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**BELMONT BULLETIN**  
**No.03 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020**



*Lots of delicious fresh food was harvested from our Grow and Gobble garden yesterday.  
 Thanks to our parent and community volunteers who help our young gardeners.*

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

<b>TONIGHT</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Parents Club Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>4:00pm – 7:00pm</b>	<b>School Welcome Picnic/BBQ</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> February</b>		<b>Clean Up Australia Day</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> February</b>		<b>VSSS First Mass Dance Rehearsal</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>		<b>Grade 5/6 Grovedale College Visit</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>		<b>School Photo Day – Order forms sent home earlier this week</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>New Families &amp; Prep Parents Morning Tea</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>3:40pm – 5:30pm</b>	<b>Meet the Teacher Appointments</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> March</b>		<b>Labour Day Public Holiday</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10 March</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Parents Club Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> March</b>		<b>Division Swimming for selected students</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Morning</b>	<b>School Walkathon – More info to come shortly</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> March</b>		<b>Ride 2 School Day</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> March</b>		<b>Grade 5/6 Summer Lightning Premiership - More info to come</b>
<b>Mon – Fri</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>		<b>Grade 5/6 Swimming Program</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9:00am – 2:30pm</b>	<b>Last Day for Term 1 – Please note early dismissal time</b>



**Student of the week**

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

Jemima K	<b>Prep C</b>	For being a happy, confident and friendly member of Prep C. Jemima, you are a superstar! Keep on trying your personal best and being a confident student.
Harvey F	<b>Prep G</b>	For having a fantastic start to your first year at Belmont Primary School. You are a wonderful classroom helper and are always kind to others. Well done Harvey!
Scarlett H	<b>12L</b>	For your amazing mathematical skills when expanding larger numbers with partitioning! You superstar Scarlett!
Joshua J	<b>12M</b>	For making a great start to life at Belmont Primary School, sharing with his friends and making every effort to learn. Great work Joshua!
Jessie A	<b>12S</b>	For writing a wonderful description of a monster using creative and interesting adjectives. Keep up the great work Jessie!
Teddy W	<b>12T</b>	For his enthusiastic and thoughtful contributions to our class discussions, and always showing respect to his classmates. Well done Teddy!
Jack K	<b>34C</b>	For his enthusiastic and consistent approach to all learning tasks this week. Keep up the great work Jack, you are a true leader of 3/4C
Ebony R	<b>34E</b>	For being such an amazing member of 3/4E. You are such a kind, compassionate and intelligent young lady. Keep up the amazing work!
Mia N	<b>34M</b>	For using a picture prompt to write a fantastic story. You read the story with confidence and left the readers wondering what will come in part two. Well done Mia.
Bowen S	<b>56L</b>	For her excellent 'All About Me' presentation where she confidently spoke and answered questions about her PowerPoint. Well done Bowen!
Michael Canny	<b>56R</b>	Michael has shown great confidence this week when he got up in front of Gold House and presented his house captain speech. He spoke clearly and with a great tone. Well done on stepping out of your comfort zone Michael.
Eden B	<b>56T</b>	For presenting an amazing 'All About Me' presentation to your class. Your slide design was visually appealing and you spoke confidently.
Blair G	<b>Italian</b>	For great pronunciation of Italian city names.

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

*Hello everyone,*

### **Welcome Picnic**

*We are looking forward to our welcome picnic/BBQ next Tuesday evening. I am watching the weather forecast very closely in the hope we get the perfect weather for our 'night on the lawn'. We are very lucky that it wasn't planned for this week! This is a very relaxed and informal gathering for our community. Families are invited to visit any and all of our classrooms between 4.00pm – 5.00pm. Please encourage your children to take you on their own special tour of our school. Don't forget to pop into the art room and Italian room. It's a great chance to check out the new levelled deck area near the library, which will also be open for the first hour.*

*From 5.00pm-7.00pm we invite families to join in us on the oval for a relaxed picnic. Families are welcome to bring along their own food and drinks. We will provide some sausages in bread. **As a change this year, families are asked to provide their own drinks** but of course we have plenty of drinking taps around the school for you to use.*

*We are expecting entertainment from our regular musician, so hopefully it makes for a great evening of family and community fun.*

*Please use this opportunity to mingle and meet new people. We have lots of new families to our school this year, so please introduce yourselves and extend the hand of Belmont friendship to someone new. We all know how grateful we feel to the person that first says 'hello and welcome' to us when we are new to something or somewhere. It's a chance to model our school value of community to our young people. I am looking forward to seeing you all there. ☺*

### **Welcome to Belmont Primary**

We extend a very warm welcome to Alex (Year 4) and his family who have arrived in Australia from Tonga recently. I am sure that everyone will welcome them to our fabulous Belmont community.

### **Assembly Challenges**

I have started two this term. I am still looking for 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. Hopefully I have some to share along the way too.

### **What's in a name?**

Last week, I asked students to find out how or why they got their name or what their name might mean.

Just as a way of finding out a little bit more about each other and making personal and individual connections. I am hoping that we can share a few each week when we come together on Fridays at assembly.

