



# Belmont Public School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

## Staff Changes

Mr McIlvenie is currently Relieving Principal at Blacksmiths Public School. Mrs Hocking and Mr Overdijk will be teaching in full time temporary positions at another school. Mr Ikihele will teach the ED support class in 2021. Miss Bertoss and Mrs Serhan will both be on Maternity leave in 2021. Mrs Serhan is expecting twins and Miss Bertoss will welcome a baby boy early next year.

## Kindergarten Early Birds

Our Kindergarten 2021 students will visit the Kindergarten classroom this Thursday between 12:15 – 1:30pm. They will also meet their Yr 5 buddies. Parents will only be able to drop off and pick up their children in a designated area for 10 minutes. Families are reminded that students enrolment need to be completed before children will be able to come into the school for transition meetings.

## Attendance

Belmont Public School recognises that students need to attend school on a regular basis to gain the maximum benefit from schooling in order to optimise their life opportunities. At Belmont Public School we understand that for maximum transfer of knowledge 95% percent attendance is necessary. Attendance lower than 95% impacts on academic standards. At Belmont Public School there is an expectation that once enrolled, students will attend on a regular basis, and positive attendance patterns should be fostered. It is our focus to wrap positive support around each student to maximise their attendance.

## Year 6 Farewell

Our year 6 students will have a farewell on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December at school. Invitations have been handed out this week to all year 6 students. Please send in your money to the office by the end of November.

**every learner every day** ✓

**ABSENCES ADD UP!**

FEBRUARY 2 DAYS A MONTH = NOVEMBER 4 WEEKS A YEAR = MISSING MORE THAN 1 YEAR OF LEARNING IN 12 YEARS

**DID YOU KNOW**

1 IN 4 SECONDARY STUDENTS ARE NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL REGULARLY!

**EACH DAY MISSED:**

- Puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up
- Can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy
- Can lead to gaps in learning and social connections

**WHAT PARENTS CAN DO**

- ✓ **BE FIRM.** Send your child to school every day unless they are sick
- ✓ Develop good sleep and morning routines
- ✓ Schedule appointments after school
- ✓ Avoid taking holidays during term time

**IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO IMPROVE ATTENDANCE**

- Going to school more often can make a difference.
- Attendance habits will follow your child into work and life

**SCHOOLS ARE THERE TO HELP**

If you're having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address it.

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## **2021 dates**

Term 1 Wednesday

27 January 2021 Staff Return - Thursday 28 January 2021 School Development Day

Friday 29 January 2021 Students Return in Years 1-6

Best Start Kindergarten Assessment Group 1 Monday 1 February 2021

Best Start Kindergarten Assessment Group 2 Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Wednesday 3 February 2021 All Kindergarten students start

## **PBL Focus**

Our focus this week is 'Stop Look and Listen'. All students that are listening to the teacher on the microphone at eating times before they play will receive a ticket. Students are working towards their whole school reward day – "Sports challenge".

## **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>

## **Year 6 leadership 2021**

The following students will be running for leadership in 2021. Students in years K-5 will vote next week for 6 students. We wish all students all the best during this process: Jenna, India, Noah, Paris, Layla, Xavier, Lilly, Taylor, Hayley-Jane, Harper and Jorja.

## **Enrolment can be done ONLINE**

We are excited to announce we have rolled out the new Online Enrolment System. The Online Enrolment System is designed to provide flexibility for our parents to submit an enrolment application online and at the time that best suits you. The application can be accessed on all browsers and mobile devices including iOS and Android. The online application process is currently restricted to: Enrolments into local schools only

Children who are Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or permanent residents

Children who live in NSW.

We offer our support and encourage you to complete your application to enrol online. If, however, you do not feel comfortable completing an application online, a paper copy will be available for collection from the front office or can be downloaded from the Department's going to a public school site.

## **Yr 7 2021 Orientation day**

Year 7 2021 - Orientation Day - Tuesday December 1, 2020

Please be advised that the Year 7 2021 Orientation Day has been moved to 1st December 2020.

Parents will be provided with written notification with details later this week.

This year, due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Parent Information evening will be replaced by provision of an information video currently under production. This will be provided to parents towards the end of Term 4. For any queries, please contact Mr Allenby at Belmont High School.

## Memorials

We have remembered two special members of the Belmont Public School Community by naming the Primary oval after Mr Simpson who was our General Assistant and the Multipurpose and computer lab block after one of students Emerald Wardle.



## NAIDOC WEEK

We will be celebrating NAIDOC week next week. Each class will be writing an Acknowledgement of Country and creating art works. We are looking forward to sharing these with you once completed.