



# Belmont Primary School News

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Issue # 02

Coming  
Events

**Thursday  
5 March**

In School Solar Car  
Challenge

**Friday  
13 March**

Assembly  
Room 9  
Next Newsletter

**Monday  
16 March**

Toon School  
Incursion

**Thursday  
19 March**

Harmony Day  
Interschool Solar  
Car Challenge

Quote of the  
Fortnight

“A smiling face  
is a beautiful  
face. A smiling  
heart is a happy  
heart”

Anon

**Dear Parents and Caregivers,**

Welcome to the end of our first month for 2020.

We have had to have a little reshuffle with the increased numbers in our Pre-Primary class. 7 Pre-Primary students have moved to Room 3 and this now becomes a PP/Yr 1 class. The Year 2 students are now altogether in Room 4, and this remains a Year 2/3 class. There have not been any changes made to Rooms 7 & 9.

My sincere thanks to all the parents who have ensured that this was a very smooth transition—a big thank you to the students who made the move and have settled into their new classes very quickly.

And an even bigger thank you to the teachers involved in this move, who welcomed the new students into their classes and have continued in a positive and caring way.

**Good Standing Policy:** As a requirement from the Education Department, Belmont Primary School staff have established a Good Standing Policy. This has now been approved by and endorsed by the School Council. A Copy will be sent home with each family. Could you please

sign the acknowledgement slip and send this back to the class teacher as our record that you have understood and agreed to the policy. Thanks.

**ToonSchool Incursion:** Joffa will be visiting our school again on the 16th March to run his cartooning sessions. An incursion note will be sent out with this newsletter. Please note that it is a paid incursion—at a cost of \$6 per child. This will need to be paid before the sessions otherwise the child will not be able to attend. All students from Kindy to Pre-Primary.

**Skate Clinic:** We are fortunate to have been offered free skate lessons—skateboards or scooters. This will take place on Friday, 20th March with clinics for Rooms 3 to 9. Room 1 will not be included in these clinics. A note will be going home next week with all the relevant information.

**Thank You** to all parents for following my request of not sending children to school until 8:15am and leaving school grounds by 3:15pm. Can I once again request that parents do not wait outside classrooms at the end of the day—and wait in the undercover area instead. You can then go to classes when the bell rings to pick up your children.

It's been a busy four weeks, so enjoy the long weekend with your family.

*Stephanne Dann.....Principal*

Congratulations to our new Year 6 School Councillors for 1st Semester.

Jackson, Isla, Daisy and Evie.

I look forward to working with you, along with the class captains, over the year.

*Stephanne Dann—Principal*

### Merit Certificates

The following students were awarded Merit Certificates at this morning's assembly.

Congratulations!

- Brad G            Pre Primary
- Hope B            Pre Primary
- Flynn C            Year 1
- Karey G            Year 2
- Emaan Z            Year 2
- Hartlee M          Year 3
- Lachlan W        Year 4
- Jayden J            Year 4
- Sania S            Year 5
- Jackson F          Year 6



### Class News

**Kindy/Pre-Primary**—Room 1 has had a fabulous and busy start to the year. We have 10 new Kindergarten students who have started at Belmont Primary as well as several new Pre-Primary students. Mrs Tedge is new to our school and loving working here.

For the past few weeks, we have been learning how to use our listening ears to hear sounds in our environment.

In Maths we have been learning how to count objects, one at a time.

We have an exciting term ahead of us and can't wait to see how it unfolds.

**Year 1**—Room 3 have made a fantastic start to 2020! Our teachers, Mrs Callaghan and Mrs Rigby, are super proud of our efforts.

We have been busy setting some goals for the year and have been learning how to tell the time.

Mrs Rigby showed us how to draw our self-portraits and they look amazing! We can't wait to see what else we will learn this term.

**Year 2/3**—Room 4 have had a busy start to the school year. We have welcomed two new students, Emaan and Adam, as well as having two teachers, Mrs Baldwin and Mrs Callaghan.

