



Belmont Primary School News

24 August, 2018

Issue # 13

Coming
Events

Friday

31 August

Assembly—Room 3
Fathers Day Stall

Monday

3 September

Rooms 3 & 4
CREEC incursion

Tuesday

4 September

Faction Jumps and
Throws

Wednesday

5 September

Faction Carnival

Quote of the
Fortnight

“Try to
be a rainbow in
some-one’s
cloud”

Maya Angelou

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What another busy fortnight which has quickly rushed by!

Thanks to Mrs Waters for organising the activities and dress up day for Science Week. We have a lot of budding Scientists out there.

Also a big “congratulations” to everyone who made a plane and had a go in the Plane Competition.—and an even bigger congratulations to all the winners. It was a windy day, and some of the planes ended up blowing backwards!!!

Book Week this year was “Find Your Treasure” and this meant that you were only limited by your imagination when dressing up. Thanks to all students and staff members who took part in our parade this morning. There were some wonderful costumes (thanks, parents) and I was delighted to see that students knew which book their “character” came from! To recognise participation, a raffle was drawn for each class and the lucky winners received a book to celebrate Book Week!

Our next big dress up day is “Talk Like a Pirate” day on the 19th September and I’m sure I will see lots of fantastic pirates on deck this day. Maybe we can

organise a treasure hunt on the day and have some fun searching for little items around the school.

Thanks go to our hard-working P&C ladies who have been very proactive in organising some events this term to benefit the school. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed and a sincere thanks from all staff and students at this wonderful little school.

Our first event is the Fathers’ Day staff to be held after assembly next Friday, 31st August.

They will also be supplying lunch and morning tea for the Sports Carnival on the 5th September. Lunch order sheets went out this week so don’t forget to put in an order by the due date as no late orders will be accepted. I’m looking forward to a yummy pizza bun! If you can help by donating cakes, slices, etc for the cake stall that day, it would be greatly appreciated.

Any finally, our Quiz Night on the 14th September. I know that the staff are talking about forming tables for the night, so hope we see lots of parents and families taking the teachers on!!

NAPLAN online—next week, all Year 3 and 5 students will be trialing the NAPLAN online platform to see if our school is ready for 2019 when all schools will be completing NAPLAN electronically. The tests

will be held on Monday (Yr 5 only) and Wednesday (Yr 3s & 5s) and will take about an hour to complete. This is also a learning curve for myself and Mrs Waters who will be conducting the tests. The tests will not be graded and no results will be available. These tests are more for seeing if our computers and network can cope, and what computer skills we need to work on. The following is from the Department of Education for further information.

NAPLAN ONLINE – School Readiness Test

You may have heard that NAPLAN Online was introduced in 2018, with 274 schools Western Australian schools participating. Our school will be transitioning to NAPLAN Online in 2019.

NAPLAN online will provide better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information. Your child's results will be returned to the school faster, within a few weeks rather than a few months.

This trial, called the School Readiness Test (SRT), will enable us to assess our technical readiness to implement the new online assessments. In addition it will give us a chance to try out the new national online assessment platform in a real-life classroom environment

During August, all students in Years 3 & 5 will participate in a trial of the assessment platform, by undertaking one test (Yr 3) and two (Year 5) online readiness tests that include examples of the new NAPLAN online questions. Each test will take about 45 minutes to complete.

Participating in this trial is important as it will help us ensure we have adequate internet connectivity, and whether students have access to sufficient number of devices for NAPLAN Online testing. During the trial, our teachers will have the opportunity to practice managing the classroom logistics for an online assessment and the new test administration processes.

The readiness test has not been constructed to assess curriculum knowledge, but rather to provide students with an opportunity to experience the *types* of questions that will be included in the new online assessments. As such, reports will not be provided.

Participation in the SRT is a key step to ensuring a successful NAPLAN online experience in 2019.

Loving the warmer weather and sunshine—let's hope it stays this way for the weekend.

Until next time—stay safe and happy!

Stephanne Dann.....Principal

Science Corner



Science News

Mr Baillie, our Scientist in Schools was unable to take rooms 7 and 9 on 17 August but came to join us on Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 to celebrate Science Week at Belmont Primary. The students were very pleased to see him as he took part in the activities. We will see him back next term.

Afterschool Science has now finished for 2018. In the last 2 sessions the students made jitterbugs and learnt about electric circuits. The final session was, I think, the students favourite as they got to make their own little bag of slime. The feedback from the students was that they all enjoyed it. Thank you to our presenter who made the workshops lots of fun and hands on learning.

Last Wednesday, our school was quite full of "scientists". It was great to see so many students enjoy dressing up as a scientist. We had chemists, doctors vets, environmentalists and an engineer. Congratulations to Prya, from Room 1, who was the winner of the raffle.

A big thankyou to the students of Room 9 who helped me run the lunch time science activities. There was a lot of fun trying out the rockets or the sound twirlers or making bubbles or building spaghetti towers or making slime or the apple geysers and more!

On Thursday the paper plane competition happened at 2.30pm. Mr Baillie demonstrated how to throw a plane but had some trouble with the wind.

