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BELMONT BULLETIN
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DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday	1 st , 8 th , 15 th Nov		5/6 Puberty Information Sessions
Friday	1 st , 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd Nov		Grade 3/4 Bike Ed Program
Monday	4 th November		Grades 3-6 Gymnastics Program
Wednesday	6 th November	7:30pm	Parent's Club Meeting
Thursday	7 th November	9:15am	Prep – Grade 2 Cross Country
Monday	11 th November	9:30 – 10:30am	2020 Prep Transition Session 1 Group A
Monday	11 th November	11:30 – 12:30pm	2020 Prep Transition Session 1 Group B
Monday	18 th November	9:15 – 10:30am	2020 Prep Transition Session 2 Group A
Monday	18 th November	11:30 – 12:45pm	2020 Prep Transition Session 2 Group B
Friday	22 nd November		Grade 4 Girls Afternoon Tea – More info to come home soon
Monday	25 th November	11:30 – 1:00pm	2020 Prep Transition Session 3 Group A
Tuesday	26 th November	11:30 – 1:00pm	2020 Prep Transition Session 3 Group B
Wednesday	27 th November	7:00pm	School Council Meeting
Friday	29 th November		Curriculum Day – No students required at school

Student of the week

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

Gweneth D	Prep G	For being a responsible and respectful Belmont Primary student when going to swimming lessons this week! You were organised each day and helped others! Keep up the great work.
Joshua S	Prep V	For having a positive attitude towards swimming and his ability to get organised before and after lessons.
Archie T	1/2 C	For excellent listening and enthusiasm when learning about addition strategies. Keep it up Arch!
Billy J	1/2 M	For being a champion classmate this week, helping out the preps at swimming and doing an amazing job during our reading theatre!
Isabelle M	1/2 P	For her consistent positive attitude in 1/2 P and her fantastic efforts at the pool in her swimming group this week. Just keep swimming Isabelle!!
Lachlan R	1/2 T	For an excellent start to the term! You are hardworking, persistent and always positive about your learning. Great job Lach!
Tyler W	3/4 C	For having the most amazing strategies whilst calculating some incredibly tricky BODMAS problems. Well done Tyler.
Lila K	3/4 E	For working very hard this week when learning about adding & subtraction money. Well done Lila.
Mali M	5/6 L	For always striving to do your best in everything you do. You demonstrate the value of learning everyday by asking questions, helping others and taking pride in your work. What a fantastic attitude you have Mali!
Evie M	5/6 T	For consistently striving for improvement and excellence in all areas. Your determination, concentration and attitude is something to be very proud of. Amazing work Evie!
Riley W	ITALIAN	For very good recall of animal names in Italian.
Dakota T	PE	For undertaking the challenge of coaching her team in a lacrosse activity with confidence and innovation. Thanks for being a great team player and fantastic helper in PE. Well done!

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



School Concert DVD

Videoworks is the professional sound and filming group that filmed our school concert.



If you are wishing to buy a copy of the DVD they produced they are now available online for \$20.00. Please follow the link below by close of business, Thursday 31st October for round 1 orders.

<https://www.trybooking.com/BGDXY>

A selection of Geelong Government buildings from our **5/6 Gala Day** late last term have been put on display at City Hall. Apparently they have ordered in brand new stands for them to be mounted on and are gathering a lot of attention from visitors.



My congratulations to Mr Grant Thompson who, with the support of some of our parents, has helped arrange this for our students. Our new Mayor of Geelong Stephanie Asher took particular interest in these works and met with students this week on the steps of City Hall.



School Concert 2019 Last 2 weeks It seems a long time ago now but we are still actively seeking any feedback to improve our concert. Did ticketing work for you? Did the designated seating work for you? Early entry to the hall. Did that improve the congestion we experienced last time? This survey monkey will only take a few minutes so if you have time please provide us with your view.

Please go to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KXBRTPD>



World record attempt is planned for the last week of term. While you are out and about shopping please consider adding some paddy pans and corn flakes to your trolley for our school. We need A LOT.



Bike Education has kicked off this year and involves our 3/4s. This past week bike checks and repairs were completed in readiness for the full program which will continue this Friday from 10 am.

Bikes can be left at school if parents are experiencing difficulty getting these to school each week over the course of the program.



Pictured here one of our dads, Ms Leishman and Mr Bradford helping out with the checks. Mr Corker and Mrs Koch were sorting tyres inside. A great team effort!

Rubbish We are pleased to announce that the school has been able to reduce it's regular skip pick up from three mornings to two. This will be a saving to the school of over \$1500 a year. We congratulate our staff, students and our families for the efforts they are making across the school to reduce the amount of rubbish we are generating that ends in landfill.

Our paper recycling continues and we are seeing more parents using small containers for food items. Reducing our rubbish by a third over recent times is great news for the school and even better news for the environment. Well done to all.



Sunshine It was lovely to see this week Grade 1/2 C enjoying a good book in the sunshine. Our school continues to build on a vision that is creating some lovely outdoor spaces for learning. Improving weather hopefully will see opportunities for more of our students and staff to be out and about.

