



# Belmont Primary School News

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Issue # 01

Coming  
Events

**Mon—Thurs**  
**17-20 February**

Parent Information  
Sessions

**Friday**  
**21 February**

Assembly  
Sing-A-Long  
Parent Morning Tea

**Thursday**  
**27 February**

School Clean Up  
Day

Quote of the  
Fortnight

“Hello new  
school year.

You are going to  
be.....

*Amazing!”*

**Dear Parents and Caregivers,**

Welcome to a brand new year! Thanks must go to all parents, caregivers, students and staff for such a smooth start to 2020.

We welcome all new families to our little school and hope that you become integral members of our little community.

I would like to invite all parents to stay after our Assembly next Friday, 21st, for a morning tea get together and an informal chat about our P&C for this year. It would be great if some dads could also look at joining the P&C.

**Term Planner:** The term planner will be sent today —we have found it is easier for parents to receive a hard copy, rather than attached to the newsletter email. Please use it as a reminder of coming events for 1st term and use the space to add any events that may not be listed as yet. We will aim to make greater use of Connect to send out messages and reminders this year! Please see the office staff if you do not have access to Connect as yet.

**Contributions & Charges:** This was emailed at the end of last year and I have included a one page summary of due payments

with this newsletter. Remember that you can pay the amount off in one go, or spread the amount over the year—just see the ladies at the front office for the different options. Thanks to all the families who have already paid their fees.

There will be a “raffle” draw for each class at the end of the term to win your fees back—so if you have paid by then, you will go in the draw. Thanks to our 2019 P&C for this generous donation.

**Before and After School:** School does not start until 8:45am, with classes opened at 8:30am. Currently we have students arriving well before 8:00am. The school can not guarantee supervision at this time, so I am asking again that students do not arrive on the school site until 8:15m at the earliest. Breakfast Club runs on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and the 15 minutes from 8:15-8:30am is enough time for students to have something to eat.

School finishes at 3:00pm. Could I please ask that parents wait in the undercover area until the bell rings for pick up. There are benches and tables in the area and this is a good opportunity to mix and mingle with other parents. Parents waiting outside classes cause distractions to the students when teachers are still

conducting lessons. Thanks for your cooperation in all the mentioned requests.

**School Council Meetings:** These will continue to be held during the school day to allow parents on the Council to be there for their children after school. I thank all our members from last year, but with the resignation of some members, I'm calling for any expressions of interest in joining our Council. Our goal is to look at the budget, school plans, data information and different school policies to gain parent input, ideas and suggestions. Remember that as parent representatives you become the conduit between the parent community and school. Our first meeting is planned for Wednesday, 26th February—1:45—3:00pm. All welcome to this meeting!

**Teacher Information Sessions:** Below are the times for each class over the coming week.

Room 7— Monday— 3:10-3:30pm

Room 4— Monday—3:30-3:50

Room 1— Tuesday—3:00-3:20pm

Room 9-Wednesday—2:40-3:00pm

Room 3—Thursday —3:00-3:20pm

Science—Thursday—2:40-3:00pm

This is a general information sharing time (not for individual student discussions) and teachers will go through their teaching philosophy, class rules and expectations, and a general outline of areas to be covered this year. Teachers will also inform you of the times they are available if you would like an individual appointment to discuss your child.

Please remember that if you have concerns with your child or issues in general, to have a chat with the class teacher in the first instant—remembering that before school is

not a good time for a meeting as the teacher is busy preparing for the day.

My door is always open as well.

**School Improvements:** I hope you've noticed all the changes in the school buildings this term. We had the roof replaced in the holidays and new reverse cycle air-conditioners in every class. The fencing is being done and a new statement sign will be part of the fencing. The inside walls and doors are currently being painted. Ceilings will be replaced in the next holidays. Lots of work being done which is making our school environment look great.

**Staff Changes:** Mrs Anthony has gone to another school. We wish Mrs Anthony all the best and I sincerely thank her for her support and the work she did with both students and staff.

Mrs Tedge has started the year in K/PP, backfilling for Miss Lally until her return in 2nd Term.

Our new Library Officer, Miss Tobias, will join us on Tuesday and Wednesdays and has some great ideas to promote the use of the Library and make it a great learning hub.

**Student Councillors:** - these will be announced at our next assembly. Congratulations to the eight Year 6 students who gave their speeches this morning. An amazing job from all of you and I know that you are all capable of doing the job. There will be 4 councillors for 1st Semester and re-elections for 2nd Semester.

Thanks for helping your children settle back to school this year—I'm looking forward to a fantastic 2020, and truly appreciate the contributions you all make to the school.

