



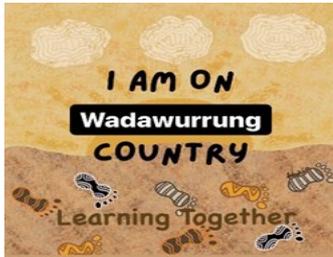
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**BELMONT BULLETIN**  
No. 05 March 4th 2022



**RESPECT HONESTY RESPONSIBILITY**  
**COURAGE COMMUNITY LEARNING**



*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:

Welcome to Week 5. The term is flying past as we hit the half way mark today and we still have plenty ahead of us in the remaining five weeks of term. Next week our prep students begin their first full week at school so we look forward to seeing them all here on Wednesday.

### BPS Family Picnic

We are pleased to inform the community that we are planning to hold an end of term family picnic on Wednesday 30 March from 5.00pm - 7.00pm. This is our delayed welcome picnic but will be timed to celebrate the end of Term one. The school will be required to hold this event under CovidSafe conditions which means all family members who are aged 12 and above will need to be double vaccinated or have a medical exemption and families will need to provide their own BYO picnic. Further information will be provided closer to the day but please add this date to your family calendar. In the situation of poor weather, we will unfortunately just cancel the event. We look forward to our community coming together for this opportunity.

### School Photos—Thursday 10 March

We are pleased to be able to proceed with this year's school photos next week. All children will have received an individual flier with a unique code on it that provides the details of the online ordering system for these. All payments are made online directly through the photography company and must be made **prior to midnight on Thursday 10 March** to prevent a \$10 surcharge.

**Family Photos:** Please note that orders for these need to be made online BUT need to be made before 10am on Photo Day.

Family photos will only be taken for those family groups that have made an online payment prior to 10am on Thursday. Please contact *Creative Exposures School Photography* directly on 5255 5042 if you have any queries or difficulties ordering and making payments. [www.creativexp.com.au](http://www.creativexp.com.au)

We ask that all students come in clean, neat and tidy school uniform on this day and parents are advised that students may be asked to remove their hoodies/windcheaters for the class photos in order to provide some colour contrasting in the school photos. [www.creativexp.com.au](http://www.creativexp.com.au)

### Personal Property reminder

Belmont Primary School understands that staff and/or students may sometimes like to bring items of personal property to school. The Department of Education and Training does not have insurance for personal property of staff, students and visitors. Belmont Primary School unfortunately cannot take responsibility for items of personal property that are lost, stolen or damaged at school or during school activities. Damage to personal property brought to school is the responsibility of the owner of that property. The school would of course assist families where possible, in the recovery of lost or stolen property. Belmont Primary School encourages staff and students not to bring items of value to school, or to obtain appropriate insurance for such items. Belmont Primary School may confiscate property items brought to school until the end of the day, when the items may be collected by the student and/or parent. These items would be those deemed inappropriate or dangerous at the discretion of the class teacher or Principal. *eg. A plastic knife or gun often found in Showbags.*

**School Council Elections** have been finalised this past week and I can confirm and congratulate the following members of School Council for 2022. We thank returning members: Alison Lornie (Parent) and Sharon Long (DET employee) and welcome new parent member, Stephanie McDonald to School Council. We appreciate the willingness of both our parents and staff in volunteering to be part of the School Council and value the time and contribution that is made by everyone. The new School Council will have its first meeting later in March where the annual election of the executive will take place for the following year. Please see a full list of our School Council later in the newsletter.

### Chinese Language School

We are looking forward to our partnership with the Chinese Language School continuing again this year. The Language School will be returning to face to face learning this Sunday in some of our classrooms. It has been a long and patient wait for the Chinese Language School students, staff and parents and we are pleased to be able to welcome them back to our school community. Please be aware of this weekly use of our school facilities and playground if you are visiting the school on weekends.

*Have a great weekend. Take care. Sharon Liddle (Acting Principal)*

## **Belmont Primary School Parents Club**

Our school has a Parents Club which is responsible for organising and running a number of events throughout the school year. The Parents Club also assists and helps out with other events and activities during the school year.

