

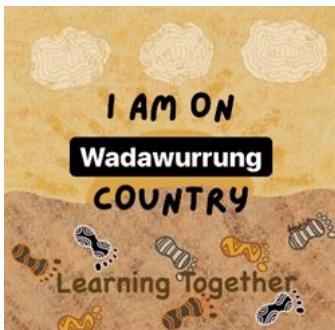


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**BELMONT BULLETIN**  
No. 02 February 11th 2022





We walk together on Wadawurrung land.  
We walk together hand in hand.  
With courage and kindness we welcome every face.  
With courage and kindness we respect this place.

*We acknowledge the Wadawurrung people as the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to the elders, past, present and emerging. We extend that respect to all First Nations people.*

## From the Principal's Desk:

Happy Friday everyone! What a wonderful week we have had, classrooms have continued with the second and final week of our *Learning Together* program which has transitioned students into more formal components of our literacy and numeracy program. Students have settled in well with the specific focus on classroom routines and learning structures. It has been wonderful to see smiling faces and such enthusiastic learners throughout the school. Thank you to our families for your support of our children as they have returned to the 2022 school year.

Our specialist program began this week, and our thanks to Mrs Lisa Hickey who stepped in to provide the Physical Education program in the interim. I am pleased to inform the community that we have provisionally appointed Mr Jake Hough (pronounced 'huff') as our PE teacher for 2022. Mr Hough is an experienced and passionate PE teacher having taught in the Whittlesea area before undertaking a 'sea-change' and moving to our beautiful Greater Geelong and Surfcoast area. Mr Hough visited us briefly yesterday and some students and classes were lucky enough to meet him. Jake is very excited about coming to work at our school and is looking forward to getting to know all our students when he begins teaching PE classes next week. My thanks to Mrs Long, Senora M and Mrs Preston who undertook this recruitment process in an efficient and record time to ensure that we finalised our staffing as soon as possible. What an absolute cracking staff team we have in place for 2022!

**Prep Update:** Our prep students are not attending school for full days on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, attending only on Wednesdays for their allocated assessment day. They have settled in well and showing their amazing readiness for school in all areas of the curriculum and in general school life. I was so impressed this morning to see how calm, organised and ready for learning both classes were at the start of the day. The prep students are being well supported by the prep team and their buddies, enjoying some play time together in the yard.

**Assembly:** Under the current DET guidelines, assemblies are not open to parents and schools are encouraged to hold these in small cohort groupings. We will be starting with internal webex assemblies on Friday afternoons until such time that we can come together as a school group. These were quite successful last year and still a great way for our students and staff to connect together at the end of the week. Students of the week will be announced and certificates presented, with these announced in today's newsletter.

**2022 House Captains:** A number of students applied for the House Captain and Vice House-Captain positions this past week with students from across Years 3-6 having the chance to vote for their respective House Leaders. In moving forward this year we have not allocated roles based on gender allocations but allowed the student vote and then staff endorsement to decide on the two preferred students to receive the House-Captain role. As our staff and students work through the Rights, Resilience and Respectful Relationship curriculum, we have increasing awareness that we need to model that roles and positions are not awarded according to gender. Results of this election process will be shared in next week's newsletter with our student leaders to be presented with badges later in the term when they arrive.

**COVID update:** Thank you to the families who are participating in the surveillance Rapid Antigen Testing twice per week. Additional tests will be available for families next week. Please see the details of how these can be collected and when, later in the newsletter. We have been provided with a further box of five kits per student which will see out the four week surveillance testing period which will then be reviewed by DET. Staff and students are encouraged to test on Mondays and Thursdays but families are encouraged to change these days if your child is symptomatic, or they become a household contact or perhaps if a positive case has been reported within their classroom. A reminder that staff and students who have COVID symptoms are not able to attend school whilst these are present, even if a negative test result has been received. Anyone with symptoms must remain at home until these have resolved. To the families who have tested positive or are household contacts, thank you for communicating your status to us and letting us know what learning support needs your children have. Please remember that we only need to be informed of a positive result and you can do this by contacting the office. Please remember that any student who has tested positive may return after the seven day period if they are well and not presenting with any symptoms. These students do not need to undertake the surveillance testing for a period of 30 days.

As you have seen in the past two weeks, we will complete the required Compass notification when we have had been notified of positive cases and the community can therefore assume that if there have been no notifications on any given school day, that we were fortunate to not have any further cases reported on that day. For our families who are experiencing the impacts of COVID, we send you our thoughts and very best wishes and encourage you to reach out to teachers for learning support or to call us if you need any other assistance. We hope everyone is feeling well soon and look forward to when our isolating students are able to return.

