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DATES TO REMEMBER

TOMORROW	20th November		5/6 Excursion to Barwon Valley Fun Park
Monday	23rd & 30th Nov		Grades 3 & 4 Bike Ed
Monday	23rd, 30th Nov 7th Dec		5/6 Puberty & Personal Development Program
Tuesday	24th November		Curriculum Day – No students required at school
Friday	27th November		Favourite Clothes Casual Dress Day- Gold Coin Donation For Adopt A Family Appeal
Tuesday	1st December	4:30-5:30pm	Grade 4 Girls Virtual Puberty Discussion Via Webex
Wednesday	16th December		5/6 End Of Year Celebration Excursion
Friday	18th December		Final Day of Term 4
Thursday	28th January		First Day of Term 1 for 2021

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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

Daisy C	Prep C	For being such a superstar student who is constantly trying her best and having a positive attitude in all learning subjects. Well done Daisy, keep it up!
Poppy S	Prep G	For working so hard on her reading this week. You read with fantastic confidence and remembered to stop at full stops and change your voice when someone is talking. Keep up the amazing work Poppy!
Owen D	12L	For his outstanding mathematical skills when learning about place value this week! He was confident when finding the expanded form, and wanted to keep on challenging himself with larger numbers. You superstar Owen!
Joshua J	12M	For making a huge effort to get started in a timely manner and go the extra mile to make his work his best.
Thomas J	12S	For putting a wonderful effort into his writing this week. It has been fantastic to see the improvements you have made with your letter formation and spacing. Excellent work Thomas!
Shahzaib M	12T	For confidently contributing to class discussions with thoughtful ideas and opinions. Well done Shahzaib!
Keene P	3/4C	For working so hard on every learning task this week. Keene, you should be so proud of your efforts. Keep up the great work!
Fern K	34E	For great understanding of the structure of a biography. You researched Emma Watson very thoroughly. Wonderful work Fern.
Gina Y	34M	For being an active participant in the 3/4M 'Potato Olympics'. You applied your knowledge of measurement wonderfully when competing in the events.
Harry E	56L	For working really hard in our fractions, decimals and percentages unit of work. Harry applied himself fully and demonstrated excellent growth. Well done Harry!
Ashley M	56R	Ashley has been very focussed in class this week. He has showed a great attitude towards his learning in both reading and maths and I look forwards to seeing him continue to apply himself for the rest of term.
Ben P	56T	For displaying a positive attitude towards his learning. Your work surrounding NAIDOC Week was fantastic. Well done and keep it up!
Druinya O	Italian	For showing great persistence during an Italian word search task.
Mai L	P.E	Her amazing attitude and effort during all PE lessons and always helping her peers feel success.
Kayla B	Art	For her enthusiasm and creativity in the artroom every week.
Charlie M	Performing Arts	For always coming to Drama with a positive approach and an excellent "Radio Play" group performance with sound effects. Great job Charlie, well done!

RESPECT HONESTY RESPONSIBILITY
COURAGE COMMUNITY LEARNING

CURRICULUM DAY TUESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER
NO STUDENTS REQUIRED AT SCHOOL

Our Final School **Curriculum Day** is next Tuesday **24th November**. No students this day. Staff will use this day to help finalise end of year reports. We have also made a decision to take just day 1 of 2021 as a curriculum day which will mean students will start school on Thursday 28th January.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Another busy week here at Belmont! The school is busy finalising all manner of things but also importantly, putting in strong planning for 2021.

At this time of the year we are completing assessments, organising staffing, arranging 2021 grades and finalising arrangements around transitions both at the Prep (Foundation) level and our Year 6 and lots more.

Puberty Education has begun for our Year 5/6s and Bike Education with our Year 3/4s. A puberty session for Year 4 girls is also in planning. Details appear in this newsletter and soon in Compass.

This week we received our first order from the **Foodbank**. This program is great in that it is entirely flexible and free to schools— it is up to each school to decide how they'd like to run it, how many days, and how many students might be involved and what food items and quantity they would like to order. We are taking a 'grab and go' approach where students have regular availability to basic fresh fruit, fruit cups, plain milk and some lunch type packs by choice.

The foodbank Victoria website has more info. As we are just starting out more information about how this program will look in our school into 2021 will be provided as we go. Tomorrow we will be offering apples to all students as our launch and entry to this wonderful program.

A few snaps from across the last week or so.
Who is playing in the cubby?



Graduating students got together last week before the rain arrived under the direction of Greg our favourite photographer.



It's the little gestures that count. Captured giving a helping hand. Lovely to see 😊



A popular game of Pony Express (Yr 5/6s) extra sport time.



