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Belmont Primary News

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COMING EVENTS

- ~~Monday 10th October~~
PDD—Staff
- ~~Tuesday 11th October~~
Students First Day
Term 4
- ~~Friday 14th October~~
Yr 6 Transition BCC
- ~~Thursday 20th October~~
P&C Meeting 8:45am
- ~~Friday, 21st October~~
Assembly—Room 4
- ~~Friday 28th October~~
Teachers' Appreciation Day
- ~~Monday 31st October~~
Spooky Dress Up
- **Monday 7 November**
Interschool Athletics
- **Friday 11th November**
Assembly—Room 3
- **Friday 11th November**
Remembrance Day
- **Thursday 24th November**
ESWA Incursion—Science
- **Friday 25th November**
Assembly—Room 1
- **Monday 28th November**
Pixie Post Starts
- **Friday 2nd December**
Kindy 2023 Information
Session— 2:15pm
- **Monday 5th-Thursday 8th**
Year 6 Graduation Week
- **Wednesday 7th Dec**
VIP Morning Tea—10:30am
- **Friday 9th December**
Graduation Assembly
- **Wednesday 14th Dec**
End-of-Year Concert & Award
Presentation—6:00pm
- **Wednesday 14th Dec**
Reports on Connect
- **Thursday 15th Dec**
End-of-Term Farewell
2:45pm

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Thanks to all the parents who helped their child participate in Spooky Dress Up Day—so many little monsters who looked absolutely “scary” and “fantastic”. It was great to see so many students dress up and take part in this fun day. We also had a lot of big monsters which was also great to see the staff participating. A big “Well Done” to Jana for her fantastic costume when she dropped off Krestin! Awesome!

Things are getting pretty busy around the school as we prepare for the end of the year. As you can see with the Coming Events on the side of the page, teachers and students have something to look forward to every week.

Our **Interschool Athletics Carnival** is on this Monday—7th November. All students who have been selected to represent Belmont Primary School have taken their permission letter home, along with a program highlighting the events they will be in. Parents are welcome to attend to cheer our little team on! I know that all students will give 100% on the day, and I wish them all the best for an awesome day. I do not have to say anything about behaving because our students excel in showing their best behavior and sportsmanship at all times. Have an excellent day, everyone.

Assembly—Room 3—Friday, 11th November. Parents are welcome to attend this assembly which will be followed with a 15 minute visit to classes to view your child’s work. It will be great to see how much our little ones have grown since their assembly in May. A reminder that assemblies start at **9:00am**.

Remembrance Day—11th November. Students will have an earlier recess break so that they can be back in classes before 11:00am to participate in the 1 minute silence. Remembrance Day is also known as Poppy Day.

“On the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, a minutes’ silence is observed and dedicated to those soldiers who died fighting to protect the nation.”

Student Computer Desks—we still have some student computer desks left in our shed. These were replaced with our new desks in the library, along with the new benches for our Computers. We are giving these away free if you would like one for home. Please liaise with the front office if you would like one.

COVID Update—as you are aware, the State of Emergency will be lifted this Friday. The following is from the Health Department. *“Public health advice like mask-wearing, testing and isolating if feeling unwell, and avoiding high-risk settings until symptoms have cleared are highly recommended and can be adopted as a requirement through businesses’ own policies and work health and safety arrangements. With COVID-19 still in the community, Western Australian’s are still encouraged to test and isolate if feeling unwell with COVID-like symptoms, stay up to date with vaccinations, continue to wash or sanitise your hands and wear a mask as required.”*

The school still has RATs if you need any—just come to the front office to collect. There are a couple of other “bugs” going around at the moment and thanks to all parents who have contacted us when their child is unwell.

Enjoy the sunshine—time to take in some Vitamin D!

