



Belmay Primary School

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 3 ~ February 2020



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome back to everyone! And an extra welcome to those families who are joining the Belmay Community for the very first time. We have had a super start to the term and it's so lovely to see the excitement from both teachers and students on their return to school!

CLASS MEETINGS

Thank you to all the teachers who have taken the opportunity to meet with families to discuss their expectations and teaching programs for 2020 at the recently conducted class meetings. Please ensure that you regularly communicate with your child's class teacher any queries or concerns you may have. At Belmay Primary School, the staff are strongly committed to forging positive relationships with the parent community as a way in which we can all work to collectively optimise student achievement.

OUR SCHOOL'S VISION

'In partnership with families and the community, Belmay Primary School will provide our students with the skills, knowledge and experience to become successful, caring and productive members of society while demonstrating respect for others in all aspects of their lives.'

STEM ENTERPRISE SCHOOLS PROJECT 2020 (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

Belmay has accepted the invitation from Redcliffe Primary to be a STEM PARTNER SCHOOL for 2020. Our STEM leader for 2020 will be Nicole Johnson, assisted by Terry Harney.

The STEM Enterprise School Project is a component of the State STEM Strategy. A priority of the STEM Enterprise Schools project is to develop students' 21st century thinking skills, also known as enterprise skills.

In 2019, 60 STEM Enterprise Pioneer Schools engaged in a design and innovation process to create powerful practices that support learner engagement in STEM. Schools worked together to implement compatible approaches to build student pathways from primary to secondary school and into further study and employment. Schools collected evidence of the impact of innovation on learning and engagement to share with other schools.

In 2020, Pioneer Schools will partner with 60 new schools and a range of industry and community partners. Pioneer Schools will co-design and share their practices with the new schools so that engagement in STEM Enterprise is increased and the impact on learner outcomes is expanded.

Partner schools will be required to:

- release two team members to attend three one day workshops (March to November) with the first workshop taking place on 20 or 23 March 2020;
- release some, or all team members, to participate in school-based action research activities;
- collect data about the extent to which students are engaged, and the extent to which interventions are having the desired impact; and
- showcase their learning at an Enterprise Expo in 2021.

REMINDER to Kindergarten and new Pre-primary parents. Please return the School Entry Health Assessment form this week to the office. School Community Nurse for 2020 is Doreen Sherry and she will commence screening children in Term 1.

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COMING EVENTS

In-term Swimming Lessons

30 March - 9 April

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School Council Meeting

Friday 6 March 9:30am

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Food Pick-up for Families

Mondays 2.30pm

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Breakfast Club

Mondays and Fridays

8.00 am - 8.30am

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Student Banking

NEW Location - CANTEEN

Wednesday

8.30am - 8.45am

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Uniform Shop

Wednesday

8.30am - 10.00am

SCHOOL TIMES

Gates open: 8.30am

Siren: Class begins: 8.45am

Recess: 10.45am - 11.05am

Lunch: 1.05pm - 1.45pm

School finishes: 3pm

EARLY CLOSE -

Every Thursday: 2.30pm

Please be aware the school gates open for students at 8:30am. The only earlier arrival exceptions are:

- COGMED students - entrance through the front office
- Breakfast Club - entrance through the Epsom Ave gates

2020 Term dates Term 1

Mon 3 February - Thu 9 April

Term 2

Tue 28 April - Fri 3 July

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From the Principal's Desk cont. ...

Public School Review

We welcomed Laura O'Hara, Director, Public School Review Public School Accountability and John Worthy, Principal, Newborough Primary School to our school on Monday 2 December.

We have now received the final review report deeming us 'Effective' in all domains. Congratulations Belmay Primary School. This is a very positive way to start to what is sure to be a busy school year.

