



Belmont Primary School News

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Coming Events

**Friday
16 February**

Music Assembly
Sing-A-Long

**Tuesday
20 February**

Parent Information
Night
Amazing Race

**Friday
23 February**

Next Newsletter

**Friday
02 March**

Clean Up Day

Quote of the Fortnight

"Don't count the days make the days count."

Anon

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to a brand new school year—and what a fantastic start we have had! It's great to see everyone settle back into school routine again, and already producing some great work.

We have lots of great events organised this term—and this year.

Our first **assembly** will be held next Friday, 16th February and will be a whole school sing-a-long. We will also present the badges to our new Student Councillors who were recently elected for 1st Semester. Congratulations to Lucy F, Sheza K, Brett R and Jackson G. I'm looking forward to working with you and seeing you represent the school with pride.

Parent Information Night..

Tuesday, 20th February. This will start at 4:00pm with class information sessions as per the following timetable. This is a time to hear what will be happening within your child's class; teacher expectations and a general information session. Sessions will go for 20 minutes and are not a time to ask about individual children—you can book an appointment with the

teacher if you would like to discuss your child's education with them. All class information sessions will be finished by 5:10pm and we invite you to bring a rug and a picnic dinner and eat this on the school oval.

This will be followed with an Amazing Race on the oval, starting at 5:45pm. You will be working in teams to visit each station to complete some fun activities together. The evening will finish around 6:30pm.

Be ready for a fun night, and don't forget to wear your running shoes!

Rooms 1 & 7	4:00-4:20pm
Rooms 3 & 4	4:25-4:45pm
Room 9	4:50-5:10pm
Family Picnic—5:15-5:45pm	
Amazing Race—5:45-6:30pm	

Be Brave & Shave: This will be held on Wednesday, 14th March to raise funds for research into all kinds of Cancer. Students can have their hair sprayed at school for \$2, and come to school with really crazy hair styles. We will also be holding a Pink Cake Stall with a variety of pink goodies for sale to eat at Recess. Students can come to school in pink outfits, or add a touch of pink to their uniform. Students can also pay \$2 to have their faces painted!

As this is a fundraiser, we are aiming for the following:

\$500—Jack Escobar will have his head shaved at school

\$1 000—Ms Dann will come to school without her head scarf

\$2 000—Gina (Eloise's mum) will have her head shaved at school.

A page has been set up on the Be Brave and Shave website and I will be monitoring the amount raised and show it on a donation barometer in the front entrance.

<http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/stephannedann>

I was very conservative when I set up the page, but have changed our goal to amounts listed above. I hope you will support this worthwhile cause and join in the fun at school with your children!



Joffa—Cartooning Incursion: Children will spend time with Joffa learning how to draw cartoons and linking their work to the theme of “**Growth Mindset - Accepting Challenges - Achieving Goals**” A note will go out with our next newsletter with a permission and payment section. Joffa was here a couple of years ago and the children really enjoyed their sessions with him.

Students who do not return their permission notes, or money, will not be able to attend and will be supervised in another class when their session is on.

Easter Break: Although this is not until the end of March, beginning of April, a reminder that schools have the Easter Tuesday off as a holiday as well as Good Friday and Easter Monday. This is marked on your term planner.

Term Planner: We will be sending home a hard copy of the planner for you to put up on the fridge. Please use it as a reminder of coming events for 1st term and add any events that may not be on there 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 for the different options. Thanks to all the families who have already paid their fees.

Before and After School: School does not start until 8:45am, with classes opened at 8:30am. 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 and all students who do not have someone picking them up should have left the school grounds by 3:15pm. If you are staying with your child/ren so they can have a play on the senior playground, we ask that you supervise you children during this time and have left the school grounds by 3:30pm. There should be no children in the undercover area or junior playgrounds after school. Your cooperation in adhering to these requests is greatly appreciated.

School Council Meetings: These will now be held during the school day to allow parents on the Council to be there for their children after school. Please liaise with a parent member if you have any issues you would like to have discussed at the meetings. We will be looking at the budget, school plans, data information and different school policies over this year. Remember

your parent representatives are the conduit between the parent community and school.

Our first meeting is planned for Wednesday, 28th February—1:30—3:00pm.

Staff Changes: We have a couple of staff absent for 1st Term this year due to medical reasons, and we welcome the following staff who will be relieving them for this period.

Mrs Carolyn Waters—Acting Deputy Principal for Ms Lesley-Ann Hoare and two days tandem with Mrs Rigby, along with her Science program—Mrs Waters is a very busy lady this term!

Miss Saskia Mosimann—LOTE teacher for Ms Lesley-Ann Hoare (Wednesday and Thursday)

Miss Amy Tozer—Music teacher for Ms Margaret Alban, - Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Miss Kristen Edgar—Kindy/PP DOTT provider (Monday)

Mrs Karen Baldwin will be working with classes and teachers on Mondays to showcase the Art and Craft curriculum in the school.

Literacy Block: As a strategy to improve all aspects of Literacy across the school, we are introducing a whole school two hour block (1 hour before Recess and 1 hour after Recess) across all the Primary years. Using the data collected at the beginning of the year, students will be placed in groups based on their Literacy levels to work with a teacher / education assistant during this time. This strategy was introduced last year but only entailed a one hour group session, and each group had different teachers on different days. We are hoping that these changes to the way it will operate will be the most beneficial to improve student outcomes at all levels. Please feel free to discuss any concerns with the teacher, or with myself.

