



# Belmay Primary School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 7 ~ June 2020



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Families

In line with the latest health advice current, Term 2 arrangements have been reviewed with the following changes from Week 7, Monday 8 June 2020:

The message we want to share with you is that **schools are safe and open for learning.**

We are very much looking forward to resuming many of our events, programs and routines that our school has developed in support of our children and their families!

Please find a summation of the reviewed school practices and processes as we approach the end of this term and into the next semester.

- Since Monday 18 May, it has been expected that all students attend school, except those medically referred to learn from home or those who are unwell.
- Parents/Carers and visitors may come on to school sites to attend pre-arranged meetings and for drop off and pick up purposes.
- At Belmay, we will continue to utilise 'Kiss and Drop' facilities/drop off and pick up locations; on Epsom Ave and Ashworth Road. These gates will be attended by members of staff between 8:30-8:45am. All late arrivals, after 8:45, will be required through the front office on Sydenham St.
- Class teachers will continue to escort children to the gate on Epsom Ave at the conclusion of the day, and we ask that families continue to observe physical distancing.
- Increased cleaning will continue during Term 2, with cleaners present throughout the school day to undertake continuous cleaning regimes.
- Students and staff may consider the following guidelines to reduce contact: Avoid direct physical contact (handshakes, hugs, etc.).
- Arrangements are in place for regular and thorough hand-washing for students and staff.
- Supplies of soap and other cleaning agents are available for all schools. The Department will continue to support any school that experiences supply issues.
- Posters and visible messaging regarding handwashing and cough-sneeze hygiene will continue to be displayed.

From Monday 8 June, based on health advice, the following applies:

- Pre-arranged parent/carer meetings can proceed, adhering to physical distancing of one person per 2 square metres and good hygiene practices.

See next page to continue reading ...

**2020 Term 2 dates**  
Tue 28 April - Fri 3 July

## COMING EVENTS

**School Council Meeting**  
Postponed until Term 3 Week 5

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**School Assemblies**  
Cancelled until further notice

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**In-term Swimming Lessons**  
Cancelled until further notice

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**School Banking**  
Cancelled until further notice

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**Uniform Shop**  
Wednesday  
8.30am - 10.30am

## ALLERGY AWARE

At Belmay Primary School we currently have students identified with allergies to foods that contain nuts and coconut. Please consider peanut/nut alternatives for student lunches and snacks out of consideration to our children with severe, life threatening allergies.

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

## 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**

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## From the Principal's Desk cont. ...

- Visitors and third-party providers on school sites can occur when the school can ensure adherence to physical distancing requirements of one person per 2 square metres, enhanced cleaning of used areas and minimising contact with the broader school population. Visitors on school sites should sign in and identify rooms/areas visited should this information be required by the Department of Health.
- Assemblies and other school community events may recommence with total not exceeding 100 people for indoor settings and not exceeding 300 people in outdoor settings. Physical distancing and good hygiene practices should be applied. Careful consideration should be given to the arrival and departure of people, including entry and exit points to avoid crowding.
- We will be hosting a combined Belmay/ LDC final assembly *for children and staff only*, with a view to resume assemblies in Term 3.
- Playgrounds will now be open for use during break times.
- On-site P&C meeting and termly School Council meetings (Friday, Week 5) will also resume next term.
- Breakfast Club and SecondBite will resume as of Week 2 in Term 3.
- Incursions: including our 'WellBeing 4 Kids' P-6 program (see below) commencing in Term 3.

### Reporting to Parents Semester 1

- School systems/sectors across the country have been offered flexibilities in relation to reporting requirements for Semester 1, 2020.
- There is no requirement to report an A – E grade or equivalent 5-point scale.
- The Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting in Public Schools policy applies for Semester 1 reporting.
- P-10 reporting will be completed using the Department-endorsed template.
- The P-10 reporting approach for WA public schools for Semester 1, 2020 is:
  - populate the Reporting to Parents template to reflect the learning areas taught during Semester 1;
  - make judgements for students aligned to the Attitude, Behaviour, Effort descriptors for each learning area listed in the school's report;
- The Belmay PS staff have collaborated to determine:
  - :extent to which comments are provided to describe the progress of students in learning areas taught in Semester 1;
  - :agreed that a general comment will be provided that addresses a student's overall progress.
  - :for Kindergarten, our school will retain the flexibility to use our own reporting template.