Our winners were

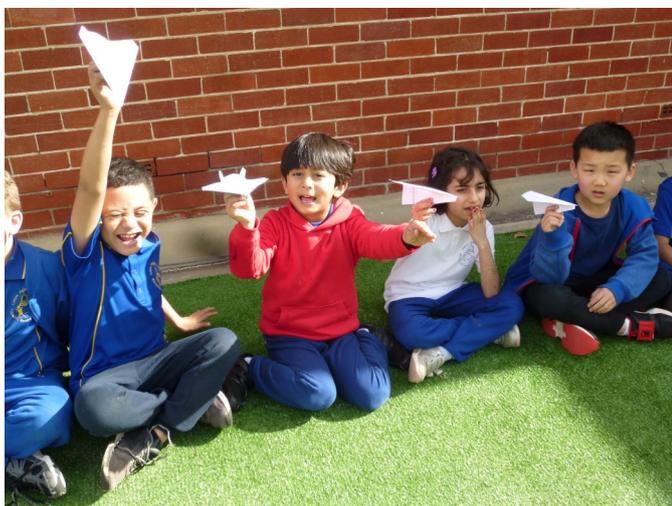
- Lucky Pre Primary
- Denis, Te-arna, Nicolas Year 1

- Mieka Year 2
- Keynan Year 3
- Jackson Year 4
- Elaina and Cooper Year 5
- Brett Year 6

(The overall student winner was Brett.)

- Staff –Mrs Robinson
- Parent -Mrs McDonald

The final throw was between Mr Baillie, Mrs Robinson, Mrs McDonald and Brett and the overall champion was Mrs Robinson. Congratulations to all of you who took part.



Thank you all for supporting National Science Week for 2018.

We also entered a competition at CREEC, an environmental Centre, but unfortunately we did not have any winners but we will try again next year.

Waste Wise

Thank you to everyone who has been sending in their materials that we can use in our recycle centre. We appreciate your support.



Remember to bring in used batteries to the classroom for the jar, cartridges from printers and old mobile phones for the boxes in the recycled centre and used newspapers for the bins near the bike shed.

Fact— Steel cans and steel scrap are recycled into new steel products including structural steel, bolts and nuts, coat hangers, and more steel cans.



SunSmart

Shade is a very effective form of sun protection, however, it will not totally block out all of the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays. UV radiation can scatter in the atmosphere and reflect from surfaces such as water, sand and concrete. Maximum UV protection can be achieved by using shade in conjunction with sun protective clothing, hats, sunscreen and sunglasses.

Crunch&Sip®



Put some CRUNCH into the day!

Western Australian kids are not eating enough vegetables - with primary school aged children needing between 4 ½ & 5 ½ serves every day. Eating vegetables will benefit:

- bones and joints
- brain and nervous system
- digestive system
- energy and metabolism
- heart and circulation
- hydration
- immunity
- skin
- vision

AND they taste great!

Why not pack some fresh vegetables for Crunch&Sip®? Try carrot sticks, cherry tomatoes, snow peas, broccoli and cauliflower pieces, celery or cucumber.

www.crunchandsip.com.au



Our school is taking part in The Great Veggie Crunch, joining with schools from across Western Australia to simultaneously crunch on fresh vegetables – and have fun doing it! Did you know that only 1 in 6 WA school aged children are eating the daily recommended intake of vegies? The Great Veggie Crunch aims to change that and educate students on the importance of eating more vegetables.

How loud can we crunch?



When: Thursday 6 September 11.40am

Please ensure your child brings: some fresh, washed vegetables to crunch on. Maybe a carrot or sugar snap peas, or cut up some capsicum, broccoli, cucumber or celery?

Parents are very welcome to join in!

More information is available here; www.crunchandsip.com.au/events

Water Wise

Fact—Hot water freezes faster than cold water .

Tip

Fix leaking taps and toilets

Fixing a leaking tap or toilet is usually simple and a licensed Waterwise Plumber can do the job. These leaks can waste up to 10,000 litres of water a year.



Winter Sprinkler Ban

A permanent winter sprinkler ban applies to all scheme and bore water users in Perth, Mandurah and some parts of the South West and Great Southern from 1 June to 31 August each year.





Dress Like a Scientist Day



Belmont Primary School P&C Association
Presents



CAKE STALL @ THE SPORTS CARNIVAL

Wednesday 29th August

Delicious goodies together with tea, coffee AND POPCORN will be available to purchase from the Cake Stall at Wednesday's Sports Carnival.

All items will cost between 50c and \$1.00.



The P&C are asking for donations of home baked goods to sell. If you can, please include a note listing the ingredients (eg. Flour, eggs, milk etc) and ensure that cakes are cut into single serve portions.

Please bring your baked goods to Room 8 (the cooking room) on the morning of the carnival.

THANK YOU





Belmont Primary

Quiz Night

FRIDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

DOORS OPEN AT 7PM - QUIZ

STARTS AT 8PM

LOCATION: BELMONT OASIS, PROGRESS WAY
BELMONT

DOOR PRIZES ... SILENT AUCTION ... GAMES

BEER, WINE AND SOFT DRINKS

HELP US BUILD A NATURE PLAYGROUND

\$10.00 Per Ticket

Contact Belmont Primary for Tickets 92771299

Please Text Lauren for Tickets 0411142681

Bring a platter