School Photos: These are planned for the end of this term—11th & 12th April—with most of the photos taken on the 12th. More information to follow.

Coming Events—dates to be confirmed

2nd Term—Back to Belmont PS—120th Celebrations—Assembly / Displays

3rd Term—Open Night—Showcasing Belmont Primary School. Our dance performance will also be on this night—more information to follow over the term.

And lots more school activities!!!

Thanks for helping your children settle back to school this year—I'm looking forward to a fantastic 2018, and truly appreciate the contributions you all make to the school.

Stephanne Dann.....Principál

Science Corner



Science News

This term all classes from K to 6 will all be working on Physical Science topics from the Primary Connection Program. This Program is aligned to the Australian and Western Australian Science Curriculum. Topics for the term include On the Go, Look Listen, Push Pull, Magnetic Moves and Circuits and Switches.

On Wednesday 20 February we are having an information night for all classroom teachers and I will be having a Science Information Session at 3.45pm in Room 6.

Sometime during the year our new science laboratory will be built. A classroom will be converted. As yet we have not received a start or completion date but we have been told the construction will happen this year (fingers crossed).



Waste Wise

We have been a Waste wise school since 2009 and the school will continue the program in 2018.

The recycling station is outside Room 3. If you have any of the following objects, please send them in to refill the boxes- Ice cream containers, small card board rolls, tin foil plates and bubble wrap. The teachers and students use these items in mathematics, science, art and design technology.

Remember to bring in your old batteries for recycling and place in the container in the classroom. We also recycle old mobile phones which can placed in a box outside Room 3. Please keep sending your old newspapers in and place them in the blue bins outside the bike shed. We thank you for your support. We also now have a clothing bin from the Good Samaritans near the double gate.

We also have a worm farm that Mrs Taylor is going to look after this year. The worm whizz will go on our vegetable garden and the students' food scraps are going to the compost bin in the vegetable garden.

Fact—The average household throws away almost 13,000 pieces of paper each year. Most is packaging and junk mail.

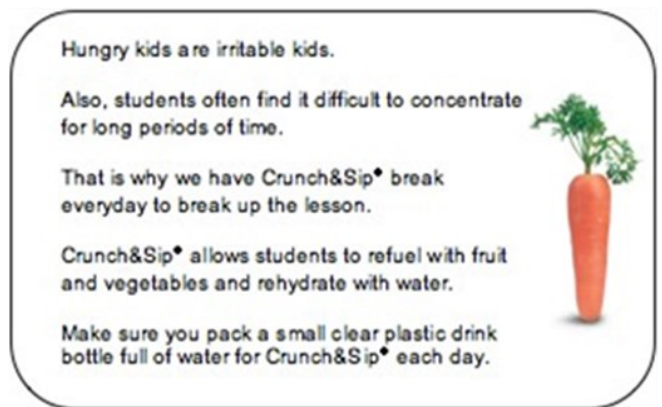
Crunch&Sip®

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 2018.

Please view the Crunch and Sip website 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.

Thank you for your continued support.



Sunsmart

In 2012 Belmont Primary became a Sunsmart School.  As part of the policy students need to wear a hat that covers their ears, i.e. a legionnaire style, bucket/surfie style (6cm brim) or broad-brimmed (7.5cm brim) hat during all 4 terms of school.

The school hats are available to purchase at the Uniform Shop. A **cap is not a suitable covering** and students will be asked to sit in the undercover area with the students who have no hat at all.

Sun exposure can lead to skin cancer and other forms of skin and eye damage later in life. Remember to Slip! Slop! Slap! Seek! Slide!

A big thank you to most of our students and staff who are wearing the correct hat. Well done, keep up the great effort!

Water Wise

Fact—Half of the world's wetlands have been lost since 1900.



Tip



Reduce your lawn

Reducing your lawn to just the area you need will save water and maintenance. If there's an area of lawn that you don't use, consider converting it to a waterwise garden to save water.



Breakfast Club

On Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays Mr Ward , our school Chaplain, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Tero run our breakfast club for students before school.

Next Tuesday is Pancake Day so come along to enjoy Mr Ward's specialty!

Mrs Waters- Science Co-Ordinator

Belmont Primary School P&C Association Notice of Annual General Meeting



**Belmont Primary School P&C Association
Annual General Meeting Notice
Friday 16th February – 9.30 am in the undercover
area
(following the assembly)**

Come along and meet parents from the school
- be part of your school community.

Enjoy coffee, cake and conversation...

All welcome - we would love to see you there!

What is a P&C?

The Belmont Primary School Parents & Citizens Association is comprised of parents and guardians of children attending Belmont Primary School and any other interested persons.

Being on the P&C is a great way for parents to participate and be involved in the school community, and have a say in issues pertaining to the school. P&C meetings are held twice a term.

Thank You



A big thank you to Mr Waters for doing such a great job on our school garden :)

Community News



AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR



A very good place to start.

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform.

FEBRUARY OPEN CLASSES

Come along and try a free class at your local rehearsal venue!

Duncraig, Murdoch and Subiaco



For more than 30 years, the Australian Girls Choir has played a role in the growth and development of girls across the country. We provide an experience that goes far beyond the stage; your daughter will develop confidence, public speaking and presentation skills, resilience and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Our senior performers have entertained everyone from Queen Elizabeth II to Oprah, and have shared the stage with a long list of artists including Hugh Jackman and Pharrell Williams. We are proud of our 20 year relationship with Qantas singing at live events and in the 'I Still Call Australia Home' advertising campaigns.

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