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BELMONT BULLETIN
No.02 13th February 2020



Our 2020 School Captains and School Vice-Captains: Sophie (C), Billy (VC), Surry (C) and Isobel (VC)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday	19 th February	7:00pm	School Council Meeting
Thursday	20 th February	7:30pm	Parents Club Meeting
Tuesday	25 th February	4:00pm – 7:00pm	School Welcome Picnic/BBQ
Tuesday	3 rd March		School Photo Day - More info to come shortly
Wednesday	4 th March	9:00am	New Families & Prep Parents Morning Tea
Wednesday	4 th March	3:40pm – 5:30pm	Meet the Teacher
Monday	9 th March		Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday	10 March	7:30pm	Parents Club Meeting
Thursday	12 th March	Morning	School Walkathon – More info to come shortly
Friday	13 th March		Grade 5/6 Summer Lightning Prem - More info to come
Mon – Fri	16 th – 27 th Mar		Grade 5/6 Swimming Program
Friday	27 th March	9:00am – 2:30pm	Last Day for Term 1 – Please note early dismissal time



Student of the week

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

Isabelle M	12L	For being such a kind and friendly student, welcoming people you didn't know and making new friends within 1/2L . You're amazing Isabelle!
Lexi A	12M	For being a kind and caring classroom leader, helping everyone settle in while producing some great work of her own. A champion effort, keep it up!
Abigail N	12S	For beginning the school year with a positive, happy attitude towards her learning and being a friendly and welcoming classmate to everyone. Well done Abigail!
Zainab F	12T	For a wonderful start to Belmont Primary! You have displayed a positive attitude in the classroom and have shown great courage this past week. Well done Zainab!
Rogan K	34C	For settling into his Grade 4 year with such courage and a willingness to tackle all learning tasks. What a great start Rogan
Emilia H	34E	For being such a kind, responsible and hard working member of 3/4E. It has been a pleasure working with you this week. Keep up the amazing work.
Jacob S	34M	For a great start in 3/4M. You put so much effort into all of your work!
Ava A	56L	For making a great start to the year and ensuring that everyone in the class feels valued and included. Well done Ava!
Lisette D	56R	Lisette has had a wonderful start to the year in 5/6R. Lisette always puts a great amount of time and effort in to all tasks and should be super proud of herself. Well done.
Summer K	56T	For making such a positive start at your new school. We are very lucky to have you with us in 5/6T.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Hello community

Do you believe that week 3 is almost behind us? All our classes commenced their specialist programs this week, prep assessments continued on Wednesday and our years 3-6 students came together in their houses to begin the process for electing their 2020 House Captains. I congratulate all our senior students who have demonstrated courage to prepare and make speeches in their pursuit of a leadership position.

I chatted to our students at assembly last week about the role that all our senior students play as leaders, in fact students in all year levels can be leaders in the way they model the school values, show kindness and compassion to others and influence positive change or difference in and around our school.

On Friday we presented our 2020 School Captains with their badges and they each spoke briefly to the students, staff and visitors about what they are looking forward to this year. They each did a brilliant job and reinforced why they have been chosen by their peers and teachers to be this year's school captains.

Our assembly challenge this term is about our planet's sustainability and the different ideas we might learn from each other about the little things we can do to reduce landfill or protect the future of our planet. My motto for the term is **There is NO Planet B!**

I have asked students to let me know if your family does something other than normal kerbside recycling that we can share and perhaps pick up a new idea for ourselves. No matter how small the idea seems, we know they all combine to make a difference.

Welcome new students and families to Belmont PS
My apologies to Joshua (Yr.1) whose name I mixed up both in last week's newsletter and at assembly. We welcome Joshua, his sister Sarah and their family to Belmont Primary School this year. Thanks to Joshua for being such a good sport about my mix-up.

A reminder that our **Welcome Picnic / BBQ** has been planned for Tuesday 25th February. It is a relaxed affair with parents welcome to visit any and all classrooms between 4-5pm before we all gather on the oval for a relaxed BBQ/Picnic until around 7.00pm. Parents can bring their own food and drinks but we will do our best to provide some sausages/bread, soft drinks and water. Information and reply slips were sent home yesterday. Please return these to allow us to ensure we have plenty of sausages available. No pets, bikes or skateboards please and a reminder that there is no smoking within school grounds.