So far we have created some fantastic art pieces to decorate our room and have been learning how to write recounts and persuasive texts.

In Maths we have really enjoyed our Number Crunch sessions and learning to tell the time.

We have enjoyed our gardening on Thursdays with Mrs Tero and can't wait to see what else term 1 has in store for us!

**Year 3/4**—Room 7 have had a positive and productive start to 2020. We have enjoyed getting to know each other and establishing our goals for the year.

We are working hard to save up for rewards with our classroom cash.

We're enjoying our class text for the term "The One and Only Ivan" written by Katherine Applegate.

**Year 5/6**—Room 9 has started the year very well. The Year 6's are working well with the Year 5's to get all the extra jobs done they need to do around the school.

In Maths we have been looking at Place Value, Formal and Informal measure and various types of lines.

We have completed "How I Shine" display piece.

We have been researching the Olympics.

## 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.

If at any time you wish to speak with me about your child's progress, please come and see me on a Wednesday or Thursday when I am at school.

Today the whole school (K to Yr 6) Took part in the Schools Clean-up day. We have been taking part in this activity for 12years! We collected 3.995kg of rubbish considerably less than last year. The results are sent to Clean Up Australia. Hope fully next year we can improve on this and find even less rubbish.

Thank you to the parents who helped their classroom clean up the area as well.

We will be having after school science next term. There have been changes to this program. We will be running a Young Engineers' Club. The program will run for 8 weeks and each session will be 90 minutes long. There will be a price increase but it is for a longer session time and extended program. There will be 10 places to start and run on Thursdays. More details when I receive the information.

### Waste Wise

We have been a Waste Wise school since 2009 and the school will continue the program in 2020.



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.

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. In 2018 we won but unfortunately it was not the case last year. Clayton View Primary won with 119.9 kg and Belmont Primary collected 89.8kg. 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 are also recycling printer cartridges and there is a box outside room 3. We thank you for your support. 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.

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

### 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 2020 .

Please view the Crunch and Sip website [www.crunchandsip.com.au](http://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 to the parents who attended the Packed for Goodness workshop.

We appreciate your continued support.

**Don't forget Crunch&Sip® in the school bag every day...**

**CRUNCH:**

- ✓ Easy-to-eat seasonal fruit such as a small apple, a container with hulled strawberries, a mandarin or banana OR
- ✓ Canned fruit in natural juice with a spoon OR
- ✓ Vegetables such as carrot or celery sticks, cherry tomatoes or snow peas

**AND SIP:**

- ✓ A clean, clear water bottle filled with plain water

Crunch&Sip® is a set break for your child to eat fruit or salad vegetables and drink water in the classroom.

[www.crunchandsip.com.au](http://www.crunchandsip.com.au)

### 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. They will need their hat for recess, lunchtime, physical education, gardening, any classroom activities that are taken outside and excursions.

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!

*Carolyn Waters.....Science Teacher*

### Water Wise



Fact—About 70% of an adult's body is made up of water.

### Tip



**Reduce your sprinkler time**  
Most irrigation systems can be reduced by 2 minutes per station and still maintain a healthy garden.

**WATER EDUCATION**



## Year 5/6 Room 9

### Term 1

What a terrific and tremendous start to 2020 we are having!

During Science, we have been brand analysing paper towels for strength and absorbency. We have also been investigating circuits and switches with Mrs Waters.

The Year 6 class have been working with Mrs Waters on the Solar Car Challenge and have found it very exciting!

The Year 6 class for 2020, have delivered their Councillor Speeches to classes from Year 3 and up. Congratulations to Daisy, Evie, Jackson and Isla for becoming Semester 1 Student Councillors.

In class we have are concentrating on being very consistent with our handwriting and work presentation. Ensuring we are trying our best at all times.

We have also been investigating and drawing different types of angles, are becoming more familiar with algorithms involving decimals during Maths.

