



Belmay Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 2, 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

A very warm welcome to returning and new families for 2017. Many thanks to all parents and carers for their support with uniforms, stationery items and getting students to school on time. It was lovely to see so many happy students, parents, grandparents and carers at school for the first day.

This year we will continue our 4 year strategic plan focussing on Literacy, Mathematics and Technologies. We are excited to be extending our work with computer and technology learning - looking at how Engineering, Science and Maths work together with Technology in the 21st century. This group of subjects is referred to as the "STEM" group. We were very fortunate to receive a large donation of Lego from Belmont Rotary and some electronic coding resources from the Department of Education last year. We are well set to progress our work in this area.

Below: Happy Year 1 students settled in to their new classroom with ease.



COMING EVENTS

School Banking
Wednesday Morning
8.30 - 9.00am
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Playgroup
~
TBA

Next Assembly
Friday 24th February
8.45am
Item Room 2
Leaders Prefects
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**Labour Day
Public Holiday**
Monday 6th March
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Harmony Day Picnic
Monday 27th March
12.45pm
~

**School Council
Meeting**
Monday 27th February
6.00 - 8.00pm
~

Interm Swimming
13th - 24th March
inclusive

CHOOSE RESPECT
RESPECT IS TO TREAT WITH CARE AND CONSIDERATION

Our School Values

Respect and Responsibility ~ Teamwork and Sportsmanship ~ Acceptance and Belonging ~
Striving for Excellence

Our kids matter.

KidsMatter helps our school nurture happy, balanced kids.



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Sun Safety @ Belmay PS

Sun Safety education is an important part of our health program at Belmay and we ask that all parents and carers work with us to reinforce important strategies to reduce the risk of skin cancer. Wearing a wide brimmed, bucket or legionnaires hat (see photo below) is one of the strategies we use. Students who forget their hat must play in the shade.



For further information on Sun Safe Ideas”
[SunSmart Schools - Cancer Council Western Australia](https://www.cancerwa.asn.au/prevention/sunsmart/sunsmartschools/)

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CRUNCH & SIP

We strongly encourage students to bring a healthy snack to school to eat during the morning learning session. Our “brain food” helps maintain focus and input necessary vitamins for health and wellbeing. Cut up fruit and vegetables or dried fruit are healthy options.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

We greatly appreciate the funds generated through voluntary contributions. The Belmay Primary School Council has endorsed a Voluntary Contribution of \$60 per child (Kindergarten - Year 6). The funds benefit all students. Payments can be made at the front office during school hours.

MONEY COLLECTION FOR EXCURSIONS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

All money collection will continue through our very successful envelope system. The first collection this term will be for Intern Swimming. Envelopes should be used for the return of correct money and permission slips for the swimming program. Please ensure that the envelope is well secured before placing it in the silver collection box on the wall outside the photocopy room. Envelopes do not go to the classroom teacher.

NEW BELL TIMES:

8.45am School commences

10.30 - 10.45 Recess break

12.45 - 1.30 Lunch break

3.00pm School finishes

Early Close **2.30pm Thursday** for staff meetings.

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

Youth CARE Chaplaincy services have been supporting Belmay PS since 2009. Ailine Hurst, our School Chaplain provides a range of support for students and their families. Please phone the school on 94791393 to speak with Mrs Hurst.



Please see our web page for further information regarding Chaplaincy services
<http://www.belmayps.wa.edu.au/Chaplain.html>

Parents as Partners



Communication with our school community is important to us and we provide a number of avenues for this to occur. These include:

- *Class meetings/newsletters*
- *School Calendar*
- *School Newsletters*

The School Calendar and first newsletter of the term are sent home with students in printed form. All other newsletters are available online with an SMS message being sent to inform families of the upload. Please feel welcome to register with the front office if you prefer to receive a hard copy of the newsletter for each issue.

- *Documented Learning Plans:* individual students as needed
- *Special Program and Excursion Information*

- *Individual Parent Meetings:* organised by appointment through the front office or directly with the teacher.

- *Student reports:*

An Interim Report is sent home at the end of Term 1 and Semester Reports at the end of Terms 2 & 4.

Parents and carers are encouraged to make an appointment with class teachers to discuss any concerns.

UPDATING CONTACT DETAILS

Please ensure the school has up-to-date information regarding address, phone contact numbers, emergency contact person, medical conditions, custody advice or court orders.

STUDENT HEALTH CARE NEEDS

If your child has a medical condition which necessitates them taking medication at school OR the school providing special conditions for them, you will need to come in and develop a **Medical or Emergency Action Plan**.

Conditions requiring a plan include:
ASTHMA, EPILEPSY, some ALLERGIES and DIABETES.

If you are unsure, please contact Deb Bradshaw in the front office.

Please note the school cannot administer medication without the direction of the prescribing doctor and in these cases a plan must be developed to support your child.

BELMAY PLAYGROUP

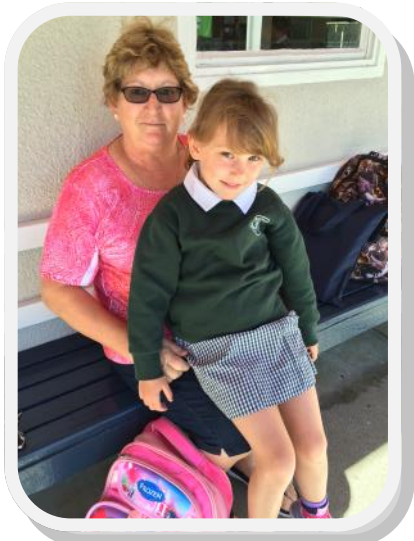
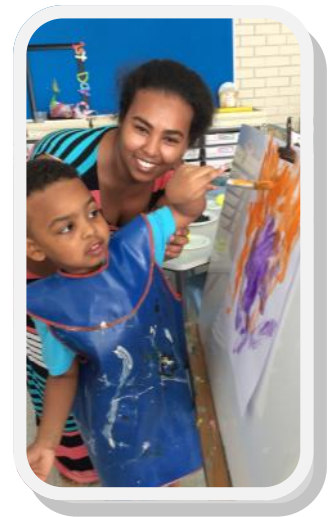
Playgroup day has changed to
Tuesday ~ 9.00-11.00am

We are hoping to start our Playgroup
on February 28th.

Please spread the word to young families
to register their interest with our front
office on 9479 1393



Happy Students and Families Starting the New School Year at Belmay



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