



Belmont Primary School News

20 November 2020

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Coming
Events

**Tuesday
24 November**

P&C Meeting
2pm—Room 5

**Tuesday
01 December**

Nutcracker
Performance
Yrs 4 & 5
12.00 to 2.30pm

**Friday
04 December**

Room 1 Assembly
Next newsletter

Quote of the
Fortnight

"If you have good thoughts, they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely."

Roald Dahl

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our last day of swimming and I'm sure that all the kids have done their best and know that they will be safe when swimming this summer. Thanks to you all for your excellent behaviour whilst at the pools and on the bus to and from the pools. It's great when we get such positive feedback about our students.

School Development Day:

Please remember that Monday, 23rd November, is a day for teachers only. Students can have a well-deserved sleep in after all their swimming.

P&C Meeting: This will be on Tuesday, 24th and we look forward to seeing a lot of new faces and families at this meeting. Please sign in at the front office when you arrive and meet us in Room 5 to start at 2:00pm.

With the opening of Belmont Central (just down the road), the P&C have been given a Fund Raising opportunity to run a Bake Stall. Thank you to Tabitha and her crew for organising this. I hope you can all help by either donating something "yummy" or giving some time to help "man" the stall.

We are also developing a Community relationship with

Officeworks who are sponsoring Belmont Primary School—staff and community members. We have received a generous donation of

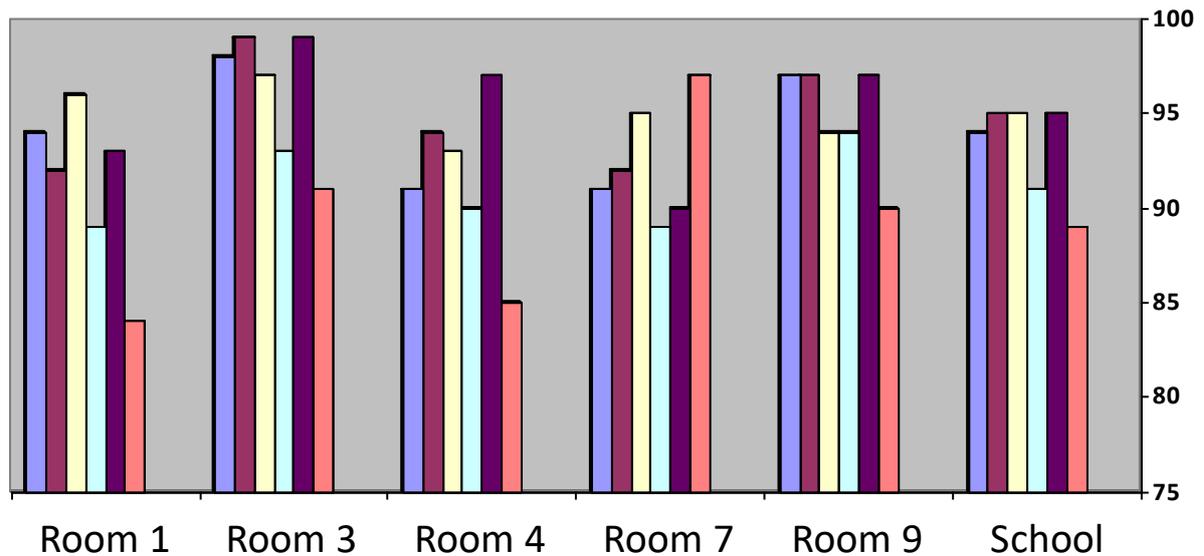
\$1 000 which will be used to assist with the purchase of stationery items. Officeworks are also offering to assist parents in filling booklists for 2021.

Rippa Arvo—we are looking at re-establishing this fun event to involve all classes and parents. This is planned to take place on the 9th December, following a fun morning with Muddy Gully. More information will be forwarded about these two events over the coming week. Thanks to Mrs Waters for organising this event, and to all parents who have donated packets of icy poles to help cover the cost of this incursion. Rippa Arvo will be discussed at the P&C Meeting if you want to find out more about this event.

The Nutcracker—The Year 4 & 5 students have been involved with West Australian Ballet Company this term and this partnership will culminate with these students attending the production of "The Nutcracker" at His Majesty's Theatre on the 1st December. This has been fully funded by WAB—a huge thank you for this wonderful opportunity.

Four weeks till holidays—keep smiling and stay safe and well!

Stephanne Dann.....Principal



■ Week 1
 ■ Week 2
 ■ Week 3
 ■ Week 4
 ■ Week 5
 ■ Week 6
 ■ Week 7
 ■ Week 8

Congratulations

Merit Certificates

The following students were awarded Merit Certificates at this mornings assembly. Congratulations to;

- Skye McD Kindy
- Yvonne C Pre Primary
- Trav M Year 1
- Diane O Year 1
- Shelby B Year 3
- Tremain M-S Year 3
- Chloe O Year 4
- Shrinand S Year 4
- Marley G Year 6
- Daisy F Year 6

Office News

School Accounts

Only four weeks to go! Please make sure you finalise your accounts before the end of the year.

