



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Families,

As we fast approach the end of 2021 I have been reflecting on this most eventful of years. As we navigated our way through lockdowns including new ways to teach, learn and communicate, I was constantly reminded of the ongoing support from every member of Belmay Primary school community. We rallied together and faced the adversities, taking it all in our stride but also reaching out to each other and furthering the strong partnerships that we have forged among teachers, children and families.

NEW EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE 2021

There are many exciting developments we are excitedly planning for next year, notwithstanding a brand new early childhood centre that will be built.

The Governments new 'WA Recovery Plan' will deliver "unprecedented investment" in local infrastructure, community facilities, and job creation. The plan will create short and long-term jobs to assist the construction, manufacturing, tourism, hospitality, renewable energy, training, education, and agriculture industries.

Among the many funding initiatives announced over the past week, the government plans to allocate funding to Belmay Primary School for upgrading and refurbishment. This is a very exciting development for our school.

The new centre will facilitate two early childhood classes which will be located more centrally, adjacent to the Drama room, where the old ablution block recently demolished stood for many years. Not only will this be a contemporary design that will accommodate early years learning the new site will go a long way to facilitate teacher collaboration...which has been a primary focus on our school improvement agenda.

ANTICIPATED CLASS STRUCTURES 2021

We are finalising our classes for next year and anticipating a with a nine class structure as follows:

K/P K/P 1/2 1/2 3 3/4 4/5 5/6 5/6

Specialty programs will be **Italian, STEM, Visual/Performing Arts and Physical Education.**

Class lists, with teachers assigned, will be available next year and I will notify via our school's new website <https://belmayps.wa.edu.au/> and the CONNECT parent noticeboard when we will be posting at school.

If you have any class placement requests for your child/children please email: sarah.durham@education.wa.edu.au by Friday 11 December.

PTO for more ...

COMING EVENTS

P&C Meeting

Wednesday 2nd December
5.30pm in the School Library
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School Banking - Canteen

Wednesday Mornings
8.30am - 9.00am
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Uniform Shop

Wednesday
8.30am - 10.30am

Last Day for Students for 2020 -

Thursday 17 Dec

First day for students for 2021 -

Monday 1 Feb

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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What's Been Happening ...

CONNECT LOGIN

In order to use Connect, please:

1. Register a valid email address with Belmay Primary School.
2. You will receive an email with login information from the Department of Education.
3. Click on the link and login.

And finally just a reminder that the first day back for students is **Monday 1 February 2021**.

I look forward to seeing you all over the next few weeks and celebrating the end of the school year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a lovely holiday making memories and enjoying all our beautiful summer has to offer!



Kind Regards

Sarah Durham
Principal



Staff Development Days 2021

**Term 1 - Thursday 28 Jan
Friday 29 Jan
Friday 26 Feb**
Term 2 - Monday 19 Apr
**Term 4 - Monday 11 Oct
Friday 17 Dec**

Principals Book Award

Congratulations to Archer, Aleena,
William and Favienne



Acts of Kindness Recipients

Congratulations to Emma, Kyannah,
Tapiwa, Grace (not pictured), Sarah and
Crystal



Cloverdale School Dental Clinic

**We will be closed from
Mon 21st Dec 2020 - Mon 18th Jan
2021.**

Cloverdale Dental Clinic is open
from **8am – 4pm** Mon to Fri.

If your child has a toothache,
please phone us on **9479 7222**
between **8am-4pm**, if you have an
emergency outside of work hours,
please contact your family dentist
or the **Emergency Service on -
1800 098 818**.

**180 Fisher St (Clinic access through
Gate 5 off Hendra St)
Cloverdale 6105
Ph: 9479 7222**

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INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS REPORT

On Friday 13th November, students from Belmay [54] and LDC [8] participated in the Athletics Carnival conducted by the Belmont Area Schools' Sports Association. The day was a success and the students are to be congratulated on their attitude toward all aspects of the competition. The team spirit was a delightful feature of the day.

This year was the first year where schools participated in Divisions. Belmay competed in B Division against Redcliffe and Belmont. We finished second with 428 points. Redcliffe were the champions with 467. Individual trophies and medallions were awarded to the following students.

