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BELMONT BULLETIN
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Congratulations to our 2020 House Captains and House Vice-Captains

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday	9 th March		Labour Day Public Holiday – No students required at school
Wednesday	11 th March		Division Swimming for selected students
Thursday	12 th March	9:30am	School Walkathon
Friday	13 th March	9.00am	Scholastic Book Club Orders Due
Friday	13 th March		Ride 2 School Day
Friday	13 th March		Grade 5/6 Summer Lightning Premiership
Mon – Fri	16 th – 27 th Mar		Grade 5/6 Swimming Program
Wednesday	18 th March	7:00pm	School Council Meeting
Thursday	19 th March	7:30pm	Parents Club Meeting
Friday	27 th March	9:00am – 2:30pm	Last Day for Term 1 – Please note early dismissal time
Tuesday	14 th April		First Day back for Term 2



Student of the week

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

Lou E	Prep C	For his improved confidence when recording his ideas during writing sessions. Well done Lou for having a go and trying your best!
Jude P	Prep G	For a fabulous start to his first year of Prep! You wowed Miss Gowers with your awesome maths skills. Keep up all the amazing work Jude!
Marlie F	12L	For your outstanding graphing skills when displaying what 1/2L's favourite ice-cream is! You're amazing Marlie!
Max M	12M	For working so hard on writing his journal independently while telling an interesting story about his weekend. Great Work Max.
Henry C	12S	For an amazing job researching facts for his information report on polar bears. Awesome note-taking Henry, we can't wait to read your report!
Roy E	12T	For working very hard to research facts about polar bears and write a plan for his information report. Well done Roy!
Wilbur E	34C	For being a responsible and extremely hard working member of 3/4C. Your dedication to producing work at such a high level sets the standard for all of us. Keep up the great work.
Kai H	34E	For being such a wonderful member of 3/4E, always demonstrating our school values and helping out his peers. Keep up the great work Kai!
Paige R	34M	For always displaying the school values. Your positive attitude towards all class discussions and activities is inspiring. Thank you for being a kind, caring and supportive member of 3/4M.
Isobel M	56L	For being an outstanding role model to everyone where she demonstrates responsibility, kindness and respect. Well done Isobel.
Anna L	56R	Anna has made a great start to grade 5 this year. She has worked hard in learning tasks and constantly asks for help when she needs. She has adjusted well to being back at school and always has a positive attitude. Well done Anna keep it up.
Mali M	56T	For your outstanding use of descriptive language when describing a setting for your narrative. Amazing work!
Matilda M	Italian	For running class Bingo with excellent pronunciation of numbers up to 250
Noah W	P.E.	For always pushing himself to achieve his best and improve on his skills.

REMINDER

Monday 9th March is the Labour Day Public Holiday. Students are not required at school on this day.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Hello families, friends and students,

School Walkathon

We are just a week away from our annual School Walkathon, another wonderful community event where we invite families to come along and walk with your children. Pushers and prams are definitely welcome but please remember that for safety reasons, we ask that you please leave your dogs at home. We will be planning to start the Walkathon around 9.30am.

This year we are directing money raised to general school facilities and grounds improvements. This may include adding additional materials for the playpod, contributing to the costs of our exciting plans for the Mini-Village or other planned improvement projects.

Our theme for the walkathon is **House Pride** so we are encouraging children and parents to be creative and colourful to support their House. We do not expect nor do we want families to buy costumes or spend money for this...just find the splash of red, yellow or blue to add to fun of the day. Students do not need to wear school uniform but we do ask that they come appropriately and comfortably dressed to undertake the walkathon. This is not a casual dress day, but rather a House Pride day. Remember that hats will be a must, along with all students needing to have a water bottle to carry with them on their walk. Last year we raised \$3900, so it would be great if we could work together to nudge that over \$4000. An amount of \$10-\$15 per student would reach that target – so let's see how much fun we can have whilst also raising money for our wonderful school.



I am looking forward to seeing many of you about next Thursday. ☺

House Captains for 2020

Congratulations to the following students who were recently announced as this year's House Captains and House Vice-Captains.

GOLD HOUSE (Regent)

Captains: Mai Lorenzen and Max Williams
Vice Captains: Miller Atkinson and Matilda Murray

BLUE HOUSE (Pleasant)

Captains: Seb Smith and Mackenzie Wilson
Vice Captains: Eden Homes-Isaiah and Samantha Serra

RED HOUSE (Thomson)

Captains: Ash Romain and Hana Yim
Vice Captains: Harry Emerson and Chanulya Kithalagama

Formal presentation of their badges will be made at assembly in coming weeks. In the meantime, we look forward to our House Captains start their leadership

work with upcoming events such as the Walkathon and Ride 2 School day this term.

Welcome to Belmont Primary

We continue to have new families moving into Belmont. This week we extend a warm welcome to Sachindu (Year 5) and his parents who recently arrived from New Zealand. I am sure that everyone will welcome them to our fabulous Belmont community.

New Parents Welcome Morning Tea

Thank you to the Parents Club for arranging this get together for our new families and prep parents. It was great to see how well attended the morning was, especially by many first time families to our school community. We were also treated to a special singing performance by the prep students.

I do encourage new and current families to come along to the next Parents Club meeting on March 19. The focus of our Parents Club is firmly on supporting the school with opportunities for our students such as the Mothers and Fathers Days Stalls and School Disco, along with planning for social events for both parents and families. Fundraising plays a very minor role for this group. We do need to continue to grow and sustain the interest in our parents group so that all of these wonderful opportunities are not left to the generosity of the same people every year.