All contributions and payments can be paid by Direct Deposit and Eftpos

Direct Deposit details;

BSB: 066 040

Account #: 19901797

(Please put your child's name in reference)

Visitor Sign In / Sign Out

Please remember that all visitors/parents on school premises must sign in when entering and sign out when leaving.

This is also a requirement for all parents who are here for teacher meetings.

Class News

Kindy/Pre-Primary—Room 1 has been learning about patterns. Miss Shaw has finished being our teacher.

We spent some time learning about Diwali and the Festival of Lights.

We are superstar readers and writers in Room 1.

Year PP/1—Room 3 has been learning about fractions this term. We know how to cut shapes in halves, quarters and eighths. It was fun making pizza muffins, then cutting them into fractions, before eating them.

They were delicious and Mrs Tero encouraged us to try mushroom and zucchini.

Year 2/3—What a busy time we have had with incursions. Our room, along with Room 3, were lucky to be able to participate in a 2 week program called “Phys Zen” yoga. During these sessions we learnt how to do different stretches and moves. We also learnt how to relax our bodies.

We also had Ivana come from Kidsafe talk to us about safety in the home and at school and what to do in an emergency.

Our school colour fun run—what an amazing afternoon we all had. Big thankyou to Mrs McDonald for all your organising before and on the day.

Year 3/4—The Year 3/4’s have been working hard to get everything finished before the end of the year.

We all loved the puppet show at the Octagon Theatre at UWA. Bambert, the puppet, was very cute!

We have been doing a collaborative art project. Come and have a look at the colourful monarch butterfly in our room!

Year 5/6—Our class has been making books for the Kindy/Pre Primary with a values theme.

In Maths we have been working on Paths, Maps and Angles.

In History we have been learning about the clash of cultures during war time in Australia.

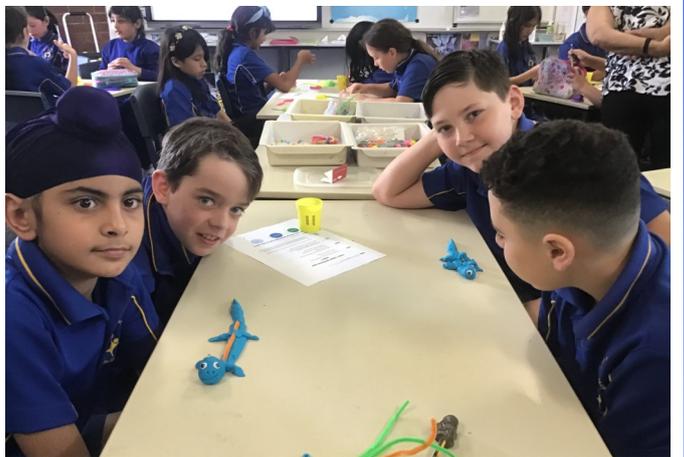
Science Corner



Science News

During term 3 and 4 I have been mentoring a student from the University of WA in a unit of study whereby they are science

consultants. The student visits me and they then set to work on producing a resource that the school can use to help teach in the area of science. This year I have been working with Abigail Thomas who is a Zoology student in her second year. She has made a resource around the classification of animals in the animal kingdom. She presented her work to the Year 3/4 class in Room 7 on Thursday 19 November.



Waste Wise

Remember if you have used batteries please bring them to your child's class where there is a collection jar. Room 3 weigh the batteries to see which class collects the most and it is announced at the School Assembly. If you have any other items that you would like to recycle please send them to the Recycle centre.



Fact—A modern glass bottle would take 4000 years or more to decompose - and even longer if it is in the landfill.

Crunch&Sip®

Make sure you have your water bottle full so you can sip through the day and bring in a piece of fruit and/or vegetable to crunch. Thank you for your continued support

Hungry kids are irritable kids.

Also, students often find it difficult to concentrate for long periods of time.

That is why we have Crunch&Sip® break everyday to break up the lesson.

Crunch&Sip® allows students to refuel with fruit and vegetables and rehydrate with water.

Make sure you pack a small clear plastic drink bottle full of water for Crunch&Sip® each day.



Sunsmart

A tan doesn't last a lifetime, but skin damage does! Remember to Slip! Slop! Slap! Seek! Slide!



I recently placed our school in the SunSmart Shade Competition. Unfortunately, we did not win and didn't win any of the runner up prizes.

I will keep trying as this is a once-a-year competition to win \$10,000 for shade for the school. The winning school was

Bindoon out of 156 schools that entered. Schools are drawn randomly.

Next year might be our lucky year! ☺

Water Wise.

Now is the time to reset your sprinklers ready for the summer month.



Fact—A seagull can drink saltwater as it has special glands to filter out the salt

Tip—



Catch the cold water too

While waiting for the shower/ tap water to heat up, collect the cold water and put it on the garden.



