and improving their classroom without being asked to.*

Thank you and well done to everyone for taking the time to be thoughtful and kind to others. Remember that when we do something kind for someone else, we are also helping our own mental health and building our own road to happiness and resilience.

Enjoy the weekend and week ahead everyone. Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you need to discuss anything at all with me.

Kind regards,

**Sharon Liddle**  
Acting Principal 😊

### FROM THE ART ROOM

All are working hard and having fun in the art room with pleasing results.

#### PREPS

The Preps have been making mono prints and also painting with acrylic paints. Making mono prints at this level is more about the process than the finished result. We discussed what mono means (one) and talked about examples ie. monorails, people who do monos on their bikes ..... not us (too dangerous), other grown up people, then how we can only make one print using this method. The look on their faces when they peel back the paper is priceless!



#### YEARS 1/2

We have been reading "Are we there yet" by Alison Lester about a road trip a family makes around Australia. We are going on a road trip of our own in my red Mazda. The children had to draw a design of the roads that we will be travelling on and as you can see there are no boring straight roads here.



### Years 3/4

The children at this level are painting an animal of their choice onto card then incorporating either circle weaving or random weaving into their design.



### YEARS 5/6

The Italian and Art programs have teamed together for our current activity about Venice. In the Art Room the students are painting and decorating Venetian masks. Here's a before shot, the finished products will be coming soon.



2 and a half hours for all of the Belmont kids to go around the whole course but it took another 30 minutes for everyone else to finish. After everyone finished there was a presentation. Only 2 kids from Belmont made it through and they were Joey who hit 47 and Wilbur who hit 45. After that we went back to school. We all really enjoyed the day. We would have loved to go to the next round but we were lucky to have had the opportunity to participate in this fun day.

BY HARRY E



### URGENT – HELPERS NEEDED FOR DISTRICT ATHLETICS

Are you available to help our teachers run the hurdles event for the District Athletics? Unfortunately the helpers that had been arranged by the organisers are no longer available, and we need to provide some people to assist our Belmont PS teachers to run the event. The events are running from 9:30am to 2:00pm approximately, but any amount of assistance would be greatly appreciated. It is being held at Landy Field in South Geelong. If you are able to help, please let Mrs Ryan or the office know as soon as possible. Many thanks.

### GEELONG NORTH DIVISION GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

Last Monday 7 kids from Belmont Primary went to a golf tournament in Clifton Springs. There was about 70 kids there and only 7 boys and 3 girls would be going through to the next round. The completion started at 9:30 but most of the Belmont kids arrived about 30 minutes early. We played 9 holes that were shortened to par 3's that ranged from 50 metres to 120 metres. The Belmont kids were split into 2 groups, one of the groups had Harry, Charlie, Miller and Surry and the parent for that group was Joel (Surry's dad.) And the other group consisted of Wilbur, Joey and Poppy and their parent helper was Alex [Joey's dad.] It took about

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Book Club orders are due 9am Friday 6th September 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!

The Scholastic Book Club paper order form has changed. It is a much simpler design but please take care when writing out book numbers and always include the title as well please!

## PARENTS CLUB

### Fathers Day Stall

The annual Father's Day Stall is coming up on Friday the 30th August. Notes were sent home earlier this week.

### Concert Raffle

One part of the upcoming School Concert is the raffle that we hold to raise money for the school. Prizes usually comprise of a range of hampers, with a variety of gifts.

If there are any quality items that you would like to contribute to the hampers please leave these at the office. Donations of non perishable items, for example wine, chocolate, and vouchers for services or businesses within the school community would be greatly appreciated.

We haven't had many donations from within the school as yet. If you could please contribute a small item within the next two weeks it will give us more time to put together the raffle prizes.

To kick things off this full size hard suitcase has been donated by the kind people at Bags Only in Belmont, a very generous donation!



Thanks  
Skye

## THE GREATEST SHOWMAN SING-A-LONG



The Greatest Showman Sing-A-Long at Reading Cinemas Waurin Ponds is on Friday 25 October 6pm.

We have had a wonderful response for this fundraiser and have currently met the minimum number of 180

tickets for this event to go ahead. A note will be going out early next week for the payment.

Tickets are \$15.00 per person and payments and return slips must be returned to the office. Payments are to be CASH only. There is also an option to add in a small popcorn and drink for \$8.00 per person. This would need to be added to the ticket price.

Payment is required in full by the 6th of September.

Additional tickets are still available to sell so please advise via the office clipboard or the Facebook page if you require additional tickets. Friends and family all welcome.

Many thanks.

## GEELONG FOOD RELIEF ANNUAL TOUCAN FOOD APPEAL

Monday 5<sup>th</sup>– Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2019

.....THINK OUTSIDE THE CAN!

The Geelong Food Relief Centre has been providing Emergency Food to those in need for 29 years. Working in conjunction with welfare agencies, this year 37,000 individuals will be referred to Geelong Food Relief Centre for Emergency Food Relief.

Items listed below form some of the basic food items most families choose.

We are inviting you to be part of this generous donation to provide if possible the following:

- Cereal (All Sizes)
- Cake Mix
- Spreads
- Dry Pasta
- Canned Soups
- Canned Tuna
- Packet Pasta
- Canned Fruit
- Noodles
- Rice
- Tea/Coffee
- Cling Wrap / Foil
- Shampoo Conditioner

Of course, all donations whether cans, boxes or packets are always gratefully appreciated and can be placed in the box located at the school office.

THANK YOU

## RUN 4 GEELONG

RUN 4 GEELONG is on this year on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November and not only do 100% of profits go towards Barwon Health but our school can also be in the running (pun intended!) for a top prize of \$750 for sports equipment if we are the school with the most entries in our team. We have created a team – **'Belmont Primary School'** so when you, your friends and family enter, make sure you search for our team

and join with us. There are three different events to choose from; 12km run, 6km run and 6km walk. Hope to see you there! All the information can be found on the website: [www.run4geelong.com.au](http://www.run4geelong.com.au)



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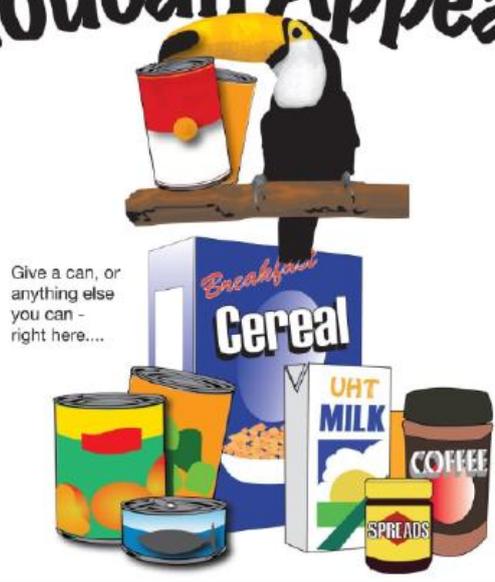
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