Have an awesome weekend.....Stephanne Dann



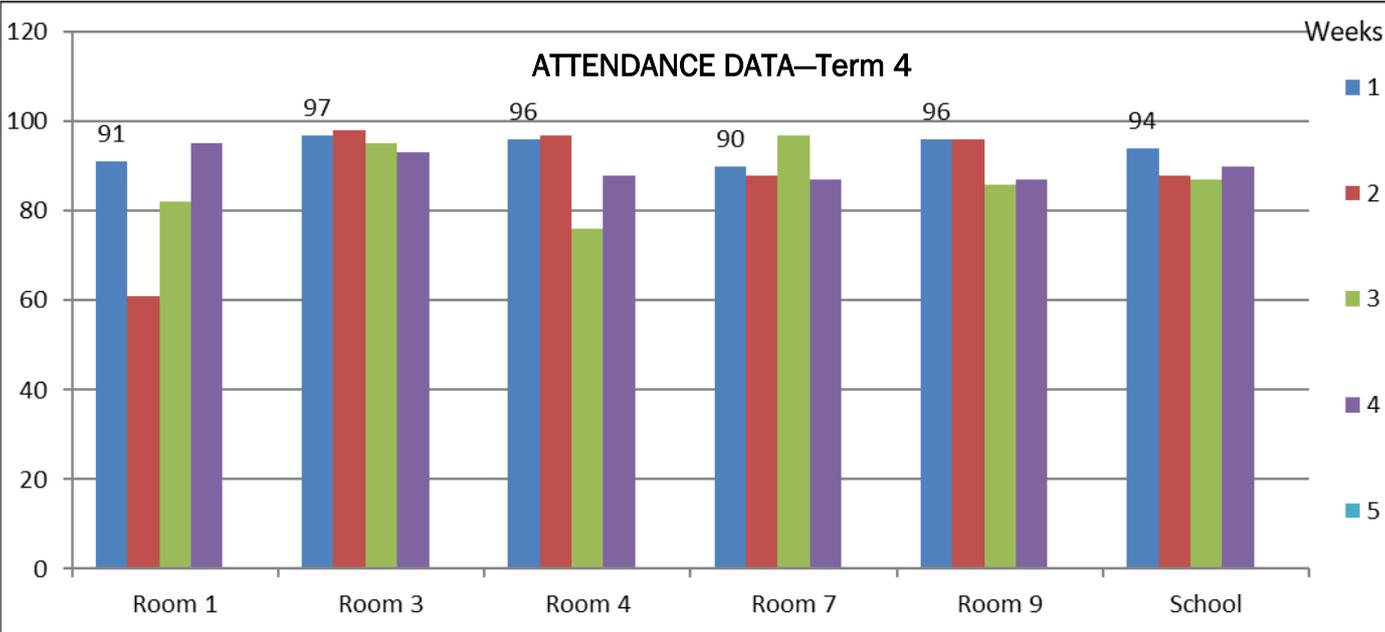
2023:

Planning for 2023 has already commenced in line with Education Department requirements. If you know that you are leaving Belmont Primary School for 2023, could you please let me know asap so that I can work on our class / school numbers for next year.

Please either send me an email to stephane.dann@education.wa.edu.au, or via a note in an envelope, addressed to myself and marked at "Private and Confidential".

Your assistance in this process is greatly appreciated.

With thanks, Stephanie Dann



I was asked why I include attendance records each newsletter. One area of data the Education Department looks at is our Attendance Percentage, and how it compares to other schools and the whole of WA attendance data. They also look at individual student attendance rates and classify attendance as Regular (+90%) Indicated (80-<90%) Moderate (60-<80%) and Severe (<60%)

We submit attendance data twice a year to the Department, and are required to validate absences with notifications from parents for any absences—and especially for students who are indicated as “at risk”. This is also why we ask for information regarding your child’s absence as soon as they return to school—or preferably, that you notify the school as soon as they are sick / medical appointments / or family reasons so it can be recorded as “reasonable” and not “unexplained”.

Our attendance % for 2021 was 90.7%; like schools 91.6% and WA Public Schools 91.0%. Our current attendance rate for 3 terms of 2022 is 83.7% - Regular (53%); Indicated (21%); Moderate (17%) and Severe (9%).

We have 48% Authorised Absences (notes/explanations received) and 52% Unauthorised (no information from parents/caregivers) I do not advocate that you send your child to school if they are unwell, but a simple phone call or email to the teacher or school means that we can record the absence at Authorised. Thank for your understanding.

Birthdays

These children celebrated a birthday since our last newsletter. "Happy Birthday!"



- ◆ Yoedzer W
- ◆ Mrs Albin

Kind Thoughts

"No act of kindness,
no matter how small,
is every wasted."

Aesop



Congratulations

Congratulations to the follow students who received Merit Certificates at our last assembly.

- ◆ Taleen K - Kindergarten
- ◆ Adam W - Kindergarten
- ◆ Aaliyah A - Pre Primary
- ◆ Joshua DS - Year 1
- ◆ Krestin S - Year 2
- ◆ Rihan K - Year 2
- ◆ Mauradya L - Year 4
- ◆ Rujit R - Year 5
- ◆ Jhaoquene B - Year 6
- ◆ Zunaira Q - Year 6

Class News

Kindy—This term the kindy children are learning all about fairy tales. We are currently learning the tale about Goldilocks and the 3 Bears. The children have listened to the story several times and then we all had fun acting it out with all the voices of the characters, in front on our class friend.

Year P/1—Our class has been learning about Western Australia and the First Nations peoples of the South West, the Whadjuk Noongar people. We began by looking at our lives in Western Australia and have begun exploring the flood, culture and language of the Whadjuk Noongar people.

Year 2/3—We have been working very hard to prepare for the assembly we are presented. We have settled back into school with ease and enjoyed hearing about how people spent their school holidays.

Year 4/5—Our class has been learning about who graces the Australian Currency notes and why they have been recognised to have this honour.

In Maths we have been calculating problems involving money and discussing the importance of a budget.

Year 6—The Year 6's spent last Friday at Belmont City College getting a taste of the High School experience. It was great catching up with former Belmont students and every-one had a great day.

We have also been learning about visual literacy in English and reviewing calculation strategies in Maths.