Although over the last two years the Club has not been able to be as active as it previously has been, the focus of the club is to facilitate parent involvement within the school, help run fundraising events as well as organising a number of parent/family and student social events.

Meetings are typically held monthly but there is no requirement to attend all the meetings. In accordance with Department of Education guidelines, anyone who wishes to vote on matters at a Parents Club meeting is required to become a member, which is as simple as filling out a membership form.

The Club is also required to have the following office bearers who are elected each year at the Annual Meeting.

- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

This year, it is anticipated that a number of past Office Bearers will not be renominating for these executive positions as some of them have volunteered for these roles for several years and it is time to provide an opportunity for other interested parents to become involved. These parents have expressed a willingness to stay involved as members of the Parents Club but are no longer in a position to assume responsibility for these official roles.

### **So now is a great opportunity for some new faces to bring their ideas and skills to Parents' Club.**

It is worth noting that without a Parents' Club, the following much loved traditional events in our school calendar will not be able to occur.

- Mothers Day and Fathers Day Stalls
- School Disco

These events have been the responsibility of the Parents Club and the school staff will not be in a position to take on the organisation and workload associated with these types of events. Further to this, parent social activities that in the past have included local dinner and drinks and Trivia nights would also not continue to be held.

Although a date is yet to be set for the first meeting of the year, when it is everyone is welcome to come along and learn more about what the Club does and how to get involved. Notice of the first meeting will appear as soon as possible in the school newsletter and in the parents Facebook group.

We know that the pandemic and Covidsafe rules in schools have prevented many events and activities over the past two years, but we are optimistic that 2022 presents as an opportunity for schools to begin to rebuild their communities and the first step for us would be to reconnect and strengthen our Parents Club so that we can continue to provide the activities above and hope to enhance these with new ideas and possibilities.

If you think you might be interested in assuming an Office Bearers role in 2022, and would like to know more, please leave your details at the office and someone will contact you.

Sharon Liddle

On behalf of the BPS Parents Club and School Council

## **2022 Belmont Primary School Council**

### Parent members:

Jo Manderson, Jennifer Dubois, Jessie Thomson,  
Aaron Garrett, Anna Murray, Alison Lornie, Stephanie McDonald

### DET Employee members:

Phoebe Gowers, Megan Leishman, Sharon Long

### Community members:

Simon Finnigan, Kripa Gopalakrishnan

Executive Officer: Sharon Liddle (Acting Principal)



### **A reminder about dogs at school.**

Families are reminded that we ask that dogs are not in the school grounds during drop-off and pick up times just for the safety and confidence of all our students.

We also ask that those parents waiting outside the school gates with a dog, leave a clear pathway and meet your children a good 5-6 metres away from the school gates, especially in Thomson Street.

*Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.*

# Students of the week

Prep Learning Community	Prep C	Giselle B	For having a wonderful positive attitude during all learning activities and for putting in lots of effort always. Gigi did a wonderful job of hearing and recording sounds in words during writing. Super job!
	Prep G	Adelaide G	For working so hard in writing this week. You did a great job hearing and recording the sounds in words. Keep up the amazing work, Adelaide!
1/2 Learning Community	1/2E	Alabama H	For showing resilience and a positive attitude. Well done for entering the room each day with a big happy smile on your face. Keep up the wonderful work Alabama.
	1/2J	Amelia H	For being a great role model in 1/2J! You listen carefully to instructions, contribute to class discussions and add lots of detail to your work. Amazing effort!
	1/2M	Lola G	For taking on every challenge she could this week, especially some extra maths work in addition! Such a great classroom contributor too! Fantastic work Lola.
	1/2T	Locke P	For choosing a positive attitude, and never giving up, when he feels challenged. You are such a valued member of 1/2T. Keep up the amazing job!
3/4 Learning Community	3/4C	Joshua J	For his amazing understanding of place value in Maths. He was able to successfully rename 4 digit numbers in various ways. Super job Joshua.
	3/4D	Caitlin N	For her enthusiastic and positive approach to all learning tasks this week. You have been an excellent role model for your class mates. We are lucky to have you in 3/4D. Well done Caitlin.
	3/4M	Isabelle M	For always working hard to do her best in class. Isabelle is a positive, polite and responsible member of 3/4M. It has been a pleasure getting to know Isabelle over the last 4 weeks and I look forward to seeing all she achieves in Grade 4.
5/6 Learning Community	5/6A	Heidi C	Heidi has had a fantastic week in 5/6A. She has shown great persistence during maths whilst trying to solve a challenging addition problem. Well done Heidi.
		Kale W	Kale consistently embraced challenges whilst on 5/6 camp. He pushed himself out of his comfort zone and gave all the activities a go. Well done Kale on having a growth mindset.
	5/6B	Jacob S Djaran L	You are always respectful of people, providing them with extra support when needed and showing great patience as you help them succeed with their learning. For your courage on The Summit camp. You faced your fears, giving everything a go, living up to the key values!
5/6M	Lucy W	For showing resilience and demonstrating just how brave she is when tackling Tash's ladder on camp. Well done on displaying all 5 keys of The Summit. I was so proud of you Lucy!	