Hats are now compulsory outdoors and students are being directed to two shaded spaces during recess or lunch when they do not have a hat. Adjustable mesh bucket hats are available from our supplier PSW for around \$12. <http://www.psw.com.au/brochures-hatbag.html> Please be sure to name any new hat!



ES conference Last week many of our Education Support Staff attended the annual conference. Among the highlights of the program was a presentation by Samuel Johnson and his efforts to raise money and influence government in researching cancer. This is a summary of the work being done.

'Love Your Sister' is a million-strong village of everyday Aussies committed to vanquishing all cancers with hard science. Co-Founder Connie Johnson dared her younger brother, actor Samuel Johnson to *unicycle* around the country in the face of her terminal diagnosis with breast cancer. Their aim? To remind every mum in the land to self-examine for signs of breast cancer. Money raised through Love Your Sister is donated to scientific research.

"Cancer is the last true riddle of our times and we know that it can only be solved with hard science. Despite federal funding remaining static for a decade, Australia still boasts the best clinical results for breast cancer in the whole world.

Their current push is for personalised treatment for all patients, and the establishment of a coordinated national approach to the collection, usage and storage of metastatic tissues for cancer research.



More information can be found here. <https://love-your-sister.giveeasy.org/fcb>

Regards from the Principal Team

David Houghton
Principal ☺

Sharon Liddle
and Assistant Principal ☺

Some of the **community services** and resources available to parents, children and teens.

- [Kids Helpline](#) 24/7 children and young people counselling support service
- [Parentline](#) 8am to midnight, 7 days a week, parenting counselling support service
- [The Lookout](#) information on family violence supports and local services across Victoria
- [What's ok at home?](#) website for children, young people and adult allies to support their safety when family violence is occurring in the home
- [1800 Respect](#) 24/7 family violence counselling service
- [Safe Steps Family Violence](#) Victoria's state wide 24/7 family violence support service

PARKING ON MT PLEASANT ROAD

For the safety of all students please do not park, even for a few minutes at drop off or pick up times, between the flags and the no standing sign on Mt Pleasant Road. As well as being a safety issue, if seen by council officers you will be fined.



PREP – GRADE 2 CROSS COUNTRY

Next Thursday 7th November, we will be holding our Prep – 2 School Cross Country, starting at 9:15am. The students will have a go at completing 2 laps (Prep students), 3 laps (Grade 1 students) or 4 laps (Grade 2 students) around the oval and BER building. The event is all about having fun and having a go, and each child participating earns points for their house! Extra points can be won for the top ten finishers, and we will have ribbons for the top four placings for each group. Students can wear their house colours for the day. Students that use an asthma puffer **must** bring it with them and run with it in their hand. Please also remember hats and water bottles. Parent helpers are most welcome! See you there!

Mrs Ryan
PE Teacher and Sports Coordinator

FROM THE ART ROOM

YEARS 5/6

We have been studying a large map of Australia and locating Arnhem Land, Uluru and Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) in particular. Did you know that the first non - Aboriginal person to see Kata Tjuta was the explorer Ernest Giles, who spotted the domes in 1872. He named the highest peak Mount Olga after Queen Olga of Württemberg (a kingdom in Germany at the time). Mount Olga was the official name until 1993 when it was given dual names: Mount Olga/Kata Tjuta. In 2002 the order was officially reversed to put the original name first: Kata Tjuta/Mount Olga. Some of our students have been to Uluru and Kata Tjuta and were able to share photos and tell me the correct pronunciations. We discussed all of this then completed a line drawing with fine liners that pretty much looks like Kata Tjuta to me.



YEARS 3/4

The students at this level have been learning about the three main techniques used in Aboriginal art ... crosshatching, dot painting and x-ray paintings. Using a true Aussie icon, a rubber thong, as a stencil for the body shape, the students completed an x-ray fish artwork. Skeleton bones and patterns were drawn and selected internal organs added by a few as well.

