



Department of
Education

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,

And it's Term 4 already. I've already spoken to some parents at the gate and the common line of thought is....."where has this year gone?"

As you can see on the left-hand column, although not as many whole school activities, it is still a very busy term—culminating in our end-of-year Concert and Awards Presentation Night. I hope you have marked this night on your calendar already. The Year 6 students are also getting very excited (and with some apprehension) with this being their last term at Primary School. They all attended Belmont City College today to see what it will be like at High School, so it will be interesting to get their thoughts and reflections when they return on Monday.

COVID—As you would be aware, National Cabinet agreed on 30 September 2022 to implement a nationally consistent approach to easing Australia's COVID-19 response measures.

From today (14 October 2022) the COVID Transition (Testing and Isolation) Directions are revoked. This removes mandatory requirements for isolation and testing for cases and close contacts.

We know that COVID-19 remains a risk to our health and wellbeing, particularly those vulnerable to respiratory illness, so it is very important for all of us to take personal responsibility to keep ourselves, our families and our colleagues safe. We ask that you continue to keep your child home if he/she is sick, and notify the school, but you do not have to report any RAT results to us. I have attached a letter from the Education Department at the end of this newsletter.

As from next week, I will open the meeting room at 2:45pm if parents would like to sit in there to wait and chat and get to know each other. On the 11th November, following Room 3's assembly, we will open classes again for parents to visit for 15 minutes to look at the work on display and have a chat with your child about the work they have done this year.

Congratulations—As most parents are aware, Miss Lally left just before the end of 3rd term to await the arrival of her baby. I'm happy to announce that she had a beautiful little girl, arriving on the 9th October. Congratulations to Miss Lally and her family.

Welcome—Miss O'Neill has taken over Miss Lally's role in Room 3 and we welcome her to Belmont Primary School. I know that Miss O'Neill will have a great time here and that you will all make her feel really welcomed.

School Council Meeting—this will be held on the 3rd November for Council members, but if you have anything you would like discussed at this meeting, can you please forward it to me next week. Thanks.

P&C—a big "thank you" to all the work done this year by our P&C. The next meeting is set for Thursday, 20th October, starting at 8:45am. We would love to see you there!

Have an awesome weekend.....Stephanne Dann



Dear Parents and Carers

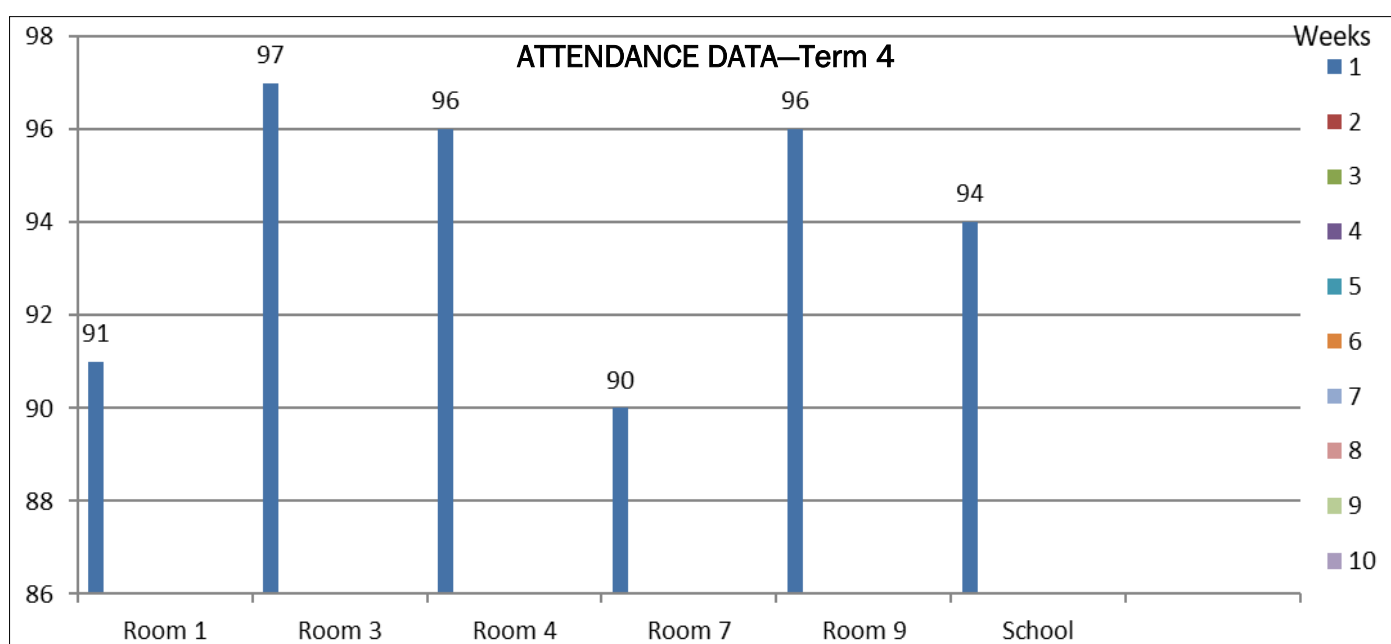
From Friday 14 October, COVID-19 mandatory isolation requirements will be removed. This change was agreed to at National Cabinet and further information will be provided later this week.

