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BELMONT BULLETIN
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<u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u>			
Friday	15 th Nov		5/6 Puberty Information Sessions
Friday	15 th , 22 nd Nov		Grade 3/4 Bike Ed Program
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 5/6 Blue Light Disco
Friday	22 nd November		Grade 4 Girls Afternoon Tea
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
Thursday	12 th December	7:00pm	Grade 6 Graduation Night
Friday	20 th December	9:00 – 1:30pm	Last Day For Term 4 – Please note early dismissal time
Tues & Wed	28 th & 29 th January	9:00 – 4:00	School Office Open
Thursday	30 th January		Students First Day for 2020 (28 th +29 th Jan Curriculum Days)

<u>Student of the week</u>		
Congratulations to the following students whose efforts, behaviour and attitude have been recognised		
Aria O	Prep G	For doing a great job writing about swimming! You wrote some interesting sentences and remembered your finger spaces, full stops and capital letters. Well done!
Isla D	Prep V	For her resilience and ability to come back into the classroom after swimming ready to learn. Well done Isla!
Audrey F	1/2 C	For her awesome effort and determination during the Cross-country event. Audrey, you were a running super star!!
Jireh C Austin B	1/2 M	For doing a great job at Cross-country, showing great persistence to get the job done! Well ran Ji! For doing a great job on his writing learning task about pandas! You researched the task well and tried hard to use the structural elements that we had discussed during the week.
Max D	1/2 P	For his terrific work in his Personal Narrative booklet. Your story is really coming along Max! Keep up all the great work!
Griffin K	1/2 T	For an amazing effort during Cross Country yesterday. You showed great persistence and crossed the finish line with a big smile on your face! Well done!
Scarlett H	3/4 C	For having a red hot go at our 'Close Reading' task. I was so impressed with your ability to look at the text in more detail. Keep up the great work Scarlett!
Dylan S	3/4 E	For working so hard to create his scale map of Belmont Primary School.
Tess M	3/4 L	For making such amazing inferences in our hot read! You were thinking of characters feelings and actions, predictions that I hadn't even thought about. Great work!
Harry E	5/6 L	For his excellent reading skills. Your reading is fluent and expressive and you have an impressive knowledge of high level vocabulary. Keep up the fantastic work Harry!
Lyla S	5/6 S	For being kind, considerate and inclusive of others and being a great collaborative learner. Well done Lyla!
Angus M	5/6 T	For showing a high level of interest and knowledge when learning about our Integrated topic Space.
Maddie M & Emme S	PE	For taking on the job of sweeping up the bark to make sure the runners wouldn't fall over and they kept at it with such a positive manner. Thank you girls, you helped the event run smoothly and keeping everyone safe!
Maddy C	ITALIAN	For creating a book about weather in Italian to an excellent standard for young readers.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Students of the week



School Supervision This is a reminder to all parents that the school provides formal supervision for students before and after school for a period of 15 minutes only. Parents remain responsible for students who are dropped at school (or allow students to come to school) before 8.45 am or stay beyond 3.45pm. Students who remain in the grounds beyond 3.45pm are brought inside by the duty teacher and parents or care givers are contacted.

Families may receive a letter from the school reminding them of their responsibilities where students are found to be at school far in excess of these supervised times. Our **OHSC service** operates each morning and afternoon and we recommend parents use of this service where needed to ensure the safety and welfare of their children. Parents who are on any form of benefit can be entitled to receive strong subsidies.

Aussie of the Month



Owen S

Owen is a fantastic role model. He is a student that is responsible, polite and respectful in all ways. In the classroom, Owen is an extremely dedicated student. He works hard and strives to improve his understanding in all areas.

Throughout the year, Owen has had many roles of responsibility and can be relied on to complete these efficiently. His work in the Junior School Council is a perfect example of this.

This award of Aussie of the Month is well deserved.

