

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK TERM 1 WEEK 8



Dear Families,

Firstly I would like to start by thanking all families for fitting in so well with the need to wear masks in and around the school grounds.

I think we all realise this is a different lifestyle, but also very necessary.

To date we have had a steady stream of students who have contracted Covid or have had a family member test positive and have therefore had to stay home and isolate.

As a community, I look forward to the days when we are mask-free again. In the meantime, thank you for being so understanding.

We value and need your ongoing support to keep your children safe.

I would encourage all families with an unwell child to keep them home and preferably have a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT).

[Quarantine and isolation \(healthywa.wa.gov.au\)](https://healthywa.wa.gov.au)

Under current settings, students who have no symptoms **who are close contacts** or if you as parents feel they may be close contacts (other than those who are household close contacts) must take a PCR test or a RAT within 24 hours of becoming a close contact.

**Provided the test is negative, and the child has no symptoms, they may:**

- continue attending school;
- attend before school care or after school care;
- attend school-based sporting or cultural training, practise, or events organised through the school and held immediately before or after school at their school; and
- travel between the student's usual place of residence and their school.

### **Q. My child is a close contact. Do I need to isolate with my child?**

No. Only close contacts of a positive case need to isolate. However parents, carers or guardians of close contacts need to take extra precautions and limit interaction with the person who is a close contact where possible. It is important to monitor for symptoms. If you experience symptoms consistent with COVID-19, you should get tested immediately. Your child can continue going to school or childcare if they are a close contact, other than a household close contact, and have no symptoms.

### **Harmony Day**

Thank you to all the families that have supported our Harmony Day video initiative, helping us to recognise and celebrate our cultural diversity.

**Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2022: 10-20 May** is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN tests skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. With the test results, teachers can tailor each child's education more effectively.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas of:

- reading
- writing
- language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- numeracy

The best way to support your child is to encourage them to do the best they can. The results of their assessment will help their teacher provide tailored learning for them. Here are some things you can do:



- Tell them that answering questions online will enable them to better show their ability.
- Let them know they will use a device with which they are familiar.
- Show your child how to write and edit using a computer and encourage them to practise using it. Word processing makes it easier to move words around and to replace and delete them.
- Let them know they will be able to go back and change most answers. (Questions that provide an online calculator cannot be changed)

Read more: <https://www.nap.edu.au/about>

## ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS

Throughout the course of the school year, one student per class will be awarded an Encouragement Award from their class teacher. Each recipient will receive a gift voucher kindly donated by Belmont City Forum.

Our February award winner from Room 1 is **Carter Rawlings**:



For being an AMAZING, FRIENDLY and SUPPORTIVE member of Room One. Your magnificent smile lights up our class every day. You give everything a go and consistently try your best! Your 'never give up' attitude is admired by your teachers and classmates. You are an AMAZING role model in the classroom as you strive for personal excellence every day.

Thank you for always being a KIND, CARING and HAPPY member of the class. Your willingness to help others in the classroom is appreciated. You are always happy to help those around you and assist them in achieving their goals.

Keep up the WONDERFUL effort!

## NITTY GRITTIES/PRINCIPAL AWARD

Due to the current situation in school we have recently converted our Nitty Gritties on Friday mornings to a virtual realm.

### Our School Song

Thinking of others is lots of fun  
If we think of them we'll get things done  
We've got to choose respect  
We've got to choose respect  
Showing them kindness is good to do  
And the kindness will come back to you  
If we all choose respect  
If we all choose respect

Choose respect (x 4)

And even if others give you the blame  
You can show them that you won't play their game  
And still choose respect  
And still choose respect  
Because forgiveness is the key  
If we are to live in harmony  
Where we all choose respect  
Where we all choose respect

Choose respect (x 4)

So let's find a way to let others know  
That we are willing to help them grow  
So let's all choose respect  
So let's all choose respect  
And let's show respect for ourselves too  
'Cause people may look up to you  
So let's all choose respect  
So let's all choose respect

Choose respect (x 9)



Here is our first  
Principal Award  
recipient from  
Room 8.

