



Belmont Public School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Fathers Day

Happy Fathers Day for last Sunday. We hope you enjoyed your day!

Instructional Leader

Welcome to Mrs Brown, who is our new Instructional Leader. Mrs Brown has a wealth of knowledge and is very excited to be working with students and staff in the areas of literacy and numeracy.

PBL Focus

Our focus this week is Keeping Me to Me. Students are working towards a pizza rewards day at the end of this term.

School photos

Our photo day is tomorrow. Students are asked to wear their winter uniform. Kindergarten are asked to wear their summer uniform. Year 6 students can wear their Year 6 shirt. Please complete your orders online at www.newcastleschoolportraits.com using the code 200168.

School Planning

School Evaluation and Planning School teams are collecting data and evidence to inform a whole-school evaluation, as we move towards a new school planning cycle, 2021-2024. While reviewing current educational research and school assessment data, over the coming weeks, the process will include consultation with students, staff and the greater community.

Book Week

Our Book Fair has arrived and sales start Monday next week!

Keep your eyes out this week on our Facebook page for previews of what will be available for sale. Remember that our Costume Day will be Tuesday the 15th of September. Students are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite character from a book. Students will hold their own class parade to show off their costumes. There will also be activities to participate in.

This year we will be celebrating book week in Week 9, September 14th - September 18th. .

Our Book Fair will run for all of Week 9. **Only students may attend the Book Fair.** During Week 8 we will be posting pictures and videos of what is available at the Book Fair.

Students will be bringing home a flyer with information on how you can pay online, students will need to return their note with the receipt number on it OR they can pay with cash during lunchtime. Students will have the opportunity to fill in their wish lists during their library time during Week 8 ahead of the Book Fair opening in Week 9. On the back of these wish lists are details for online payment options.

Book Week will be a little different this year but we appreciate your support and patience as we make this event as much fun and as safe as possible.

Wheelie Wednesday

Our Year 1 & 2 students unfortunately were not able to ride their scooters today due to the wet weather. Their day has been rescheduled for next Thursday 17th September.

Next Wednesday, 16th September Year 3 & 4 students are invited to bring in their scooters and helmets to ride during lunch time on a set track.

Attendance

Students are required to attend school everyday. If your child is unable to attend due to illness please let the office know ASAP. We will be sending home reminders for absence explanations. Please return these to your child's class teacher. We will also send out SMS messages if your child is away. These messages are computer generated if your child is not at school. Please update your phone numbers with the office staff. There is a form coming home today with this Newsletter.

Interesting Facts

Did you know?

- Missing one day a week of school from Year 1 to Year 11 is the equivalent of missing two years and one term of schooling.
- Being half an hour late to school each day from Year 1 to Year 10 is equivalent to missing one year and one-and-a-half terms of schooling.
- Being absent five days a term from Year 1 to Year 10 adds up to more than one year of missed schooling.
- There is a direct correlation between attendance and achievement.
- Frequent absences make it difficult for teachers to ensure your child learns what they need to.
- Patterns of attendance/absence are set up in the early years of schooling.
- Students who are frequently absent from school are over-represented in the juvenile justice system.
- Girls are absent more often than boys.
- Poor attendance makes it difficult for students to form positive relationships with their peers.
- Students who are frequently absent from school are more likely to end up homeless.
- Aboriginal students are absent twice as much as non-Aboriginal students.
- Research shows that students who are often absent from school are likely to earn less than their peers as adults

Kindergarten Transition and Enrolment

Our school enrolment forms for 2021 will be on our school web page. We are organising an online transition video for families to view. Unfortunately our traditional transition evening meeting cannot go ahead due to COVID 19. If you know of any families that have children who will be school age in 2021 please have them ring the school for enrolment details on 49454858.

100 days of Kindergarten

On Friday the 11th September our Kindergarten classes will celebrate 100 days at school. They will participate in fun literacy, numeracy and craft activities all related to 100. We are asking that students come dressed as 100 year old person. Students should have already received a not about this fun event.

Check-in assessment

The check in assessment is an online reading and numeracy assessment for students in Years 3, 5 and 9.

Our Year 3 students will sit the check in assessment: Term 3, Week 10 to Term 4 Week 2 (21 September to 23 October 2020)

The Check-in assessment can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs. The assessments are mapped to the NSW Syllabuses and National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions.