



Belmay Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 6 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Members of the School Council gathered together last week for their second term meeting to review the school activities report and financial position. In addition to this, the Council began the process of reviewing school policies - commencing with the Health and Physical Education Policy. The School Council was also updated in regards to the progress of the new school Uniform Shop - with the proposal for a contract being tabled.

The Council thanked Nikki Peapell for her involvement over the past 2 years. Two places are now available for parent/carer representatives. A letter will be sent home to all families regarding the nomination and selection process. Please feel welcome to contact Mrs Gillett or Mr Harney for further information about the role of the Council and responsibilities of members.

Supporting our Community

Many thanks to all families who donated items to our Good Samaritan Drive last week. The Prefects did a great job advertising the event and were very happy with the amount of donations that came in. On behalf of the school community, the Prefect group accepted a **Certificate of Appreciation** for our efforts.



COMING EVENTS

School Banking

Wednesday Mornings
8.30 - 9.00am

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Playgroup

Monday Mornings
9.00 - 11.00am

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PaCE Program

Thursdays and Fridays
12.00 - 3.00pm
Room 15

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WA Day Public Holiday

Monday June 5th

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School Evacuation Practice

Wednesday June 7th

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Assembly

Friday June 9th
Leaders: Prefects
Item: Room 14

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Winter Carnival

Friday June 16th
All day event

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WA Ballet

Dance Incursion

Wednesday June 28th
Free event.



Our School Values

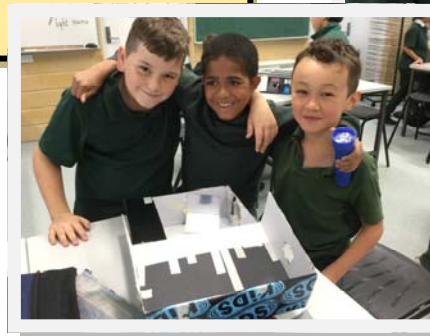
Respect and Responsibility ~ Teamwork and Sportsmanship ~ Acceptance and Belonging ~
Striving for Excellence

Our kids matter.

KidsMatter helps our school nurture happy, balanced kids.

Primary Connections Science at Belmay

The Primary Connections Science program uses experiments and investigations to pose questions and challenge students to experiment and problem solve as part of their learning. Discussions, sharing with group members and "think time" at the end of each session add greatly to the discovery learning process. *Pictured right:* Our Year 4/5 students develop their inquiry skills to investigate the way light bends.



Our **Winter Sports program** has commenced with preparation for our Winter Carnival on Friday June 16th. Training at lunchtime and additional activity during recess breaks provides the opportunity for the development of game skills, stamina and general fitness. We look forward to a wonderful day with students from Belmont and Redcliffe Primary Schools.



New Days for PaCE Program for Term 2:

Thursdays and Fridays
12.00 - 3.00 pm in Room 15



Come along to meet others, learn new skills and crafts and share ideas for NAIDOC Week.

ENROLLING NOW

Kindergarten, Pre-Primary and
Years 1 to 6 in 2018.

Application forms are available at
the office.



Closing date for Kindergarten and
Pre-Primary Enrolment
Applications is Friday
21st July 2017.

CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

Hello Belmay Families

In our last Newsletter I spoke a little more about helping children to build resilience and promote a Growth Mindset.



Parents and carers can promote a lasting sense of resilience in their family by:

Having a positive attitude yourself. Your attitude as a parent or carer impacts on their ability to bounce back from some of the difficulties they face. Make sure you model a 'you can do it' attitude for your child when she/he meets some of life's curve balls.

Looking for teachable moments. Many children's learning opportunities are disguised as problems. Make the most of these opportunities so that your children can grow and learn from some of the mistakes they make and challenges they face.

Making children active participants in the family. Active participation in a family develops the self-help, problem solving and independence skills of children that are

necessary for resilience.

Helping children to build their coping skills.

There are plenty of strategies you can pass on to your children to help them cope when life doesn't go their way, including acceptance, getting away for a while and normalisation.

In building resilience, research highlights the importance of providing children with additional supports other than from home and school. One such service is **Kids Helpline**. Their website provides information for kids, teens and parents, and the free call helplines are available 24/7.

Providing your child with access to this service, and giving them permission to call when they feel they need someone different to talk to about anything - even about homework or friendship struggles etc., will help them take responsibility for their struggles and make decisions on how best to solve these for themselves.

The Kids Helpline number is 1800 55 1800. <https://kidshelpline.com.au>

Ailine Hurst
School Chaplain



Our Wonderful Education Assistants provide such great support for our staff and students in many different ways. These include; small group work for Cracking the Code and Cog Med Plus, support for resource management and development of teaching aids, individual student programs such as MultiLit and English language support, in-class support for teachers and small groups, teaching iPad and computer skills and First Aid support to name just a few of their areas of expertise.

Many thanks to Mrs Uchiyama, Mrs Edgar, Mrs McKiernan, Mrs Snell, Mrs Fouweather, Mrs McClarence, Ms Hutchinson and Mrs Rowlings for their great input in many different ways across the school.



IN THE CLASSROOMS

Room 8 - Mrs Brady

This term Room 8 went odd and even!

We had an odd sock day and read odd and even books. Every morning we had to decide if we had odd or even socks on our washing line.



We designed odd socks and counted by 2s.

We did lots of odd things in the classroom like swapping seats and having story candle at the start of the day!!



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