Jasmine Haberecht [Year 6 Champion], Matthew Portilla [Year 6 Runner-up], Manoka Knathny [Year 5 Champion], Ritika Devi [Year 5 Runner-up], Taydia Ryan [Year 4 Champion], Laithin Hill [Year 4 Champion], Nellie Naumova [Year 3 Champion] and Alex Oze-Igiehon [Year 3 Champion].

A special thanks to those students who attended Thursday morning training sessions and those held during lunchbreak on Fridays.



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City of Belmont's Big Light Out

Belmay Primary featured at the City of Belmont's Big Light Out on the 13th and 14th November. The one thousand origami cranes were part of a light show symbolising peace and hope. Congratulations to the children, parents and staff who spent 4 Friday's after school and at home creating the birds. The display looked wonderful.

Min'na yoku yatta. (Everyone did well.)



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NAIDOC WEEK AT BELMAY

This year's NAIDOC theme was Always Was, Always Will Be. At Belmay, classes celebrated in their own rooms. Many discussed and coloured their own version of the official poster. Some wrote narratives inspired by Dreamtime stories learnt from our Yirra Yaakin Theatre incursion. Room 9 even wrote an Acknowledgement of Country in their own words.



Acknowledgement of Country

We are thankful for this
Noongar land on which we
learn and play.

We acknowledge the Noongar
people as the first caretakers
of this land. We are grateful
for the amazing care they
have taken of this land.

We show respect to the Elders
past and present for their
knowledge and expertise. We
have so much to learn from
them.

In this story we used the Noongar word for Emu (Weitj), Kangaroo (Yonga) and Boodjar (land/country).

Here is Archer Brown's narrative.

How The Kangaroos Got Their Colours

In the Dreamtime, down by a sparkling waterhole Weitj the Emu sighed sadly. He was sick and tired of his dark grey feathers.

"Why do I have to be so dark and yuck?" said Weitj. Weitj thought about Yonga the Kangaroo and how white and beautiful he was. Suddenly something popped up in Weitj's head.

"I'm going to take Yonga's coat" said Weiti. "I just need to come up with a plan, a sneaky, tricky plan.

The next day Weitj held a breath holding competition between Yonga and himself. Yonga knew that Weitj is amazingly good at holding his breath but he was desperate to win. As Yonga was aiming for fifteen seconds Weitj made his move. As Weitj made a run for it Yonga popped his head out of the water, "What are you doing with that?" said Yonga. Suddenly Weiti bolted through the boodjar superfast Weiti dragged Yonga's beautiful coat along the ground. It was now the colour of the boodjar. This is how the Kangaroo got its colour and why we have different kangaroos for different parts of the land. Red earth for the red kangaroo, and grey and brown for the Yonga that lives here on Noongar Boodjar.

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NAIDOC - Making Damper

During NAIDOC week celebrations students worked with Mrs Lawrence to each make a damper.

They had a great time getting together and enjoyed eating the delicious damper with their favourite toppings. Yum!



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Interschool Numero Grand Final Update

Belmay's **Belmay Brilliance** Numero team won a position into the State Grand Final Interschool Numero Challenge as a result of taking out first place in their heat. The competition was held at Collier Primary School on Thursday the 12th November 2020. The four students (Matthew, Darko, Ziana and Jinqi) competed with outstanding enthusiasm, sportsmanship and confidence.

208 teams took part in the competition this year, from 75 schools across Western Australia with the top 18 teams attaining a place at the Grand Final. A massive congratulation to Matthew, Darko, Ziana and Jinqi who placed 8th overall in the competition.

Your math skills, dedication and hard work are commended!



Morning excitement and nerves about the day ahead



Ziana competing in a challenge



Kauri (our reserve) Matt, Ziana, Jinqi, Darko at recess



Darko competing in a challenge

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What's Been Happening ...

Year 6 Parliament House visit



Ms Cassandra (Cassie) Michelle Rowe MLA
Unit 1
275 Belmont Avenue
Cloverdale WA 6105

Dear Ms Rowe,

The prefect group would like to thank you very much for inviting us to Parliament House, especially morning tea, on Wednesday 4th November. It was a privilege to attend.