**Parent-School Communication:** Remote learning increased the use of the Seesaw app throughout the school so that parents could easily contact classroom teachers and we could maintain connection. We understand that this has brought a level of ease and improved communication in many ways for our community. However one of the potential downsides of this is the increasing impact it has on our staff member's work-life balance as they are easily and readily contactable 24/7. Moving forward in 2022, our staff team have agreed to continue to make the family communication option available on Seesaw but over the next week we will be sharing some formal communication protocols around the use of our different communication tools (such as Seesaw, Compass, Email etc) so that families know how they can best contact the school around different types of matters and what is the most appropriate means to do so. I am sure that our community understands the need to maintain our staff wellbeing and work life balance, as much as we always focus on our student wellbeing as we head into a new school year.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone. Get out into the sunshine, listen to some music and enjoy treasured family time.  
Check out my tune of the week for what I am playing loudly, bopping and singing along to on my way to and home school.  
Take care, Sharon Liddle (Acting Principal)

# Students of the week

Prep Learning Community	Prep C	<b>Immy D</b>	For beginning her Prep year with confidence and care. Immy has engaged in all learning activities with enthusiasm and embraced school life positively. Well done Immy, you're a superstar!
	Prep G	<b>Evie S</b>	For beginning her first year of school with confidence and excitement. She has tried her best at each activity and shown kindness to everyone in Prep G. Well done Evie!
1/2 Learning Community	1/2E	<b>Rosie B</b>	For a wonderful start to the year. Rosie always displays a positive attitude and has upheld all our school values, being a wonderful classmate to everyone in 1/2E. You are a superstar Rosie.
	1/2J	<b>Tejay I</b>	For a fantastic start to the year! It's been wonderful to see your positive attitude towards your learning. Great effort Tejay!
	1/2M	<b>Jimmy M</b>	For making an amazing start to life at BPS, sharing great ideas and smiles with the whole class.
	1/2T	<b>Eric H</b>	For starting the school year with an enthusiastic, positive attitude. You have been such a wonderful member of 1/2T. Keep up the amazing job.
3/4 Learning Community	3/4C	<b>Audrey F</b>	For her enthusiastic and consistent approach to all learning tasks this week. You have set such a wonderful example to everyone in 3/4C.
	3/4D	<b>Blake M</b>	For his enthusiastic and positive start to the year. He has shown great persistence and demonstrated the school values beautifully. Keep up the great work Blake, you are a wonderful member of 3/4D! Have a great day!
	3/4M	<b>Zoe F</b>	For her enthusiastic and positive start to the school year. Zoe has been an excellent role model for her class mates and has been willing to help anyone when needed. Thanks Zoe, keep up the great work.
5/6 Learning Community	5/6A	<b>Will B</b>	Will has shown great persistence this week in Maths. He worked extremely hard when earning new skills of rounding decimals. What a fantastic start to the year Will.
	5/6B	<b>Georgia R</b>	For starting the school year with an enthusiastic, positive attitude. You have been such a wonderful member of 5/6B. Keep up the amazing job!
	5/6M	<b>Alice T</b>	For an amazing start to Belmont Primary School! You have shown such confidence with this new adventure and have taken everything in your stride. We're lucky to have you in 5/6M.
Specialist Programs	The Arts	<b>Charlotte H</b>	For her keen interest and dedication when working on her circle artwork inspired by the artist, Sonia Delaunay.
	Italian (LOTE)	<b>Kale W</b>	For making a personal goal to master ABC Learn Italian iPad application. All the best in doing so Kale.
	Physical Ed	<b>Lily Goodwin</b>	For her fantastic shooting in our game of 'Snobble'.



**Ms Liddle's Tune of the Week:**

[SUPER-Hi x NEEKA - Following The Sun \(Official Music Video\) - Bing video](#)



## IMPORTANT DATES

**Wed 23rd—Fri 25th February** - Grade 5/6 Summit Camp

**Thursday 10th March** - School Photos (TBC)

**Friday 11th March** - Victorian State School Spectacular Round 1 Rehearsal

**Monday 14th March** - Labour Day Public Holiday, Students are not required at school

**Friday 25th March** - Grade 5/6 Summer Lightning Premiership

**Friday 1st April** - Grade 3-6 Cross Country

**Friday 8th April** - Final Day of Term 1, 2:30pm early dismissal time

## Rapid Antigen Test distribution for Weeks 3 & 4

From **Monday 14th February**, the second round of Rapid Antigen Tests will be ready for collection.

