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BELMONT BULLETIN
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Cooper, Shahzaib, Max, Roy & Joel found a sunny place to spend lunchtime yesterday.

DATES TO REMEMBER

TOMORROW	13th March	9.00am	Scholastic Book Club Orders Due
TOMORROW	13th March		Ride 2 School Day
TOMORROW	13th March		Grade 5/6 Summer Lightning Premiership
Mon – Fri	16th – 27th Mar		Grade 5/6 Swimming Program
Wednesday	18th March	7:00pm	School Council Meeting
Thursday	19th March	7:30pm	Parents Club Meeting
Friday	27th March		Casual Dress Day – More information next week
Friday	27th March	9:00am – 2:30pm	Last Day for Term 1 – Please note early dismissal time
Tuesday	14th April		First Day back for Term 2



Student of the week

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

Cohen T	Prep C	For thinking of a great idea when writing. Cohen rehearses his idea, tells a friend his idea then records his idea in pictures and words. Super effort Cohen!
Clementine A	Prep G	For using her letter knowledge to sound out words in reading & writing this week! You did some fantastic reading and wrote a great sentence about your weekend. Keep up the great work Clem!
Joel T	12L	For your motivation and amazing efforts while writing an information report about polar bears this week. Amazing work Joel!
Aryana P	12M	For doing a great job working with information report text structure, nailing her report on Polar Bears. Great Work Aryana!
Mustafa A	12S	For his amazing reading this week! Well done Mustafa for using great strategies when you're reading new books. Keep it up!
Hilali L	12T	For putting in an amazing effort when writing the good copy of her information report. You showed great persistence and concentration. Keep up the great work Hilali!
Milla M	34C	For continually producing work at an exceptional level. Milla is a hard worker, who always works to her full potential and is always up for a challenge. Keep it up Milla!
Audrey W	34E	For planning and writing a wonderful narrative. You have put so much effort into your story Audrey. Keep up the great work!
James G	34M	For being a superstar mathematician! You have demonstrated the ability to solve addition questions using a variety of strategies.
Tahlia S	56L	For the outstanding growth she has demonstrated during our unit on Place Value. Tahlia has applied herself fully and really challenged herself. Well done Tahlia!
Sachindu P	56R	Sachindu has made a fantastic start at Belmont Primary. He has contributed to class discussions and has made some great friends to play with in the yard. 5/6R look forward to getting to know you better over the next few weeks. Well done Sachindu.
Maeve D	56T	For consistency approaching all learning task with a positive attitude and desire to succeed. Keep it up!
Lauren H & Sophie N	Italian	For interpreting mathematical word problems in Italian and scoring 10/11 for accuracy.
Isobel M	P.E.	For supporting her classmates in PE sessions and helping them develop their skills.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Hello everyone,

Today was the day! Our annual School Walkathon. Thank you to the parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, brothers and sisters and family friends who came along to walk with us. Thank you to the students and families who wore their house colours with pride. It was great to see so much red, blue and gold adorning the streets as we walked.



The sun shone and our students were champion walkers. Thank you to the families who have supported our students through sponsoring them for this event. Please encourage them to collect their sponsorship and return the money they have raised to school by the end of term.

Yesterday I was lucky enough to be on yard duty in the beautiful sunshine at lunch time and it was fabulous to see our students engaged in so many different things. Grow and Gobble was in full swing, wonderful creations were being made at the play pod, T-ball training was happening on the oval, the State School Spectacular crew were rehearsing in the BER and many, many groups of students were engaged in their own play around the wonderful pockets of our playground. It was the perfect chance for some photos!



Only two weeks until the end of term one everyone – my time as Acting Principal will soon be over. However there is plenty of learning and plenty of fun still ahead of us. What a flying start to the 2020 school year we are making together.

Assembly Presentations

Most weeks we aim to have students from a selected class share their learning, make a presentation or even perform for us. So far this year, students from 5/6T shared with us what they have been learning about Growth and Fixed Mindset and the ways they practise being mindful if they are feeling a little anxious or stressed. Last Friday Bonnie M, Luke C, Eli W and Rogan K, from 3/4C shared their sizzling starts to some wonderful narrative stories they are writing.



NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Tomorrow is National Ride2School Day.

We encourage students, parents and families to get physically active in your travel to school tomorrow 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.



Thanks to Mrs Keating for her work in organising this opportunity for our school community. Let's finish off this short week with another fantastic effort by our community to get behind this day.



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.

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.

All 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. Please see our very friendly and helpful office staff if you need any assistance.