We enjoyed our tour, where we learnt a lot about Parliament House, and its history. Most of us agree how cool the Upper and Lower House were (with our favourite house being the Upper House). The Upper House (Legislative Assembly) was very formal, and we found it interesting that the colour of the carpet and seating are red to continue our heritage links with the English Parliament. The artefacts were pretty awesome to view; our favourites being the sword and hat.

One of our favourite rooms there was the Aboriginal People's Gallery/Room displaying artwork by our Western Australian First Nation artists and others. The art in the room was truly wonderful, the colours warm, and the stories behind the art work very interesting. We couldn't decide which art piece was the best.

The view from Parliament was amazing! When we looked through the windows we could see the flags flying and were amazed just how high Parliament House was placed over-looking the city!

Thank you very much Ms Rowe for providing us with an amazing, interesting tour around Parliament House, which we thoroughly enjoyed, and for the delicious morning tea.

In appreciation,
Belmay Prefects of 2020.



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Belmay P & C News!

2020 has been an interesting year but still a productive year for our Belmay P & C and the School.

Although we missed out on being able to hold our usual Mothers Day and Fathers Day stalls, we were still able to manage some fundraising and fun for the kids.

Our Easter raffle was a hit as usual and we squeezed in a few special treat days for pancakes, cupcakes and icy poles as the weather warmed up.

Our sausage sizzle orders were a hit with the kids for the Athletics Carnival with colour-coded, faction-themed food packs.

We held a very successful Cookie Dough fundraiser and we hope you enjoyed some fun in the kitchen with your Cookie Dough orders. We are looking forward to running this fundraiser again next year!

Lastly, we will be holding our annual Christmas Raffle which includes a bicycle donated by our local member Cassie Rowe. Thanks Cassie!

The Belmay P & C is always looking for new members. If you would like to find out more about the P&C, check out our Facebook page or better still, come along to one of our meetings. We'd love to get to know you.

Our next meeting is: Wednesday 2nd December at 5.30pm
in the School Library

Regards, the Belmay P & C

Coming Up...!

Year 6 Graduation Morning Tea
Thursday, 10th December

If you can spare some time to help out at the morning tea, please get in touch with us.



Volunteers Needed for Breakfast Club!



We are looking for volunteers on **Monday** and **Friday** mornings. If you can spare some time please get in contact with us.

Christmas Raffle

Look out for raffle tickets coming home!
Fantastic prizes to be won, including a bike, scooter, skates and skateboard with the necessary safety gear too!

Winners drawn: Monday 14th Dec



Email us at:
belmay.pnc@gmail.com



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Chaplain's Chat ...

Hi to all our Belmay families

The end of another school year is almost upon us again so it is time to reflect and congratulate and thank firstly, the **prefects of 2020** for working with me again this year. Their teamwork and efforts in fundraising for their gift to the school has resulted in them being able to donate a good amount towards a few initiatives.

Fundraisers for the Bird Box Project, Second Bite (see photos) and their gift to the school, a contribution towards the new Vision board on the school library wall.

It takes a lot of extra time and effort to be a school leader, so be proud of your selves.

Once again, we say congratulations and goodbye to our graduating group. The end of Primary School means that a big change is ahead. In addressing the leavers, remember everything you have been taught thus far. Dream big, try new things, meet new people and look out for those who need support. Be safe and make sure to continue to Choose Respect for self, others and the world around you. Your success will be dependent on the choices you make, so make good choices.

If you are looking for support as a parent of a child heading to high school, I can recommend a new resource released this year *STARTING SECONDARY SCHOOL: The Essential Handbook for every Australian family* by Michael Carr-Gregg & Sharon Witt. It covers the many key areas of what can be a challenging transition.

Topics include: Choosing the right school for you; Settling into secondary school; Homework, Study tips and tricks; Coping with stress, anxiety and depression; Social issues such as bullying and friendship; Health and wellbeing, including the importance of sleep and diet and Mobile phones and technology - does and don'ts.

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

Beyond Blue.
1300 22 4636

Lifeline.
131114

Kids Helpline.
1800 55 1800

Have a Happy Christmas and a safe and restful break.

Ailine Hurst
School Chaplain

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