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**BELMONT BULLETIN**  
**NO. 38 12th December 2019**

<b>DATES TO REMEMBER</b>			
<b>TONIGHT</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Grade 6 Graduation Night</b>
<b>TOMORROW</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> December</b>		<b>School Captains Announced at</b>
<b>TOMORROW</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> December</b>		<b>Christmas Casual Dress Day – Gold coin donation for Adopt A Family</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> December</b>		<b>Prep Werribee Zoo Excursion</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> December</b>		<b>Grade 1/2 Supaworld Excursion</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> December</b>		<b>Grade 3/4 Movies Excursion</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> December</b>		<b>Grade 5/6 Mini Golf Excursion</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> December</b>		<b>World Record Attempt</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>9:00 – 1:30pm</b>	<b>Last Day For Term 4 – Please note early dismissal time</b>
<b>Tues &amp; Wed</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> &amp; 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9:00 – 4:00</b>	<b>School Office Open</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>Students First Day for 2020 (28<sup>th</sup> +29<sup>th</sup> Jan Curriculum Days)</b>

<b>Student of the week</b>		
<b>Congratulations to the following students whose efforts, behaviour and attitude have been recognised</b>		
Heath R	<b>Prep G</b>	For always giving things a go even if it is hard! You did a great job at some tricky drawings. Keep up the great work!
Milla R	<b>Prep V</b>	For her improved presentation of written work and her perseverance with tasks. Fantastic Milla!
Paige R	<b>1/2 C</b>	For being engaged and interested in our letter writing this week. Well done Paige for always listening well and applying your new learning.
Mahith G	<b>1/2 M</b>	For his continued efforts in improving his personal organisation and work ethic. Your persistence in our activities is providing great results.
Laysha A	<b>1/2 P</b>	For her hard working and positive attitude to everything we do in 1/2 P and this week especially for writing an amazing letter to a friend. Well done Laysha!
Angus H	<b>1/2 T</b>	For a positive attitude and great persistence during our Junior Sports Carnival. Well done Angus!
Ava A	<b>3/4 C</b>	For her detailed and captivating personal narrative she wrote titled 'The Free Fall'. Simply brilliant!
Tommy B	<b>3/4 E</b>	For being a kind, respectful member of 3/4E and for always demonstrating the Belmont School values. Well done Tommy.
Anna Li	<b>3/4 L</b>	For your descriptive language when writing personal narratives. You were able to show your feelings, instead of just telling. It was fantastic!
Ashley M	<b>5/6 L</b>	For a fantastic improvement in her writing. Well done Ashley for working so hard everyday to improve your spelling, your ideas and your word choice. A super effort!
Hudson A	<b>5/6 S</b>	For his determination, persistence and grit leading to excellent growth in all literacy areas. Well done Hudson, I am very proud of you!
Owen S	<b>5/6 T</b>	For displaying a high level of skill, knowledge and enthusiasm during our robotics session. Your ability to program your robot was very impressive.
Hayden W	<b>ITALIAN</b>	For great achievements in learning Italian.
Owen S	<b>PE</b>	For outstanding play during our Lacrosse Grand Finals – you displayed some exceptional attacking play and scored some fantastic goals, well done!

**Casual Dress Day Tomorrow Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Please dress in your best Christmas outfit and bring along a gold coin donation to support Adopt A Family.

**Important Reminder**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** is the last day of school for 2019. Please note the early dismissal time of **1:30pm**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Students of the week



**Reporting to parents** Our staff have worked hard this year to provide a strong level of continuous reporting.

Classroom staff have assessed and provided a total of twelve individual learning tasks over three consecutive terms including assessments, work samples and commentary. If parents are yet to access these, they provide a wealth of specific information and examples of your child's learning and progress.

Reporting at BPS is now in three parts.

1. Learning Tasks found in COMPASS.
2. Parent Teacher interview / Parent report (June) -in COMPASS
3. Report (December) - in COMPASS.