Literacy Intervention: This term we are able to provide some additional literacy intervention in addition to the year long program that is provided by Naomi Barnes. Dianne Ashley will be providing some additional literacy support two mornings a week to small groups of identified students who may need an extra 'boost' in some of their literacy skills to launch their learning for the year. Currently Naomi and Dianne have been assessing students who teachers believe would benefit from some additional assistance in the areas of reading, spelling or writing. We are very fortunate to be able to offer the level of support to our students by two experienced literacy teachers.

Meet the Teacher

We have set aside Wednesday 4th March 3.40pm – 5.30pm (10 minute timeslots) for parents who would like to make a specific appointment with their child's class teacher.

These appointments are for parents to share important information with class teachers and **are optional**. For the majority of our parents, the welcome picnic and open classroom provide the opportunity for you to introduce yourself and meet your children's 2020 classroom teachers.

However, they are being made available again this year after feedback from parents who wanted an opportunity to share specific information with the class teacher concerning important matters like special medical conditions, physical conditions or diagnosis of conditions which might impact their child's learning.

There is only a limited number of appointments for each teacher and for those interested we will be using Compass to book times. More information regarding this process will be coming out shortly.

ASSEMBLY remains on Friday mornings with a slightly later start around 9.10am. Our 2020 prep students will be joining us for the first time tomorrow.

Healthy Hand Hygiene

Families are asked to please reinforce the healthy hand hygiene in relation to the washing of hands before eating food and after using the toilets. I am checking the toilet areas regularly to ensure that our soap dispensers have adequate liquid soap in them and every classroom has been provided with hand sanitiser for our students to use. The poster below has been displayed in all wash basin areas.



2020 School Improvement Focus

Each year our school develops an Annual Implementation Plan that details our improvement focus for the year. Our teachers are always learning and working together to continually improve their practice and our understanding of the latest research surrounding student learning. This year some of the key areas we are investigating together includes our approach to Integrated Studies (looking at inquiry learning and STEM), Writing and exploring the dispositions of great mathematical learners.

Last week, Mrs Long and I attended a full day workshop with educational leaders from across the 27 schools in our network which focuses on the importance of Student Voice and Aspirations. This is a year long program that involves working with Dr. Russell Quaglia and his colleagues from the Qualgia Institute - Voice and Aspirations in Canada. Both Mrs Long and I found the day engaging and rewarding – one of the best days of learning I have had in a long time – and we are excited to begin to share our learning with the staff and the community.

Research tells us that when students have a voice they are...

- **3x** more likely to experience **self-worth** in school
- **5x** more likely to experience **engagement** in school and...
- **5x** more likely to experience **purpose** in school

Self-worth, engagement and purpose are the factors that lead to students having academic motivation and working to achieve their personal aspirations in life.

Exciting times ahead as we begin to explore what student voice looks like and has the potential to look like for the students at our school.

Kinds regards
Sharon Liddle
Acting Principal ☺



Parents are reminded that we use the Compass Management system to manage student absences and our reporting to parents processes, such as booking parent-teacher meetings, sharing learning tasks and providing end of Semester reports. Our newsletter and other regular updates are also provided via Compass which can be accessed on your phone via an app or through the Compass website.

Our new families have now received their access details so it is important that you log-on and become familiar with this communication process as quickly as possible. It's the easiest (and the preferred) way for you to notify us of any absences and of course, to stay up to date with school information.

In 2020 we will continue to expand ways that we can maximise the functions of compass to provide more efficient and also more sustainable ways of working together as a community. Please see our very friendly and helpful office staff if you need any assistance.

PARENTS CLUB

Meeting

As noted in last weeks newsletter the first meeting of the year for the BPS Parents Club will be on **Thursday the 20th of February at 7:30pm** in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to come along, connect with fellow parents and learn more about what the Club does.

New Families and Prep Parents/Carers Morning Tea

On **Wednesday March the 4th**, the Parents Club have organised a morning tea in the staffroom from 9am for all new families and prep parents. Please come along if you can.

