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DATES TO REMEMBER			
Monday	8 th June		Queen's Birthday Public Holiday - No students required at school
Tuesday	9 th June		Grades 3/4 & 5/6 return to onsite learning
Thursday	11 th June	5.00pm	Scholastic Book Club Issue 4 <u>due</u> – online orders only
Friday	26 th June	9:00 – 2:30pm	Last Day for Term 2 – Please note early dismissal time



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Student of the week		
Congratulations to the following students whose efforts, behaviour and attitude have been recognised		
Neve B	Prep C	For demonstrating excellent speaking and listening skills during our class Webex meetings. Neve, you have spoken with great confidence, keep it up—you're a SUPERSTAR!
Max K	Prep G	For all your hard work during remote learning. I have loved seeing photos and videos of your writing and maths. You have put lots of effort into your handwriting and you should be super proud of yourself. Well done Max!
Noah W	12L	For your creative and cheeky limerick! You put so much work in to writing it this week, with all of your brainstorming and planning. You should be proud of your great work Noah!
Lachlan R	12M	For his eagle eyed attention to detail, which he uses in all of his work and organisation. Keep it up Lachie!
Thomas J	12S	For putting a super effort into his learning tasks during remote learning. Well done for showing persistence and a fantastic positive attitude. We have enjoyed seeing all of the amazing work you have shared with us!
Maggie O	12T	For creating a wonderful video that clearly explained how to use different strategies to solve an addition problem. You have shown great persistence, hard work and determination when learning from home. Well done Maggie!
Jack W	34C	For always starting the day and ending the day with a cheerful greeting. Jack, I look forward to your messages every day and I love your willingness to have a go at the daily learning challenges. Great work!
Libby M	34E	For doing such a wonderful job in Maths this week. Libby did a great job measuring the length of many different objects and challenged herself by converting lengths between cm and mm.
Holly M	34M	For listening attentively to her classmates on Webex during Show and Share. You also asked lots of thoughtful questions. Well done Holly.
Tommy B	56L	For his wonderful attitude to remote learning and his persistence in ensuring that his work is always done to the best of his ability. Tommy acts on feedback making adjustments and improvements to his work. Well done Tommy!
Lily S	56R	Lily has had a fantastic term 2 so far. She has shown great enthusiasm and dedication to all of the tasks she posts. The work Lily shares is always her best and of exceptional standard. Well done Lily, keep up your awesome work😊.
Sophie N	56T	For displaying high quality organisation skills and the initiative to create a thank you video message for all staff from the Year 6 students. Well done!

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

How wonderful it has been to see our **P-2 students** return this week in numbers. Around 98% of our students began Tuesday with a very small number at home with colds or other circumstances which delayed their attendance.

Our staff did a fabulous job welcoming back our students having made solid preparations on Monday and in the weeks prior particularly when we learnt of the changes. **Parents too** did a great job preparing their children for a return to school. As a staff we have talked about helping our students transition back to on-site and build stamina once again to manage a full days learning.

What has held us in good stead I believe, is the efforts of our staff to maintain relationships with their classes.

It is timely to remember the Ruby Payne quotation - **"students don't care what you know until they know you care"**. This could be expanded to have broader context in our current circumstance.

We have received lovely feedback from many of our parents and this is always appreciated and valued.

Drop off and pick ups

Our staff cleared the way along our school boundaries this week and this has certainly helped parents with easy access to safe drop off and parking zones particularly along Thompson Road. Our thanks to parents who have taken extra care as they pick up and drop off children. This has made a real difference and improved safety for everyone as they use these busy areas.



Hand hygiene has been a focus for all grades this week and grades have established routines and processes to ensure this is regular and repeated across the day. Our **cleaning** of surfaces, touch points and also playground equipment and handrails has increased with an extra 4 hours during each day being added to our normal 5 hours schedule after school.

Our staff are maintaining **social distancing** and are following many other processes to help keep our students and themselves as safe as possible.

Importantly any student with **cold or flu** symptoms must be kept at home please. Common cold symptoms in this current environment mean students must please be kept at home.



Other news

This week is [National Reconciliation Week](#) National Reconciliation Week was initiated in 1996 by Reconciliation Australia to celebrate indigenous history and culture in Australia and foster reconciliation discussion and activities.

It is held between 27 May and 3 June of each year, with the dates holding special historical significance: the former marks the anniversary of the 1967 referendum in Australia and the latter marks the anniversary of High Court of Australia judgement on the recognising native title in Australia for the first time.

National Reconciliation Week is **a time for all Australians** to reflect on our shared histories and relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation.



Our **Year 6/7 transition** documentation has now been returned by all parents. Well done. This information is being scanned and then forwarded to the Secondary Schools concerned. Parents will be advised of the outcome of these applications on **Wednesday 19 August 2020**. My Thanks to Mr Thompson who has coordinated our efforts.

Reports will look different this Semester. The Department of Education and Training has adjusted the expectations for student reports for semester 1 in recognition of the transition to remote and flexible learning during Term 2.

While our school has continued to deliver its teaching and learning program and monitor achievement and progress of each students, there have been unprecedented changes to our usual program.

Belmont has chosen not to include teacher judgements and a five point scale but will include term overviews, personal qualities page, specialist overviews, a summary of this semesters learning tasks, teacher comments and student comments.