Reports are no longer provided as a hard copy unless requested by parents through class teachers.  
eg. Diary or verbal request.

Reports will be made available through the COMPASS portal by 4pm Monday 16/12/19.

If you are still confused by COMPASS and have not yet logged in, please seek help from the office. This program increasingly supports many of the school organisational and reporting requirements. It is an important link between the school, parents and your child(ren) and parents need to get on the COMPASS train if they have not already.

Reports are being finalised and I have particularly enjoyed reading student reflections about all sorts of things. I liked these two from separate students about friendship.

"We make sure that everyone is okay and those around us are OK too."

"I like all my friends and I choose the right ones to be my close or best friends."

### Playpod area completed



In action back in  
Term 1. 2019



Our new five level Playpod area is now complete and even at 3.50 pm after school is still proving to be a popular place to play. Over the break we will be building up our play resources for use in this area. More fun to be had yet! My sincere thanks to our hard working **Building and Grounds team** (Aaron Garret, Alison Lornie and Anna Murray) who have helped bring a vision and plans to a reality for all of our 295 students.

The work was completed by **'The Landscaped View'** and we have been very pleased with the workmanship, the reliability and efficiency of the team of men who completed this work for us. Dan and his crew exceeded our expectations for the job, willingly adding additional elements at no additional charge and made some necessary changes without a problem as the job progressed.



Call Daniel Wright  
Mob: 0412537150

### Staffing updates

Our congratulations to Mrs Helen McNabb who has successfully applied and gained a further fixed term LOTE position here at Belmont teaching Italian (Tuesday –Thursday) in 2020. Helen will also be supporting a similar program and role at Ceres Primary School each Friday.

The school has almost finalised all of the staffing arrangements for 2020. Class teachers have been allocated to grade levels and these appeared in last weeks newsletter. Staff who work part time in schools are often placed against specialist roles and this is the case for many of our own specialists in 2020. This is healthy for schools and for part time teachers who can be in positions that maximise their opportunity to balance family and work commitments or their own preferences to work just 1,2 or 3 days each week.



## 2020 Specialists

LOTE	Helen Mc Nabb 0.6 (3 days)
Visual Arts Performing Arts	Yvonne Mc Donald 0.6 (3 days) Temae Mc Cormack 0.4 (2 days)
PE	Julie Keating 0.4 (2 days) Lucinda Eales 0.2 (1 day)
Intervention	Naomi Barnes 0.5 (19 hours)

## Leaving in 2020

Virginia Glassford will be returning to her base school in Melbourne in a part time capacity. It has been wonderful to have such a capable and experienced teacher in our Prep area this year. We wish Virginia every continued success in 2020. Thank-you for your dedication you have demonstrated every day with our students here at Belmont and to the wider staff team.

Jade Campbell and Sarah Constable have stepped in to fulfil a short term class support role and integration role vacancy this year. We thank them for the contribution they have made and the commitment they have shown in their respective roles. Both ladies are looking for roles in schools next year and we wish them all of the best in this pursuit.

Steve Westley last taught here in 2016 before pursuing full time roles in PE interstate. Steve secured an on-going position in Qld. in a large school teaching PE and will not return to his vacant position here at Belmont which we maintained for some time.

Steve will be remembered by many of our older students. He was passionate about students being active and provided many opportunities for students to try different sports. We wish Steve and his family every continued success in sunny Qld.

## Returning new in 2020 in part time roles.

### In summary:

- George Edgar (Classroom)
- Temae McCormack (Performing Arts)
- Lucinda Eales (PE)
- Julie Keating (PE)
- Bec Gillet (Integration)

**Families leaving** We have 18 families who will leave us at the end of 2019. These families will be featured at tonight's graduation for our Year 6s. Every family and every student who attends Belmont PS becomes part of the rich history which now spans more than 160 years. I trust that many of you leaving will be able to fondly remember you not only went to one of the oldest schools in Geelong if not the best!