Skye Knight

FROM THE ART ROOM



Do you own a piece of china with the Willow Pattern design? If you don't, I'm sure that you know someone who does as this design has been extremely popular for many years now. The Chinese invented porcelain more than 2000 years ago but The Willow Pattern was actually designed in 1780 by Minton, a ceramic company in Staffordshire, England and was intended to add a touch of Oriental magic to cheaper earthenware and thereby make it more widely available. Having looked at this pattern for years, I finally found out that it is actually telling a story. The students in years 5/6 are learning about this and have begun an artwork on this topic. I could have just told them the story but decided instead to play them a record (remember them?) which I discovered some time ago at an op shop. It also gave me the chance to bring out my vintage portable record player and show them how we listened to music back in the 'olden days'. No YouTube back then! I think they liked it, scratches and all.

Part two next week.



The children in Years 3/4 have been working on drawings of the Pied Piper leading hundreds of rats away from Hamelin, Years 1/2 have been painting hearts just in time for Valentines Day and the wonderful new preps have begun paintings using the very auspicious colours of red and gold. I will include photos of their finished paintings next week and they will be on display soon in the hall near the prep room. Stay tuned for these.

Yvonne McDonald
Art Specialist

PE NEWS

Bellarine and Geelong North Divisions Primary Schools Swimming Championships

This year the District and Division Swimming Championships for the combined Bellarine and Geelong North Divisions will be held on Wednesday 11th March at Kardinia Aquatic Centre, Geelong from 9:00am - 2:30pm. If your child turns 9 or older this year and can swim within the set qualifying times, we would love to have them represent Belmont Primary School at this swim carnival. Please see the PE Office notice board for the qualifying times.

If your child is interested in competing, please collect a timing card from Mrs Keating or Miss Eales (PE Teachers) and return it by **THURSDAY 20th February**. Feel free to see either of us with any questions regarding the event. Good luck and happy swimming!

Grade 6 students – Team Vic State Teams and Trials

If you wish to nominate your child to become a member of any Victorian 12 years and under State Sports Team, please speak to Miss Eales (PE), Mrs Keating (PE) or Mr Thompson (5/6) for further information and to have your nomination endorsed by the school.

Further information about the available sports, trial dates and how to apply can be found at

www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic

Registrations for the Team Vic state trials in Australian Football, Boys and Girls Basketball, Boys Football (soccer) and Mixed Netball close on **1st March 2020**.

**Mrs Keating and Miss Eales (PE Teachers and
Sports Coordinators)**

GROW AND GOBBLE

Grow and Gobble is up and running for term 1. Yesterday we were kept very busy tidying up pathways, composting, watering and doing some summer planting. Then we enjoyed a harvest of our own fresh strawberries and nectarines. YUM.

We have put together a rotating parent volunteer roster. But we are looking to fill gaps. Can you spare 1 hour on a Wednesday 1.30pm - 2.30pm? We would love to have you. Even one Wednesday a term would be a huge help to our gardeners.

Also any donation of seeds, seedlings, pots, will be appreciated.

Happy Gardening
Wendy Berens 0421115692

School Council Elections 2020 – Information for Parents

What is a council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

For most school councils. There are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected DET employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional Community member category – members are co-opted by decision of the council because of their special skill, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

We will have 2 Parent vacancies this year.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

- Standing for election as a member of the school council
- Encourage another person to stand for election.

How can I nominate?

Nomination forms will be available at the office from Thursday 20th February. Parent members can be nominated by other parents or you can self-nominate.

**Then nominations will close in one week, by
4.00pm on Thursday 27 February 2020**

Please feel free to contact the office if you would like more information about School Council.

ALLERGIES

At Belmont Primary School we have several students with food allergies and other allergy forms. In particular nuts and eggs are among the foods we prefer are not sent to school due to the risk and potential for serious and life threatening results. Thank you

LOST PROPERTY

All lost property from the end of 2019 is now in the Intervention Room. Anyone looking for items is welcome to come in to do so. Any remaining items will be available for sale by gold coin donation at the Welcome BBQ after which they will be donated to the Oppe Shoppe in Belmont.

