

Belmont Primary School News

24 July, 2020

Issue # 08

Coming Events

Monday 27 July

100 Days Celebrations

Tuesday 28 July

Dance Lessons continue

Tuesday 4 August

P&C Meeting 2pm

Friday 7 August

Music Assembly

Quote of the Fortnight

"Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see a shadow."

Helen Keller

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It's been another smooth and happy start to Term 3. Thank you again to all parents who are following our Social Distancing requirements—I know that some parents would like to be back in visiting classes, but we need to ensure our students and staff are in a safe environment. We certainly don't want to be in a "lockdown" situation again.

If you need to attend the office, or meet with a teacher, please sign in at the front office and follow the social distancing requirements. We do appreciate you cooperation in adhering to these health requirements.

A reminder that our only access at the moment is through the small gate entrance on Lapage Street—please do not use the staff car park entrance—and a phone call to the front office will ensure that someone comes out to unlock the gate for you.

Running Club: Thanks to Mrs McDonald for organising this activity for the coming 4 weeks to prepare for the Cross Country event. Mrs McDonald will open the oval gates at 8:00am where students participating in this group will enter. The gates will be closed at 8.05am. This is only

for Year 3-6 students—and if students turn up, they are expected to participate in the running activities. Students will be dismissed at 8:25am to go straight to their classes.

Term Planner: This was sent out as a hard copy at the end of 2nd Term. Please keep a record of upcoming events.

We invite parents to attend our Assemblies this term, keeping in mind that the Social Distancing rules are still in force for seating arrangements. Our first Assembly will be a Music sing-a-long with all students learning the same songs over the coming weeks.

P&C Meetings—thanks to those parents who attended our first "Meet & Greet" meeting at the end of last term. Our first meeting is planned for Tuesday, 4th August, starting at 2:00pm in Room 5. Please join us!

School Council—will also meet for the first time this term on the 13th August. Following this meeting, I will list the parent representative who will become your voice at our meetings. If you are interested in being on the Council, but still unsure what that means, please come to our first meeting.

Dance Lessons: These started on our first day back—Tuesday. I watched nearly all the classes, and

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I'm already impressed with the skills and dance moves seen in that short time. Tayla, the dance teacher, was very complimentary about the students' behaviour, skills, participation and enthusiasm—well done, everyone!

Remember, Kindy Green parents, that your child can come and participate from 8:45-9:15am and then go home. Kindy Green parents are able to sit in the undercover area during their lesson.

Don't forget, our Dance Presentation Night is on Tuesday, 22nd September—starting at 6:00pm—and held in the undercover area.

100 Day Celebrations: The whole school will be involved in some fun activities this coming Monday, 27th July, to celebrate 100 days since the start of this school year. Students will be put in multi-age groups and it will be great to see our older students work with the junior students.

Thanks to Mrs Baldwin for organising this event.

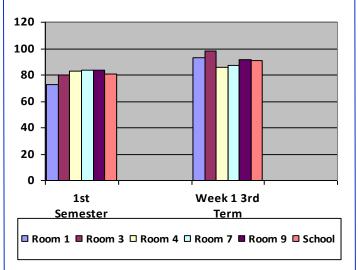
Swimming: A reminder that we managed to get our swimming lessons in weeks 5 & 6 of 4th term—with lessons starting at 10:50am—we will be back in warm weather by then! As this is part of our Physical Education program, all students (from Pre-Primary to Year 6) are expected to attend unless they have a valid medical reason. A detailed timetable and excursion form will be sent home at the beginning of 4th term.

Raffle Draw: Don't forget that all families who pay their school fees will go in to a draw to win a bike which is kindly donated by our local MP, Cassie Rowe. This draw will take place on September 11.

Once again, thank you one and all for your support and cooperation during this "different" time, which is greatly appreciated by us all. Enjoy the sunshine.

Stephanne Dann.....Principal

Attendance:



The graph is showing average attendance rates for 1st Semester and the 1st week of this term for all rooms. I will be adding this to our newsletters this term—covering a two week period each time.

Did you know:

- the attendance habits set by children when they first start school continue throughout their school life
- missing half a day of school each week equates to one month of missed learning each year
- if children miss half a day of school each week between Pre-primary and Year 10, they would miss almost one full year of learning
- learning is cumulative if children miss a day, it is harder for them to catch up.
- If one of your children is unwell and unable to go to school, let the school know straight away by telephone or by the school app. If they miss a day it is important you talk with their teacher to find out how you can help them catch up. Please remember to send a note explaining absences to the class teacher. These are recorded for auditing purposes and can be asked for by the Education Department. Currently, our unexplained absences are below an acceptable level. Thanks.

Office News

School Accounts

All contributions and payments may be paid by Direct Deposit, Eftpos or you may phone the office with credit card details and we can process for you.

Direct Deposit details;

BSB: 066 040

Account #: 19901797

(Please put your child's name in reference)

A big thank you to all the families who have

already paid ©

Science Corner

We will be having after School Science this term. Information has arrived about the after school science classes run by the Young Engineers Club (YEC) for this term. Please note this is an afterschool organise activity that I for students, and is not compulsory but for interested students from Years wanting some extra extension in science.

Flyers were sent home this week. Payment and registration is through the website and not through the school.

The workshop is for 6 weeks and runs Thursdays after school for 90 minutes, 3.15pm to 4.45pm in the Science Lab (Room 6). There are 10 places available, but if there is more interest, more places will be available. The cost is \$159.00 for the 6 sessions.

This co –curricular activity allows Year 2-6 students 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 may just be the thing to spark their engineering greatness. It's the perfect way to prepare for the robotics

revolution. Limited capacity. Fees apply.

Registration: http://wwwtrybooking.com/ BIRPD

Any questions please email: <u>perth@young</u> -engineers.com.au or phone 0406542912.

Carolyn Waters—Science Teacher



STARTS: Thurdays (starts Aug 20th 2020) perfect for Grade TIMING: 3:15pm-4:45pm

Students

WHERE: BELMONT PRIMARY (SCIENCE LAB)

[TERM 3 DATES: AUG 20, 27; SEP 3, 10, 17, 24]

MORE INFO & REGISTER >> HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/BIRPD

OUR AIM:

Ignite a student's passion for science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) using LEGO® bricks and robotics. Learn | Design | Experiment | Imagine

Community News

Perth Goju Karate teaches karate classes in your local area. A special offer for the school's students - 4 WEEKS FREE beginners karate lessons! Classes PERTH GOJU KARATE are held after school and are a great way for children of all ages to learn selfdefense in a fun and safe environment.

Karate has many benefits which include confidence, respect, discipline and fitness.

Call now to take advantage of this 4 week

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