Our thanks to each and everyone for your contribution big or small to the rich fabric that makes up our school. One special mention to the BIRO family. Deb Biro has been instrumental in her work to build, improve and maintain our vegetable and fruit garden area for eight

years now. Her weekly commitment to this group has seen many dozens of children learn and develop a love and interest in plants, vegetables and vines and in the many creatures who live in, on, under and around them. I am confident her gardening passion has been passed onto generations to come. Thanks you so much Deb!



**Great News -The Inclusive Education Grants (IEG)** unit this week finalised the outcomes from the Equipment Boost for Schools (EBS): 2019 Application Round. We were notified that our request for funding had been approved in full representing a windfall of over \$40,000 in amplification equipment and acoustic treatments designed to improve a number of key areas throughout the school in support of the learning needs of individual and groups of children.

The Department has had an overwhelming response to the *EBS*: 2019 Application Round, with over \$13 million requested from the available funding of \$3.5 million.

The published assessment criteria, with the five equally weighted criteria, were applied to each piece of requested equipment or assistive technology to determine a score out of 15. The quality of the applications was such that all items with a score of 14 or 15 were successful.

Of the 976 applications received, 383 applications were either fully or partially funded and 593 applications received no funding. My congratulations to Sharon Liddle (AP) who co-ordinated this grant application and achieved a wonderful outcome for the school.

**Robots visit** Last Friday we were fortunate to have Sandy Wigley (Schools Manager for the Robogals Melbourne University) attend with 10 volunteers to run some robotics workshops for our Year 5/6s.

Robogals is a student-run, global organisation. The group go to schools and offer free robotics and engineering workshops for primary and high school students to inspire more students, particularly female, to pursue STEM degrees and careers.

Here is a sneak-peak of what their workshops usually involve:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xG0tik6SC10>.  
 Pictured here two of our local student engineers and a class at work.



website by the end of the school year. Parents and students are advised that there is a requirement for parents to complete the permission form prior to a student bringing their phone to school in 2020. This form is available with the school policy or can be collected from the office.

**Bike Education** has finished for another year. My thanks to the 3/4 Team for maintaining this great program again this year for all of our students.



**Aussie of the month -November**

Frankie is a dedicated and committed student who arrives to school each day with a positive attitude and a willingness to accept new challenges. She demonstrates a growth mindset where she displays resilience and persistence in everything she takes on and always puts in 100% effort. One of Frankie's greatest attributes is her ability to include everyone and make them feel supported and valued. Her interactions with her peers, teachers and wider Belmont community are always positive and kind.



Congratulations Frankie on being a deserved recipient of this month's Aussie of the Month.

**Piano and trumpet**

Last Monday a small group of parents/grandparents and some special friends were treated to a short recital arranged by our wonderful teacher Samantha Robinson. Each student played one or two small pieces that were enjoyed by the audience. Well done to all of this years students and many thanks to Samantha for her efforts and commitment across 2019.



**Mobile Phone (Student Use) Policy**

We have finalised the school's mobile phone policy which reflects the Victorian Government's Ministerial Policy in relation to student use of mobile phones in Government Schools.

Families can access our mobile phone policy on Compass. It will also be available on the school



**Belmont High Visit** Last Monday our years P-4 enjoyed a short visit from some students from Belmont High school. Several of the band members were ex-Belmont Primary students.



**Anxiety**

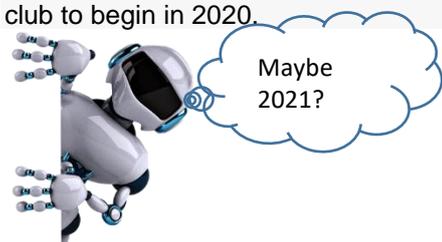
Feeling anxious is a survival response to situations where there are dangers or threats, however some people react more intensely to such situations.

