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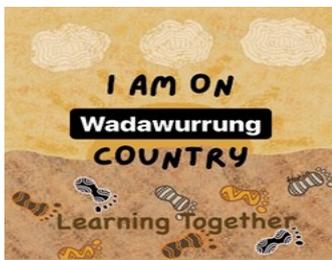


BELMONT BULLETIN
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WELCOME PICNIC



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.

Weekly Report from Mrs Long

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Hello everyone,

School Welcome Picnic

It was lovely to see so many families attend our welcome picnic. Life is now starting to feel a little bit more normal by being able to host school events. The weather was a little unpredictable and we had to make a few modifications due to the rain but felt that it still had a wonderful community feel. It was great seeing our students playing and enjoying some activities organised by the teachers. Parents too gathered enjoying the chance to catch up and watch their children socialising. I would like to extend a big thank you to our staff in supporting the school picnic, School Councillors Jess for organising a sound system and Jen for assisting at the gates and Amy Ralph for organising the choir and the students who helped ensure that the school grounds were looking their best. When talking to the students they all said that they had a great time.

My favourite thing at the picnic was playing with my friends. Jude 1/2T

I loved playing soccer with Kai, Harry, Bodhi and Declan. William 1/2M

I liked doing my poem on the microphone. Hadley 1/2M

The bowling was great and I got 3 strikes. Declan 1/2M

3-6 Cross Country

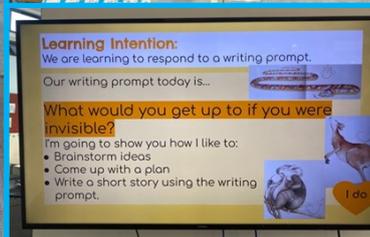
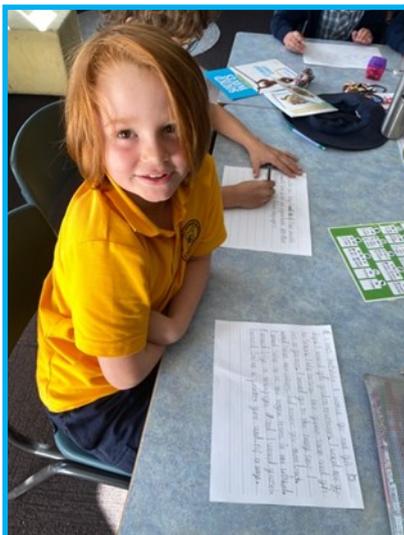
Today our Year 3-6s had their cross country down at Barwon Valley Park. It was a wonderful morning with so many excited students participating and winning points for their house. Mr Hough has been actively promoting the house system ensuring that all students feel a sense of pride and inclusion within their house. Thank you to Ms Emma Taylor for stepping in today to run the event in Mr Hough's absence. We are very lucky at BPS that we have staff who are willing and capable to step in at any time when needed.

Handy Person

We are very lucky to have secured a handy person to start work next term. We have been without someone to take care of our grounds and general maintenance for approximately 3 months now and our grounds are starting to show this. We look forward to Belmont looking its best over the next few months.

School Walks

Having seen many classes in operation this week it has been great to see the high level of engagement and learning occurring across the school. This week the students in Grade 1/2 have been using the one mentor text, 'Possum Magic' to teach all areas of English. The students have been explicitly taught vocabulary, phonemic awareness, syllables and sentence writing in a fun and hands on way. I was very impressed to be told by Daisy in 1/2E that a sentence has to have a subject and a verb.



Assembly

I am very happy to announce that we will be having a whole school assembly on the last day of this term on Friday, 8th of April. We will assemble outside on the basketball court at 9:10am where we can celebrate our term at school. All families are welcome to attend.

Baby News

I would like to extend a huge congratulations to Adelle, Ferg and Florence Pretson on the arrival of Audrey Rita Preston weighing 2.8kgs. We wish Adelle all very best with her new addition. So many happy and wonder-filled times ahead for you... congratulations.

School Leaders

On Monday morning with their parents in attendance, we presented our School Captains and House Captains with their badges. Congratulations to you all!

School Captains:

Luke C & Bonnie M

School Vice Captains:

Fern K & Wilbur E

Gold House Captains:

Rogan K & Libby M

Gold House Vice-Captains:

Faith L & Atharva P

Blue House Captains:

Charlie M & Lila K

Blue House Vice-Captains:

Chloe W & Wil B

Red House Captains:

Eli W & Kai H

Red House Vice-Captains:

Mia N, Ihsaan B & Evie K



*Just a reminder that school concludes this term on Friday 8th April at 2.30pm.
Term 2 begins on Tuesday 26th April (Monday 25th ANZAC Day Public Holiday)*

Thank you to the Belmont Primary School community for your continued support.

Enjoy the weekend ahead,

Sharon Long

Acting Principal

COVID-19

Please read the following information which has been updated in the Schools Operation Guide.

RAPID ANTIGEN TESTING

Students and staff who tested positive and completed their 7-day isolation period are not required to participate in the RAT screening for 8 weeks after their release from isolation. In addition, if a student has recovered from COVID-19, they aren't required to get tested or isolate/quarantine if re-exposed to a case within 8 weeks of ending their isolation period. This period was previously 30 days. We do advise however that if symptomatic to administer a RAT. After eight weeks, students must follow the relevant advice depending on the type of contact you are.

Updated approach to managing a confirmed case of COVID-19 in schools

Where a student is identified as a positive case, the revised process is set out below.

Students who report a positive result must isolate for seven days and not attend school during that period.

Where a student is a household contact of a positive case (that is, they have spent more than four hours with someone who has COVID-19 inside a house, accommodation, or care facility) they must inform the school and isolate for seven days and not attend school during that period.

We hope that provides clarity around the updates to Covid in schools.

Principal Update

As many of you know Sharon Liddle has been in the role of Acting Principal since the retirement of David Houghton. The process of advertising and recruiting a new principal is as directed by the Regional Office of the Department of Education. This process can and has in this case taken some time due mostly to the fact that there are a significant number of Principal vacancies across the Region that the department has to manage. Luckily we have been fortunate to have Sharon who is known to the School community in the Acting role up until this time.

However, it is with great sadness that I advise that Sharon has most unfortunately and recently taken long term sick leave. Sharon is battling cancer and is at the point where she now needs to focus fully on her treatment. Sharon will not be back at BPS for the remainder of the Term, nor for at least the first 6 weeks of Term 2.

This has been a shock to us all and although Sharon has asked for privacy during this time, naturally the Staff at BPS have been aware and have been supporting Sharon and each other through this tough time (on top of everything else). On behalf of the School Community I want to express how indebted we are to the leadership of Sharon Long, the Teachers who have stepped up without issue and to the Office team who continue to keep things running seamlessly. With so much ongoing volatility with Covid and other disruptions, Sharon's diagnosis has been an additional challenge, but as the School and its students have been able to continue quite smoothly, is testament to the Teaching and Office teams.

In relation to Sharon's replacement, the Department of Education will be placing an experienced Principal into our School for the beginning of Term 2 (to be announced). In lieu of Sharon's Acting Principal capacity and a permanent Principal, the role of the temporary Principal will be to predominantly run the Governance, Maintenance and Business side of the School and Staff management. By and large it should be business as usual for staff, students and parents alike. The advertisement and process to appoint a new Principal will commence in Term 3. We trust you will be supportive of the School and the process as governed by the Department, in conjunction with the School Council, through this period. Finally, that you will be sympathetic and supportive of Sharon and her request for privacy. Any messages of support can be left with the Office.

For any immediate class issues please address with your Teacher, or please contact Sharon Long. Any questions relating to the appointment of the temporary or permanent Principal can be addressed to me: mandersonjoanna@gmail.com

Thanks

Jo Manderson

School Council President

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 6th April - Italian Incursion

Friday 8th April - Casual Dress Day, Gold coin donation for GIVIT

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

Tuesday 26th April - Start of Term 2 (Monday 25th April, ANZAC Day Public Holiday)

JSC CASUAL DRESS DAY

The Junior School council have organised a fundraising event for the 8th of April (Friday of week 10). Please bring a gold coin donation and wear casual dress to help us raise money for the GIVIT foundation. The money that we raise will go towards helping the victims of the NSW and QLD floods.

Heidi C—JSC Secretary

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 Silver or Gold trophy:

Silver: Teddy W 3/4C, Abigail N 3/4C, Elijah H 3/4C, Dev P 3/4D

Gold:

