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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

<b>Friday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>3.00-3.40pm</b>	<b>Lost Property Collection – Available to view by parents</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> July</b>		<b>Prep Screening begins – School Nurse</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Scholastic Book Club Due - Online Orders Only</b>

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

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

Louie S	<b>Prep C</b>	For coming to school with great confidence. Louie, you are learning so much English, we are very proud of you!
Elsie S	<b>Prep G</b>	For always being a polite, kind and caring friend. You are always looking out for others and using your best manners. Keep up the amazing work Elsie!
Jonty M	<b>12L</b>	For his researching skills in writing this week. He worked well in a team to gather information about Christmas crabs, using his communication skills to be a wonderful team member. You superstar Jonty!
Aaron B Jack M	<b>12M</b>	For doing an amazing job researching platypus for his information report. He shared his information with his team and worked hard to make sure it was accurate. Excellent work Aaron! For doing an amazing job researching platypus for his information report. He shared his information with his team and worked hard to make sure it was accurate. Excellent work Jack!
Edward G	<b>12S</b>	For excellent work with money this week. Well done for a super job recognising coins and notes and counting out money amounts. Great job Edward!
Shahzaib M	<b>12T</b>	For doing a wonderful job when summarising books. You have shown great determination and persistence during Reading lessons. Well done Shahzaib!
Faith L	<b>3/4C</b>	For working cooperatively with her learning buddies to create a wonderful Eric Carle stop motion movie. Super job Faith.
Sebastien D	<b>34E</b>	For working independently and enthusiastically to create a wonderful story and Stop Motion movie inspired by Eric Carle. Amazing effort Seb!
Gina Y	<b>34M</b>	For working cooperatively with her buddy to create an Eric Carle inspired story. Your enthusiasm and dedication towards the task was inspiring. Great work Gina.
Tahlia S	<b>56L</b>	For her consistent and ongoing positive approach to her learning.
Chanulya K	<b>56R</b>	Chanulya has had a fantastic final week of term 2. She has worked extremely hard on all tasks in class especially on her parody. Her funny lyrics and music video was very enjoyable to watch and she should be very proud of her efforts.
Mila R	<b>56T</b>	For being a positive and enthusiastic member of 5/6T. You continually display a strong work ethic and high level of respect towards your peers. Well done Mila!
Jude P	<b>Italian</b>	For such enthusiasm in completing activities in Italian classes.
Amelia H	<b>P.E</b>	For being an enthusiastic participant and playing all games fairly and cooperatively.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

**Welcome back** to Term 3 everyone. We hope that all members of our community enjoyed a chance for dedicated family time and our students and staff are returning well rested. Many of us certainly needed the time to rest, relax and recharge our batteries after the experience of Term 2.

We are very pleased with the calm and positive manner in which all students have commenced the term this week, with all classes settling quickly back into learning and the continued adjustments to our school routines around COVID-19 restrictions.

Late last term we welcomed Josh (3/4M) and his family to our school community and this week we extend a warm welcome to Mason (3/4C) and Grace (1/2M) and their family to Belmont Primary School. We wish both families well as they settle into our wonderful school community.



## 2021 Prep Enrolments

With schools still not in a position to offer school tours for prospective families, we are working on a range of strategies for families to find out more about our wonderful school. Our virtual school tour is nearing completion and will soon be available on our school website and Facebook page. When it is released we ask that you help spread the word and share the link.

We are also offering an online 'meet and greet' with the principal through Webex or Zoom for the rest of July and we will be holding an online meeting with the prep team for prospective parents in coming weeks. Families who have already enrolled won't need to attend this session as they will be able to attend the Term 4 Information Session.

If our community knows of other families who have yet to finalise their prep decision for 2021, please encourage them to contact the office on 5243 2972 or by emailing [belmont.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:belmont.ps@education.vic.gov.au) to book a meeting time with the principal team or request the link for the online meeting with the prep team.



Of course all families who have a child that meet the age eligibility and who reside in our direct catchment area, are welcome to contact the school and complete an immediate enrolment.

"**Stay the course**" is a phrase used in the context of a war or battle meaning to **pursue a goal regardless of any obstacles or criticism**. This remains our Term 3 approach.