Anxiety is more than feeling stressed or worried

Whether a diagnosis is made (by a health professional) will depend on how often, how easily and how intensely a child or young person experiences the symptoms of anxiety and how much it interferes with everyday living. More information can be found here. <https://beyou.edu.au/fact-sheets/mental-health-issues-and-conditions/anxiety>



**After School Robotics Club** Unfortunately we had insufficient interest from our parents/students for this club to begin in 2020.



With just over a week to go we have much to finish and finalise here at school as many of you we are sure also have in your own workplaces and homes.

Regards

**David Houghton**  
Principal ☺

And **Sharon Liddle**  
Assistant Principal ☺

**LIBRARY NEWS**

The school library is now closed for the year. Can all families please have a good look at home as we would like **all books returned as soon as possible**. Thank you

**GROW AND GOBBLE**

Why do we create school gardens?  
It is proven that it supports health and wellness and encourages children to choose nutritious foods. Increases self esteem as the children share knowledge and work together in a team engaging confidence, communication and social skills. Practical life skills learned from cooking produce and gardening  
Science – learning about lifecycles, plant, organism and water. Also gaining an understanding of food production and waste cycles.  
Maths – gained during design and building processes. Planting the vegetables out in arrays.  
The list goes on. If you think you may want to learn some of these great skills or share some of these great skills you may like to join our small team of special helpers next year. Call Deb Biro 0413411229. Have a chat and see if it is something you might be interested in being a part of.



**LUNCH ORDERS**

Due to the early finish time next Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December there will be no lunch orders.

## GUINNESS WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT

### 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.

Huge thanks from BPS Parents Club

## ADVERTISEMENTS



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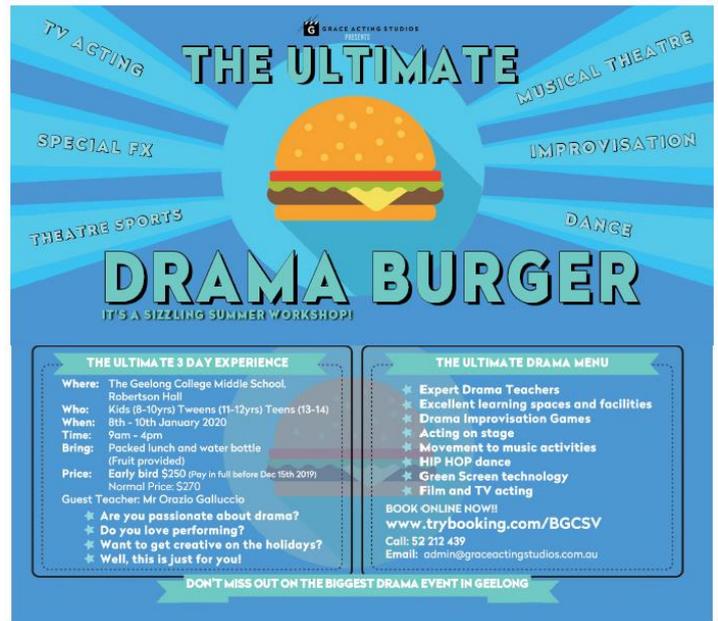


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When: 8th - 10th January 2020  
Time: 9am - 4pm  
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Price: Early bird \$250 (pay in full before Dec 15th 2019) Normal Price: \$270  
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Team games will also be run during both days.  
Day 1: On the Range, learning Chipping, Full Swing and Putting  
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Dates: January 2nd and 3rd, January 9th and 10th  
January 16th and 17th, January 23rd and 24th

Times: Silver Program 12.30pm - 2.30pm  
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Cost: \$75.00 per Clinic (2 consecutive days)  
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## 2020 Details

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13's, 15's, 17's, 19's

### Girls

Under 10's, 12's  
15's, 18's

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VIC 3216

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