Learning Tasks

Our staff have started sharing this semester's learning assessment tasks on Compass. Our first learning task had an English focus. Some year levels focused on writing, whilst others focused on reading or speaking and listening. A mathematics task is due to be released by the weekend with a further Inquiry Learning task to be completed by the end of term.

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to the families that used the opportunity to come and meet your children's teacher to discuss specific information that was vital for our teachers to know. Mr Houghton and I both love a good set of data and the beauty of compass bookings is that it allows us to see how valuable this time was to our community.

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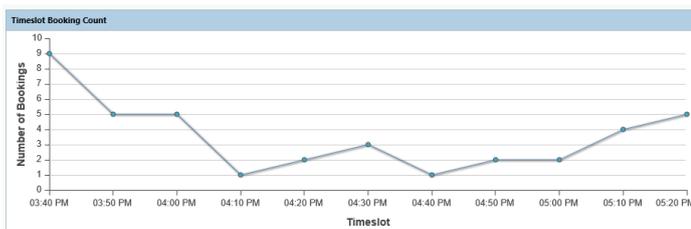
Bookings

295

Students

12

Staff



Coming soon to Compass

In 2020 we are continuing 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. Our administration team are currently exploring how we can use Compass to record and inform parents about a student's visit to the First Aid Room. This will not take the place of phone calls for serious or concerning matters, but will be our preferred method for communicating the information that has often been jotted in the diary. We will let you know when we are ready to make the change.

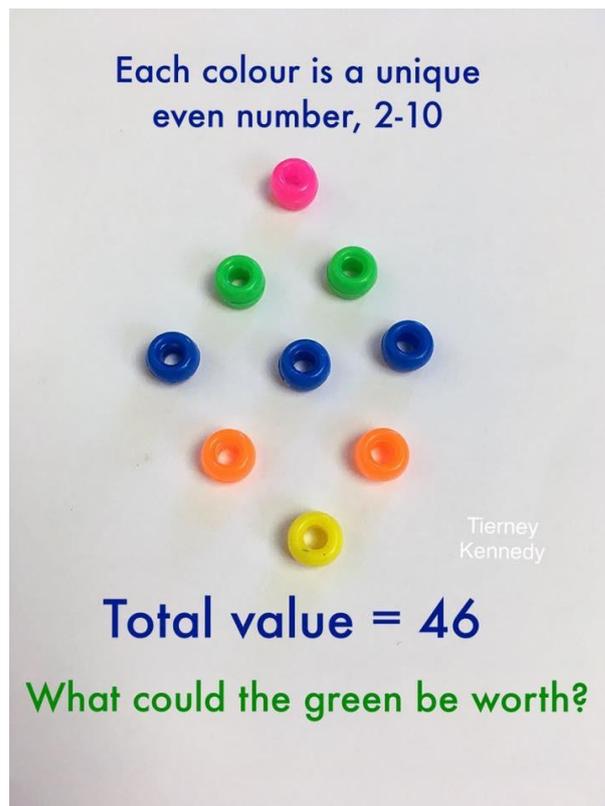
Maths Challenge

In our discussions this term, our teachers have been exploring the dispositions of great maths learners or great mathematicians. Interestingly our students often tell us it is other students who put up their hands, know their tables or finish first who are great mathematicians. Lots and lots of research tells us that the productive dispositions of great mathematicians includes some of the following:

- Being curious, open and positive
- Willing to tackle challenging problems
- Being persistent
- Willing to take risks
- Having gumption
- Seeing mathematics as sensible, useful and worthwhile
- Willing to struggle in the moment of challenge.

I love a good maths challenge, so here is another one to perhaps consider together as a family this week.

If each bead represents an even number between 2 and 10, and the whole collection is worth 46, what could the green beads be worth?



Each colour is a unique even number, 2-10

Tierney Kennedy

Total value = 46

What could the green be worth?

Please remember, there may not be just one correct answer to this challenge and the key is to persist with the challenge. How will you know you have all the possible correct answers?

All the best for a great week of learning ahead. 😊

Kinds regards
Sharon Liddle
 Acting Principal 😊

Update on Coronavirus

The Commonwealth Government has updated travel restrictions this week.

The extension to existing travel restrictions now applies to visitors from Republic of Korea, Iran and mainland China. Visitors who are not Australian citizens or permanent residents, or their dependants, will not be allowed entry into Australia.

The Commonwealth Government has also advised that visitors from Italy will also be subject to enhanced health screening and temperature testing arrangements.

We understand that some of you have questions regarding school closures due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The advice from the Department of Education as of Wednesday 11th March 2020 is below:

School closures will be made on the recommendation Victoria's Chief Health Officer. Once this occurs, DHHS will inform the Department of Education and Training, and we will then work with the school to implement the closure.

