



# Belmont Primary School News

13 March, 2020

Issue # 02

Coming  
Events

**Thursday  
19 March**

Harmony Day  
Interschool Solar  
Car Challenge

**Friday  
20 March**

Skate Clinic  
Years 1—6

**Wednesday  
25 March**

Interschool  
Swimming Carnival

**Friday  
27 March**

Assembly Room 7

Quote of the  
Fortnight

“Be Happy, be  
bright, be you.  
Have a nice  
day!”

Anon

**Dear Parents and Caregivers,**  
Welcome!

Thank you to all parents who have returned their acknowledgement slip for our Good Standing Policy. Please forward these slips to the class teacher if you haven't already done so.

**School Fees:** Thanks to all families who have paid this year's school fees—these fees contribute to our budget, and in turn, extra resources for the school and our students.

Mrs Cassie Rowe is once again donating a bike to be raffled at the first assembly in 2nd term. Your name will be added to a raffle ticket if you have paid your fees, and included in the draw. Thanks to the 2019 P&C, there will be one draw per class for the refund of your fees. This draw will also take place at our first assembly in 2nd Term on the 15th May.

**Toon School Incursion**—As sent out through Connect, this has been postponed until June due to medical reasons. You can still pay the \$6.00 up to the 22nd June.

**Skate Clinic**—a separate note outlining full details will be sent home early next week. This a

free incursion and all students from Room 3 to Room 9 will attend. Don't think I could balance on a skateboard!!!

**Gates:** For the safety and security of students and staff, the gate on Belgravia Street, and the double oval gates on Lapage Street, will be locked at 9:15am daily. Thandar, the cleaner, will open these by 2:15pm each day.

Access to the school will be through the gates near the Library during school hours. Thanks for your understanding.

**School Council—Thursday, 26th March—1:45-3:00pm.** This will be a general meeting open to all parents and caregivers of Belmont PS. During this meeting we will be discussing the roles and responsibilities of a School Council, meeting our current members and answering any questions you may have in regards to the Council. We will be meeting in Room 5—hope to see you there!

**P&C**— It would be great to get this vital committee up and running before the end of term. I would like to call a general information meeting on Monday, 23rd March, from 2:00-3:00pm in Room 6. This will be a getting to know you meeting and looking at the roles and functions of the P&C. Please come along, and bring a friend, for a coffee and

information sharing time. Dads also welcome and encouraged to attend!!!

See you then.

**Class Captains:** To promote more leadership opportunities and add to the Student Voice, each class from Room 3 to Room 9, have nominated two class captains for the remainder of this term. The Captains will discuss areas of need, ideas and suggestions for the school, and general questions within their class. They will meet with the Student Councillors to discuss their class notes, and then the Student Councillors will meet with me to further develop some of the ideas and suggestions.

Congratulations to the following Captains:

Room 3— Flynn—Maria

Room 4— Rujit—Briar

Room 7—Chloe—Lachlan

Room 9—Puni—Sari

**Coronavirus Information:** - an information sheet has been added to the end of this newsletter.

Enjoy the weekend—I think the forecast is for some rain to water the gardens!

*Stephanne Dann.....Principál*

### Merit Certificates

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

Congratulations!

- Cecelia B Kindergarten
- Heba Q Pre Primary
- Aaron R Pre Primary
- Trav M Year 1
- Adam A Year 2
- Trisha S Year 3
- David O Year 4
- Shrinand S Year 4
- Sari W Year 5
- Puni L Year 6

## Science Corner



### Solar Car Challenge

Last Thursday the Year 6 group competed in the School Solar Car Challenge. It looked like it might have to be cancelled due to the cloud cover but somehow the sun peeked through and we raced the best of three races. The winning team is to go to the Synergy Semi-finals at all Saints College next Thursday. Congratulations Cameron, Isla, Yazmin and Daisy. All students did very well making their cars in a time limit. Good luck girls for next week.



### Young Engineers Workshop

Information has arrived about the afterschool science classes run by the Young Engineers for next term. Please note this is an afterschool activity that I organise for our students, it is not compulsory but for interested students wanting some extra extension in science. Flyers went home yesterday.

Payment and registration is through the website on the note. The workshop is for 8

weeks and run for 90 minutes which is why the cost is more than previous years. It works out to \$25 per session and \$190 in total for the course. There are 10 places but if there is more interest more places will be available.

