



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Families,

Welcome back to everyone, especially our new families. It is always such a joy to see all the children back at school happy and ready to take on a new term.

Our staff spent a busy first day of term learning together and reviewing our whole school approaches.



BELMAY NUMERO

Term 4 is such a very busy and exciting time of the year and we have gotten off to a flying start with our fabulous Numero team, coached by our equally fabulous Numero coach Ms Klauz; gaining first place in the recent Interschool competition, qualifying our school in the finals. Congratulations you maths wizards. We are so very proud of your representation against some very big schools.



NEW SCIENCE LAB

Another exciting announcement is the completion of our Science/STEM room as part of the Science Lab grant that we received in 2018. We are looking forward to hosting some end of year events in there as we add our final touches, including some fabulous new furnishings and technology!

Here is a sneak peek.



PTO for more ...

COMING EVENTS

School Council Meeting
Friday 13 Nov - 9.30am
Onsite Belmay P.S.

~
P&C Meeting
Thursday 5 Nov - 6pm in
School library

~
School Banking - Canteen
Wednesday Mornings
8.30am - 9.00am

~
Uniform Shop
Wednesday
8.30am - 10.30am

~
BCC Band Incursion
Tuesday 3 Nov - 9am - 9.30am

~
NAIDOC week
9 - 13 Nov

~
Numero Grand Final
Thursday 12 Nov



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

2020 Term 4 - dates
Tue 13 Oct - Thur 17
Dec

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From the Principal's Desk continued ...

FATHERING PROJECT: 2021

I am excited to announce that Belmay Primary has registered in the Fathering Project for 2021. Founded in Western Australian and now expanded into New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland – The Fathering Project delivers resources, programs and events specific to the engagement style and needs of dads and father figures. If you would like to learn more please visit the website: <https://thefatheringproject.org/about-us/>

If you would like to work with our school in forging this project please email me: sarah.durham@education.wa.edu.au or call to arrange a time to have a chat: 6278 5401.

NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our new school website launches next week. We anticipate this will be an easy to access source of current information pertaining to our school. In particular, please take the time to examine the term's calendar which will indicate all of the events in this busy term .

CONGRATULATIONS

And finally a big congratulations to all of the recipients who have received a Principal's Award or an Acts of Kindness acknowledgement letter from Mrs Cassie Rowe. And a special mention for our September Belmont Forum Excellence Award recipients.

Principal Awards: Zakhan, Emma, Hanya, Eamon, Quinton and Teejay.

Acts of Kindness: Hanya, Ben, Mostafa, Annabella, Layla, Zarn and Mordekai.

Thank you families for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you all over the course of the term.

Kind Regards

Sarah Durham

Principal



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Chaplain's Chat ...

Welcome back to Term 4. With Term 4 comes a reminder that the end of another school year is close, and most importantly, that means that children will be transitioning into new territory in 2021. The process of preparing children for this change needs to start now. For some, 2021 will be their first time at school or high school, for others moving up a grade or to a new school can be equally overwhelming.

Parents and carers play an important role in supporting their children in managing any transition successfully. Supporting children during transition is important because research suggests that having a positive start to school promotes children's capacity to learn and make and maintain friendships, which is supportive of positive long term mental health outcomes.

The big step of starting school can be quite daunting for you and your child. Preparation is the key to alleviating some of the stress of this change. There is a lot you can do as the parent to help ease the anxiety about that all important first day at school. Some tips for all age transitions to school can be found at this link [Supporting Your Child's Transition to School](#)

The key signs your young child is having problems transitioning would be, they have no friends, or are having difficulty making friends, their conversation about school indicates they find nothing about school enjoyable. They haven't bonded with anyone, including teachers, or have a subject they enjoy and it drives them to be at school. Finally, if your child is unable to separate themselves from you and this causes them anxiety, please seek help from a school counsellor, chaplain, psychologist, their teacher or an external professional such as a psychologist if this doesn't resolve quickly.

The greatest predictor of wellbeing for a Year 7 is having a great range of friends, therefore if your child is still struggling with making friends at this age, please look at what they need to learn these vital skills. The YouTube links below provide an overview of preparing for High School Starting high school. [High School First Day School A to Z - Preparing for high school.](#)

On a final note, if you, your child or someone you know needs support, below are some important support services.

Beyond Blue	Lifeline	Kids Helpline
1300 22 4636	131114	1800 55 1800

Prefect News

The prefects have two fundraisers this term. The first one is on Thursday 5 November. They will be selling cupcakes and jelly (small quantity) for a dollar each. The funds raised are going towards Second Bite. Second Bite exists to provide access to fresh, nutritious food for people in need.