At Belmont Primary School we have had no confirmed cases of Coronavirus or anyone being in close contact with those who have. Please be assured that we will notify you as soon as anything changes.

Good hygiene practices remain the most effective means of minimising the spread of COVID-19 and everyone can protect against infections by practising good hand and respiratory hygiene.

Here are some tips that we all can follow:

1. Cover your mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing with a tissue, or cough into your elbow.
2. Dispose of the tissue into a bin and then wash your hands afterwards.
3. Wash your hands regularly using soap and water, including after using the toilet, and before eating.



Please refer to the Department's [Coronavirus](#) web page for the latest advice and information.

Other useful websites include:
[Smart Traveller website](#)
[DHHS website](#)



Thanks to the 5/6 students who presented a report on their recent visit to Grovedale Secondary College. Lots of exciting and engaging learning was had by everyone.



FROM THE ART ROOM

Years3/4

THE ALPHABET BIRD PROJECT

Since beginning The Alphabet Bird Project with the students at this level, the Law of Attraction has really kicked in. On my favourite radio station, ABC, I have heard not one but three interviews with bird watchers. Did you know that the really serious ones are called Twitchers? This level of birdwatchers actually travel around Australia and even other countries, tracking down sightings of rare birds. I'm thinking they must be retired to have time to do this. Anyway, this has caught my attention so much that I've decided to be a part time birdwatcher!! Last Sunday my sister and I were going to Queenscliff for the morning and decided to write down all the birds that we saw. Bird number one was written down as Bird of Prey (lame I know but we were in the car, it was obviously hunting and it was too far away to tell), then we saw black swans, seagulls, swallows, plovers, magpies, a mud lark, hawk, geese and a bin chicken. (Australian white ibis.) When I got home in the backyard I saw pigeons and a New Holland Honeyeater.

I've asked the students at this level to make a list too. Choose a day then write down all the birds that you come across. Photos would be great too. I gave my 90yr old mother who lives in central Victoria this challenge too and she has already reported back with magpies, crows, wrens and blue faced honey eaters. This is getting serious now and I've decided to carry binoculars with me to help with identification. Back to the Alphabet Birds these are looking amazing and will be sent off to the Wool Museum next week. Also on the topic of birds, one of my sons is a zookeeper at the Ballarat Wildlife Park and last week sent me some photos of his new baby, a Fairy Penguin called Bean. Gorgeous. Start birdwatching everyone!!



PREPS, YEARS 1/2, YEARS 5/6

The students at other levels all started new activities this week with the focus on learning some new skills and techniques that they also will be able to apply when creating future artworks. I will share more about these and photos next week.

Happy Bird Watching,
Yvonne McDonald
Art Specialist

PE NEWS

Congratulations to the following students who represented Belmont Primary School at the Bellarine and Geelong North Division Swimming Carnival yesterday:

Rosie O, Lucy F, Samuel A, Will S, Heidi A, Ava A, Remi G, Lisette D, Billy S, Hana Y, Milla J and Seb S.

A special mention to Ava and Heidi, who finished in 2nd place in backstroke and butterfly respectively. Both girls will go on to represent Belmont Primary School at the Western Metropolitan Regional Finals later this month. Good luck!

Thanks to all of the parents and grandparents who came along to support our students and to help ensure that the day ran smoothly.



ICY POLE REMINDER

Icy poles are available for sale each Tuesday & Friday.

Please remember that it is only one icy pole per child per day.

Students requesting more than one or students asking friends to purchase on their behalf will be denied.

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](https://www.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!

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.

Michelle Polidano
Program Counsellor
0401 191 050
[Raise.org.au](https://raise.org.au)

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
Skye

GIRL SOCCER PLAYERS NEEDED
ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WELCOME

TRAINING AT GROVEDALE RESERVE

U12S AND U14S - MON & WED 5.30PM - 6.45PM (EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS) (COACHES - SCOTT BLACK & SAMANTHA LAMONT)
SENIORS (U16+) - WED 7PM - 8.30PM (COACHES - TADY CHARLES AND SAM SHACKELL)
EMAIL - REGISTRATIONS@BARWONGSC.COM.AU WITH ANY QUESTIONS

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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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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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Saturday March 21st
from 10.00am to 2.00pm

Animal Nursery from 10.00am

- Sausage Sizzle ■ Fairy Floss ■ Morning tea ■ Balloons
- Jumping Castle ■ Face Painting ■ Kids Craft Activities
- Hand Massage or Nail Painting ■ Craft Displays and Demonstrations
- Vintage Car and Caravan Display ■ ...and so much more

FREE FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

CNR THOMSON & McDONALD STREETS BELMONT