Have a great weekend

*Stephanne Dann.....Principál*

## Schools Clean-Up Day

On Thursday 27 February the whole school, (Kindy to Year 6), will be taking part in the Schools Clean-up day at 8.45 am to 9.15am. We have been taking part in this activity for 12 years! Last year we collected 10.6 kgs. I hope that we will collect less rubbish this year. It would be fantastic if our school was rubbish free but that is a really high goal to achieve. Each classroom will be allocated an area to clean up. The rubbish is placed in bags and weighed. The results will be sent to Clean Up Australia.

Students will be provided with gloves but may bring their own. They will need their hats as well to be Sunsmart.

Parents and carers are most welcome to join the child's classroom to help clean up the school.

## Crunch&Sip®

Our school is committed to improving children's health through education and by supporting the Department of Health's Crunch&Sip® initiative. Crunch&Sip® is a set break for students to eat fruit or salad vegetables and drink water in the classroom. We invite you to support your child to participate in the Crunch&Sip® program by providing a clean, clear plastic water bottle to sit on the desk and a piece of fruit or vegetable each day for Crunch&Sip®. Research has shown that drinking water and eating fruit and vegetables is essential for good health and can help concentration throughout the day. Crunch&Sip® is continuing to run at our school for 2020.

Please view the Crunch and Sip website [www.crunchandsip.com.au](http://www.crunchandsip.com.au), choose WA and you can find a section for parents. Belmont Primary has been a Crunch and Sip school since April 2011.

As part of the Crunch and Sip Program we

are able to have **A FREE WORKSHOP** "Packed with Goodness" which helps parents with packing healthy lunches for the students. I have organised this 90-minute workshop for **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 8.45am** in the Science Lab Room 6.

**Please let the office know if you are coming.** The workshop will be presented by the Crunch and Sip nutritionist team. Each parent that attends receives a **free resource kit** to take home, packed with information and goodies to get started. I look forward to meeting you all.

Thank you for your continued support.

*Carolyn Waters.....Science Teacher*

## Packed with Goodness.

Packing a healthy lunchbox fuels kids for their best possible day at school and helps form healthy habits.

**We are offering FREE healthy lunchbox education sessions for parents at all Western Australian primary schools.**

The sessions are 90 minutes in length and cover the following topics:

- the importance of fruit and veges for kids
- tips for packing a healthy lunchbox
- healthy alternatives to pre-packaged snacks
- label reading
- the best drink choices for kids

Each parent will receive a free resource kit to take home, packed with information and goodies to get started. If you would like to book a Packed with Goodness session at your school contact [nutrition@cancerwa.asn.au](mailto:nutrition@cancerwa.asn.au) or seek further information on our website [crunchandsip.com.au](http://crunchandsip.com.au).





Dear Parents / Caregivers

Contributions and Charges for 2020 were endorsed by the School Council (2019) and forwarded to all parents / caregivers in December 2019.

To assist you in budgeting for school costs this year, below is a table showing all **set costs** for this year.

Although some activities are not until the end of the year, we are happy for you to start making payments towards these costs to help spread the total amount over the year.

Set Costs	Term	Kindy	PP – Yr 5	Year 6	Paid / Date
Contributions (K-Year 6)	1	\$60	\$60	\$60	
Book Levy – Literacy & Numeracy – (K-Year 6)	1	\$20	\$20	\$20	
Dance Program – (K-Year 6)	3	\$25	\$50	\$50	
Swimming – (PP-Year 6)	4		\$50	\$50	
Year 6 Leavers Activities– (costs based on 2018/2019 activities)	4			\$200** *	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$105</b>	<b>\$180</b>	<b>\$380</b>	

**Payments can be made using Cash, Credit Card, Cheque, Eftpos or bank deposit using the School Bank Account details – BSB 066040 Account # 19901797 (please include child's surname if using bank deposit)**

**Year 6** \*\*\* can charge up to \$500 depending on activities selected. Amount can be sponsored depending upon Fundraising done by Year 6 students / parents.

Throughout the year there will Incursion / Excursion costs, along with Sport representation costs, which will depend upon the activity and transport costs. You will be notified of these events through an Excursion/Incursion Permission note when they occur.

**Maximum** amounts that can be charged over the year are:

Incursions (based on 2 per year) - \$40  
Excursions (based on 2 per year) - \$60  
Sporting Events (transport costs) - \$30

Please remember that these are maximum amounts, and costs will be indicated when Incursions and Excursions are booked.

I hope that this helps you plan for the activities and requirements for your child/ren over this school year. Please remember that we are happy to set up a payment plan to further assist you in meeting these costs.

Kind regards

Stephanne Dann  
Principal  
14-02-2020