Specialist Programs	The Arts	Micah Y  3/4M	For showing great concentration and hard work when completing his self-portrait, and for being a wonderful classmate in Art time.  For being an absolute delight to teach each week. All class members are hard working and always show a keen interest in learning new topics and skills. Fabulous work, 3/4M.
	Italian (LOTE)	Marlow B	For his wonderful effort in class each week and being able to count in Italian already. Fantastico Marlow!

## ABC Learn Italian—Trophy Achievements

Students are building their bank of Italian nouns as they work through the activities on their ABC Learn Italian iPad application. Three stars are achieved, followed by a diamond in each topic of study. Students then unlock a test in order to achieve a trophy and a diamond. The application has been mastered once a student passes the gold trophy with a diamond.

The following students have achieved a diamond tagged trophy:

**GOLD: Gina Y**—Congratulations on mastering the application to learn Italian nouns and verbs. Lavoro eccellente!

Signora M



## IMPORTANT DATES

**Thursday 10th March** - School Photos

**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

**Wednesday 30th March**—BPS Family Picnic 5.00pm-7.00pm

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

**Wednesday 6th April** - Italian Incursion

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

**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.

\*All lunch orders to be in online by 9.00pm Wednesday night each week.

# INTRODUCING OUR NEW STAFF

Hi there, I am Miss Muller and I am incredibly excited to be here at Belmont Primary School. My journey to BPS started in Ararat, just near the Grampians where I grew up and fell in love with learning and therefore school. I was then extremely lucky enough to move here to Geelong for university (I LOVE GEELONG). The start of my teaching career saw me move to beautiful parts of our country, both the Whitsundays and the Tiwi Islands. I quickly learnt about the beauty of wet seasons, the glorious 25 degree winter mornings and developed a whole new love and appreciation for sunrises/sunsets. Therefore these days I do my best to catch as many as I can. A long sunrise walk along the Barwon River is something I shall never get sick of. Again, I am very excited to be here at BPS. Thank you for such a warm welcome, I look forward to experiencing all of what BPS has to offer and sharing my love of learning with my students here.

Yes, I am always up for some face painting.



Hi, my name is Miss Dwyer and I am super excited to be teaching at Belmont Primary School! I knew I wanted to be teacher when I was a little girl and I love waking up every morning to live my dream. I have been a teacher for 7 years and I absolutely love my job!

I was born and raised in Melbourne, I have only recently moved to Geelong and I am really enjoying it here!

In my spare time you will find me at the beach with my cheeky dog Tyson and spending time with my friends and family. I have a strong passion for travelling and adventures and seeing the world! New York is my favourite place so far.

I am so excited for this school year, thank you for being so kind and welcoming, I am looking forward to meeting you all and for all the fun times ahead.