We will also offer **Parent/Teacher discussions** on Tuesday and Wednesday of the last week where parents request this. These will be predominantly by telephone (or on request, through our video conference platform Webex).

Welcome to **Neli in Prep G and Henry in 1/2L** who started with us this term but both had their first days on site this week. We welcome both Neli and Henry to our Belmont family and hope you enjoy the learning and friendships ahead.



For parent information

Available in 36 languages, the app is **rated 12+** but you need to be 13 and over to register. The content is generally harmless but also includes in some cases mild crude humor, sexual content and nudity, drug references, mature themes and fantasy violence.

China's video-sharing app Douyin, known elsewhere in the world as TikTok, reached "800 million monthly active users worldwide by Sept 2016 and spread to more than 150 countries and regions."

It is a global music and video platform created by a Chinese internet technology company ByteDance.

TikTok employs artificial intelligence to analyze users' interests and preferences through their interactions with the content, and display a personalized content feed for each user. TikTok has an algorithm in which they process the user's preferences based on the videos they "like", comment on, and also how long they watch the video. TikTok interprets the user's individual preferences and provides content that they might enjoy.

TikTok is used predominantly by teens. The typical age range is 13 to 18 but there will be users outside this.

This APP has the potential to be harmful for young users who cannot always identify the risks associated with this kind of social network platform or the backgrounds, intent or motivations of its global audience and users.

This APP is not used at school in any form and we trust this information may help parents at home make a decision for their Primary aged children particularly.

Repeated reminders for all parents/carers

Start and end of school day changes:

- To minimise the number of parents onsite and reduce the chances of transmission, the school will introduce a staggered approach to student arrival and dismissal.
- Parents/carers are asked to ensure students arrive and are collected at specified times or as close as possible. There will be times where this is not possible and that is okay.
- Parents/carers are asked to remain in their cars *where possible* and leave when satisfied their children have entered the school safely.
- Parents/carers are asked not to congregate near gates, classrooms or enter buildings and to maintain social distancing along fence lines.



- Staff will be supervising at the school gates and available to support students as they enter.

Arrival Times:

8.50am	Student Surnames	A-F
9.00am	Student Surnames	G-M
9.10am	Student Surnames	N-Z

Dismissal times:

3.10pm	Student Surnames	A-F
3.20pm	Student Surnames	G-M
3.30pm	Student Surnames	N-Z



Before and Afterschool Care:

- This began Tuesday 26th May. The service will have their own hygiene controls in place. Normal booking arrangements remain.

Adults on-site:

- Parents are not to be on site unless it cannot be avoided.
- Volunteers will not be permitted on-site at this time and unfortunately all programs requiring parent volunteers remain on hold.



The countdown to our **Year 3-6** has begun.

Now just **12 sleeps to go!**

Stay well, stay safe and stay at home where you can

David Houghton
Principal

Sharon Liddle
Assistant Principal

NO LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch orders will not be available until further notice - Sorry for the inconvenience.

VIRTUAL CROSS COUNTRY

Sporting Schools Victoria has launched a 'Virtual Cross Country' event for anyone interested in undertaking a cross country run or walk in their own time and uploading their results to the SSV website.

Students will need to make sure that they have parent permission to undertake any runs/walks and to upload their results, as all information entered will be displayed on the Sporting Schools Victoria website.

Anyone interested in participating can find more details by following this link <https://ssv.vic.edu.au/Pages/VirtualCrossCountry.aspx> or scanning the QR code at the bottom of this article. When entering in your details, Belmont Primary School can be found in the Greater Western Primary Region.

Happy running and walking!
Miss Eales and Mrs Keating



SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB

Scholastic Book Club Issue 4 is **due on Thursday 11th June at 5pm.** The electronic catalogue can be viewed at https://www.scholastic.com.au/media/5608/bc_420.pdf and all orders are to be made online using the Loop.

There will be **no cash orders** for Issue 4.

Kind regards,
Rochelle

VICTORIAN PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

**1,650 books have been read and
3 students have now completed!**

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and we are excited to be participating again this year. The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 4 September 2020.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

Information about the Premiers' Reading Challenge is available of Compass and we are working on distributing student access codes to all families through the student photo packs, Prep to Year 2 packages and for a small number of families, Australia Post.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit:

www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Thanks to our PRC Co-ordinators, Deb Krupa and Bec Gillet for their work in organising and providing this opportunity for our school community.

Happy Reading 😊

FROM THE ART ROOM

This week art for everyone has been a bit different. The Preps and Years 1/2 are back in the Art Room for their lessons while Years 3 to 6 are still at home watching my videos.

I too will be working from home for a little while yet and have been busy planning and preparing lessons for my replacement in the art room, working on video lessons and responding as fast as I can to posts on seesaw.

PREPS and YEARS 1/2

This week the Preps finished making dancing rat puppets that we started way, way back before we all needed to stay home.

The students in Years 1/2 worked on a number collage of their own design.

YEARS 3/4/5/6

These students watched my art video about origami. Their instructions were to make a pair of origami sunglasses then to choose one more origami piece that they would like to try. The sunglasses that I have seen have been super cool and I have also seen a terrific mix of origami hearts, ninja stars, swans, jumping frogs, a humming bird and more. Well done to all those who gave it a go.

I hope everyone has had a good week.

Yvonne McDonald
Art Specialist



