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BELMONT BULLETIN
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WEEK 3 AT B.P.S.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday	30 th July, 13 th & 27 th Aug	Prep We Rock The Spectrum Excursion
Wednesday	4 th Aug	Prep 100 Days Celebrations
Wed - Fri	4 th – 6 th Aug	5/6 Maldon Camp
Mon – Fri	9 th – 13 th Aug	Scholastic Book Fair
Wed - Fri	18 th – 21 st Aug	3/4 Cavehill Creek Camp
Wednesday	25 th Aug	Bravehearts
Thursday	9 th Sept	School Concert
Saturday	11 th Sept	Victorian State School Spectacular

FUTURE STUDENT FREE DAYS

Monday	23 rd Aug	Term 3 Curriculum Day - No Students required at school
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

How lovely it was to welcome all of our students back to school yesterday and to be greeted by so many excited and smiling faces - some of them also belonging to parents as you waved them goodbye at the gate! Unfortunately we were hit with the randomness of the crazy weather at 3.30pm which created some chaos and confusion at pick-up time, particularly around the pick-up of our foundation students. We apologise for the extra stress that some of this created for our families on day one.

At the end of each day, staff from the Prep team will be supervising students at the side gate in Thompson Street so parents, family members or older siblings can collect them from that point. This will remain the process until we are able to ease the restriction on parents being able to enter the school grounds.

We understand that school has commenced with some differences for our students this week and we seek your support in helping them to understand and adjust. We hope these are short term measures over the next week or two and that when statewide restrictions ease again, so will the conditions in which schools need to operate.

For this week we have reduced the mixing of year levels in the playground at one time, primarily due to the limited access we have to our very wet, soggy and boggy oval at the moment. However we are monitoring this every day and will make different arrangements as soon as we can.

We thank all of our families for your understanding, support and flexibility at this time as we continue to work within the Government's current restrictions and Department of Education Guidelines to keep our students and community safe.

School Ground Supervision

Student safety is our highest priority and the safe and appropriate supervision of students is an important element of our duty of care to students. Part of this duty is ensuring parents and students are aware of our student supervision arrangements before and after school.

The school grounds are supervised from 8:45am -9.00 each morning and again from 3:30pm to 3:45pm afterschool. Students on school grounds outside these times will **not** be supervised, unless they are attending a before or after school care program. We had more

than 50 students onsite before 8:45am this morning, some as early as 8:15am which presents a significant safety risk for students.

We understand the challenges for our working families, which is why our school offers an Out of School Hours Care service to support our community. Families are encouraged to contact CommunityOsh on 0438 195 589 or <https://www.commosh.net.au/belmontps> for more information about the CommunityOSH before and after school care facilities available to our school community. For the safety of all our students, parents/carers are requested to ensure that students do not attend school outside of these supervised times unless they are attending before or after school care. We thank you for your support and understanding with this important safety matter.

Attendance

We ask parents to please make sure that you are adding absence details via the Compass App. It is expected that all students have returned to school this week and we are required to follow up daily at the moment with families when students are absent. This is to allow us to offer any support to students or families with the transition back to school. Our office staff will be checking in with both explained and unexplained absences just to be sure we are aware of how all our students and families are travelling with the transition back to school.

Coming up in the week ahead

- Friday 30th July – Preps heading off to the Rock the Spectrum Gym
- Monday 2 August – District Athletics – *rescheduled*
- Wednesday 4 August – Preps belated but very exciting celebration of 100 days at School
- Wednesday 4 – Friday 6 August – Years 5/6 Camp to Maldon

On behalf of all staff, I thank all families for their support of children throughout this recent period of remote learning. We will be considering a means for seeking some community feedback about remote learning to ensure that we continue to refine our future planning.

Take care, stay safe and have a great weekend.

Sharon Liddle
Acting Principal



In Art we celebrated NAIDOC week and made a collaborative artwork of Bunjil the Eagle. Bunjil is the sacred totem of the Wathourong, which is our community. Each child decorated several feathers to create the eagle mural which is residing in our hallway.

26TH-30TH JULY 2021



**COMMUNITYOSH NEWSLETTER
BELMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL**

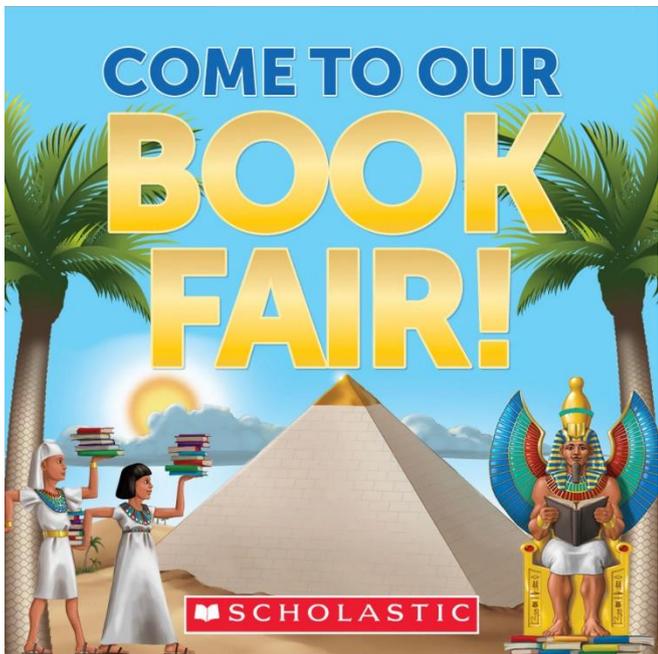
Welcome back. Good to see everyone's faces again and I hope you all got through lockdown okay. This week the theme is the Olympics! We have been drawing medals, playing Pictionary and making fun obstacle courses. We have also been doing facts and trivia, Olympic craft and unscramble and a range of games such as bean bag toss, relay rally and hoola spin off bringing out the kids competitive spirits. In the food department we have Olympic biscuit making as well as pancakes and fajita's which are a big hit. Given that we have only begun on Wednesday, these activities may carry onto next week.



Have a happy and safe weekend, see you next week.

From Susie, Jess, Emily, Anthea and Jaimi

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The Scholastic Book Fair starts on Monday 9th of August.
More details to come soon.