The Young Engineers Club (YEC) will be Thursday afternoons **after** school, 3:15pm to 4:45pm in Room 6. This will start, at Belmont Primary School, in term 2.

May 7,14,21,28 - June 4,18,25 - July 2.

This co-curricular activity allows Year 2 to 6 students to explore STEM concepts by building motorised Lego models.

If your child enjoys building Lego street sweepers, helicopters, dancing cheerleaders, or even a rescue jeep, then this just may be the thing to spark their engineering greatness. It's the perfect way to prepare for the robotics revolution. Limited capacity and Fees apply.

**Registration:**

<https://www.trybooking.com/BIRPD>

**Questions:** perth@young-engineers.com.au or phone 0406 542 912.

**Term 2 Dates:** May 7,14,21,28 - June 4,18,25 - July 2.

Working with Children compliant.

**Waste Wise**

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, clean milk cartons, small card board rolls, tin foil plates and bubble wrap. The teachers and students use these items in mathematics, science, art and design technology.



Room 7 is looking for shoe boxes so if you have any spare take them to their classroom. Remember to bring in your old batteries for recycling and place in the container in the classroom. We are in a school competition to

see which school can collect the most batteries.

We also recycle old mobile phones which can be 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 are also recycling printer cartridges and there is a box outside Room 3. There is also a clothing bin from the Good Samaritans near the double gate.

We collect the food scraps from the students crunch and sip, recess snacks and lunch which go in our compost bin for the vegetable garden.

We thank you for your support.

Fact—The phantom load electricity consumed by appliances like TVs, radios, the microwaves on stand-by can add \$200 a year to your bill.

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**Eat a Rainbow of Vegetables Everyday for Crunch&Sip®!**

Different coloured vegetables and fruit provide different vitamins, minerals and phytonutrients. Eat from across the rainbow to get the right balance of nutrients for good health. Some great options for Crunch&Sip® include:



Red – red capsicum, cherry tomatoes

Orange and yellow – carrot, yellow tomatoes, corn, yellow and orange capsicum

Green – celery, cucumber, snow peas, sugar snap peas, broccoli, green capsicum, spinach, zucchini

Blue and purple – purple carrot, purple cabbage, beetroot

White and brown – cauliflower, mushroom

**Sunsmart**

Ultraviolet radiation can penetrate clouds so do not be fooled when it's overcast. Protect yourself from the sun when the UV Index is 3 or above.



### Water Wise

World Water Day 2020, on 22 March, is about water and climate change – and how the two are linked. For more information, go to <https://www.worldwaterday.org/> World Water Day is an annual United Nations observance day that highlights the importance of freshwater.



Fact— A quarter of the world's population is without safe drinking water.

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.



*Carolyn Waters.....Science Teacher*

## Assembly



## Community News




Belmont Sports and Recreation Club (Inc.)

# BELMONT COMMUNITY DAY

Sunday 1st March 2020  
10am - 2pm

**FREE EVENT**

Meet your Local Community

- Live displays
- Gowrie Early Learning family fun & messy play
- Bouncy Castle
- Barefoot Bowls
- Food available

CNR KEANE ST & ABERNETHY RD  
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admin@bsrc.com.au



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# ICT Integration Digital Technologies

with Mrs McDonald

Students have been working on a variety of activities in ICT/Digital Tech lessons with Mrs McDonald.



Our learning is being documented in our digital Seesaw portfolios. Thank you to the parents who have already returned their agreement note and connected to this. If you need another copy of the note or QR code to connect to your child's portfolio, please see Mrs McDonald.

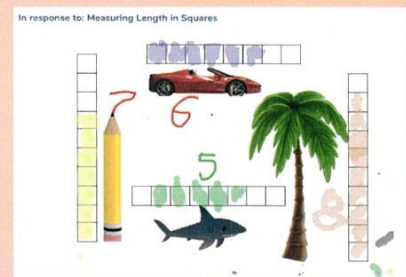
## K/pp

Students have been using Beebot robots to experiment with coding and measurement of length



## pp/1

Students have been using the drawing tools in Seesaw to record the length of different objects.