I will continue to update our school community as per the WA COVID-19 road map and the review of all school activities in preparation for Phase 4. I am very much looking forward to navigating through to our 'new normal' and re-establishing the strong connections that we have forged with our fabulous school community!

Kind Regards

*Sarah Durham*

Principal

### PRINCIPAL'S READING AWARD

Congratulations to our Reading Award recipients

Maddi  
Bella

Nickolas  
Brylee



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## Information ...



Department of  
Education

### Kindergarten and Pre-primary Enrolment Applications for 2021

# OPEN NOW

In Western Australia, children can start their education in Kindergarten, however compulsory schooling starts the following year in Pre-primary.

You need to apply to enrol your children in school for 2021 if they are:

- starting Kindergarten – 4 years old by 30 June 2021
- starting Pre-primary, the first year of compulsory school – 5 years old by 30 June 2021
- starting Year 7, the first year of secondary school
- changing schools.

#### Step 1

Contact your local public school for an application for enrolment form. The school can help you with your application.

#### Step 2

Submit your application for enrolment at your local school as soon as possible along with copies of:

- your child's birth certificate (phone the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages on 1300 305 021 if you do not have one)
- your child's Immunisation History Statement (visit the Dept. of Health for instructions on how to obtain this statement)
- proof of your current address (e.g. recent accounts for electricity, water and telephone, bank details)
- copies of Family Court orders for confirmation of proof of name or custody arrangements
- visa subclass number (if you have one).

#### Step 3

You will receive a letter from your local school either offering a place (as per the Regulations) or indicating that no place is available.

#### Step 4

If you have an offer of a place and want to accept it, visit the school to complete the enrolment process.

[How to enrol - a step by step guide](https://www.education.wa.edu.au/how-to-enrol-a-step-by-step-guide) - <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/how-to-enrol-a-step-by-step-guide>

#### Applying for Kindergarten

Western Australia now has immunisation laws that will help to better protect our children and the wider community from vaccine-preventable diseases.

When you enrol your child in Kindergarten you will need to provide your child's current Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) Immunisation History Statement, which shows your child is 'up-to-date' with all the scheduled immunisations (according to the National Immunisation Program) for their age. This Statement must be no more than two months old.

If you would like to know more about the immunisation requirements, obtaining an AIR Immunisation History Statement or how to access immunisation services go to HealthyWA. In most cases, your child will be offered a place at your local public school or a Community Kindergarten linked to your local school. However, if the number of Kindergarten applications exceeds the number of places available, you may be referred to a nearby Kindergarten which has places available. Every effort is made to accommodate your child in a school as close as possible to your home.



We will be taking Kindergarten and Pre-primary enrolments for 2021 from now until the cut off date 24 July 2020.

Please see our website <http://www.belmayps.wa.edu.au/PDF/Enrolment%20Application.pdf> for the application form, or visit the front office to pick one up.

Kindergarten is not a compulsory year level and we have limited spaces each year.

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## What's Happening ...

### Health and Wellbeing Incursion Program - Educators & Students (K - 12)

*Confidence, Resilience, Focus, Respect, Teamwork, Happiness*

**PRIORITY AREA: HEALTH AND WELL- BEING: Wellbeing for Kids Incursion Sessions.**

**Belmay will be delivering a Wellbeing Incursion Program for Term 3.**

**Pre-primary - year 6.**

**Term 3 2020 - Fridays week 1 - week 9.**

**9 x 40 min sessions @ \$22 per student.**



**You will be receiving your incursion notes shortly.**

Statistics from Beyond Blue show that 1 in 3 females and 1 in 5 males experience some form of mental health issue. It has been shown that 3041 students between the ages of 14 – 17years attempt to commit suicide every single day in Australia.