Current settings remain in place until midnight Thursday 13 October. Please visit healthywa.wa.gov.au for up-to-date COVID-19 related support and advice.

All of us have an important role to play in supporting a healthy community by following the advice outlined on healthywa.wa.gov.au.

Please contact 6216 1800 if you have any queries about COVID-19 safe measures in our school. Thank you for your continued support of the school community in keeping our school community safe.

Kind regards.



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!"



- ♦ Isabella
- ♦ Nadeen
- ♦ Jamileyah
- ♦ Tristen
- ♦ Sienna
- ♦ Nancy
- ♦ Ms Dann

Kind Thoughts

"Too often we underestimate the power of a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."

Leo Buscaglia—Random acts of Kindness



Room 3 News

Ahoy ye land lubbers!

Room 3 celebrated "Talk Like a Pirate Day" on September 19th. We had many land and sea adventures during the day.

We wrote desperate letters for 'HELP!' as we were stranded on a deserted island because of mutiny, enormous sea monsters, vicious storms or rocks. We rolled these scrolls into bottles and sent them over the Belmont Seas in the hope they land on shore and into the hands of our saviours (our Year 6 buddies).

The game of Dodge the Cannon Ball was played. It was difficult for our peg leg pirates but they managed to dodge out of the way and to safety.

Our hungry pirates were delighted to eat fish and chips for lunch.



Room 3 News

This term, Room 3 are getting their classroom passports ready and are going to travel through Australia and parts of Asia. They will be learning about the indigenous foods, plants, songs, clothes, art and cultures of these countries.

We are starting with our home, Western Australia – Rottnest, Devil's Lair and the Swan River.

We have already looked into the Noongar Seasons – Birak, Bunuru, Djeran, Makuru, Djilba and Kambarang and their relationship to our Western seasons. We have found quite a few differences. The plants, animals and weather that occurs during these seasons have been studied and were mapped on a wheel.

The students talked about which season they liked and why. Here are some of their ideas. Which is your favourite Noongar Season and why?

My favourite Noongar season is....

Max - Kambarang because there is nature growing.

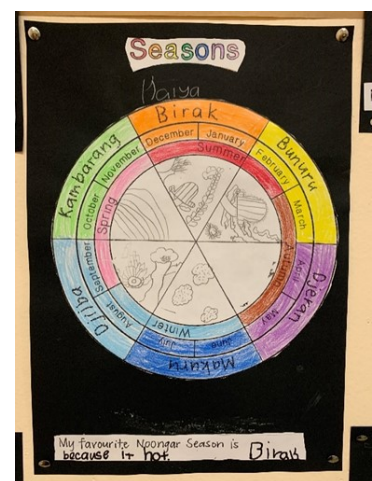
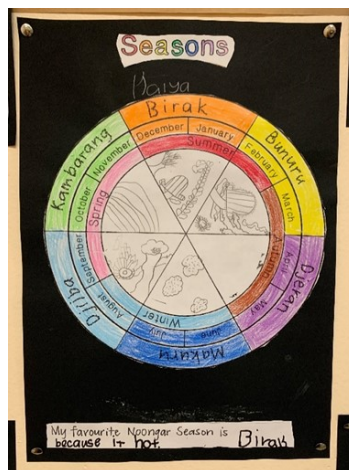
Sienna - Bunuru because it is hot, my favourite day.

Joshua - Kambarang because it is my birthday.

Kaiya - Birak because it is hot.