Family Holidays

Where families take holidays during school terms, we are required to have this information provided in writing please. With our improving communication with families around unapproved absences, it will help us accurately record this absence and also help prevent families from receiving daily SMS messages or other contact from the school.

Clean-Up Australia Day

Last Friday was Schools Clean Up Day which is part of the Annual Clean Up Australia Day initiative. Thanks to our prep students who took action after assembly last Friday morning and cleaned up tricky spaces around our playground, looking for those small bits of plastic and litter that get caught up in things. Thank you also to students and teachers in other year levels who spent some time cleaning up later in the day.



NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

This year our school is partnering with Bicycle Network to encourage, empower and enable more students to get physically active on their journey to and from school. We know we have many students and families who ride or walk to school. Last week we took a baseline count of how many students ride, walk, scooter or skate to school on an average school day so that we can aim to increase that throughout the year. Bicycle network staff will come and conduct counts at different times throughout the year to see if our data is changing over time.

This year we have registered to be part of the **National Ride2School Day on Friday 13 March.**

We encourage students, parents and families to get physically active in your travel to school on that day by walking, riding, scooting or skating to school on that day. Please make sure all riders and scooters are wearing helmets and any young riders are supervised by adults. If your family lives further away, then you might choose to park a few blocks from the school and walk or ride the rest of the way.



Maths Challenge

Here's a great maths challenge and a little timely with empty aisles in our supermarkets this week.

How many packets in total would be on the crate? If each packet has 5x2x2 rolls, how many rolls altogether? How much does each individual roll cost? Add the going rate of a roll or packet of toilet paper on ebay or gumtree and the list of maths challenges could go on.



Maths is absolutely everywhere, even in times when there is media and social media hype about a situation that we should be aware of but not alarmed about.

Something to think about as we head into a long weekend. Be mindful to consider the facts around the current Coronavirus situation and make informed decisions for your family. Remember good hygiene practice is every day good practice and at times like these we just need to increase our awareness and our personal regimes.

However your family is spending this long weekend in March, may you travel and be safe and enjoy a memorable time with your children, family or friends.

We look forward to seeing all our students and families back at school on Tuesday after a wonderful long weekend.

Kinds regards

Sharon Liddle

Acting Principal ☺

FROM THE ART ROOM

BELMONT PET PHOTO WALL

The year before last was Year Of The Dog and to celebrate many of us brought along photos of our pet dogs. We all loved looking at them so much that last year it was changed into a general pet wall. We still enjoy looking at them on our way into the art room but haven't had any new additions for a while. I know that many of you do have new pets because the students can't wait to tell me about the new additions to your families. So, if you can find time can you please print those photos off and send us a copy for our wall. Here's a new photo of my Daisy Delightful enjoying a day at the beach.

PS I'm also babysitting three of my son's pets at the moment. You'll never guess what they are.

Yvonne McDonald
Art Specialist



PE NEWS

Victoria Team Track and Field.

This year there will be **no** Vic team selected at the 2020 State Primary Championships for track and field. In the past students who have made it to State level and won finals were automatically included in the state team. This year they will be holding trials instead.

The 10-12 Years Team Vic Track and Field Team will be selected via a Trial Day held at Lakeside Stadium on Sunday 4 October 2020.

The Team Vic Team **WILL NOT** be selected off the Sport School Victoria State final as it has been in previous years.

Participation in a School Sport Victoria Team Vic State Team is self-funded. As a guide it may cost between \$1,500-\$3,000 to participate. Costs may include uniforms, host state levies, flights, and land transport. Costs will vary depending on the location of the Championship.

The School Sport Australia Track and Field Championships are being held from 20 - 24 November 2020.

If you are interested in trying out please come and see Mrs Keating or Miss Eales and we can discuss your registration.

Future Hockey Stars at a recent Hockey Clinic



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Book Club orders are due 9am Friday 13th March please. 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 please take care when writing out book numbers and always include the title as well please!

PARENTS CLUB

Parents Club Thursday March 19th

The next meeting will be on March 19th. At this meeting the positions of President, Vice President and Secretary will be decided upon for this year. It's open to everyone to come along and participate. If you wish to know more please call me on 0412 203 356.

Thanks
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Community Announcement - Change a Life in 2020

Raise Foundation, a not-for-profit mentoring organisation, urgently seeks 15 volunteers from the local community to mentor young people in its 2020 best practice mentoring programs at Belmont High School (Wednesday 11.05am-1.05pm). The programs run from March through September during school hours.

Apply now to make a difference to a young person in your community at <https://raise.org.au/volunteer/>

Raise measures the impact of its mentoring programs and statistically significant outcomes include increased confidence and resilience, ability to set goals, coping skills, hope for the future and asking trusted adults for help. Raise mentors also benefit by contributing to the community, gaining improved listening / parenting skills and connecting with the younger generation.

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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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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.



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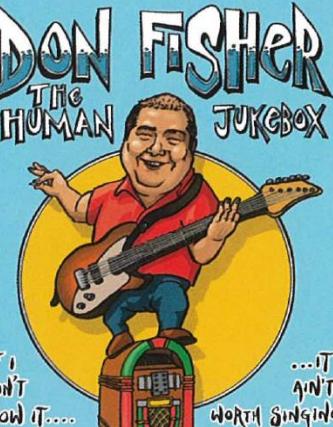
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