### **School Council**

Thank you to our dedicated School Council members for their work on behalf of our students and our school over the past year. Each year the current two-year term of a number of parent and staff representatives ends at the end of February. Thank you to Adelle Preston who has been one of our DET Staff representatives for several years. As Adelle continues on family leave this year, she will not be remaining on School Council. We wish Adelle well as she continues to enjoy time with her family.

On behalf of School Council and our school community, I would like to acknowledge and thank Kristi Southon for her wonderful contribution to our school community. Kristi has been a parent or community member of our School Council for the past 4 years, working as a member of the Finance Sub-Committee and taking on the role of Treasurer from 2017. Kristi has been a proud and positive advocate for our school and her commitment and contribution to our school has been greatly appreciated. We wish Kristi and her family all the best in the future as her youngest child has moved on to secondary school this year.

Nominations open today for our new School Council which begins with the first meeting on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Our School Council meets twice a term on Wednesday nights from 7pm and all School Council members are required to be involved in at least one of our Sub-Committees that also meet between meetings and undertake other relevant work around the school.

If you are interested in being on School Council and would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me or School Council President, Jo Manderson.

Further details of the School Council election timeline is provided later in the newsletter. **Nomination forms are available from the office and close at 4.00pm next Thursday 27 February 2020.**



## Lunchtime & Recess Activities

### *Grow and Gobble (Wednesday lunchtime)*

We are so lucky to have such beautiful school grounds with so many different play spaces for our students to engage in during recess and lunchtime and the options keep on growing. I couldn't resist placing the gorgeous photo of our Grow and Gobble gardeners on the front page this week. The garden is open every Wednesday lunchtime, supported by our wonderful parent volunteers. Any of our students are welcome to come along and join in the gardening fun.



### *Play Pod (Wednesday and Friday lunchtime)*

Yesterday we opened the Play Pod for the first time this year. To say it was very popular would be an understatement. To say it was busy, would be a very conservative. However it was wonderful to see students coming together from different year levels to collaborate to create, design, construct and play. Special thanks to Alison Lornie and her family, who spent time over the weekend cleaning up and organising the contents of the Play Pod ready for our students to enjoy this week.



With the support of both staff and parent volunteers, we are aiming to open the Play Pod for at least two lunch periods each week when the weather is fine this term. Check out the photos later in our newsletter of some of the amazing things our students designed and created together yesterday (in less than 20 minutes).

### *The Reading Tree (Daily at Recess)*

With the beautiful new decking area outside the library, in fine weather we are starting the Belmont version of a community library. A tub of books will be placed near the Reading Tree, with some outdoor cushions to be added soon, so that in fine weather, students who would like to sit and enjoy some time to read will be able to borrow from what's available in the tub. If you have pre-loved books that are in great condition that are no longer wanted by your family, then please consider donating them to our reading tree,

Thanks to our ES aide team for their brilliant idea and for their work in gathering some books ready to start this new opportunity for our students who love to read.

### **Meet the Teacher**

We have set aside Wednesday 4 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. Bookings will open Monday afternoon, 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Thanks for another great week at Belmont everyone. I hope to see many of you about over the next week.

Kinds regards  
**Sharon Liddle**  
Acting Principal ☺





## **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

School Photo order forms were sent home earlier this week. All ordering is done online including family photos and must be done by photo day, **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. Order forms are not required to be sent back to school.

## **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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## FROM THE ART ROOM

### THE WILLOW PATTERN

#### PART TWO

Having dazzled the students in grades 5/6 with my amazing record player and single telling the story of The Willow Pattern, we have now moved on to learning about a retired graphic artist from Pittsburgh America - Don Moyer. To cut a long story short, he inherited some Willow Pattern china from a relative in 2011 and decided to sketch it in his notebook. He couldn't resist the urge to add a pterodactyl in the sky and then shortly after Calamityware took off. He now designs a range of china where you notice mysterious occurrences happening near the centre. Pirate ships, swamp monsters and erupting volcanoes are just a few things that can be found in the designs. We are designing our own calamities - the basic willow pattern with a calamity in the design. This is where the creativity and imagination happens in this lesson. What calamities will the students include? I can't wait to see. I have put a piece of Calamityware on my birthday wish list this year, I think they are so cool. Google Don Moyer to check them out.



#### YEARS 3/4

These students have completed their drawings of The Pied Piper and rats. The majority of the students felt sorry for the rats!!!

We have now begun discussing The Alphabet Bird Project which this year level is taking part in. A Nature Forum is going to held in March at The National Wool Museum. I will tell you more about it next week.



#### YEARS 1/2

Temples with their lovely colours and sloping roof tops are the go with these students now that their heart artworks are finished. Maybe you've seen the hearts if you've been wandering the school. The temples are going to be a multi media artwork, we did the painting part this week and will continue with them at next week's lesson.

#### PREPS

This week the preps added beautiful gold paint and liquid gold glitter to their Auspicious (lucky) paintings which will be on display very soon. I wish I could include all the photos that I took of them painting but of course there's too many so here are two to make you curious.