If you have yet to do so, you can read the full report is available at Schools Online : https://www.det.wa.edu.au/schoolsonline/expert_review_report.do?schoolID=5036&pageID=AD19 or on our website Belmayps.wa.edu.au

COMMUNICATION PLATFORMS 2020

We are continually reviewing ways which we communicate with our Belmay Families. In an effort to further improve effectiveness and to ensure that families are in receipt of all updates and school related information, please ensure we have your current email address and mobile number in order to receive information via the following platforms:

- Weekly Website Updates - www.belmayps.wa.edu.au
- Bi-Termly Newsletters: Weeks 3 and 7
- CONNECT - <https://connect.det.wa.edu.au>
- Email Communications - Belmay.PS@education.wa.edu.au
- *Anticipated* - Digital Distribution of School Reports: Semester 2
- SMS Messaging

Email: Belmay.PS@education.wa.edu.au



'Tell Them From Me' Survey

The 'Tell Them From Me' parent survey will provide school principals and school leaders with insight into student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices at their school, from the perspective of families. The survey is confidential and can be used either as a one-off survey or to identify trends within schools over time and better inform of school priorities.

To complete the survey at your own convenience, log onto: <http://tellthemfromme.com/8x6s>

All responses must be electronically submitted by Tuesday, 3 March 2020



BE YOU - GROWING A MENTALLY HEALTHY GENERATION AT BELMAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Be You provides educators with knowledge, resources and strategies for helping children and young people achieve their best possible mental health.

Introducing our Be You Committee for 2020:

Holly Clark
Ailine Hurst (Chaplain)

Jo Rowlings
Cath Brett

Lee-Ann Lawrence (AIEO)
Viv Baxter (Learning Support Coordinator)

Sarah Durham



Thank you to the entire school community for your enthusiasm and participation in these first busy weeks of school. I look forward to seeing you in the playground and speaking with you throughout the course of the term.

Sarah Durham

Principal

PRINCIPAL'S READING AWARD

Congratulations to our Reading Award recipients.
Joseph King, Taydia Ryan and Sophia Clarke.



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ALLERGY AWARE

At Belmay Primary School we currently have students identified with allergies to foods that contain nuts and coconut. This means that you are being asked by our school to consider peanut/nut alternatives for individual student lunches and snacks out of consideration to our children with severe, life threatening allergies.

At Belmay Primary School we aim to raise the awareness of all members of the community regarding severe allergies and continually review awareness of nut allergies in our school.

Thank you for your support in this matter. We greatly appreciate your assistance in the interest of our students.

School Attendance

As you know, Belmay Primary School has made School Attendance a top priority for the past several years. This is the first of many regular courtesy notices for our newsletter to inform parents of the importance of school attendance.

We understand that students will be absent from school from time to time for valid reasons.

The Department of Education has set an attendance target of 90% or above for all students. Keep in mind that even if a student achieves 90% attendance every year they will have missed a full year's schooling by the time they have completed year 10.

If your child attends at or above 90% they are considered as Regular

- 80%-90% is Indicated
- 60%-80% is Moderate and
- 60% or below is Severe

If children are in the Severe category for attendance, parents may be approached by the Department to attend an Attendance Panel with the view of offering support.

We look forward to working closely with parents in order to ensure that all students receive the very best learning opportunities at Belmay Primary School and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued and much appreciated support in this regard.

Terry Harney
Deputy Principal

Belmay School Council

Next meeting –Week 5, Friday 6 March 9:30am

The School Council, consisting of the Principal, staff, and elected community members operates at the school. It meets once a term and discusses items of significance to the school community.

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| Chairperson: David Gerstorfer | Community Representatives - |
| Principal: Sarah Durham | Jenna Haerewa |
| School Representatives - | Neil Clarke |
| Terry Harney | David Kukatai |
| Hannah Klauz | Jilalga Murray |



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What's Happening ...

The P&C are going to be opening a second-hand store on Tuesdays from 2.15pm - 3pm. Opening on the 3 March 2020.

We are looking for school related donations, such as uniforms, bags, library bags, shoes etc.

Why have a P&C?

To support the School and its Community through engagement and fund-raising activities. We aim to be a caring and supportive group of parents and carers, taking into consideration the needs of the school and its students. We are a fun and active group of people who give their time willingly when available to assist. Being a part of the P&C and working with the school has enabled us to help build a "community feel" throughout the school and its families.