Signora M

Students of the week

Prep Learning Community	Prep C	Alby A	For being a SUPERSTAR writer and always having a positive attitude to have a go and try his best to segment and sound out the words he wants to write. Well done Alby, keep up the great work!
	Prep G	Luca S	For concentrating and working so hard in Sound Waves this week. You should be very proud of all your efforts. Well done Luca!
1/2 Learning Community	1/2E	Eva M	For always setting a wonderful example for her classmates. Eva always listens attentively and demonstrates a positive attitude for all tasks and activities she completes. Amazing work Eva!
	1/2J	Xavier H	For his wonderful attitude and effort when creating our class Acknowledgement of Country. Well done Xavier!
	1/2M	Tito B	For doing a great job working through our Possum Magic unit, preparing great sentences for our vaccab.
	1/2T	Locke P	For proving to himself that he does have the capacity to do amazing work. Your hard work and determination this week has been astounding! Remember that you are such a valued member of 1/2T. Keep being you!
3/4 Learning Community	3/4C	Abigail N	For your creative and informative picture story book about Western Australia! You have put so much thought and effort into this activity. I can't wait to see the final product. Well done Abi!
	3/4D	Scarlett H	For always working hard to do her best in class. Scarlett is a positive, polite and responsible member of 3/4D. It has been a pleasure getting to know Scarlett and I look forward to seeing all she achieves in Grade 3.
	3/4M	Summer-Grace L	For her dedication and enthusiasm during all learning, even more so throughout Harmony Week. Summer-Grace is kind and respectful at all times. Those skills and her curiosity lead to her achieving wonderful things during Harmony Week. Thank you for being such kind and respectful member of 3/4M.
5/6 Learning Community Specialist Programs	5/6A	Jack W	Jack has done a wonderful job this week in Maths. He has been working hard on experimenting with different strategies to use in order to solve double digit multiplication. Well done Jack.
	5/6B	Luke C	For working really hard during Maths Rangers and completing all the skills on his black belt this week. You superstar Luke!
	5/6M	Isla B	For the constant hard work she applies to everything she does! I have been so proud of the hard work she has put into Mathematics when practicing her multiplication of 2 by 2 digit numbers. You're amazing Isla!
Specialist Programs	The Arts	Marchella B	For demonstrating excellent independent work skills each week, and for showing great persistence when creating intricate detail for her patterned animal. Amazing work, Marchella!
	Italian (LOTE)	Audrey F	For her work on food preferences in Italian, writing accurate sentences and including supporting photos. Brava Audrey!

Week 7 Students of the Week



From the Art Room

Term 1 has flown by, and we are working hard to get many of our amazing artworks finished. We have had a lot of fun experimenting with our Design, Drawing, and Paint topics.

Last week, the Prep students created some Fabulous Fish which are now on display on the windows near the Art Room deck. Students drew their own fish with black marker, then created line patterns inside the fish using oil pastel. They then used watercolours to paint the fish and talked about how the oil pastel resisted the water wash. Students then painted the ocean water and sprinkled salt on the water colour to create a sea-spray effect.

The Grade 1/2s, 3/4s, and 5/6s have been working on a self-portrait that includes a special pet or animal. Students practised sketching their own facial features and looked at position and proportion when sketching a face. Students used a range of mixed-media to add colour and emphasis, such as paint, soft pastel, pencil, fineliner, and texta. These are currently on display inside the main office building brightening up the walk-ways.

A friendly reminder to please send along an art smock if your child does not already have one at school. Thank you. 😊



5/6 Summer Lightning Prem



3-6 House Cross Country

Thank you to all students, parents and teachers for a fantastic Belmont Primary School Cross Country today.

To all the parents who took on a role I am so appreciative of all the assistance. Without you we couldn't have run such a fabulous event.

Congratulations to all students on participating. "Be proud of you". To all the winners, smashing effort by you. Mr Hough will contact you soon about the next round.

Have a great weekend,

Miss T



12/13 Boys

- 1st - Eli W
- 2nd - Luke C
- 3rd - Asher W



12/13 Girls

- 1st - Faith L
- 2nd - Bonnie M
- 3rd - Mia N



11 Boys

- 1st - Jack W
- 2nd - Malik S
- 3rd - Jude B



11 Girls

- 1st - Saskia D
- 2nd - Libby M
- 3rd - Pippa B



8/9/10 Boys

- 1st - Teddy W
- 2nd - Lachlan R
- 3rd - Harvey M



8/9/10 Girls

- 1st - Sophie H
- 2nd - Jessie A
- 3rd - Isla B



COMMUNITYOSH NEWSLETTER

BELMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL

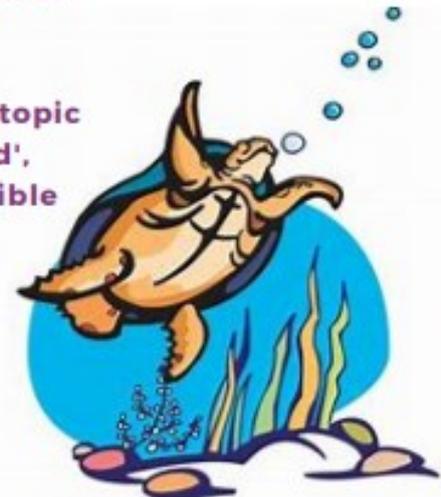
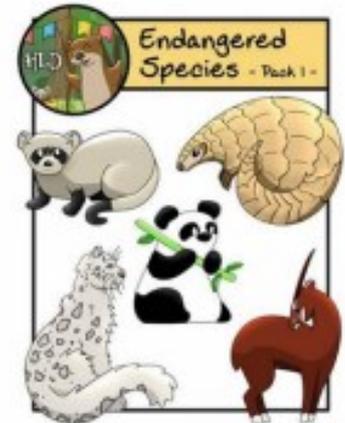
HI EVERYONE!