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## Information

### Belmay School Council

Our School Council represents the school community in the process of school planning and policy development.

Members participate in establishment and review of school priorities (including general policy direction, financial arrangements and approval of contributions and charges) and the evaluation of school performance. They also provide advice to the school to foster positive relationships between the school and the community.

Our current school council is made up of the following members:

- Sarah Durham - Principal
- Cassie Rowe (MLP)
- Hannah Klauz
- Jenna Haerewa
- Ronnie O'Neill
- Jacqui Hamling (P&C rep)
- David Gerstorfer
- Kylie Watson (P&C rep)
- Terry Harney

### Belmay P & C Committee

The P&C are hoping to hold their first meeting and AGM in Term 2. All welcome to come along and find out what the P&C does and how to join the fun. We are always looking for people to get involved and you would be surprised how much fun we have helping our kids at school.

Members -

- President: Kylie Watson
- Vice President: Geoff Ahern/Kelly Clark
- Secretary: Anne Cook
- Treasurer: Ailine Hurst
- Executive Member: Elle Fraser



### VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS 2022

Voluntary Contributions are payments for materials, services and facilities used by students (from Kindergarten to Year 10) in an educational program. Parents at Belmay PS in 2022 are encouraged to pay **\$60 per child** in Voluntary Contributions.

Payments can be made in person at the front office by EFTPOS (preferred) or cash.

For all payments **received by the end of Term One**, you will automatically go into the draw to win a **\$150 Belmont Reading Cinema Voucher** kindly donated by Mrs Cassie Rowe; a highly valued School Council and MLA member.

Please note that if you have paid to date we have added you already!



### Our School Values

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



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#### FOCUS AREAS 2022

**FOCUS AREA A:** Improving student academic progress and achievement

**FOCUS AREA B:** To meet and support the specific needs of each child

**FOCUS AREA C:** Improving staff skills, application and leadership



#### SCHOOL UNIFORM

The Uniform Shop is open during Term 1 on Wednesdays, 8:30-10:00 am. Parents may also order directly from Eclipse Universal by phoning or emailing Eclipse with order details. An order form is available on the school website (please see >Our School >Uniforms and follow the link to the form).



#### ATTENDANCE 2022: TERM 1

As you know attendance has been a top priority at Belmay for some time now. A big thank you to all parents for supporting us in our efforts to maintain attendance as a top priority.

We have initiated A Whole School Approach: **TERM REWARDS** for 90% Attendance.

Given the disruptive start to the year due to COVID, we are including **all children in the Term 1 Reward** with a incursion by an animal farm. Beyond Term 1, the remaining events will be for students attending each term in over the 90% range.

**Term 1:** Swan Valley Cuddly Animal Farm: **Thursday 7 April**

**Term 2:** Pizza and Movie Afternoon

**Term 3:** Theatre/ Puppet Performance

**Term 4:** Disco



**Term One ends Friday 8 April**

**ANZAC Day Monday 25 April - Public Holiday**

**School Development and Pupil Free Day Tuesday 26 April**

**Term Two at Belmay PS, for all students, commences WEDNESDAY 27 April**





## Community Notices

**IT'S PLAY TIME**



**REDCLIFFE EAGLES JFC**  
**REGISTER NOW**



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WA JUNIOR FOOTY  
AFL  
VISIT [PLAY.AFL](http://PLAY.AFL)

**IT'S PLAY TIME**



Looking for players in  
Pre-primary,  
Year 1  
Year 2  
Year 3  
Year 4  
Year 5

Dedicated Girls Teams  
Year 5/6  
&  
Year 7/8  
[Redcliffejfc.com.au](http://Redcliffejfc.com.au)

Redcliffe Junior Football Club  
Location: Middleton Park,  
Cloverdale WA  
Jared Wilson  
0402 383 189




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**BOMBERS**  
BELMONT JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

**Season 2022**  
Commences 30 April



**Player Registrations are still OPEN**

Pre-primary to Year-12 | Girls and Boys