Bike Education begins.

School Magazine orders **closing Monday!** Our hope is that many of you will order a copy using our on-line Compass facility. You will have received an invitation through Compass. The cost this year is \$20 for your very own hard copy. We cannot guarantee that we will have additional/spare hard copy orders for parents who request a copy at a later stage. We only ever order a small number in addition to the print lot. We have 50 orders paid for so far.

This year's magazine records in some way, the most unusual and challenging period we have experienced for most of us in our living memory. Regular features including class photographs, reports and much more. A digital copy will again be made available at some later stage.

What a team we have here at Belmont.



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Each year we seek suitable sponsors for our magazine. If any parents know of an organisation or business looking to sponsor a worthy idea here is an opportunity. The school in return features their logo on the back cover and will also run details in our newsletters until years end.

- Gold** \$500
- Silver** \$250
- Bronze** \$100

Please contact the office if interested.



A sincere thank you to the generous sponsors of the 2018 Belmont Primary Yearbook

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MUMS AND DAUGHTERS AFTERNOON TEA Tuesday 1st December 4.30pm

Attention Grade 4 girls,
this is for you and your
Mum or Mum figure!

You are invited to join
Kimberley Thomas of
'Totally Random' for a
cuppa, a treat and a
Webex chat about the
awesome changes that
girls go through.



Join in and begin a really important conversation with
your daughter!

Girls will receive a gift bag with some information,
product samples and treats at school. The school is
meeting the cost of this for parents and their daughters
this year.

2021 Prep Enrolments



Our Virtual Tour has been
finalised and has been shared
widely.

You can find it here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1t8GeIGXEUiQbUqcDCEMgD20XFnxVM1k5/view?usp=sharing>

If you know of anyone in our zone yet to contact the
school please encourage them to do so immediately.
We have several families moving to Geelong who are
actively seeking housing in our zone.

Kind regards and continuing thanks for your support

The Principal Team
David Houghton Sharon Liddle

Scholastic Book Club

Welcome to the last Book Club for 2020! Thank you so
much for your support throughout the year. With the
points earned through the year from parent orders,
we've been able to add so many awesome books to
the Library's collection as well as learning resources to
classrooms. Lots of happy readers 😊

Issue 8 orders are due 5pm Thursday 26 November
please. **Online orders only. No cash orders will be
accepted.** To order online just go to
www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the app.
To access the online catalogue go
to: <https://www.scholastic.com.au/media/5754/bc820.pdf>

If any orders are GIFT orders, please select the GIFT
option when ordering online. Gift orders will be held at
the office for you to collect.

Also a huge thank you to Rochelle for being our Book
Club Coordinator for the last couple of years. I've got
big shoes to fill 😊
Mel

UNNAMED LOST PROPERTY

There is a large amount of unnamed lost property,
including lunch boxes and drink bottles in our lost
property at the moment.

These will be on display for parents this Friday, 6th Nov
at 3.15pm, outside the front door.

VINNIES NILS

With the new school year fast approaching, we know
many parents and carers will struggle to cover the cost
of essential school items. This additional stress on
families is especially difficult for those already
experiencing financial hardship.

I am writing to let you know of a wonderful initiative
available through Vinnies NILs called **No Interest
Loans (NILs)**. A NILS loan has no interest, no fees, no
charges ever.

Every year, we help parents and carers on low
incomes (in particular those on Centrelink) to apply for
a NILs loan of up to \$1,500 to cover the cost of
essential school items such as uniforms, books,
laptops, stationery, school camps, and musical
instruments (as well as other essential such as washing
machines, fridges, car repairs, medical and dental
expenses).

What is a NILs loan?

A NILs loan is a safe, affordable alternative to high-
interest payday loans or rent-to-buy leases. It's not a
payday loan or a bank loan but a form of 'circular
community credit'. This means when a borrower
makes a repayment to NILs, the funds are then
released to someone else in the community. NILs is
supported by not-for-profit Good Shepherd Australia
New Zealand, with funding from the Australian
Government in partnership with NAB.

To help raise awareness of NILs

If you feel that your students and their families could
benefit, I encourage you to raise awareness of NILs
loans for education costs within your school
community.

To assist I've attached a copy of an A4 advertisement
in PDF format that you may wish to publish in your
school newsletter and website AND/OR print and
display in your reception area. You may also wish to
inform parents via email or post, particularly when
school booklist reminders are being distributed, and to
notify your school counsellor and accounts team if
parents call to request a payment plan.

Parents can find out more information about NILs by contacting:

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