



Belmont Public School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

COVID 19 update

School attendance Students should be at school unless:

- they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition and the expected timeframe
- they are currently unwell.

In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded not to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. NSW Health have requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the COVID-19 clinics. Students and staff with flu-like symptoms need to be tested and provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result and be symptom free before being permitted to return to school. Additionally they must be symptom-free for at least 3 days before returning to school. Students who have seasonal allergic rhinitis or another condition that presents similarly to flu-like symptoms are still required to get tested for COVID-19 and return a negative test result. Where their symptoms continue beyond 10 days, students should provide documentation from their GP confirming their symptoms are typical for their condition. If the student develops new or changed symptoms, they should get tested for COVID-19. Parents and guardians are not permitted on site unless it is an organised meeting with a specific purpose.

Kindergarten Early Birds

We are excited that our Early Birds program can go ahead this term.

We will hold 5 sessions on a Thursday from 12.15-.1.30pm. Students are asked to bring a hat, water bottle and a packed recess/snack.

Our sessions are as follow:

- **Thursday 5th November 2020**
- **Thursday 12th November 2020**
- **Thursday 19th November 2020**
- **Thursday 26th November 2020**
- **Thursday 3rd November 2020**

Due to COVID-19 strict guidelines have been put in place to support schools in planning orientation programs for students entering Kindergarten in 2021.

Department Guidelines

- All students attending the orientation have a completed enrolment form
- Parents and carers to enter the school site and report to a designated drop-off and collection zone.
- Parents and carers, students and staff are well and free of any flu-like symptoms.
- Parents and carers should not remain on site for longer than 10 minutes.
- Ensure each parent signs the external visitors form (staff only).
- Parents and carers should not be allowed access to areas outside of the designated drop-off and collection points and should leave promptly at the conclusion of the event.
- Good hand hygiene practices will be in place and encouraged

Designated Drop off and Pick Up Area

- ***Parents may enter via our pedestrian gate on Livingstone Street from 12.15pm and meet Buddies and Teachers in the 50c COLA***. Please note if possible you need to leave our school grounds by 12.25pm.
- External Visitor forms will be available to sign at Drop off
- Students will be walked to the pedestrian gate at 1.30pm. Parents may wait for their child outside the gate, staff will be available to answer questions if needed.

External Visitors Forms/Drop Off

Every time a parent or caregiver enters our school for our Early Birds program they are required to complete this form.

Uniform Shop

Uniforms can be ordered online via myschoolconnect.com.au / or the My School Connect APP. We are working with our P&C to organise bookings for parents to come onsite at school to order or buy uniforms.

Year 6 Farewell

Our year 6 students will have a farewell on the 10th of December at school. Unfortunately parents and guardians are not permitted to attend due to COVID restrictions. Students will still have professional photographs taken, enjoy a meal and some organised safe distancing dancing, be presented with some special Year 6 awards, receive their graduation certificate and enjoy the end of year slide show.

Staff Development Days 2021

Next year there will be two staff development days at the beginning of the year. Students will return on Friday 29th January. Kindergarten will start on Tuesday 2nd February.

PBL Focus

Our focus this week is keeping me to me. Students are working towards a special Sports rewards day at the end of this term.

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. We have started our student forums to develop a deeper understanding of what the students think about school, their sense of belonging, learning, and relationships.

Reports

School reports for semester 2 will be sent home on December 15th. The reports will have individualised comments for English, mathematics and a general comment.

Presentation Day

Our end of year Presentation day will be on the 8th December. Parents are not permitted at this stage. The Presentation day will be modified with year 6 special awards to be presented at their farewell, sports awards will have their own special assembly.

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 class teacher. We will also be sending out SMS messages if you child is away. These messages are computer generated if your child is not at school. Please update your phone numbers with the office staff.

Selective High Schools

Selective High Schools Year 7 2022 Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2022 (current Year 5), will be accepted from Tuesday 13 October 2020 to Monday 16 November 2020. All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 11 March 2021. Parents must apply online at: <https://bit.ly/2SOVGFD>

Thirsty Thursday

Year 6 students will be selling ice-blocks each Thursday for \$1.00. All money raised will go towards their farewell and their gift to the school.

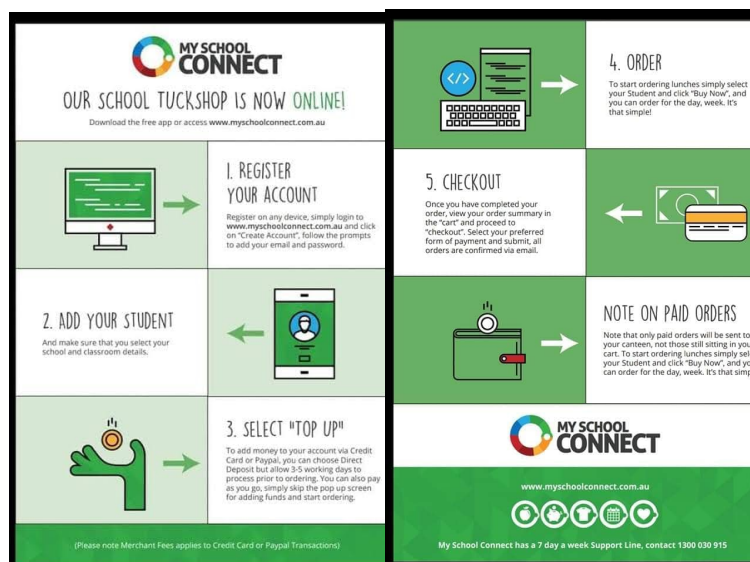
Belmont P&C

Term 4 has started with some exciting news from the P&C.

New everyday shorts are available for purchasing from the Uniform Shop for \$20. These are unisex and can be worn with either the blue or yellow polo. There is also a tracksuit pant option available for \$30.



This week we launched the online option for our canteen, using the same My School Connect app as the uniform shop. Orders can be submitted until 9.15am. Please see information below on how to register with My School Connect if you haven't yet done so.



Tonight we are holding our monthly P&C meeting via Zoom at 6.30pm. If you are interested in attending please send your email details to: pandcbelmontps@gmail.com