My thinking is simple. If we teach our children how to understand the feelings they experience within their bodies they will begin to learn to recognize and cope with those emotions. Through mindful breathing, mindful movement and mindful relaxation and mindful dance we can give our body the emotional support that it needs. The more you practice being mindful the easier it will be to notice the trigger feelings inside our bodies and the quicker we can practice the strategies to cope.

Wellbeing 4 Kids provides school wellbeing programs which combine physical stretches, breathing, movement and relaxation exercises that have been linked to the WA curriculum – Health and Wellbeing. We assist in creating a daily health and wellbeing practice which supports mental health within your classroom.

All student classes are unique to each school (Primary, Secondary & ESC) designed and inclusive of everyone. Classes are not only fun, but educational, engaging and motivating. Following consultation with each school we ensure the program meets the needs of the whole school community. All classes are delivered with themes, games and stories. They deliver life skills and lessons that are invigorating, challenging and calming for all children and are presented in appropriate language for each year level.

Each lesson is structured consisting of the following;

**Connect** - Mindfulness practices to connect to yourself, the world around you and your community.

**Breathe** - Harness the power of your breath to manage your emotional and energetic state.

**Move** - Improve physical health, increase confidence, and enhance executive function.

**Focus** - Increase your capacity to pay attention, and focus on the task at hand.

**Relax** - Restore alertness, manage over-stimulation and reduce insomnia.

*Some participating schools.....*

*Belmay PS, Bramfield Park PS, Cannington Community College, East Maddington ESC, Huntingdale PS, Leda PS, Medina PS, Mater Christie PS, Mt Claremont PS, Oberthur Ps, Riverton PS, South Ballajura ESC, Success PS, Success ESC, Leeming SHS ESC, Parkwood PS, West Leeming PS, Winthrop PS, Yidarra PS ... and many more.*

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## What's Happening ...

### Wednesday Morning Cross Country Running

Belmay has commenced Wednesday mornings Cross Country running at Belmay. This is open to students from years 1 to 6.

**If you require a Cross Country Training Permission Slip please see front office.**

Children are to enter the school grounds from the gates on the Epsom Avenue side of the school (nearest the undercover area). The gates will be opened at 8.00am. They are to walk straight to the Drama building verandah where they will leave their bags, do their stretches and then run the course.

They will move up to the classrooms at 8.30am. If it has been raining it is advisable to bring a change of socks and possibly spare footwear. If it starts to rain during the training the runners will move to the Drama room where they will take part in the Dance Fitness.

Two staff members will be supervising.

Graham Baxter



### School Drop Offs/Pick Ups

As you are aware some further restrictions will be lifted shortly as we move into Phase 3 of the State Government road map. This means changes will be happening for schools starting on Monday June 8 allowing parents on school site. However, we are still mindful of physical distancing rules and in order to maintain these parents will NOT be able to enter classrooms.

#### Drop off

We will be continuing to supervise drop off at our school gates on Epsom Avenue and Ashworth Street. Essential business and visitors will continue to be managed by the school through the front office only.

Many schools have noted a number of benefits from the process of dropping children off at the gate in the mornings.

- Younger students have grown greatly in self-reliance, independence and confidence.
- More students are arriving on time to start the school day.
- Less late children mean less lesson interruptions.
- Learning time starts more quickly and calmly each day.
- Students with a degree of separation anxiety are generally more settled and start their day better than before.
- Class routines have been more effective and efficient in particular hygiene practices to start the day.

Therefore, we would like to encourage that you consider keeping the 'drop off at the gate' routine in the mornings, to keep the benefits we have observed for children.

#### Pick up

We will still manage our parent pick up at the end of the day from Epsom Avenue and Ashworth Street as has been the case during this term.

*Thank you for your continued support in these unsettling times.*

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## Information ...

### Attendance

It has been wonderful to have the vast majority of our students back at school. We are very appreciative of the support we have received from parents and care givers in terms of following the Education Departments guidelines for attendance over the past few months. Things are rapidly returning to normal and we now look forward to seeing all of our students attend every day.

As always, all staff are keen to work closely with parents and care givers to insure that attendance is once again one of our highest priorities.