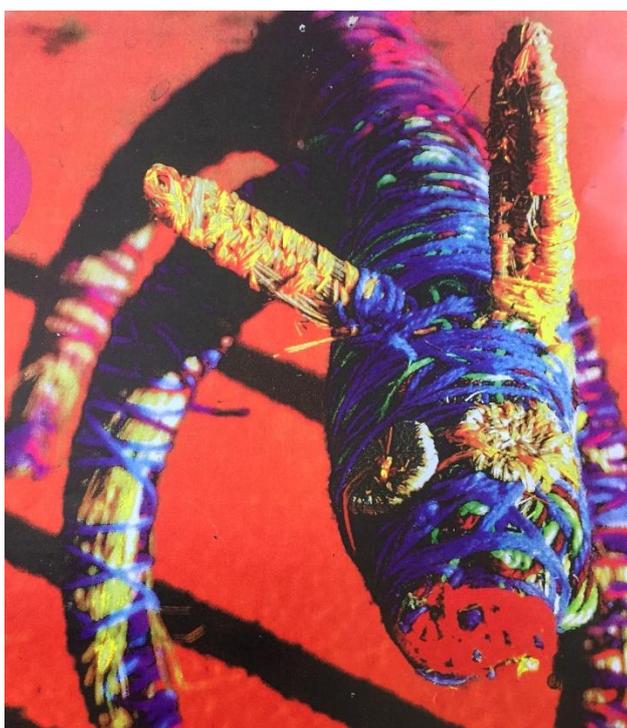
YEARS 1/2

This week we used ink to paint spooky cats and managed to not get a drop on us!! This was a relief. After we painted the cats we used a straw to blow the ink to make fur and whiskers. A pair of yellow paper eyes were added and voila, gorgeous spooky cats just in time for you know what.



PREPS

We looked at some of the fibre animals made by The Tjanpi Desert Weavers, which represents more than 400 Aboriginal women artists from 26 remote communities. We then started winding, winding, winding with wool to make animals of our own. These are still in progress and will be finished next week.



Yvonne McDonald
Art Specialist

GROW AND GOBBLE

Grow and Gobble 2020?

This term is my last here at Belmont Primary School. Over the last 9 years with the help of some parents and grandparent volunteers we have delivered a fun and informative program to the students. Now we really need some people interested in helping to continue this activity, we currently meet on Wednesday at lunchtime (day is flexible) and if you think you may be able to support this program I am happy for you to come along and see what we achieve each week. Hopefully we can find a system that works so the students can continue this journey.



Feel welcome to call me Deb Biro 0413411229.

PARENTS CLUB

The next parents club meeting is November 6th in the staffroom at 7:30pm.

GREATEST SHOWMAN SING A LONG

Last Friday night was our movie sing-a-long night at Reading Cinema and WOW it didn't disappoint! There was some great singing by many in the cinema (mostly the kids) who ended up dancing down the front to most of the songs, they had the best time. What a great school community event organised by Kirsty Williams, we can't thank you enough for your efforts in making this night happen. Thanks also goes to the office staff for their help collecting ticket money. This event raised \$621 for school fundraising.

Meagan Smith

GUINNESS WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT

Our school has been approved to attempt to set a Guinness World Record! At the end of Term 4 the Parents Club will be working with the students to make the Longest Line of Cereal-Based Treats by cooking and assembling a long line of Honey Joys. For this record attempt we will require a lot of cornflakes so we would like to ask our families to help by buying a box of cornflakes or a packet of patty pans and send them into school so we can prepare for this exciting event. More details to come soon.

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- tuition costs.

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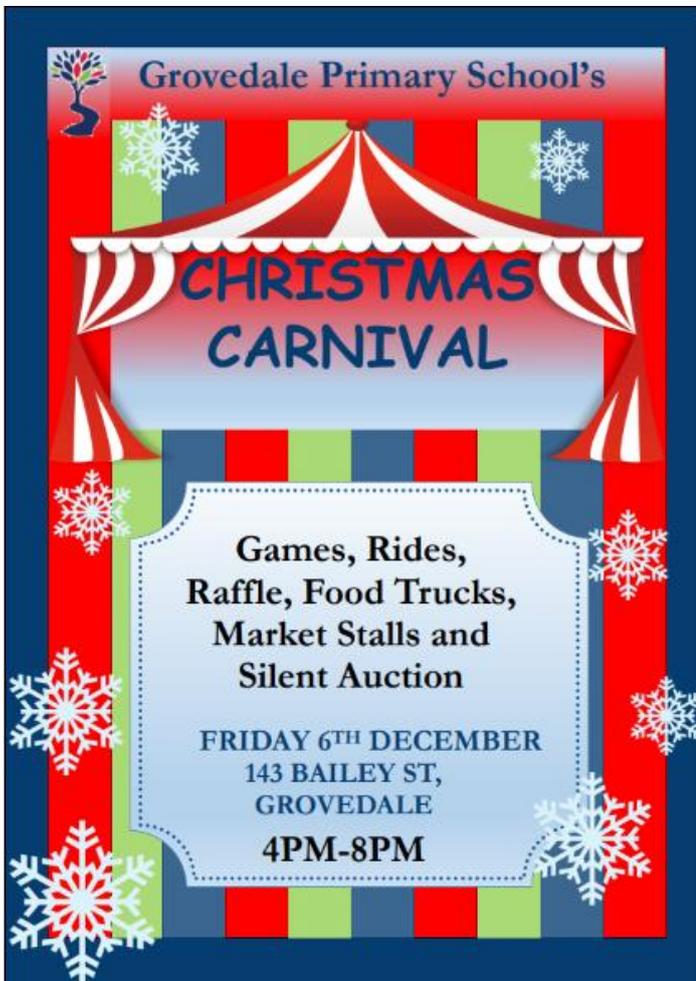
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CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

Games, Rides,
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Silent Auction

FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER
143 BAILEY ST,
GROVEDALE
4PM-8PM