This week is all about animals! We have been learning about different species and their individual habitats; as well as having discussions around the importance of conservation and some of the animals that are on the endangered species list.

As well as learning about animals in the wild, we have also been discussing our pets and how to properly take care of them.

Some of the fun activities associated with this weeks topic have been 'Design your own animal', 'frogs in the pond', animal themed word searches and 'Make your own edible animals'

Hope you have a great weekend!
Susie, Emily, Jaimi, Jenna, Graeme, Annie & Jess.



Belmont Primary

Autumn Holiday Program

11TH-22ND APRIL 2022



Program Day \$62.00

Incursion Day \$78.00

Excursion Day \$86.00

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Families can claim Child Care Subsidy if you are registered with MYCOV and the Family Assistance Office.

7.00am-6.00pm 51 Mt Pleasant Rd Belmont VIC 3216 Ph: 0477882819 www.commosh.edu.au

Monday 11th

Design, Make & Do

Roll up your sleeves and use your design and construction skills to make some amazing projects today. In the morning make a pair of real life working Binoculars, design and build yourself a Wooden Money Box. After some games outside in the afternoon, you will have your own Activity Bag full of puzzles to enjoy.



Tuesday 12th

Excursion Movies

We are off to the movies today at Readings to see the latest Childrens' Movie. Sit back and relax and get transported to another world. Movie title to be confirmed and parents advised a week prior once session times are released.

Please arrive by 9.00am



Wednesday 13th

Outer Space

Blast off and out of orbit at our Outer Space Party today! Learn more about the galaxy, constellations, gravity and space travel. Make a Mini Scratch Planet and some Meteor Mosaics. In the afternoon Play Solar System Dunk and Pin the Tail on the Comet.



Thursday 14th

Eggstravaganza

Hop on down to our gigantic Easter Party! Enjoy making a colourful Easter Mosaic, an Easter Crown to wear and a Cheeky Chicken toy. Compete in teams at our Easter Bingo Game and join the Mega Egg Hunt at the park in the afternoon



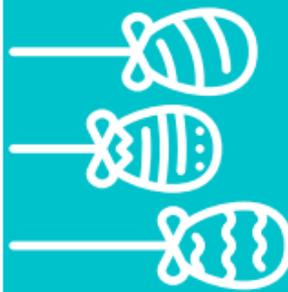
Friday 22nd

Autumn Harvest

The weather has started to cool down which means Autumn is here! Make a Feathered Owl, Silly Scarecrow and be inspired by the changing foliage outside to make a beautiful stained glass leaf. In the afternoon head outside for a nature scavenger hunt.



Program Closed for Easter Monday



Tuesday 19th

Robotics

Do you love STEM? Robokids implement a cross curricular and problem solving approach to integrating the Digital Technologies to develop, critical thinking, creativity, curiosity and resilience through Robotic applications. Children will be either in the P-2 or Year 3-6 group workshop.



Wednesday 13th

Multisports Clinic Proactivity

Make sure you have a big breakfast as we will be running, swinging and throwing all morning. We will be learning the fundamentals of soccer, basketball, athletics, AFL and tee-ball to develop essential motor skills in a fun and non-competitive environment.



Thursday 21st

Excursion Werribee Zoo

Get up close and personal with the amazing animals at the Werribee Open Plain Zoo. Enjoy the African savannah on the Safari Bus and stroll through the Zoo at your own speed, spotting lions, hippos, cheetahs, monkeys, gorillas and more on the African River Trail.



Please arrive by 9.00am

Children need to pack morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

Please ensure children are wearing closed in shoes, weather appropriate clothing, hat and bring a refillable drink bottle.

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WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD STRUGGLES TO ATTEND SCHOOL

Hosted by
Drummond Street
Services Geelong

Is your child or young person refusing to attend school completely or very anxious about attending sometimes?

Recovery and return to school is complex, after the experiences of the past two years of Covid.

All are welcome to come and hear presentations and ask questions of a panel of experienced and passionate speakers.

Speakers:

Julie Yeo – Family therapist, Drummond St Services

Kate Daley – Navigator program

Amelia Shanahan – Headspace

Chris Lougheed – St Josephs Flexible Learning

Pete – Parent with lived experience

**Wednesday
April 27th**

Belmont High
school (in person)
Rotherham St
Belmont

**7.00pm to 8.30
pm**

FREE Event

BOOK: <https://ds.org.au/events/what-to-do-if-your-child-struggles-to-attend-school/>



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