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Fresh Fruit Fridays are back for Term 1 this year. We are looking for volunteers to help chop and distribute fruit platters just after assembly each Friday. If you have a spare half hour we would appreciate your help. Everyone is welcome.

ICY POLES

Icy poles will be available each Tuesday & Friday from the canteen window.
Paddle Pops \$1.00
Quelch Icy Poles .50c

SCHOOL CROSSING

The School Crossing on Mt Pleasant Road is manned during the below times during the school term. For the safety of all parents and students please do not park in between the flags during these times.
8:15 – 9:15 in the morning
3:20 – 3:50 in the afternoon

MEDICATIONS

Any medication that your child needs whilst at school needs to be bought to the office by an adult and paperwork completed. If you have any questions please see the office staff.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - CSEF PAYMENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes. **CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)**

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum. CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for

CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

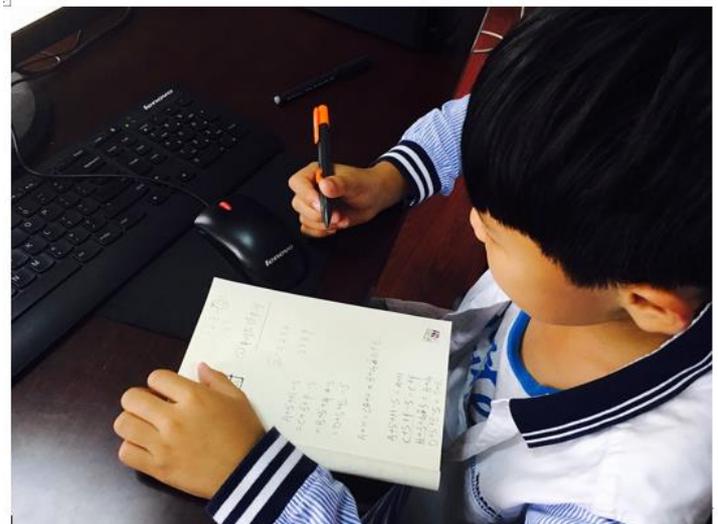
If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments**; your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- changed family circumstances**; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

eKNOW HOW



Make the most out of your library membership by using databases to support your child's learning and help with school projects. Come and learn about [ScienceOnline](#), [Encyclopedia Britannica](#) and more.

Thursday 27 February
Belmont Library
6:30 - 7:30 pm
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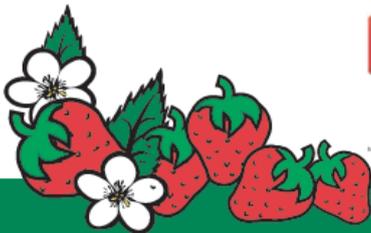
Live music & entertainment, hot food, fresh produce, homemade jam, rides, showbags, market stalls and auction.

**Sunday
1st March
10am- 4pm**

Don't forget to bring your own, reusable bags, water bottles and coffee cups!

#wallingtonstrawberryfair   

Gold Sponsors:



Off road parking available
Strictly no dogs



**Foster carers
urgently
needed**

**Take the first step.
Contact us today.**

Foster Care Information Session

Thursday, 5th March 12pm - 1pm
Thursday, 5th March 6pm - 7pm

Mackillop Family Services,
9 Helen Street Ripplside

For more information

1300 791 677

mackillop.org.au/fostercare

Mackillop Family Services is a child safe organisation



PICNIC BY THE POOL

Friday 21 February | 5pm-7pm



One night only

Join us for the perfect Summer night out!

Bring your family and friends for a picnic by the pool and enjoy the latest tunes from DJ All. It'll be lots of fun for everyone!

See you there!

Entry prices start from \$6 per person based on approx. \$8 per adult (free entry for members). Gates and alcohol strictly prohibited. Events in subject to weather conditions and may be cancelled if full event weather is deemed unsafe by the organisers.



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Belmont High School

SELECT ENTRY ACCELERATED LEARNING PROGRAM

2021 Year 7 Intake

Information Evening:

Thursday, 26th February 2020

Belmont High School, Performing Arts Centre
(entry via Rotherham Street)
6.30pm

Information Booklets and Application Forms are available from Belmont High School, or online at www.bhs.vic.edu.au
Selection process details for 2021 can be viewed on the school website.