Jake S

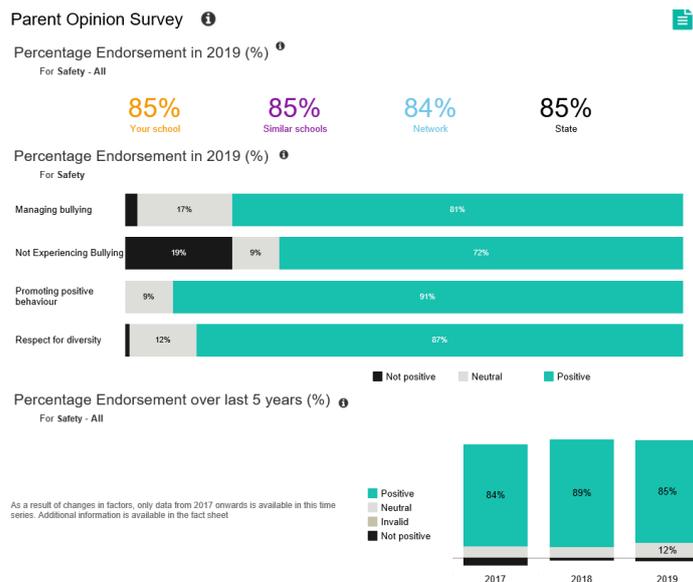
Jake is an outstanding student who works hard in all areas of the curriculum. He has a positive attitude and always strives to do his best. He is an excellent role model to his peers. He sets a fantastic example to those around him by being polite, responsible and respectful in all situations. His easy-going nature makes him well liked amongst his peers and he is thoughtful towards others when making decisions. He demonstrates excellent sportsmanship when competing in athletics events and is a great team player in team events. He is an extremely kind student who always includes others and is willing to help out those around him. Jake shows the Belmont Primary School values every day.

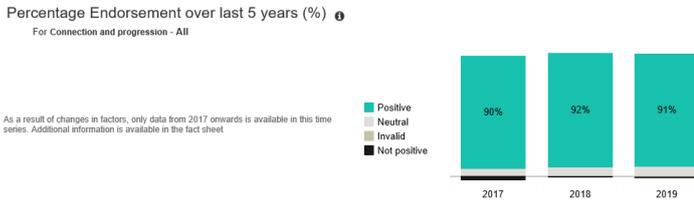
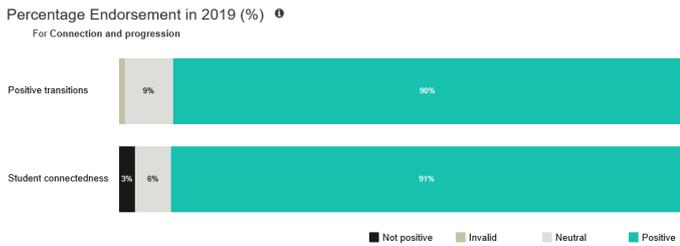
Parent Opinion Survey Each year a random sample of our parents are surveyed to seek their views and provide useful feedback to the school. At this time, the actual parent comments have not been made available to the school however all other data sets have. I include here three further data sets for parent interest. Two other sets were published in last week's newsletter.

The notion of a **similar school** is one that has a similar student/parent demographic. This is predominantly based on the make-up of the students including language background, parent levels of employment and or education, ethnicity and other factors.

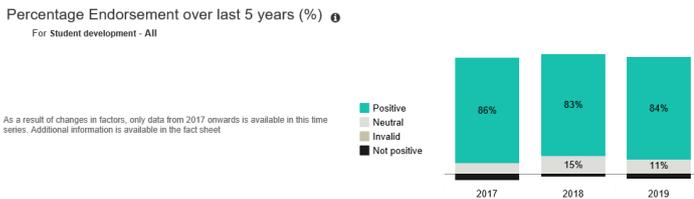
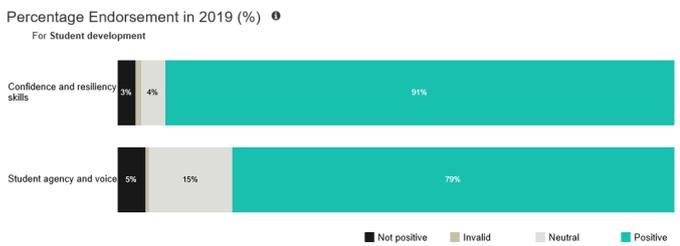
Our Network (Barwon South Western) includes 609 schools.