My name is Bryce Fetherston, I am the new bearded teacher in Grade 5/6. I'm a Highton local, you'll often find me shopping at the Highton shops or enjoying a coffee at 63 Degrees with my wife Katie and our children, Owen, Zakai and Ella.

I have been a classroom teacher for over 10 years, working in a small rural school where I spent time teaching all grades. I'm a passionate educator who found my love of teaching on the ski slopes in the USA, working as ski/snowboard instructor on Mammoth Mountain and June Mountain in the Sierra Nevada mountains in California.

I find teaching such a rewarding job as you help children along their learning path. My favourite aspect of teaching is the relationships with the students, getting to know their interests, joys and worries as well as sharing a joke and a laugh.

I'm a mad sports lover, supporting the mighty Tigers in the AFL, Memphis Grizzlies in the NBA and Leeds United in the English Premier League. Don't be surprised to see me hanging around the basketball court after school!



My name is Jake Hough and I am the new Physical Education teacher. I am originally from Melbourne, but have recently moved to the area and I am absolutely loving it! My interests and hobbies include playing basketball, surfing and playing guitar. I am so excited to be teaching at Belmont Primary School, and have been blown away by how kind and welcoming all of the students, staff and school community have been this term. I am looking forward to seeing all of the smiles on our students' faces when they learn new skills, and when they achieve something that they have been practising and working hard towards.

## FROM THE ART ROOM

Last week, Prep students enjoyed creating self-portraits. We used mirrors to look at our own faces, and looked at the proportion of our facial features. We also looked at the colours of our eyes and hair, and any other details we might have like earrings or hair accessories. Students worked hard and did a fabulous job!

The Grade 1/2s have been focusing on using circles in their art works. After looking at Kandinsky's concentric circles and Fibonacci circles, students created artworks using 'overlapping circles'. We traced circles into an overlapping pattern, then used oil pastel and water colours to complete the art work. We learnt how drawing the outline of each circle in oil pastel helped to keep the water colours from bleeding into each other.

Over the last 2 weeks, the Grade 3/4s took inspiration from a local artist named Ingrid Daniel. Her paintings show brushstrokes and different tones in these. The students completed a background using a similar approach where paint is not always blended, rather you can see each stroke. Students practised mixing their own paint to create light and dark tones from one main colour. We painted a moon background setting and used black paper to create a shadow effect in the foreground. We also let loose on some glitter, why not?!!

This week, the Grade 5/6 students began working on an artwork that focuses on patterns and layering, using concentric circles as the base. Students planned their ideas in their visual diaries, and have started to paint their first layer in colours of their choice. We will be using white paint and Posca pens over the next couple of weeks to create our patterns.

We hope you enjoy some photos from the 3/4s and 1/2s! ☺



# The Victorian Challenge and Enrichment Series

The Victorian Challenge and Enrichment Series provides funded extension activities for high-ability students in Victorian government schools.

Recently, some Grade 5/6 students participated in the, 'Shape your Future' webinar series where they learnt about nurturing happy and healthy oceans and explorations in marine biology and ecology. Here is what some students had to say about the session:

**Wilbur-** I learnt mangroves are very helpful for our environment because it stores more blue carbon than rainforests.

**Kale-** I like that we learnt about real scientists' lives and how they researched.

**Saskia-** I thought it was really cool and I learnt that mangroves suck up more carbon than rainforests.

**Gina-** I liked the session because the scientists explained a lot of information and I think more people should study this and protect the environment.



Over the next few weeks, we will be hearing about other students' experiences with The Victorian Challenge and Enrichment Series.

**Sharon Long**—Learning Specialist

21ST FEBRUARY - 4TH MARCH  
FEBRUARY 2022



## COMMUNITYOSH NEWSLETTER BELMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL

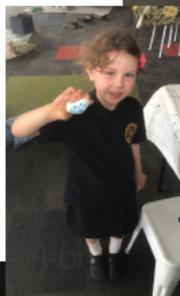
WELL THESE LAST TWO WEEKS WE HAVE BEEN VERY BUSY DISCOVERING ALL SORTS OF NEW INTERESTS.