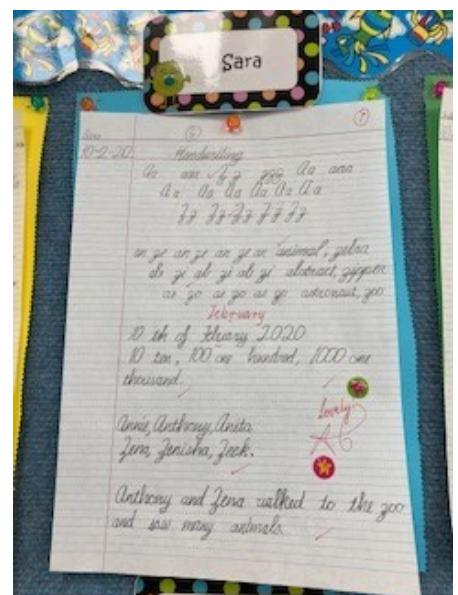
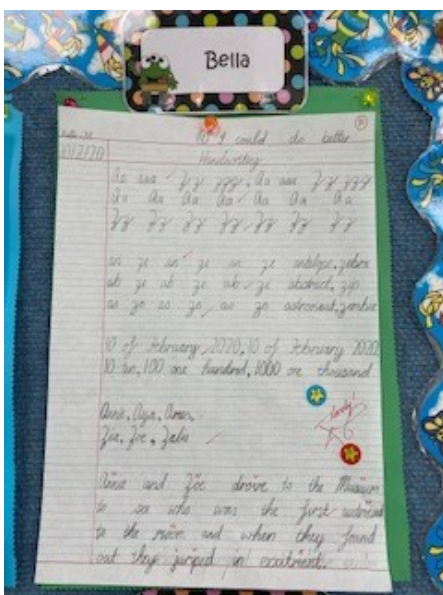
This Term thanks to Mrs Macdonald's organising skills, we have been learning all about Cricket Skills on a Friday afternoon. WE LOVE IT!!! Joel our coach is fantastic and very positive in developing our skills.

In STEM we have entered the Toyota Future Car challenge with Mrs Macdonald. We have designed cars of the future with a social and environmental issues emphasis. The ideas the students have incorporated have been out of this world!

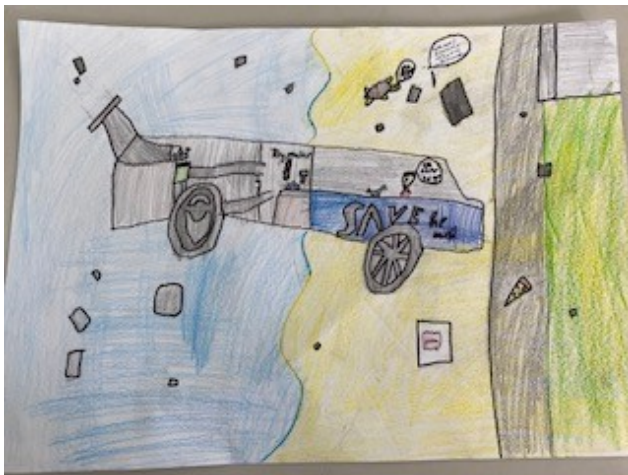
We have been given the go ahead to paint our Classroom to make it fresh and improve our positive learning environment.

It is a great pleasure to teach the Year 5/6 class this year. Wishing everyone a fabulous month leading up to the next Holidays!

Mrs Baxter



Year 5/6 Room 9  
Term 1



# Year 5/6 Room 9 Term 1





**GRAB YOUR FRIENDS & ENTER YOUR TEAM NOW**

South Perth Junior Cricket Club & WACA are hosting a **GIRLS ONLY** Master Blast program in Term 1.

- Teams of 6 (Years 3 – 6)
- \$30 for 5 weeks, commencing Thursday 05 March 2020
- Play in your Primary School Team

Sign up for at [www.playcricket.com.au](http://www.playcricket.com.au)

Contact Vicki Chandler for more details M: 0428463779 E: [vicki.chandler@waca.com.au](mailto:vicki.chandler@waca.com.au)