The summary runs across the top and details for positive, neutral and negative responses is shown by the colours within the bar graphs.





Parent Opinion Survey



What did you like about the event?

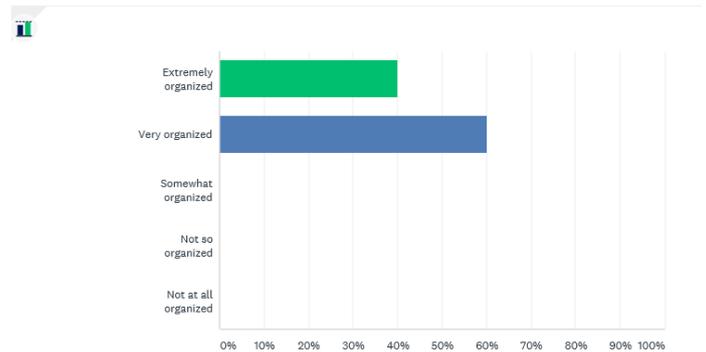
- Seeing the kids perform.
- It was very well organised.
- Every child included. No pressure for elaborate costumes. Gave students some exposure to the Performing Arts, as this is not included in the regular curriculum.
- Apart from being such a fabulous concert, I liked it didn't go too late for the younger students.
- The theme was great.

What didn't work well for you or your family?

- Nothing x 2
- Only being able to book four tickets initially, meaning family members had to sit separately, after second round of tickets opened.
- The number of tickets allocated does not suit separated families, those with younger or older children or those who wish to invite grandparents or family members (who also support the school and the children). I can't imagine it selling out and everyone is advised well in advance of ticket release so no need to cater to those who are not timely.

How organized was the event?

Answered: 5 Skipped: 0



More feedback next week.

Grade placement and arrangements The school continues to work on a number of arrangements for 2020 including staff and class placements. If you have any requests for your child's placement specific to their learning needs please write to the school by letter or email. Although we cannot promise all requests will be met we do consider any requests submitted.

The school no longer includes student friendship wishes as we once did after repeated feedback from both parents and class teachers. Staff are aware of groupings that have proven to work and not work and these considerations are among many that staff use in selecting 2020 grades.

Email at: belmont.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

School Concert feedback now closed

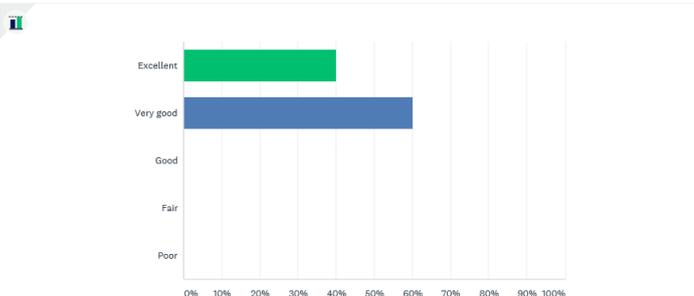
Here is what you said. All responses included.

Thank you to the small number of parents who were able to provide some feedback for us. Please know that we record this feedback in our future calendar and will seek to improve on our concert in 2021.

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Overall, how would you rate the event?

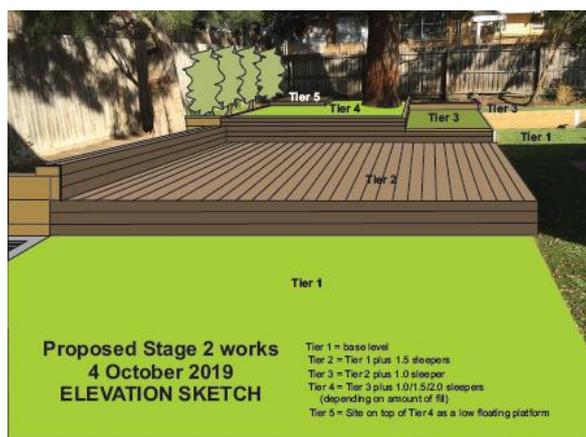
Answered: 5 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Excellent	40.00% 2
Very good	60.00% 3

Buildings and Grounds update We have replaced a further 6 taps recently to help eliminate the waste and inconvenience of a design that continued to need repair and or cleaning. At around \$300 a tap it is an expensive undertaking. A new tap has also been installed for what will become a new garden area across the back of the oval retaining wall.