It has been concerning over the break to see the continued and increased numbers of COVID-19 cases for Victoria and of course we are all aware of the lockdown restrictions and the move to remote learning for schools in Melbourne and the Mitchell Shire. Whilst we are delighted to be able to continue with onsite learning at school, it reminds us all of the importance of *staying the course*. Here at Belmont we will do just that by:

- Maintaining strong separation between grade levels running two separate recess and lunch timetables. This is difficult but we have well established routines in place.
- Maintaining strong levels of hand hygiene and encouraging our students to wash and sanitise hands regularly.

- Maintaining increased cleaning regimes. Total of 9 hours in total each day.
- Maintaining staggered start and drop off times. This is difficult we know for many parents but we appreciate the continued support of our community.
- Staying home (students and staff) when showing any symptoms or feeling unwell in any way. This is more important than ever at the moment.
- Maintaining adult social distancing in all areas across the school. This is extremely important for all adults, parents and staff alike to model and practice in all our interactions.

The Department of Education provided updated advice to all Victorian Government Schools this week and the key message is that the strategies that we have been implementing need to remain in place. Other key messages from that advice include:

*The Victorian Chief Health Officer has confirmed that the use of face masks or coverings by adults or children is not recommended in schools at this time. As has always been the case, students who wish to wear face masks in school and in going to and from school may do so.*

*If you, your child, or a family member develops symptoms of a fever, chills or sweats, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of smell or taste, you should get tested at a coronavirus (COVID-19) testing facility and stay home.*

The health and wellbeing of everyone here at Belmont PS continues to be the highest priority for us all and we ask you to continue to consider your health and the health and safety of our entire community by continuing to work with us for the benefit of all of our students, staff and wider families. Thanks.

### Holiday works completed

While students and families have enjoyed the break we have been busy here at school completing some improvements and repairs.

These have included:

- Planting out newly established garden beds
- Cleaning and painting of the cubby houses in the Mini Village area
- Removal of gas heaters in the Arkinstall Hall
- Installation of new power outlets and the new speaker in the hall
- Removal of the hazardous roof structure of the fort in the Prep to 2 playground
- Testing and tagging all electrical items
- Replacement of the safety padding around the poles on the basketball courts
- General clean-up of school grounds along with weeding and pruning of gardens.



Our thanks to Alison Lornie and family for their help in planting out our newly established garden areas.

### Mini Village Cubby Houses

Many of our newer parents may not know the history for our two cubbies but they had their first life at Bannockburn PS before it closed and relocated. We put our hand up for them. They will continue to be a feature of our Mini Village as it continues to be developed. Here is a little visual timeline of their journey with us.

Leaving Bannockburn Primary School 6.30am in 2018



Arrival Belmont P.S. 7.30 am



Hold your breath for a moment



**July 2020:** A clean-up and a new paint job. Thanks to Skye Knight for her organisation of this holiday project and special thanks to *Guy Knight, Justin Rae and Jonathon Norrington*, our parent painters.



### Lost Property

We know that it is difficult at the moment with parents unable to access the school grounds to check lost property. Naomi Barnes has been doing a fantastic job this year in keeping the lost property in order. When items are clearly named and the owner able to be identified, they have been returned directly to students. At the moment there is a growing collection of drink bottles, food containers and unnamed clothing.

Tomorrow afternoon we will place the lost property rack undercover outside the front door of the school between 3.00pm – 3.40pm. Parents are welcome to come and check through the items during this time. **Please be mindful of physical distancing and only have one adult at the rack at one time.**



**Student Reports** were released on Compass last term. If parents would like a *hard copy* it is not too late. Please let your class teacher know through the diary, Seesaw or Compass.

### Term 3 Specialist programs



For this term students will access the following specialist programs:  
**P-2** Art / PE / LOTE (Italian)  
**3-6** Art / PE / LOTE /Performing Arts

Our staggered start and finish times will still apply until further notice. This is because the Department's guidelines in this regard have not changed.



Please note:  
**Unchanged until further notice**

#### 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

Thanks to our students, staff and community for a great start to the term. We look forward to a wonderful term of *learning together*.

Kind regards

#### The Principal Team

David Houghton & Sharon Liddle

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Book Club Issue 5 orders are due 5pm Friday 31st July please. **Online orders only. No cash orders will be accepted.** To order online just go to [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or download the app. The following link is for the online catalogue - [https://www.scholastic.com.au/media/5642/bc\\_520.pdf](https://www.scholastic.com.au/media/5642/bc_520.pdf)

Happy reading!

### PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

**VICTORIAN PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE**

**1901 books have been read and 12 students have completed the challenge!**

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.

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 ☺

### ADVERTISEMENTS

For **Weddings** or other associated film based work, we used..

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