*Thank you for your continued support in this endeavour.*



### School Banking Temporarily Paused

The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people is our first priority. Due to the rapidly developing situation with COVID-19, School Banking has been temporarily paused from **20 March 2020 until the start of Term 2.**

We will do our best to keep you informed as the situation progresses.

Please note, our team of School Banking Specialists are still available to support you and your school via mobile and email. Additionally, our School Banking Helpdesk also remains available on 1800 674 496.  
Monday -Friday, 9am-5pm Sydney time.

### School holiday Cloverdale School Dental Clinic information

Cloverdale Dental Clinic is open from **8am – 4pm** Mon to Fri.  
Located at the Cloverdale Primary School, 180 Fisher St  
Cloverdale, please enter via gate 5 on Hendra St. Ph: 9479 7222.

We are a free service and cater for school age children/teens from **Kindy & Preprimary from the year they turn 5 to the end of year 11 or their 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday, whichever occurs first.**

We are open, seeing patients and following the up to date health department Covid-19 measures. We will be open during the July 2020 school holidays.

Should you have an emergency outside the above working hours contact your family dentist or the emergency service on 1800 098 818.



## Football is back for 2020

Redcliffe Junior Football Club is looking for Girls and Boys from Pre-Primary to Year 6 to join our club for the winter season

Training is at Middleton Park on Tuesday and Thursdays from 4.30pm



For more information call:

Jared Wilson – President

0402 383 189

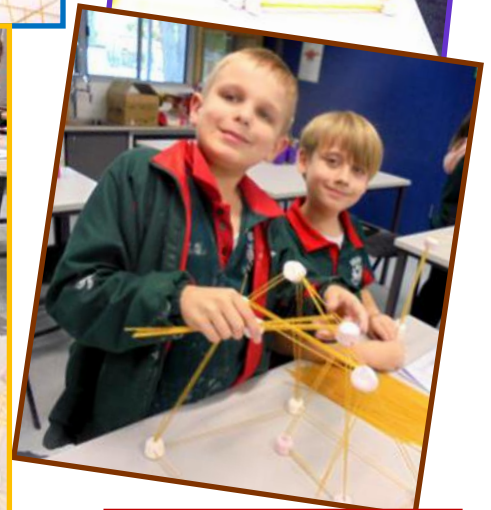
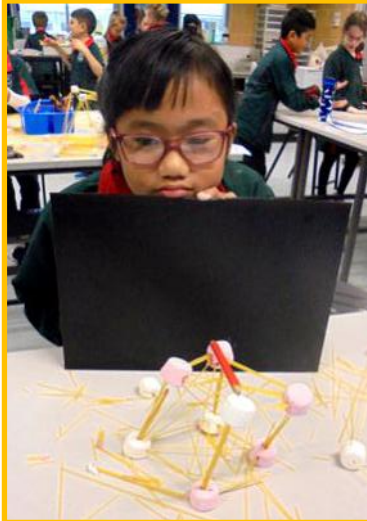
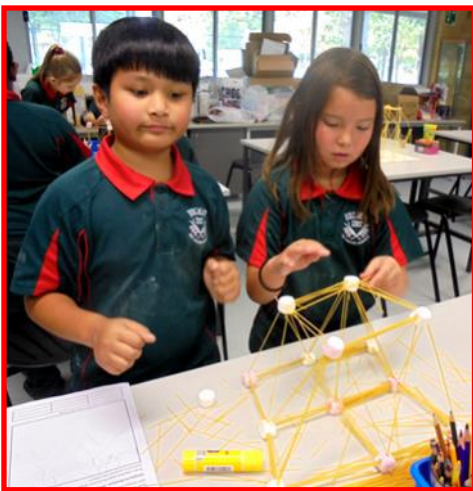
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## What's Been Happening ...

### Science & Technology - Room 14 - Pasta Tower

In Technology this term Room 14 have found that triangles and pyramids are strong shapes and have tested this by designing and creating a tower made with spaghetti and marshmallows which can hold a small tin of food.



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### Science & Technology - Room 13 - Playground

Room 13 has been looking at the differences between junior and senior playgrounds and how they are made.

They are now designing and creating their own model of a safe and fun playground.



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