



Belmont News

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COMING EVENTS

- Week 1... Students returned to school—Welcome Back!
- Tuesday, 1st Feb—Chinese New Year—Year of the Tiger
- Friday, 4th Feb—Councillor Speeches Assembly

FUTURE EVENTS

- ♦ Parent Class Information Sessions—Week 3
- ♦ After School Science—Thursday, 17th February
- ♦ Room 9 Assembly—Friday, 25th February
- ♦ Room 9 Newsletter—Friday, 25th February
- ♦ School Council Meeting—Wed 2nd March
- ♦ Clean Up Day—3rd March
- ♦ Labour Day Holiday—Monday 7th March
- ♦ International Women's Day—8th March
- ♦ Newsletter—Whole School ICT—11th March
- ♦ Swimming Lessons—PP—Year 6—14th –25th March
- ♦ St Patrick's Day—17th March
- ♦ Room 7 Assembly—Friday 18th March
- ♦ Room 7 Newsletter—Friday 18th March
- ♦ Earth Day—19th March
- ♦ Harmony Day—"Everyone Belongs" - Monday 21st March
- ♦ Cricket Carnival—Wednesday 30th March
- ♦ School Council Meeting—Wed 6th April
- ♦ Easter Activity—Thursday 7th April
- ♦ Citizenship Assembly—Friday 8th April
- ♦ Room 4 & 1st Term Roundup Newsletter—Friday 8th April
- ♦ Term 1 ends—Friday 8th April
- ♦ Students Return—2nd Term—Wednesday 27th April

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

WELCOME BACK: Another great start to a school year—it's almost as though the holidays didn't exist and we are back into the swing of things. Welcome to all our new Families—I'm sure your children will have a great time at Belmont Primary School.

STAFF CHANGES: A staff update was sent out via Connect last week, but as a reminder, and in case you are not on Connect, our classes and teachers are as follows:

Deputy Principal—Mrs Rebecca Reiger—Tuesday-Wednesday and Friday
Kindy—Odd Weeks—Tuesday and Wednesday; Even Weeks—Monday-Tuesday and Wednesday.
Teacher—Mrs Karen Baldwin; Education Assistant—Mrs Hellen Thomas
PP/Year 1—Mrs Nicole Wiseman (Monday-Tuesday); Miss Rebecca Lally—Wednesday-Friday
Year 2/3—Mrs Melissa McDonald
Year 4/5—Mrs Claire Baxter
Year 6—Mr Paul Young
Science and Design Technologies—Mrs Carolyn Waters—Wednesday & Thursday
Music / Choir—Mrs Margaret Alban—Wednesday and Friday
LOTE—Japanese—Miss Victoria Kenaxi—Tuesday
Education Assistants—Mrs Lyn Robinson—Monday-Thursday; Mrs Carol Clemence—Monday-Thursday-Friday; Mrs Louise Tero— Thursday
MCS—Mrs Pani Fitzpatrick—Monday-Thursday; School Officer—Mrs Vicki Westcott—Thursday-Friday
Mrs Marcia Rigby is on leave until the end of May; Mrs Callaghan is on leave until the end of 1st Semester; Mrs Donna Taylor is on leave for 2022.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS: These are planned for Week 3 of this term and teachers will send out a Connect notice as to when their meetings will be held. Until further notice re: COVID restrictions are received, these will be held after school and will be conducted in the new Meeting Room which is well-ventilated and has fans. These are information sessions only where teachers will outline their philosophies, class organisation, a little about themselves and answer any questions as a group. We will require you to sign in (teachers will have a registration sheet) and wear masks. Any parent who cannot attend the meetings will be forwarded a "pamphlet" covering all the above areas. Teachers will also inform parents when they can conduct one-on-one interviews as needed or requested by you.

PICK UP: Just a reminder that Kindy students will be coming to the gates at 2:55pm—this gives parents a bit of time to get your "little" one before the rest of the school comes out at 3:00pm. It has been noted that parents are parking along the road waiting for their children, and causing a traffic block coming off Great Eastern Highway. This is a real danger, especially if you are calling your child to run out to the car, and also for cars trying to drive down Lapage Street. I do not want to be a witness to a serious accident. Could I also please remind you that it is 40kph in school zones—this means leaving the carpark as well.

