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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues/Wed	23rd/24th June		Booked Parent Teacher Discussions
Friday	26th June		Casual Dress Day – Gold coin donation
Friday	26th June	9:00 – 2:30pm	Last Day for Term 2 – Please note early dismissal time Student Surnames A-F 2.20 pm Student Surnames G-M 2.25 pm Student Surnames N-Z 2.30 pm

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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

Xavier H	Prep C	For demonstrating an improved confidence to write more of his ideas. Xavier, you have worked hard on recording your ideas and are showing more confidence each day. Well done!
Maple M	Prep G	For using her phoneme fingers during writing to sound out words. You did a wonderful job labelling the picture of the playground. Keep up the awesome work!
Isla D	12L	For her persistence and determination. I have been really proud of how Isla is trying her best to get her work done and to stay positive during all of these tricky changes to school. You're amazing Isla!
Hugo D	12M	For really leaping back into school based learning, doing great work in all activities straight away. Keep up the great work!
Sophie H	12S	For doing a super job with her writing! Well done for working so hard to write your letters so neatly and sounding out words you don't know. Keep up the amazing work Sophie!
Zeeson J	12T	For working hard in Maths to tell o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to times. Keep up the great work Zeeson!
Abby A	34E	For returning to onsite learning with a positive attitude. She has shown such enthusiasm and attentiveness this week in her learning. Well done Abby!
Dylan P	34M	For working hard to plan and research information about 'Whippets' for his information report. Well done Dylan.
Ned B	56L	For his wonderful and positive attitude on his return to school. Ned has enthusiastically embraced all learning opportunities and made insightful and regular contributions to class discussions.
Samantha S	56R	Samantha has had an absolutely amazing first week back after Remote Learning. She has transitioned very smoothly back into the classroom and has been very involved in all of our classroom discussions. Well done Samantha.
Xavier K	56T	For making a very positive transition back into school life. Your attitude towards your learning and your peers is fantastic. Great work!

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The health and wellbeing of everyone here at Belmont PS continues to be the highest priority for us all. We ask you to continue to consider your health and the health of our community.

In doing this students experiencing any *compatible symptoms* with coronavirus (COVID-19), such as fever, cough or sore throat, are encouraged to seek the advice of their healthcare professional and remain at home until the symptoms pass.

A medical certificate is not required to return to an education setting after a period of illness, however it is the strong direction of the Department to all schools that 'students should not return until all symptoms have resolved'.

This is a change from previous advice which allowed the continued attendance of most students who presented with minor or common cold symptoms. This unfortunately is not the case currently.

Parents are encouraged to contact the school if any of your children experience any difficulties transitioning back to the school setting. We are here to help.

We are continuing with our staggered approach for arrival, departure and playtimes. This will change in time but not yet. We will give parents as much notice as conditions and DET direction/advice will allow.

Our staggered start and finish times **will still apply this week and next at this point in time.**

Reports will go out on Compass from Monday 22nd June. If parents would like a *hard copy* please let your class teacher know through the diary, Seesaw or Compass. These hard copies, where requested, can then be made available to parents before the term break.

We have put in plans for **Parent/Teacher discussions** on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week where parents request this.

These will be predominantly by telephone (or on request, through our video conference platform Webex). Bookings opened last Monday the 15th June. A small number of bookings currently appear against most grades.

Many parents may not wish to take up this opportunity given the unique circumstances we have endured for a good part of Semester 1. This is okay and is expected. Some schools may still offer to hold discussions on-site but we have chosen not to, maintaining the strong direction of the Department to limit access to adults to the school site at this time.

Year 7 Transition documentation has been finalised. We thank all parents involved for their prompt attention to this important task. Secondary Schools now consider all applications and will advise us if there are any unsuccessful requests. This will be sometime in Term 3. We need to then submit all subsequent preference requests.

My thanks to Mr Grant Thompson (Year 5/6 PLC Leader) and office staff for overseeing this important process for transition.



