



Belmont Public School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Cross Country

Our School Cross Country Carnival will be on tomorrow (Thursday 13th August). Students will all participate. Students are to wear their sports uniform for this event. The students will be running a track inside the school grounds.

Year 6 High School Enrichment Applications

At Belmont High School, they run enrichment classes in Years 7 to 10. This program serves a readily identified community need - that of challenging high potential and gifted students in a local coeducational comprehensive High School setting. In addition, it provides an extra dimension to our general aim of providing each student with an excellent academic, cultural, social and physical education. Interested students can apply directly through our High School. Packages will be available from the front office of Belmont High for collection from Tuesday 21st July 2020. Packs can also be downloaded from the BHS website www.belmont-h.schools.nsw.gov.au Belmont High School will be accepting applications for its 2021 Enrichment Program up to Friday 14th August. No applications can be accepted after this date. An external provider Robert Allwell, will be setting and collating the results of all the students who sit the exam. Assessment tests will take place at Belmont High School on Thursday 27th August 2020. Non local students are eligible to sit for the Academic Enrichment testing, however this does not guarantee enrolment. Non-local students must meet the public criteria.

Thirsty Thursday

Our Year 6 students will be selling ice-blocks on Thursday for \$1. All money raised will go towards their farewell and gift to the school.

PBL rewards day

Our mid term rewards day will be a pizza lunch day. Students are working towards receiving awards on the playground for demonstrating safety, responsibility and respect.

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.

School Photos

Our school photos have been moved to the 10th September. We will send home more order forms if needed.

Infants Sport

All infants students will start Gymnastics for sport next Wednesday. Could all infants students please wear their sports uniform on a Wednesday for the rest of the term. We have received funding to have a gymnastics program and specialised teachers come to our school for 5 weeks.

Dress Like a Pirate Day

The SRC have organised a Dress Like a Pirate Day for the 20th August. Students are encouraged to come dressed as a pirate to raise money for childhood cancer research. Sensible shoes are required and a gold coin donation.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be in Weeks 6-9. A note will come home this week explaining how to book your interview online. All interviews will be via a phone call for approximately 10 minutes.

Kindergarten Transition and Enrolment

Our school enrolment forms for 2021 will be on our school web page next week. 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.

Public Speaking

We are pleased to announce that we will be implementing a modified version of our Public Speaking Program. Every year students at Belmont Public take part in a school based Public Speaking Competition. It is designed to help students build the skills and confidence needed when speaking in public. Every student will prepare and deliver a speech to their class. (some classes have already completed their class speeches). Those students who achieve at class level then have the opportunity to proceed further to deliver their winning speech at a stage final.

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 a 100 year old person. Students should have already received a note 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 and Year 5 students will complete short online assessments.

Year 5 Term 3, Weeks 5 to 7 (17 August to 4 September 2020)

Year 3 students: 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.

P&C News

Our P&C will be organising a Fathers Day stall for each class. This year due to COVID students will have a hamper in their room to select a gift for an important person. Gifts will be priced between \$2 - \$10. Students will be able to purchase their gifts during week 6. The P&C are also organising a Thompson Pie Drive. Due to COVID if you spend over \$50 then items will be delivered directly to you. More details about the pie drive to come shortly.

Stage 3 Drum Corp

In week 3, Stage 3 students began their Creative Arts Music unit where they are learning the drums. A company called Drum Corp came to the rescue when the teachers of Stage 3 were attempting to plan a fun and engaging music program for all the Stage 3 classes. Drum Corp dropped off 30 bucket drums and 30 sets of drum sticks, along with an interactive, virtual program. We started with our introduction lessons where students learnt the basics of drumming and how to make different sounds on the different parts of the bucket drum. The program not only teaches beat and rhythm, but it covers much of our PE unit with lots of dance and movement included.

Our students have had an awesome time over the past 2 weeks learning the drums and a range of different movements and beats, and we can't wait to see what else we can do as the lessons get progressively harder. Well done Stage 3!

