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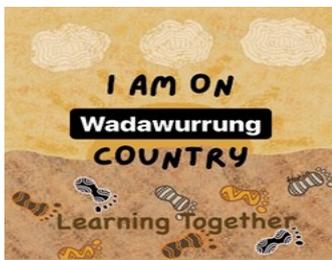


BELMONT BULLETIN
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WEEK 5 Students of the Week



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 the end of Week 6 with a much welcomed long weekend ahead of us all. Chatting to students and parents, it's great to hear the many different plans that our families have for this weekend, from camping, to celebrating Moomba in Melbourne, visiting friends and family or simply choosing to have a quiet family weekend at home. As in all communities we do have families impacted by Covid-19 and required to isolate so we continue to send our thoughts and well wishes their way.

State School Spectacular 2022: Our 2022 Mass Dance team are out today at their first dance rehearsal at Western Heights Secondary College where they will join other local participating schools to learn some of the routines to the dances they are performing this year. There was definitely a great level of excitement as they headed towards the bus this morning, looking forward to a very active day ahead. We look forward to finding out more about their day and sharing the progress they make as individuals and as a dance group throughout the year.



Visitors in Schools: Parents are advised that all visitors are required to wear facemasks indoors at primary Schools in Victoria. Whilst face masks requirements have changed in many retail and public settings, as well as secondary schools, **all staff, Years 3-6 students and visitors must wear face masks when indoors in a Primary School.** Please remember to pop on a face mask as you come through the front door to the office. Thank you in helping us keep our staff, students and community safe.

School Photos: Thank you to our families for getting online and completing the ordering process on time. The school photographer was impressed with the response from our community, especially in regards to the ordering of family photos. They were kept very busy with 56 families ordering family photos which was a wonderful response. We also used the opportunity yesterday to have the Year 6 Graduation photo taken to ensure that we have a group photo of this year's students for later in the year.

Reporting Positive Student Covid Cases: Thank you to our community for continuing your stamina with the regular RAT monitoring and reporting when our students have tested positive or are isolating as a household contact. This is very helpful in allowing us to communicate to other families when infection persons have been on site. We do ask that if a student has initially been isolating as a household contact, but then contracts Covid, that you then notify the office directly of the change of status of your child. Schools are required to report all positive student cases to the Department of Education as part of the overall monitoring process.

DET Rapid Antigen Testing Survey: Our school was selected in this fortnight's sample of Victorian schools to undertake the short feedback survey on the RAT program. Details were provided on Compass earlier this week with the survey open until 5.00pm Sunday 13 March 2022. [Rapid Antigen Testing in Schools Survey - Parent Survey](#)

BPS Family Picnic: Wednesday 30 March 5.00pm—7.00pm Just a reminder to keep this date in your calendar. As a school event it needs to be held under CovidSafe measures, so all community members 12+ in age will need to be double vaccinated to attend. This will be a casual, social event with families responsible for bringing along their own picnic. We will be seeking your support in taking home all glass/cans as the school does not have the capacity to recycle these and as a responsible school community we should not be sending all of this to landfill through the skip. It also reduces the risk of broken or shattered glass in our school grounds. Please keep this in mind when you are planning and packing for the night.

Harmony Week is observed for a week in March and includes 21st March, which is the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Harmony Day is intended to celebrate the cohesive and inclusive nature of Australia and promote a tolerant and culturally diverse society. As a school community with growing diversity and a strong focus on developing out inclusivity, we will be celebrating Harmony Day on **Monday 21 March**. Students are encouraged to wear orange on the day. This may be a splash of orange to school uniform or an orange t-shirt or item of clothing. We are not expecting families to purchase special items for this day but to join in in whatever way you can.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy long 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	Amelia M	For being a SUPERSTAR numeral writer and practising correct formation. Well done Amelia, I'm so proud of your efforts and skills.
	Prep G	Felix M	For putting in lots of effort when writing the numbers 0-9. You should be very proud of your hard work. Keep it up, Felix!
1/2 Learning Community	1/2E	Kiara S	For creating a wonderful narrative which she up-levelled and edited to make even more engaging for her reader. Amazing job Kiara!
	1/2J	James P	For being a friendly and respectful member of 1/2J who always puts in his best effort!
	1/2M	Declan H	For taking on extra challenges and trying hard to do his best work in every session, especially Maths. Keep up the great work Declan!
	1/2T	Cohen T	For choosing a positive attitude in class, and for consistently choosing to extend his learning. You are such valued member of 1/2T. Keep being you.
3/4 Learning Community	3/4C	Maia B	For her enthusiastic approach to all class activities and discussions. She has such a wealth of knowledge which she is always willing to share. Keep up the great work!
	3/4D	Jessie A	For her enthusiastic and positive approach to all learning tasks this week. Jessie is a polite, positive and responsible member of 3/4D. I look forward to seeing all you achieve this year. Well done Jessie.
	3/4M	Milla R	For being a polite responsible member of 3/4M Milla also concentrates to do her best in class at all times, she continuously sets herself up for success. It is a pleasure to have Milla in our class.
5/6 Learning Community Specialist Programs	5/6A	Emilia H	Emilia has done a fantastic job in our subtraction unit this week. She has persisted with trying different strategies in order to solve subtraction sums. Well done Emilia.
	5/6B	Ian Papaya	For staying focused on his work and getting it all done. Well done Ian!
	5/6M	Harry Newton	For his consistently positive attitude towards everything that we do. Harry comes to school each day with a giant smile, ready to learn. He is such a joy to have in 5/6M!
Specialist Programs	The Arts	Yona M	For being such a friendly student in Art times, and for showing excellent dedication when working on her 'overlapping circles' artwork. Beautiful work Yona.
	Italian (LOTE)	Eli W	For reading an invitation written in Italian with clear pronunciation. Bravo Eli!
	PE	Marchella B	For always having a positive attitude and doing her best in PE. Keep up the good work Marchella.