When do we meet?

P&C General Meetings: Two (2) per term (after assembly on Friday) P&C

Executive meetings: Arranged on an as needs basis (usually to approve items at short notice)

What is our focus?

Help our students! Make their school-life fun, rewarding and engaging.

Raising money: The P&C is committed to raising money to support the activities and resources of the school and its community. This can be through support and resources, benefitting the whole school, staff, classrooms, groups of students or individuals.

President: Cassandra Carranza

Vice President: Hayley Gill

Secretary: Fiona Clarke

Belmay P&C Upcoming Events

Pancake Day: 25 February.

Gold coin donation.

AGM Meeting: 28 February.

9.30am In the staff room.

Easter Raffle: 9 April.

Mothers Day Stall: 5 & 6 of May.

Mothers Day Raffle: 7 May.

Fathers Day Stall: 1 & 2 September.

Fathers Day Raffle: 3 September.

More Fun Events Will Be Planned Throughout The Year.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS 2020

In accordance with the Department of Education and Training's Contributions, Charges and Fees Policy September 2001, schools can request up to a maximum contribution of \$60 for Years K-6.

A Contribution is 'voluntary' and the funds are used towards the cost of materials, services and facilities used by students in the educational program. Contributions collected at this school contribute to: classroom resources, e.g. computer equipment, maths resources, reading books, physical education and art equipment.

And don't forget, these payments can now be made via our new EFTPOS facility.

GOLF CLINIC

On Thursday 6th and 13th February Rooms 13, 14, 2 and 1 participated successfully in the golf clinic, conducted by a Sport Development Officer from Golf WA. A further 4 week program will be conducted towards the end of second term.

Congratulations to all students on a great attitude to the lessons. The coach was impressed with your behaviour.

GRAHAM BAXTER



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Information ...

HARMONY WEEK 2020

Harmony Week is a special celebration of cultural diversity in Australia. It is a great opportunity to get together and celebrate the broad landscape of customs, backgrounds, languages, beliefs and family stories that reflect our community.

This year we will be celebrating Harmony Week with a variety of classroom and specialist activities conducted from Monday to Friday. A special feature of the week will be a Picnic for both Belmay PS and SEMLDC families on Thursday 19th March commencing at 1.05pm in the Junior playground. The picnic is an opportunity to wear something bright or traditional. Once families have eaten there will be games and dance for children and adults. A more detailed reminder will be sent out the week before.

OTHER WAYS IN WHICH YOU CAN ALSO BE INVOLVED A STORY - A SONG - A DANCE - CHILDHOOD RECOLLECTIONS

We are looking for parents or family members who would be able to share something from their country of birth. It could be a dance, a song, a story, a game, playing a traditional instrument, an art or craft activity, recollections from childhood or reflections on coming to another country. It can be for a class or the whole school. It is not a performance but an opportunity to share.

IF YOU FEEL YOU ARE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE SOMETHING TO OUR WEEK OF ACTIVITY PLEASE SPEAK WITH YOUR CLASS TEACHER.

TRAINING FOR BELMONT INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

This term a limited number of Belmay students will have the opportunity to compete in the Belmont Area Schools Sports Association Swimming Carnival being held at the Oasis Aquatic Centre on Wednesday 25 March. Belmay students will combine with swimmers from Belmont Primary. Children in years 3 and 4 must be able to swim 25m and those in 5 and 6 are required to swim 50m. Miss Klauz will be training the team with assistance from other staff members. The training will be on the following dates: Tuesday 25 Feb; 3, 10, 17 and 24 March. Parents are responsible for transporting children to and from training. The sessions commence at 7.00am and conclude at 8.00. The cost for entry each session is \$4.30 and \$2.00 for parents who stay.