End of Year Whole School Incursion

To celebrate our wonderful and interesting year of learning, developing and enjoying school at Belmont Primary the students will participate in an incursion by **Educate by Nature-Muddy Gully** on **Wednesday 9 December 2020** in the morning. All classes from K to 6 will be taking part on the school oval. This incursion allows the students an opportunity to take sensory risks in a supportive environment. Notes will be going home next week with more information.

Class teachers will be asking for parent helpers soon. All students, parents and staff will need to wear appropriate clothing for getting muddy and messy. It is recommended to wear old clothes and bring a towel.

It is planned to have a picnic lunch under the trees at the school and then after lunch we will have **Rippa Arvo**. More information about the afternoon activities will follow closer to the date as well.

Mrs Waters—Science Teacher

Room 7 - Dreamtime Stories

Why the Platypus has a Bill and a Tail

Once there was a time in the dreaming when Platypus didn't have a duck's bill and a beaver's tail. He had no special body features.

He only had stingers but that just made animals scared of him. His only friend was Koala, although Koala was asleep most of the time.

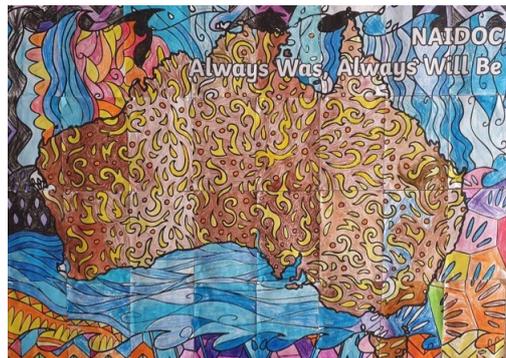
So Platypus didn't have any company most of the time, so he decided to steal some of the other animal's features. He decided to steal duck's bill and beaver's tail.

So Platypus went to duck's house to kill duck. He used his stingers to hurt duck and kill him. Then Platypus went to get black gum from the black gum tree.

He stuck the bill on his mouth with the black gum. Then he went to beaver's house and did the same thing to beaver and stuck on his tail.

That is why Platypus has a duck's bill and beaver's tail.

By Nyima



Why Turtles Live in Water

Once in the dreamtime, Turtle lived in the Australian bush. Turtle was well protected because of his shell. Turtle had many enemies like Snake.

One day the great dam started to crack.

"Oh no!" Turtle said in a scared voice, "It's cracking!" Turtle screamed.

Then there was a gigantic flood called the great flood and it washed Turtle away. Turtle couldn't get to the surface of the water to breathe because of his heavy shell.

"Bubble, bubble, bubble" went Turtle.

Then Turtle adapted so he could stay underwater for longer. Now Turtle lives in the ocean

That's why turtles live in water.

By Lachy

Inter-school Athletics

On Friday, 13th November selected students from Years 1-6 enthusiastically represented our school at the BASSA Inter School Athletics Carnival!

Our students all demonstrated exemplary behaviour and sportsmanship during this event and we finished third in new division format.

Congratulations to Imogen who was joint Champion Girl for Year 3 students and special thanks to Mrs Butterworth for driving the bus to and from this event.

Mrs McDonald
PE Teacher





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Watch or download a highlights video from:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Asp7kUTPETD5H_bmAq-wQk1-vekf639N/view?usp=sharing



January's Head Start Program for Year 6-7 with Academic Task Force

The Head Start Program is designed to help students going into year 7 in 2021, gain confidence and transition successfully into their high school studies. We offer 2-day courses in NAPLAN Preparation, GATE and Scholarship Exam Preparation, English, Maths, Learning Skills and Essay Writing during the Summer break (**14th January - 28th January 2021**) at Rossmoyne SHS and Churchlands SHS. [Learn more.](#)

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Stories with My Family

For families with children up to 6 years old.

Location:

[Ruth Faulkner Library, 213 Wright Street](#)

Date: **21 November 2020**

Time: **10:30 am - 11:30 am**

Cost: **Free**

Books, songs, rhymes and puppets abound at story time. Carefully designed to educate and entertain children, story times are a special time to spend with your child and a wonderful way to foster early literacy.

After the session you are encouraged to stay and meet with other local families as children engage in sensory play and gross motor activities. Don't forget to collect a take-home activity pack to continue the learning and playing at home.

Bubs at the Hub

For babies and toddlers up to 2 years old.

Enjoy rhymes, songs and stories with your baby and connect with other parents in your local community.

Location:

[Ruth Faulkner Library, 213 Wright Street](#)

Date: **23 November 2020**

Time: **9:30 am - 10:30 am**

Cost: **Free**

Books, rhymes and songs help babies and toddlers to develop early literacy skills and a love of language. We encourage you to linger after the session to chat with other parents as your children play together.

These programs will take place in the Children's space. You must register for these events.