15 June 2020
Our Ref: RFS No. 1603368

Here is an excerpt of a letter received this week regarding concerns we raised about our busy **Mt Pleasant Road School Crossing**

Re: Upgrade to school crossing on Mt Pleasant Road, Belmont

Thank you for contacting us in relation to improved pedestrian crossing facilities at the school crossing on Mt Pleasant Road, Belmont

In February 2020 we investigated the site for pedestrian crossing upgrades and the project was added to our Capital Works Program, rated as a priority project.

We are applying for external funding next financial year to fund this project. Although the funding is not guaranteed, this project suits the criteria required to be considered for the grant. The grant will allow us to deliver the project at an earlier date.

Regardless of the funding application, alternate options to upgrade to this crossing are being scheduled for delivery within our Capital Works Program and are delivered in the nearest financial year possible once ranked against other important projects.

We appreciate the concern from the school and community about improving the safety in this area. We are working towards upgrades at this site as soon as feasible.

(Engineering Department)

Specialists in Term 3 The school's plans for Specialist provision in Term 3 are being finalised. We have not been able to operate normal on-site specialist programs for all grade levels and this influences our decisions for next term.

Early planning this year had included an exciting launch of a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) program to be introduced for our Years 3-6 students from the beginning of Term 3 but is now likely to be delayed.

In next week's newsletter, our specialist provision will be finalised and communicated to all parents for all grade levels for Term 3.

Good news

Our Sporting Schools funding application on behalf of Belmont Primary School for Term 2, 2020 was successful.

Our application put together by Miss Eales has been assessed, and was approved for funding \$650.

As a result of COVID 19 restrictions to the full program that had been planned around Volleyball, the school still received funding for equipment without the requirement to complete the program.



Men's health week – June 15

<http://menshealthweek.org.au/>



Arrival Times:

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

Dismissal times:

Last Day

3.10pm	Student Surnames A-F	2.20 pm
3.20pm	Student Surnames G-M	2.25 pm
3.30pm	Student Surnames N-Z	2.30 pm

Baby News In case you missed it **Temae McCormack** and **Lanny Mc Cooke** have both recently announced that they are expecting their own new arrivals in October and November.

We congratulate both staff, partners/families and wish them well in their preparations.



Baby fact 2: Babies are born with 300 bones. That's 94 more than adults. Where do the extra bones go? They fuse together during development.

Stay well, stay safe and stay at home where you can. One week to go!

Kind regards

The Principal Team

International Men's Health Week is celebrated every year around the world in the middle of June. It is an important opportunity to highlight men's health and what it means to be healthy.

Men and boys face different health and wellbeing concerns than women and girls, and Men's Health Week is an opportunity to both acknowledge their differences and look for ways to improve the health and wellbeing of men and boys throughout Australia.

There is an ongoing, increasing and mostly silent crisis in the health and wellbeing of men and boys. Due to a lack of awareness, poor health education, and culturally conditioned behaviour patterns in their work and personal lives, the health and wellbeing of men and boys is an area of concern.

In Australia and in several other countries, men and boys experience significantly higher rates of addiction, violence, crime, accident and premature death in comparison to their female counterparts. As well, men show significantly higher rates of death from cancer, heart disease, homicide and suicide.

Australia has taken a leading role in establishing MHW as a well known and clearly-defined event that focuses attention on men's health and wellbeing issues and stimulates health promoting activities at all levels.

A clear opportunity exists for health and other organisations public, voluntary and private, national and local – to work together to focus attention on key men's health issues and to develop practical initiatives that can make a difference to the health of Australian men.

AUSTRALIAN DRESS UP DAY

When: Friday, 26th June

What: Please bring a gold coin donation. Students can wear clothes or a costume representing what it means to be an Australian. Students could come dressed as a farmer, or wear green and gold, come as a koala or even wear something from our native wildlife e.g. wattle.

Why: Money raised will go to a charity which helps support disadvantaged Indigenous people of Australia.

Junior School Council Secretaries

Eva S and Ben PJ

VICTORIAN PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

1827 books have been read and 8 students have completed the challenge!

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.

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 ☺

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Some of our students artwork displayed around the school and office area.

