



Belmont Primary School News

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Coming Events

Tues-Thurs
15-17 May

NAPLAN
Testing

Tuesday
15 May

Parent Connect
workshop—All
parents welcome

Friday
18 May

Assembly
Room 3

NAPLAN catch up

Friday
25 May

Next Newsletter

Quote of the Fortnight

"Let your smile change the world but don't let the world change your smile."

Anon

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Already 2 weeks gone of 2nd Term—which is only going to be a 9 week term! A term planner was sent home last Friday—I hope this is on your fridge for easy reference of coming events!

NAPLAN: This testing commences next week for our Year 3 & 5 students.

Tuesday—15 May—Language Conventions and Writing

Wednesday—16 May—Reading

Thursday—17 May—Numeracy

Friday—18 May—catch up!

Remember this is a one off test and we will use the data to highlight the areas in our programs which need to be developed further and also celebrate our successes. I'm sure that all students will do their best!

Connect Parent Workshop: In our aim to make communication more effective between the school and parents, we will be looking at the Connect App which parents can add to their phones. I will be conducting a Parent Workshop on Tuesday, 15th May from 2:00-3:00pm—in the school Library—for all parents to find out more about this App. All Welcome!

School Council: Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 23rd May—starting at 1:30pm in the school library. Please forward any items for discussion to your parent representatives. We will be endorsing the School Budget and reviewing the Behaviour Management Policy.

Buddy Benches: Belmont Forum has kindly donated two benches to the school. These will be used as Buddy Benches—which means if a child is having problems in the playground, or needs some timeout, they will sit on the bench. The duty teacher, Chaplain, or another student will then know that there is a problem and go and have a chat with the student. These benches will need to be “sanded” down and painted before we start using them....do we have any parent volunteers to help us with this little project?

120th Year Celebrations: This will be held on Friday, 8th June—starting with an Assembly which will be run by Room 4 students. As a staff we have discussed some activities, including—Dress as a pioneer; Bush dancing; marbles; knucklebones; library display of memorabilia; stories from the past; no waste lunches and a Community Morning Tea. If you have any other ideas, please let me know. This is a whole school event, so mark it on your calendar and hope to see you here!

P&C Meeting: The next meeting is planned for Tuesday, 29th May—starting at 1:30pm in Room 5. It would be great to see more new faces at these meetings—you don't have to take on any committee roles—just come and add your voice to help come up with ideas on making Belmont PS the “best little school” in Perth!

After School: As most of you are now aware, we are asking that all students and parents are off the school grounds by 3:15pm. School finishes at 3:00pm and this will give the children a short play time with their friends on the large play equipment (please remember that this is with parent supervision!) This will ensure that some of the incidents that we experienced last term do not occur on school grounds—and that all students leave school safely. Thanks everyone for adhering to this direction—your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Please also remember, that as adults, you cannot approach someone else's child to “reprimand” them. If you have concerns with any behavioural issues, please come and discuss these with either myself, the Deputy or the class teacher. Parents who threaten staff, students or other parents on school grounds can be issued with a formal prohibition order which means you cannot enter the school grounds for 60 days, or a \$2 000 fine if the order is breached.

Mothers' Day: Remember to make mum feel extra special this Sunday—take care of her as she takes care of all of you (including dads!) Remember, it's the little things that mums remember forever!

Thanks, everyone for another great start to a new term. Being a short term, and with reports due, I know that this term is going to speed by.

Stay safe and happy.....

Stephanne Dann.....Principal



Citizenship Awards



This award is given for displaying sound citizenship qualities which reflect the values of Respect and Responsibility towards self and others.

Congratulations to;

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| • Ari L | Pre Primary |
| • Priyanka E S U | Pre Primary |
| • Sam G | Year 1 |
| • Haasti R F | Year 2 |
| • Cooper T | Year 2 |
| • Sari W | Year 3 |
| • Isabella M | Year 3 |
| • Khenrab D | Year 4 |
| • Elaina L | Year 5 |
| • Lucy F | Year 6 |

Deputy News

Bonjour tout le monde!

How lovely it is to be back at school again and to see the happy faces of all your children! My broken bones have all mended and I'm back from my daughter's wedding.

The weather in Svalbard was VERY different to here.... Over there it was well below zero every day and I had to get used to really rugging up and even wearing spikes on my feet to make sure I didn't slip on the ice and snow!!



A Playground in Norway

You may feel a little cold here now, but I have yet to feel cold since my return!!