In order to reduce unnecessary visits to the office and the need for parents to sign in and out, tests can be collected from a staff member from outside the front of the school office at the following times:

Monday 14 February: 3:15pm - 3:45pm

Tuesday 15 February: 8:45am - 9:15am\* & 3:15pm - 3:45pm

Wednesday 16 February: 3:15pm - 3:45pm

*\*This is the only morning session available at this stage.*

If you are unable to collect your tests at these times please email the school at [Belmont.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Belmont.ps@education.vic.gov.au) and we can organize to send these home with your child at the end of the school day on Wednesday 16 February.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB INFORMATION

Welcome back to another year of school and another year of Scholastic Book Club! For our new families, or for those who would like a refresher, here is some information:

### What is Scholastic Book Club?

Twice a term, a Scholastic Book Club catalogue is given to students via their class teacher to bring home. You can purchase from a variety of quality books, which appeal to a range of reading levels and interests, and activities. Any purchases made earns our school Scholastic Rewards which our staff can use to buy new books for our Library and resources for classrooms. Scholastic Book Club books are great ideas for gifts and help our kids catch the reading bug.

### How it works:

If you would like to order from Book Club, it's very easy.

You can order with a credit card through the Scholastic LOOP system on the Scholastic website ([www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)) or download the app from the App Store or Google Play. You don't have to return anything to school. It's super quick, convenient and saves having to dig around for cash.

Books you have ordered will be delivered to school and given to the students the week after orders close. If you have a book order as a gift, you can flag this in the LOOP order system and it will be held at the office for you to collect discreetly.

**Issue 1 catalogues will be coming home this week. Orders are due by Monday 21 Feb at 5pm.**

If you have any questions, please ask ☺

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# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (CSEF)

## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

\$125 for primary school students

\$225 for secondary school students

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

**new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.

**changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

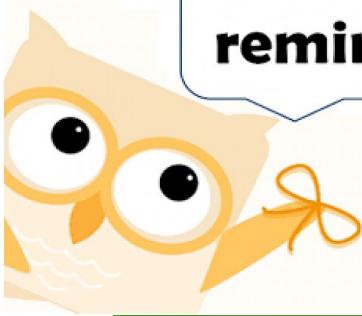
### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>



**RESPECT HONESTY RESPONSIBILITY  
COURAGE COMMUNITY LEARNING**



**Just a  
reminder...**

\*A reminder for all  
Grades 3-6 to wear their  
masks at school and to have  
a spare in their school bag.



\*All students  
please remember to wear  
your school hat.



31ST JANUARY - 11TH FEBRUARY



## COMMUNITYYOSH NEWSLETTER BELMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE. WE HOPE YOU HAD A NICE BREAK. WE ARE SO EXCITED TO SEE ALL OUR CHILDREN AGAIN AND HEAR ALL ABOUT WHAT THEY DID THROUGH OUR PERFECT SUMMER WE HAD.

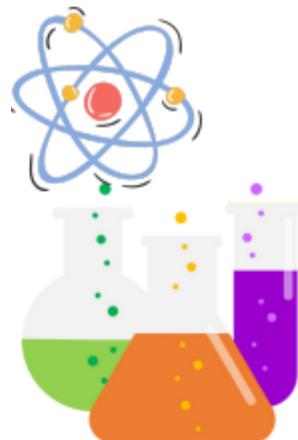
OUR FIRST WEEK WE DID SOME FUN GAMES TO DESCRIBE WHAT WE ALL DID ON OUR HOLIDAYS, LIKE PICTIONARY, OUR CRAZY FAMILY TREES INCLUDING OUR PETS, 'WOULD YOU RATHER?' GAME, AND ALL ABOUT ME.

THIS WEEK WE HAVE HAD A CRAFTING AND EXPERIMENTS WEEK. THE CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS LEEN FOR A GOOD SCIENCE EXPERIENC. ESPECIALLY THE ONES WE GET TO EAT AFTERWARDS LIKE OIR SKITTLE ONE.

WE HAVE A LOT OF FUN TOPICS COMING UP THROUGHOUT TERM 1 SO STAY TURNED.

HOPE YOU HAVR A GREAT WEEKEND.

SUSIE, EMILY, JAIMI, JENNA, GRAHAM & ANNIE.



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