Newsletters: With the teachers updating Connect on a weekly basis, we will now be producing a newsletter every three weeks—this will still include a class contribution for each newsletter. Any important notices from me, or other admin, will be sent out via Connect. We will also be working hard on getting our website updated and current.

Have a great weekend—find somewhere cool to spend your time.....Stephanne Dann

Medications:

Student Medications If your child requires medication at school, please ensure you bring it to the new office on Monday so we can register it in our system. Any new medications will require a form to be completed.

Classes: All parents should have received a text message notifying them of their child's classroom and teacher. If you did not receive a message, please check the school has your current contact details.

Gifted and Talented Programs for 2023:

Year 7 Gifted and Talented Programs 2023 Applications for Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Programs close on 13 February 2022.

Please use the link below to access the information.

www.education.wa.edu.au/gifted-and-talented

Week 5 Learning Adjustment Plans and Letters:

In Week 5 this term you may receive a Teaching and Learning Adjustment Letter or IEP for your child. **Adjustments made by the classroom teacher enable students with additional learning and support needs better access to the year level curriculum.**

This personalised approach to teaching and learning delivers rigorous, meaningful and dignified learning programs to the students here at Belmont Primary School.

If you receive one of these letters or plans please sign and return the slips that are attached within the time frames suggested as proof that you have read and are aware of the adjustments that are in place for your child in their classroom.

Students, parents, carers, teachers and schools that work together to develop tailored and personalised programs that help students get the most out of their school life are successful and effective places to be.

Teachers, as well as parents, are encouraged to call or book an appointment to discuss the plans or letters in place. This will ensure that the documents are collaborative, constantly evolving and responsive to our student needs.

PP On Entry Explained and Practice:

During weeks 3 to 6 of Term 1, teachers assess each Pre-primary student's skills and understandings of oral language, reading, writing and numeracy.

The teachers will conduct the assessment one-on-one with each child. The information provided enables the teacher to plan for the learning needs of every child, including those who may need additional support or extension.

Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN Explained and Practice:

NAPLAN is a point-in-time assessment that allows parents and carers to see how their child is progressing in literacy and numeracy against the national standard and compared with their peers throughout Australia. At the classroom level, NAPLAN provides additional information to support teachers' professional judgement about student progress.

More Information for parents and support practice materials can be found at:

<https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/the-tests>

Traffic Warden Required

There is an urgent need for Traffic Wardens to assist Belmont Primary School students. If any Parents/Grandparents are interested in becoming a Traffic Warden they can contact the Children's Crossings Unit direct on 6274 8731. An application pack can be sent to them. If they are successful in applying for the position and pass their training, they can be placed at your crossing, if it is one of our unmanned crossings only. It is also a paid position which does not affect a pension too much if employment is taken up. It would be highly recommended that any potential candidate on a pension contact Centrelink to have a chat. The current pay rate is around \$25.58 per hour - two hours per day/five days per week.

To become a Traffic Warden, we require the applicant have access to email, a full driver's license with access to a vehicle and be able to work the full 10 shifts per week - one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon. Any applicant signed up in this manner, who is a part of the school community, must reside within a 10km radius of their crossing/school.

Once the application has been submitted, it will commence the application process which involves a background check through WA Police Force Personal Security Vetting Unit. If they are supported they will be sent a medical assessment to take to their doctor which will need to be paid for by the applicant and reimbursed by the Children's Crossings Unit - up to \$70.00. Once they have passed the medical assessment they will be invited to attend State Traffic Operations in Midland for a training day which will last for about 4 - 5 hours. Thank you.

Birthdays

These children celebrated a birthday during the last week

Shiloh
Trav
Ayden
Kenji
Dilpreet
Zachary
Cliffeisha

We hope you had a great day



Thoughts of the Week

One lie spoils a thousand truths

Be true to yourself