Our final major infrastructure work in the **Playpod** area is set to begin Monday 26th November and should be completed within a week or so. It will create an additional 5 levels and platforms for student play. We remain confident that this area will become a regular and creative play area for our students and in the design, also create an amphitheatre effect for class use.



Sketch: Aaron Garrett
(Parent -Building and Ground Committee)

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

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!

Staffing update

The school is working hard to lock in our staffing arrangements for 2020. To date the following appointments and provisional appointments* have been made.

- Lorann Elkington- Ongoing appointment
- Jemma Treloar – 12 month fixed term position
- Megan Leishman- 12 month fixed term position
- Grant Thompson- 12 month fixed term position

New

- Amy Ralph* - Graduate position 12 months fixed
- Madison Mac Donald* – Family Leave (Adelle Preston)

In 2020, I will be taking term one as Long Service Leave. An Acting Principal will be put in place during my absence. More details will be provided as they become known.

Please contact the school if your family is on the move. This helps us with our planning.

Regards

David Houghton
Principal ☺

And **Sharon Liddle**
Assistant Principal ☺

Cross Country shots from last week



School Concert DVD

The first round of DVD sales for the 2019 School Concert has now closed and DVDs have been sent home.



We have opened up a second round for anyone who may have missed out or would like to order extra copies. This round will be open until **November 28th**.

Please follow the **NEW** link provided to order online.

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

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 home
- [1800 Respect](#) 24/7 family violence counselling service
- [Safe Steps Family Violence](#) Victoria's state wide 24/7 family violence support service

PREP – GRADE 2 CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to all the Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students who participated in the Junior School Cross Country last Thursday, 7th November. The spirits couldn't be dampened by the wild and windy weather and the students all ran and competed brilliantly, showing persistence, courage and determination to complete their two, three or four laps. A huge thank you to all the teachers and support staff who assisted on the day keeping everyone safe, recording all the results and directing students around the course. A special thank you also to the Grade 6 House Captains and Vice Captains who did a great job setting up the course, marking laps and supporting the runners in such a kind way. Congratulations to all runners, to everyone that earned a ribbon, and to Blue House who were the winners with 281 house points! Well done!!



FROM THE ART ROOM

YEARS 5/6

The students at this level tried out some basic orienteering this week around the school grounds. In pairs they wrote down instructions leading to a hidden toy using compass directions. When completed they swapped their directions with another pair who had to use their compass to navigate their way to the hidden object. We had fairly successful outcomes although some students were definitely led up the garden path including into bushes! It was a fun way to follow up to our compass rose drawings last week.



YEARS 3/4

Years 3/4 tried their hand at making some pop up cards and pictures this week with some very creative results. At the students' request we will continue this next week and investigate a few more techniques.



YEARS 1/2

This week we printed using commercial stampers as well as a large variety of gadgets. It was purely an experimental session with no pressure to come up with a "picture" as such. The children really enjoyed this and I think that their favourite part was that they could use as many sheets of paper as they wanted to until they were all printed out.



PREPS

Our fibre animals are complete and will be coming home to your place soon.



Yvonne McDonald
Art Specialist

PE SPORTS SINGLETS

Can any students who may have borrowed a BPS sports singlet please have a look and home and return it cleaned to your classroom teacher please.