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REDCLIFFE FOOTBALL CLUB AFTER SCHOOL CLINICS AT BELMAY

In 2019 coaches from the Redcliffe Junior Football Club conducted a successful clinic for boys and girls at Belmay for Years 1 – 6 students. This year they have offered to conduct three. The dates for these are Thursday 27 Feb; 5 and 12 March. The start time is 2.40pm and each session concludes at 3.30pm.

It may be a good idea to pack a small snack to be eaten before the clinic commences. I will be in attendance from 2.30pm until the conclusion. Parents are welcome to stay. The children will work in two groups – Years 1 to 3 and 4 to 6. The sessions will be run in the Junior grassed areas.

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Information ...

Chaplain's Chat

Hello to all families and a particular warm welcome to our new Belmay students and their families.

For our new families, I am Ailine Hurst, the School Chaplain. I am contracted by YouthCARE to work at Belmay and support the pastoral care role the school has for students and their families. I support students through changes in family, grief and loss, working through friendship and social challenges, emotions management, coping with anxiety and or other low level mental health issues. I feel it is important to update the school community about where I am health wise. I had a Term off last year due to health reasons and while not finished with treatments as yet, I will hope to be at school each Thursday and Friday while these are ongoing. Please feel free to contact me on a Thursday or Friday, or leave a message with the admin team. Ailine.Hurst@education.wa.edu.au

We are well into the first Term already but at this time of the year a reminder as parents and caregivers is to be aware of any anxiety your child may still have about their new school year. The beginning of a school year can be a little anxiety provoking for some students, with a new teacher, a new class grouping or a new school. The link to a resource page will be helpful for you and your child. If you have any concerns please talk with your child's teacher. This topic briefly touches on the first of nine key rights children have - Be safe and feel safe everywhere. More information on the rights for children will be covered in the next newsletter.

<https://beyou.edu.au/resources/news/how-to-support-an-anxious-child>

In previous years we were a part of the Australia wide Kidsmatter initiative; this has now changed to the 'Be You' Initiative. At Belmay our Health and Wellbeing committee is committed to the health and wellbeing of our staff and students and will highlight and address some of the common stressors that have an impact on wellbeing. Please have a look at the web site about how this initiative is being utilised in education settings to help children and young people achieve the best possible mental health. There are some resources you can download on relevant topics to strengthening your knowledge for helping your own family in a society where mental health is a significant issue <https://beyou.edu.au/>

I look forward to once again supporting the Belmay community in 2020.

Ailine HURST

School Chaplain



DEPARTMENT'S STUDENT MOBILE PHONES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS POLICY

This month, the State Government announced a new Student Mobile Phones in Public Schools policy to take effect from the start of Term 1, 2020.

The policy requires all public schools to implement a ban on the use of mobile phones for all students from the time they arrive at school to the end of the school day. This extends to the use of smart watches which need to be on aeroplane mode during this period.

As we already have a phone use policy that meets these minimum requirements, there will be no changes for our school. Our existing policy will remain in effect.

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Numero ...

Name: _____

NUMERO FAMILY CHALLENGE 1, 2020

Centre						Hand				
1	14	8	13	6		$\frac{3}{5}$ <small>wild</small>	$\div 3$ <small>wild</small>	-2 <small>wild</small>	5	10

Calculations	Best move
E.g. $14 + 1 = 15$ $15 \div 3 = 5$	1.
Take with 5. Win 4 cards.	2.
	3.
	4.
	5.
	6.
	7.
	8.
	Take with _____.
	Win _____ cards.

Rules:

- 1.) As long as it is mathematically possible you can do it!
- 2.) Use any cards from the centre and any wilds from your hand to complete a move. Number cards from the centre add together.
- 3.) The **answer must be a number card from your hand (in this challenge the answer will be either 5 or 10).**
- 4.) Submit your answer written out in number sentences (see example in calculations box above) to Miss Klauz in Room 14 by Friday 13th March 2020.

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Belmay Staff ...