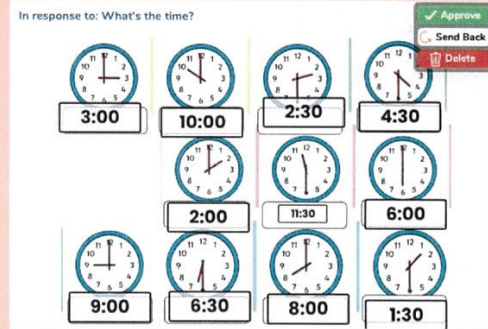


Working on our measurement activity in Digital Technologies

# 2/3

Students have been using the drawing tools in Seesaw to demonstrate their understanding of Time. We use drag and drop techniques to move objects and submit work.

Scan the QR code to view



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# 3/4

Students are learning to program the robot 'Dash' to carry and deliver a purposeful message to a staff member in the school



# 5/6

Students are learning to program the robot 'Sphero' to pull a chariot made from recycled materials around a race course.



## Coronavirus COVID-19 Update, 13 March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

While the situation regarding the COVID-19 continues to evolve, the Department of Education sector has established plans and a team to support principals and schools. It is important that as a school community we apply common sense, factual information and a practical approach to COVID – 19.

If a WA school has to close due to a confirmed case, it will be on advice from the WA Health Department's Chief Health Officer. The Chief Health Officer may, if there has been a positive COVID-19 test result in our school community, close our school temporarily while assessment and tracing of exposure is conducted. A thorough school clean will then be carried out to make the school safe for the return of students and staff.

In this situation the principal will receive direct advice and support regarding the closure process and communication materials from the Department of Education's Coronavirus support team.

Upon the school being notified, all families will be immediately contacted and provided with the relevant information. This contact may be during the school day, or before or after school. It is therefore important that we have up-to-date contact details for your children, please notify the front office if these have changed.

Parents will also be advised of the extent to which class work can be completed at home during this temporary closure and provided with the details of how this will work.

While it is acknowledged that this may be a stressful time for the community, parents are reminded that schools open and close all of the time and that the reason for any school closure will be to ensure the safety of all students and staff.

### How to minimise the spread of COVID-19

- Frequently washing your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, or using an alcohol based hand gel
- Refraining from touching mouth and nose
- If coughing or sneezing, covering your nose and mouth with a paper tissue or flexed elbow
- Dispose of the tissue immediately after use and perform hand hygiene
- Avoiding close contact with anyone if you, or they, have a cold or flu-like symptoms (maintain a distance of at least 1 metre).

### Who cannot attend school – advice as at 11 March 2020

Students or staff cannot attend school and need to self-quarantine if they have:

- a. left or transited through **mainland China** in the last 14 days, they must isolate themselves for 14 days from the date of leaving mainland China;
- b. left or transited through **Iran** on or after 1 March, they must isolate themselves for 14 days after leaving Iran;

- c. left or transited through the **Republic of Korea**, on or after 5 March, they must isolate themselves for 14 days after leaving the Republic of Korea;
- d. left or transited through **Italy**, on or after 11 March, they must isolate themselves for 14 days after leaving **Italy**. People who left or transited through Italy prior to 11 March, should monitor symptoms and seek medical attention should they feel unwell; and
- e. been informed by public health authorities that they have been in close contact with a confirmed case of coronavirus, they must isolate themselves for 14 days after the date of last contact with the confirmed case.

Students or staff who have been tested for COVID-19 should follow the advice of the Department of Health and stay away from school whilst awaiting results.

### **COVID-19 symptoms**

People with COVID-19 may experience:

- fever;
- flu-like symptoms such as coughing, sore throat and fatigue; or
- shortness of breath.

For the latest health information and health related enquiries please visit [WA Department of Health](#) or access the helpline 1800 020 080.

### **COVID-19 testing**

The WA Chief Health Officer, Dr Andrew Robertson, has advised people should not go to be tested for COVID-19 to either COVID Clinics or GPs unless they are currently experiencing symptoms and meet the testing criteria.

To be eligible for testing people must:

- be currently experiencing symptoms such as fever, cough or sore throat AND have
- returned from overseas travel in the last 14 days
- OR be currently experiencing symptoms, and be a contact of a confirmed case
- OR be currently experiencing symptoms and believe they have been in close contact with a person infected with COVID-19.

We thank all school community members for their support and understanding during this time.