Please direct all enquiries to:
Leanne Purdy
Telephone: 5243 5355 (Belmont High School)
Email: belmont.hs@edumail.vic.gov.au

Discover Grovedale College

CAMPUS TOUR DATES 2020

Parents, prospective students and friends are warmly invited to participate in a tour of Grovedale College.

Scheduled tours occur every **Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30am** during the months of **March, April and May**.

Alternative tour times are available by appointment, please contact the College office on 03 5245 4545.



19 Wingarra Drive, Grovedale VIC 3216
Telephone (03) 5245 4545
www.grovedale.vic.edu.au

Discover Grovedale College

Information Evening 2020

Thursday 19th March

Activities commence at 6.00pm

Parents, prospective students and friends are warmly invited to attend our Information Evening 2020.

The night begins with displays of students' work and a sausage sizzle at 6.00pm. Guests are invited to tour the College in small conducted groups during this time.

In 2019 the College opened the Performing Arts and Gymnasium for the school community. Over \$7.5 million dollars has been spent on a new 400 seat theatre, double court gymnasium, new kitchen facilities and canteen.

Teaching staff and Team Leaders will provide information on Transition Programs, Curriculum Options, the eLearning Program, Performing Arts Opportunities and our Sports Academy Program.

Enquire about our excellent scholarship opportunities available for students commencing in 2021.



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Parents of 2021 Year 7 Students GEELONG & DISTRICT GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL INFORMATION SESSIONS

SCHOOL	PHONE NO.	DATE
Bannockburn P-12 College 139 Milton St Bannockburn 3331	(03) 5281 1755	Wednesday March 25 Tour and information session 6.15 – 7.30 College Tours and Information session
Bellarine Secondary College (Ocean Grove Campus) 70 Shell Rd, Ocean Grove 3226	(03) 5251 9000	Thursday March 12 5.00 pm – 6.30 pm: College Tours (running every 15 minutes) 6.00 pm – 7.00pm Information Session/s in Room 17 & Nepean Pod
Belmont High School Rotherham Street, Belmont 3216	(03) 5243 5355	Tuesday March 17 5.00pm – 6.30pm: School Tours 6.45pm – 7.30 Information Session – School Gym
Geelong High School Ryrie Street, East Geelong 3219	(03) 5225 4100	Tuesday April 21 Flexible information sessions commencing at 4.30pm, 5.30 pm & 6.30pm in the CA Love Hall
Grovedale College 19 Wingarra Drive, Grovedale 3216	(03) 5245 4545	Thursday March 19 6.00pm – 7.00pm : School Tours 7.00pm : Information Session – School Gym

Lara Secondary College Alkara Avenue, Lara 3212	(03) 5282 8988	Wednesday February 26 & Wednesday May 6 6:00pm – 7:00pm : School Tours 7:00pm : Presentation
Lorne P - 12 College (Lorne Campus) Grove Road, Lorne 3232	(03) 5289 1585	Wednesday March 25 Time: 6.30pm for Information Session Venue: Info Session in the ILS Tours: will commence at 7:00pm
Matthew Flinders Girls Secondary College Little Ryrie Street, Geelong 3220	(03) 4243 0500	Wednesday March 10 6:00pm – 7:15pm : Information Session & Self Discovery – MFG Hall (Enter via Fenwick St) Open day Thursday March 11 Tours 9.30-10.30
Newcomb Secondary College 81 – 85 Bellarine Highway, Newcomb 3219	(03) 5248 1400	Monday March 23 6:30pm - Information Session, Learning Resource Centre 7:00pm-8:00pm – Tours of the college
Northern Bay P - 12 College Goldsworthy Campus	1300 348 535	Thursday April 23 Information Evening 6.00-7.00 pm Goldsworthy Arts/Science Wing Indiana Ave
North Geelong Secondary College Separation Street, North Geelong 3215	(03) 5240 5800	Thursday March 12 6.00-6.30pm: Information session followed by presentations on specialist programs and self-guided tours