BELMAY PRIMARY SCHOOL STAFF

Principal - Sarah Durham Deputy Principal - Terence Harney	
CLASSROOM TEACHERS	
Pre-primary	Hanna Nixon
Kindergarten	Rebecca Fleming
Year 1/2 ~ Room 8	Caroline Brady Mandy Hortense
Year 1/2 ~ Room 7	Holly Clark
Year 2/3 ~ Room 9	Gina Amhaz Mandy Hortense
Year 3/4 ~ Room 14	Hannah Klauz
Year 4 ~ Room 13	Cath Brett
Year 5/6 ~ Room 1	Eileen Flynn
Year 5/6 ~ Room 2	David Gerstorfer
Drama & Physical Education	Graham Baxter
LOTE ~ Italian	Marita Russo
Science	Nicole Johnson
Learning Support Coordinator	Vivien Baxter
NON-TEACHING STAFF	
Manager Corporate Services (MCS)	Julie Horwood
School Officer	Debbie Bradshaw
Library Officer & MCS	Karen Riley
Education Assistants	Sandra Edgar Debbie Fouweather Tracey McClarence Tamara Trute Rose Snell Jo Rowlings Sadia Imran Jodie Cheetham
Ethnic Education Assistant	Michiko Uchiyama
School Chaplain	Ailine Hurst
School Psychologist	Margaret Stewart
Cleaning Staff	Mildred Kerr (Cleaner in Charge) Josephine Nolan Juanita Vergonia Collin Kerr
Gardening Staff	Brent Goldsworthy Michael Roneberg

Our New Staff

My name is Lee-ann Lawrence and I'm a Noongar Woman from the South West town called Pingelly. I've been an AIEO for about 10 years or so. I currently work 1 day at Belmay P.S and 2 days Cannington Community College. My role is to support the Indigenous students, their families, the Community and the school staff.

To help our children get the education they need to reach their dreams brings me so much joy.



Term 1 2020

Well done to Belmay Primary School - your school is registered as a SunSmart School and a Crunch&Sip School. Cancer Council WA thanks your school community for your continued support of our programs and for being proactive in promoting healthy lifestyle behaviours.



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Term Planner - Term 1 2020 ...



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Term 1 Planner ~ 2020

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	3 February	4 February	5 February School Banking 8.30 - 9am Uniform Sales 8.30 - 10am	6 February WA Golf Workshop Rooms 1,2,13 &14	7 February
2	10 February	11 February	12 February School Banking 8.30 - 9am Uniform Sales 8.30 - 10am	13 February WA Golf Workshop Rooms 1,2,13 &14	14 February
3	17 February	18 February	19 February School Banking 8.30 - 9am Uniform Sales 8.30 - 10am	20 February	21 February P&C Morning Tea
4	24 February BCC A1 Testing	25 February	26 February School Banking 8.30 - 9am Uniform Sales 8.30 - 10am	27 February 2.40pm Footy Clinic	28 February Assembly - Rm 2 P&C AGM
5	2 March Labour Day Public Holiday	3 March	4 March School Banking 8.30 - 9am Uniform Sales 8.30 - 10am	5 March 2.40pm Footy Clinic	6 March
6	9 March	10 March	11 March School Banking 8.30 - 9am Uniform Sales 8.30 - 10am	12 March	13 March
7	16 March HARMONY WEEK	17 March	18 March School Banking 8.30 - 9am Uniform Sales 8.30 - 10am	19 March HARMONY DAY PICNIC	20 March
8	23 March	24 March	25 March School Banking 8.30 - 9am Uniform Sales 8.30 - 10am BASSA Swimming Carnival	26 March Fogarty Workshop	27 March Assembly - Rm 1
9	30 March Swimming Lessons	31 March Swimming Lessons	1 April Swimming Lessons School Banking 8.30 - 9am Uniform Sales 8.30 - 10am	2 April Swimming Lessons	3 April Swimming Lessons
10	6 April Swimming Lessons	7 April Swimming Lessons	8 April Swimming Lessons School Banking 8.30 - 9am Uniform Sales 8.30 - 10am	9 April Swimming Lessons Easter Raffle	10 April Good Friday Easter Public Holiday

For more regularly updated information please visit our Website - www.belmayps.wa.edu.au

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