Thank you to Mrs Waters, who once more took my place as acting Deputy Principal whilst I was away. She did a great job and I really appreciate having such experienced back-up. Thanks again.

Now I have to get used to getting up early again and working till all hours to get all my jobs done.

This year I am working in Room 4 with Mrs Rigby, looking after the Year 2/3 class. It's wonderful! The children and their enthusiasm for learning remind me every day why I became a teacher all those years ago. ☺ I am still teaching the French lessons and a literacy group, as well as coordinating your meetings with the School Psychologist as Learning Support Coordinator. So I also have to get used to being pretty tired by the end of the week, when I head off to the country and prepare to do it all again the following week. It definitely keeps me feeling young!!

Please remember that if you have any concerns about your child's academic progress or their behaviour at school, discuss it with the child's teacher first. Then, if you feel you need more assistance, please talk to me and we will work out whether it's an area that the School Psychologist, Ms van den Ouwehand, can help you with.

I hope you have an enjoyable Term 2 at Belmont Primary School.

Cheers,

Lesley-Ann Hoare—Deputy Principal

Science Corner



Science News

This term all classes from K to 6 will all be working on Chemical Science topics from the Primary Connection Program. This Program is aligned to the Australian and Western Australian Science Curriculum. Topics for the term include What's it made of?, Bend It Stretch It, All Mixed Up, Material World and What's the Matter?

Waste Wise

Please keep sending in your recycled materials for our Recycle Centre outside Room 3.



Please keep the used batteries coming into the classrooms for collection as we are

coming close to the end of our competition to see which school has collected the most at the end of June. Thank you to Mrs Taylor for looking after our worm cafés and placing the worm whiz on our garden.

Fact—A laser cartridge thrown into landfill can take up to 450 years to decompose.

Water Wise

Fact—Water dissolves more substances than any other liquid.



Tip



Mulch, mulch, mulch

Applying mulch and a soil wetting product not only reduces evaporation loss, it improves the soil, reduces plant stress, weed growth, prevents wind and water erosion, and makes your garden look great.



Sunsmart

Students need to wear a hat that covers their ears, ie a legionnaire style, bucket/surfie style (6cm brim) or a broad-rimmed (7.5 brim) hat during all 4 terms of school. 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. A big thank you goes out to the students and staff who are wearing the correct hat. Well done, keep up the great effort.

Role modelling by parents, teachers, sport coaches and other adults has a positive influence on the sun protection habits of young people. So remember to lead by example and Slip! Slop! Slap! Seek! Slide! when outside.

Crunch&Sip®

This program is continuing so make sure you have returned your water bottle so you can fill it up every day and bring in a piece

of fruit and/or vegetable to crunch on. Thank you for your continued support.



Mrs Waters- Science Co-Ordinator

Community News

Looking for work or a career change? Can you see yourself working in a school? Schools are regularly hiring people for the following roles: Gardener, cleaner, administration, management, canteen or as education assistants.

Starting in July 2018, **North Metropolitan TAFE** are running a 1 semester course on the skills required to be a successful candidate for employment in a school. The course aids in preparation for entry into gardening, cleaning, administration, management, canteen and education assistant work.

We have had success supporting people to find work and the chances of gaining employment are strong. This course is suitable for existing gardeners, cleaners, administrators etc., and people looking to change career or people looking for work.

The course includes:

- Training in skills specific to the role you are interested in e.g. gardening, cleaning and IT skills
- Work experience in a school or other organisation
- Help and support to find work

- Help accessing further training as required e.g. Certificate III in Education Support
- Development of your job application cover letter, resume and help with selection criteria

Entry requirements:

- Strong work ethic
- Good oral and written communication
- Must be able to read procedures, safety sheets and chemical bottles
- Successful completion of an entry interview
- Working With Children Check and a Police Clearance

Course details:

- 3 days per week - Starts Wednesday 18th July finishes Friday 30th November (17 weeks)
- Days - Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9:15 until 2:45
- Cost - \$205 (total course fee for full 17 weeks) based in Leederville and on site

If you would be interested in this course then please email:

Chris Hodson
chris.hodson@nmtafe.wa.edu.au

Does your child suffer from Asthma, Allergies, Anaphylaxis?

If they do please let the **school office** know and we will provide you with a medical form to fill out.

If they are on a Doctors plan please provide us with a copy or we can photocopy it for you..... Thank you.