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 student(s) have achieved a diamond tagged Silver or Gold trophy:

Silver: Milla M, Luke C, Mahith G, Jacob S & Yousuf F

Gold: Yousuf F

Signora M



IMPORTANT DATES

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

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

Thursday 17th March - Bookclub orders due

Monday 21st March - Harmony Day *Students invited to wear orange*

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

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB

Book Club Issue 2 orders are due **5pm Thursday 17 March** please. **Online orders only.**

To order online just go to scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the app. The following link is for the online cata-

logue [Book Club - Parents | Scholastic Australia](#)



Thanks,

Mel
(0467 483 657)

7TH - 11TH MARCH 2022

care with heart COMMUNITYOSH NEWSLETTER BELMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL

THIS WEEK HAS BEEN ALL ABOUT WORKING OUT AND DISCOVERING THE CHILDRENS INTERESTS!

WE ASKED THEM WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE FOR SOME NEW AND INTERESTING ACTIVITIES! ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR SUGGESTIONS WAS TO HAVE A FLOWER SHOP SET UP; THIS WAS SUGGESTED BY ZAHL! LOOM BANDS WERE ALSO SUGGESTED, BY GRACIE, AND HAVE BEEN LOVED BY MANY!

AS ALWAYS, WE HAVE ALSO HAD LOTS OF OUTDOOR AFTERNOONS OF GAGA BALL AND TIME SPENT ON THE PLAYGROUND!

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



TO ENROL & BOOK, LOGIN OR CREATE YOUR ACCOUNT AT
WWW.COMMUNITYOSH.EDU.AU OR EMAIL ADMIN@COMMOSH.EDU.AU

The Victorian Challenge and Enrichment Series

Recently, some Grade 3/4 students participated in the 'Young Writers - Taking Your Writing to The Next Level' enrichment program. The students were mentored by writer Louise Park for a day of inspiration. Louise Park writes books for children and is the author of the best-selling series Zac Power Test Drive, Bella Dancerella and Star Girl. She is also the co-author of Boy vs Beast. The day involved students being given writing tips to take their writing to the next level, learning sure-fire techniques to remove writing blocks and bringing a passage to life, focusing on writing authentic dialogue and speech attribution techniques, and building compelling and believable characters and using this to make their writing better.

This is what some of the students had to say about the session:

Teddy- We learnt how to put a lot of problems in a story.

Audrey- We learnt how to create problems for a character.

Lachlan- I liked how we got to write two scenes not just one whole story.

Well done to all participants for taking your writing to the next level.

Sharon Long
Learning Specialist



Professional Learning Communities

Each week teachers from year level cohorts meet in Professional Learning Communities. Professional learning communities (PLCs) are an approach to school improvement where groups of teachers work collaboratively at the school level to improve student outcomes. Professional learning community (PLC) schools start from a simple idea: students learn more when their teachers work together.

Building a PLC is a proven way for schools to increase student learning by creating a culture that is focused on continuous improvement fuelled by collaborative expertise. Here the Year 3/4 PLC Team are analysing current reading data to identify areas where students need to improve. They will then prioritise and set goals, put a plan together and continue to monitor and evaluate student learning.

Sharon Long
Learning Specialist







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
or email contact@gcb.org.au

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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 Koorringal 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

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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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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