The second fundraiser is on Thursday 26 November. This will be a Free Dress Day (gold coin donation) and the money raised is going towards their gift to the school. The school has nominated for these funds to go towards the new sign that has been installed on the wall of the library which has Belmay Primary School's vision statement on it.

Ailine Hurst

School Chaplain



Supporting WA school communities

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Chaplain's Chat ...

The Re-Cyc-Ology Project

An environmental education workshop.

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w. www.re-cyc-ology.com.au

Monday 7th September 2020

Dear School Community,

Recently your school hosted a nest-box workshop with Simon Cherriman and Danielle Crichton from *The Re-Cyc-Ology Project*, in which students participated in the construction and installation of nest-boxes for wildlife. There are now a number of nest-boxes throughout your school grounds, including one for threatened Black Cockatoo species.

The school would love your assistance with observing any activity do to with the nest-boxes. An observational diary, 'Nest-box Notes', has been placed in the Administration building for all students, staff and parents. Please keep your eyes peeled during your visits to school and feel free to write down anything you see (don't forget the date)!

If you would like to know more about the project, please visit www.re-cyc-ology.com.au. The Resources section of the website provides a wealth of information to help you build a variety of long-lasting nest-boxes to accommodate wildlife at your place.

During *The ReCycOlogy Project's* whole school presentation, students and staff were shown the following links to help families engage with local wildlife and the environment:

MEMBERSHIPS:

- West Australian Naturalists Club: <https://www.wanaturalists.org.au/>
- BirdLife Australia: <https://birdlife.org.au/support-us/join-us/>
- Australian Geographic Society:
<https://www.australiangeographic.com.au/>

VIDEOS:

- Backyard Biodiversity: tinyurl.com/y443z6kp or tinyurl.com/y4qgo523
- Australian Shelducks ducklings: tinyurl.com/yytbeyuq

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter! We hope you enjoy encouraging your children to engage with the natural environment around them!

Kind regards,

Simon Cherriman and Danielle Crichton

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Information ...

Nest Box Workshop

Belmay Primary School had the privilege of having The Re-Cyc-Ology Project visit and run their educational workshop at the school in Term 3. The day was a great success, with a number of bird boxes completed and now hanging in our trees across the school.

Thank you to the presenters Simon and Danielle for their fun and educational presentations, and to our parents who have supported the prefect fundraisers in the last two years. With the contributions on the day, we covered all costs for this valuable incursion.

The letter in this newsletter from Simon Cherriman and Danielle Crichton has some further information that the school community can take part in. Please read about how you can be involved in the ongoing monitoring of the bird boxes.

Student feedback

During the day of the bird box making, everybody had a wonderful day. We all learnt more about the nature of birds and their lifestyle. We also learnt a lot about how their homes were made. It was amazing seeing everyone enjoying the day, particularly those who were chosen to help build the boxes.

- **Quinton**

What a wonderful day it was. Only prefects and selected students from years 4, 5, and 6 got to participate in the construction of the bird boxes, but two classes from LDC and BPS's years 1, 2 and 3 got to watch (including the ones who were already participating) Simon install the black cockatoo box.

First we made the actual boxes, then just before lunch, Simon climbed up a tree to put up the black cockatoo nesting box in the tree.

After lunch we talked about more interesting facts about nesting boxes. The next day some children had fun investigating and finding where Simon had hung up all the boxes.

- **Maddisyn**



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What's Been Happening ...

2020 Interschool NUMERO Challenge



Eight students from Belmay Primary School competed in the 2020 Interschool NUMERO Challenge Heat last Friday.

These students competed in teams of four to solve a series of mathematical problems and games. 18 teams competed against each other on the day.

Our brilliant math minded superstars performed just as exceptionally as previous years.

Our teams competed with outstanding sportsmanship, respect for other students and volunteers and academic excellence.



Congratulations to all members of the 2020 Belmay team!

Team Belmay Brilliance 1st Place

Overall our two teams placed 1st, 10th. Our team Belmay Brilliance took out 1st place and have made it to the Grand Final to be held on Thursday the 12th November.

Keep your eye out for the next newsletter to see how they go in the Grand Final!

Miss Hannah Klauz



Team Belmay Brighties



Kauri playing NUMERO

During Term 4 2020 Belmont City College is running the EPIC- Science program for Year 6 students who have accepted a place in the A Plus Academic Excellence Program for Year 7 2021.

The following students from Belmay Primary School have been selected to attend:

Yangchen Dolma | Favienne Fam | Alexander Foreman | Jasmyn Haberecht | Annabella Masih

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