5/6 GIRLS T20 Cricket

On Wednesday, our Year 5/6 T20 Cricket team went to Kardinia Park to compete in the Barwon Regional Finals. The team was made up of both Year 5 and 6 students and competed very well. On the day, the girls played 4 games against Skipton, Highton, Christian College and Drysdale. They managed victories against Christian College and Drysdale, but unfortunately lost to Highton and the eventual winner of the whole day, Skipton. The girls should be very proud of their achievements and we would like to thank the parents that assisted on the day.



Team: Chanulya, Martha, Mai, Remi, Mackenzie, Sophie, Frankie, Lyla and Tayla

GUINNESS WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT

Belmont Primary School's Guinness World Record Attempt for The Longest Line of Cereal-based Treats

On Wednesday December 18th students will be making honey joys throughout the day then on Thursday December 19th between 9-11am will be construction of the line, official measuring and recording of attempt. Followed by students eating honey joys!

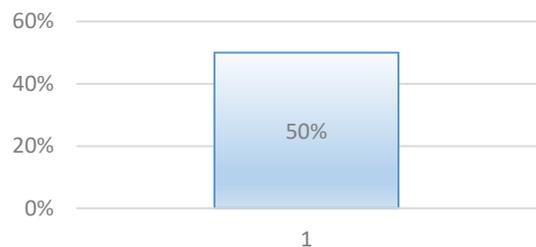
We would greatly appreciate some volunteers on both days to help the students with their world record attempt.

THANK YOU to everyone who has already donated cornflakes and patty pans so far because we are going to need HEAPS. Any type of cornflakes will work for this project and large patty pans will line up the best.

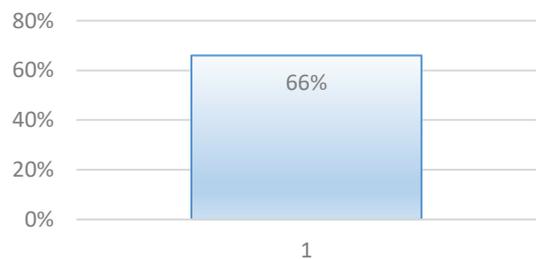
Huge thanks from BPS Parents Club.



Cornflake Boxes



Patty Pans



A huge thank to to The Honey Source for their very generous donation of honey for our record attempt.

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- Locally produced honey
- Beeswax blocks
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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.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB

Book Club orders are due 9am Thursday 28th November please. This is the last Issue for 2019. Did you know that you can easily order and pay online? Just go to 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 take care when writing out book numbers and always include the title as well please!

Kind regards,
Rochelle

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**SENIOR WOMEN'S
FEMALE FOOTBALL AT
SOUTH BARWON IN 2020**

Information Session
THURSDAY
21st NOVEMBER
AT 7pm
South Barwon Football
Netball Club Rooms

Contact Kristi 0414 814 534



If you'd like to be involved in the inaugural Open Age Women's Football team at SBFNC please come along. We're looking for a head coach, trainer, team manager, runner, timekeeper and most importantly **PLAYERS!**



**FYANS PARK
PRIMARY**
Camden Road, Newtown

Friday 29th November 4-8pm

FOOD · RIDES · STALLS · LIVE MUSIC · SANTA & MUCH MORE

Come along and enjoy the fun with rides, showbags, delicious food and drinks. Santa and his Wonderland.

Pop up stalls in our Christmas Bazaar, cakes, preserves, live entertainment and so much more.

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WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL PAST AND PRESENT
MONTPELLIER STUDENTS, STAFF AND FAMILIES TO

*Our 50th Anniversary
Celebration Day and
Picnic!*

SUNDAY DECEMBER 1ST, 2019 | 12-4 PM
OFFICIAL WELCOME AT 1PM

JOIN US AT MONTPELLIER PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR A
COMMUNITY PICNIC ON SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2019

TAKE A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE WHILE YOU'RE VISITING
OUR CLASSROOMS AND CONNECT WITH STAFF AND
STUDENTS. PAST AND PRESENT AND JOIN US FOR WHAT
PROMISES TO BE A WONDERFUL DAY!

BYO BLANKET, BASKET AND FOOD!

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50 YEARS
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