Yvonne McDonald  
Art Specialist

## PE NEWS

### **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](http://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 **1<sup>st</sup> March 2020**.

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

## 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.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - CSEF PAYMENTS

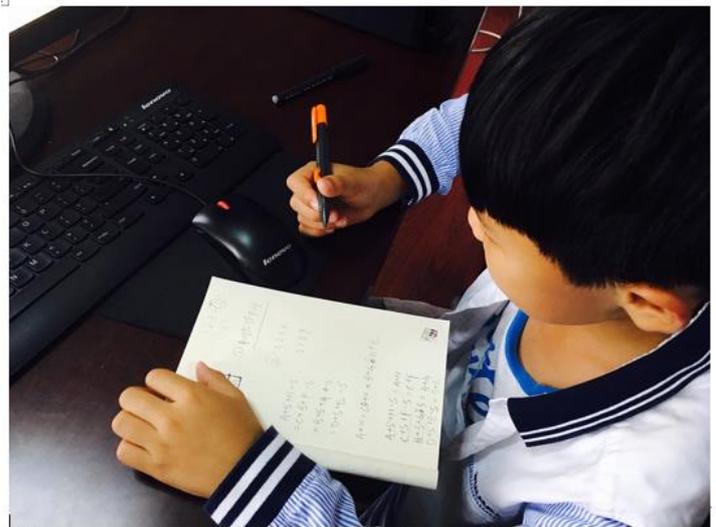
Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making 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.

### **MORE INFORMATION**

For more information about the CSEF visit [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

## 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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**JUNIOR FOOTBALL AND NETBALL INFORMATION 2020**

**AUSKICK:**

Commences Friday April 24<sup>th</sup> 2020 at Belmont Lions Winter Reserve, Kidman Avenue Belmont (Entrance via Glyn Street Belmont) 5 pm till 6 pm and continue every on Friday night for the season. To register go to NAB AUSKICK website, then go to Belmont Lions and register. Pay on line and \$70 of your fee will be refunded to each parent. Free sausage sizzle, drink and awards at each session.

**UNDER 9, 11, 13 FOOTBALL:**

Training commences on Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup> 2020 and continues every Tuesday and Thursday 4 .30 pm till 5 30pm at Winter Reserve, Oval 2, Kidman Avenue, Belmont.

**UNDER 15, 17 FOOTBALL:**

Training is on (pre Season) Monday and Wednesdays February and March 5pm till 6 pm Winter Reserve Oval 2, then changing to Tuesday and Thursdays March 31<sup>st</sup> 2020, 5pm till 6pm.

**UNDER 19 FOOTBALL:**

Training is Pre Season on Mondays and Wednesdays February and March 6pm till 7 pm at Winter Reserve Oval 2. Kidman Avenue Belmont, before changing to Tuesday and Thursdays from March 31<sup>st</sup> 2020.

**NETBALL UNDER 13, 15, 17, 19:**

New players most welcome. Enquiries / Information to below:

Brian Coughlan  
Belmont Lions Sports Club  
Junior Football Coordinator  
Email: [brianoy@optusnet.com.au](mailto:brianoy@optusnet.com.au)  
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**Wallington Primary School**

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

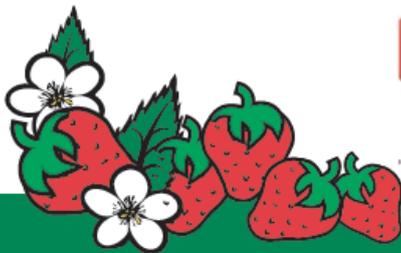
Don't forget to bring your own, reusable bags, water bottles and coffee cups!

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**Belmont High School**

**SELECT ENTRY ACCELERATED LEARNING PROGRAM**

**2021 Year 7 Intake**

**Information Evening:**

**Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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	<b>Wednesday March 25</b> 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	<b>Thursday March 12</b> 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	<b>Tuesday March 17</b> 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	<b>Tuesday April 21</b> 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	<b>Thursday March 19</b> 6.00pm – 7.00pm : School Tours 7.00pm : Information Session – School Gym

Lara Secondary College Alkara Avenue, Lara 3212	(03) 5282 8988	<b>Wednesday February 26 &amp; Wednesday May 6</b> 6.00pm – 7.00pm : School Tours 7.00pm : Presentation
Lorne P - 12 College (Lorne Campus) Grove Road, Lorne 3232	(03) 5289 1585	<b>Wednesday March 25</b> 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	<b>Wednesday March 10</b> 6.00pm – 7.15pm : Information Session & Self Discovery – MFG Hall (Enter via Fenwick St)  Open day <b>Thursday March 11</b> Tours 9.30-10.30
Newcomb Secondary College 81 – 85 Bellarine Highway, Newcomb 3219	(03) 5248 1400	<b>Monday March 23</b> 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	<b>Thursday April 23</b> 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	<b>Thursday March 12</b> 6.00-6.30pm: Information session followed by presentations on specialist programs and self-guided tours