THE FIRST WEEK WE DELVED INTO OUR SOLAR SYSTEM WITH SOME FUN ACTIVITIES LIKE PAPER MACHE PLANETS AND MARSHMELLOW, TOOTHPICK SPACE OBJECTS.

THIS WEEK WE HAVE BEEN FOCUSING ON OUR EMOTIONS! THIS HAS INCLUDED HOW TO MANAGE THEM, SELF-REGULATION AND UNDERSTANDING OUR PEERS CUES. WE HAVE ALSO DISCUSSED THE ZONES THAT ARE USED AT SCHOOL.

AS WELL AS ALL THIS, THE CHILDREN HAVE ALSO BEEN VERY INTERESTED IN MAKING THEIR OWN CRAFT, INCLUDING DRAWING THEIR EMOTIONS ON ROCKS.

HOPE YOU HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND  
SUSIE, EMILY, JAIMI, JENNA, GRAEME, ANNIE.



**Geelong Milk** are seeking a Data Entry person for their distribution business based in Newtown.

The position is during school hours with a minimum of 15 hours per week over three – four days.

### KEY REQUIREMENTS:

- Accurate data entry skills (numerical) are essential
- Excellent phone manner and strong customer service ethic
- High attention to detail, good organisational and time management skills
- Organised, quick to learn, positive attitude and self-motivated

If interested or for more information please email: [geelong.milk@gmail.com](mailto:geelong.milk@gmail.com)

## Discover Grovedale College

### CAMPUS TOUR DATES 2022

Parents, prospective students and friends are warmly invited to participate in a tour of Grovedale College.

Scheduled tours occur every **Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30am** during the months of **March, April and May.**

Alternative tour times are available by appointment, please contact the College office on 03 5245 4545.



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PRIMARY SCHOOLS GOLF



Primary students in grades 3, 4, 5 or 6 who attend a Victorian Primary School are eligible to play in golf events that are organised by Golf Australia in partnership with School Sport Victoria. In the qualifying rounds students will play 9 holes on a short course, players will be notified of their progression to the state finals by Golf Australia. Students who qualify for the SSV State final will play 18 holes on a shortened course at Koorling Golf Club.

Entry to the events is online

<https://www.golf.org.au/events#/customer/1090/schedule/2022/10673>

Your local event is at **OCEAN GROVE GOLF CLUB**

On **WEDNESDAY MARCH 23RD, 2022**

Contact **Chris Crabbe** Phone **0429 567 683** Email [Chris.crabbe@golf.org.au](mailto:Chris.crabbe@golf.org.au)



**GEELONG CONCERT BAND**

WORKSHOP BAND  
for musicians aged 9+

## INFO NIGHT

Friday March 11, 5pm  
Christian College Middle School,  
Thornhill Road  
(opposite Basin Rise, Highton)

**NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!**

Flute · Clarinet · Oboe · Bassoon  
Saxophone · Trumpet · French Horn  
Trombone · Baritone · Tuba  
Bass Guitar · Percussion

Contact Grace on 0406 850 358  
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**GROVEDALE COLLEGE**

## Discover Grovedale College

Parents, prospective students and friends are warmly invited to attend our Information Evening.

*Experience in one evening the benefits of a Grovedale College education.*

### Information Evening 2022 Thursday 17th March

*Activities commence at 6.00pm*

The night begins with displays of students' work and a sausage sizzle at 6.00pm. Guests are invited to tour the College in small conducted groups during this time.

Our College has a strong education and community focus. Our outstanding Performing Arts Theatre, Double Court Stadium and Fitness Centre, along with specialist Science, Technology and STEAM facilities, provide opportunities for all students to pursue their passions and pathways. We build a team around your child, Years 7-12, to inspire their journey to their future.

Teaching staff and Team Leaders will provide information on Transition Programs, Curriculum Options, the eLearning Program, Musical Opportunities and our Sports Academy Program.



*Please note that any changes due to COVID restrictions will be updated via our school website. Please check regularly for updates closer to the date.*

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*Enquire about our excellent scholarship opportunities available for students commencing in 2023.*

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