Saga - Kambarang because it is Spring.

Chloe - Bunuru because I like to eat ice cream.



In HASS, for our first week exploring life and culture in Western Australia, we first looked at our own lives and how we live in Western Australia. We asked ourselves the questions of: what is a special place that we like to visit in Western Australia, what sort of foods do we eat, what do our houses look like and what are the things we like to do?

Next week we will look at the perspective of our First Nation's people and explore what places are significant to them, the Dreaming stories that explain the creation and significance of these places, what cultural foods do they eat, and some of the language they use.

Miss O'Niell and Mrs Wiseman

Room 3 Teachers

P & C News

Welcome to Term 4 from Your P&C!

We are looking forward to this last term of the year with our students and families. Please join us next week for our first P&C meeting of the term at 8.45am Thursday 20th October. We will be focusing on events for Term 4 and your attendance and input is always welcome.

We had a busy end to Term 3 and hope you enjoy this recap.

Sports Carnival Yummy Things Stall

Thank you to all the parents who contributed or purchased from our yummy things stall. Another fabulous sports carnival was enjoyed with beautiful weather. A big thank you to Jacqui for organising the stall and to all helpers, and to school staff for everything they did to pull another sports carnival off.

Parliament House Visit

Member for Belmont Cassie Rowe invited our P&C, along with others in the City of Belmont, to a morning tea at Parliament House to thank and recognise us for what we do for our school communities and students. We even had some of our littlest school community members attend and benefit from the opportunity to see inside this historic and meaningful building and meet other P&C members in our local area.

Father's Day Stall

Thank you to Jana for heading up the stall this year. The students were very excited again, and eager to put their budgeting and adding skills to the test to get the best gifts for dad or granddad or another special person in their life.



Community News

CITY OF BELMONT

Children's Week Playdate



Celebrate, play and discover new activities at the Children's Week Playdate 2022. There will be lots of free activities for all the family to enjoy, including: St John Ambulance Tours, Story Time/Puppet Show, Swan Valley Cuddly Animal Farm, Freedom Fairies Face Painting.

There will be a range of Early Years providers with information for parents and families, and a light morning tea for children provided.

Date: Wednesday, 26 October

Time: 9:30am to 12:30pm

Location: The Glasshouse (formerly Ruth Faulkner Library), 215 Wright Street, Cloverdale

Book free tickets via childrens-week-playdate-2022.eventbrite.com.au or contact the City's Community Development team at community.development@belmont.wa.gov.au or phone 9477 7146.

For more City of Belmont events visit belmont.wa.gov.au/events-calendar



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LOADSTAR Caged Trailer (inc Rego, Wheel Clamp, Trailer Lock worth \$3000)
9 Person Tent
Kids Kayak, Paddle & Life Jacket
4 Camping Chairs
4 Sleeping Bags (2 Adult, 2 Kids)
1 Camping Table
1 Folding Wagon
1 Family Picnic Blanket
Family Card Games
Assorted Fishing Gear and Solid Timber Chopping Board (valued at over \$350)

2nd Prize - Total Value \$620
\$350 IFLY Voucher
\$150 Reading Cinemas Vouchers
Entertainment Book Membership

3rd Prize - Total Value \$400
\$150 Sapore Voucher
Gourmet Food Hamper
1 Carton Craft Beer
1 Carton Wine



Tickets \$20

A Big THANK YOU to our sponsors Loadstar Trailers, Cassie Rowe MLA, Bunnings Belmont, Reading Cinemas, Zaneta Mascarenhas MP & Councillor Robert Rossi
Raffle closes 31 October. Drawn 4 November 2022

QUIZ NIGHT

&

SILENT AUCTION

**SATURDAY 15
OCTOBER 2022
7:00PM FOR 7:30 START**

**\$20 PER PERSON TABLES OF 8
(TABLES OF 8)**

**EAST PERTH FOOTBALL CLUB
244 Vincent St Leederville**

Licensed Premises

Wine, Spirits & Soft Drinks available from the Bar

RAFFLES AND CONSOLATION PRIZES!

1 FOR A GREAT FAMILY FUN NIGHT

OUR OWN FOOD AND SNACKS

TO BOOK CALL:

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OR

TERRY RUSH 0411 553 443

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THIS IS A CHARITY FUND RAISING EVENT TO SUPPORT ROTARY PROJECTS