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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

CASUAL DRESS DAY, supporting World Challenge, MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

STUDENT FREE DAY—Friday 16 September (end of Term 3)

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Interim reports
Interim reports for students in Year 12 can now be accessed on DayMap. Year 7 - 11 Interim Reports will be published on DayMap on Thursday 8th September.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent teacher interviews will be held on Thursday 15th September from 4pm-7pm and Friday 16th September 9am-12pm. Importantly scheduled classes will run as normal Thursday; however Friday the 16th September will be student free.

Opportunity is now available to book interviews via the school website, using the PIN code distributed to students last week.
Welcome back to the staff and students who attended the recent Ski Camp to Mt Buller. All participants enjoyed the skiing and their time in the camp. Thank you to Mr John McAndrew, Ms Meagan McAlpine, Ms Emily Gaito and Mr Russell Kline for organising and attending the camp.

Some of our students were involved in Tournament of Minds on Sunday 28 August. The students performed very well against a number of private schools in the Geelong area. Well done to all involved and to Mr Mark Dooley for supporting the students.

We are nearing the end of term three and the half-way point for our semester two learning cycle. Teachers and students have been busy completing Common Assessment Tasks and our Year 12 students are finalising their Unit 4 learning in preparation for their final exams. Parents and carers will be given an opportunity to meet with teachers during the coming Parent Teacher Interview time. This is a valuable opportunity to find out how your child is tracking with their learning and what needs to be done to further improve their outcomes. We have split the interviews over two days and during different times of the day, to ensure that we give all parents an opportunity to attend.

**NAPLAN RESULTS**

Parents of Year 7 and Year 9 students—NAPLAN results are available for collection from the school office. Parents are invited to collect them or to send a note to school giving permission for their student to take them home.

Mrs Sandra Eglezos
Principal

**GOOD LUCK**

The Attitude Dance Company are putting on a performance, “Significance”, on 15th October at Geelong College. Keegan Stamp (9 Purple) and Mhairi Reid (12 Purple) are both participating in this performance. We wish them luck.

**VCE EXAM REVISION**

TSFX (The School For Excellence) is running an examination-focused lecture titled “Mastering the Exams”. This highly beneficial program will teach students mark-boosting examination strategies, as well as techniques that will maximise learning, improve concentration, and cut down on study time. Valued at over $200, “Mastering the Exams” is FREE when students make a $10 donation to the Fred Hollows Foundation representatives on the day. Other subject revisions exam lectures available. Venue: The University of Melbourne. Dates: Saturday 17 September—Sunday 2 October 2016. Enrol online at www.tsfx.com.au.

**eSMART WEEK**

The web is a great place to learn, be creative and stay connected, but with one in seven young Australians found to be suffering from cyber bullying, and the many other challenges young people face online, it’s important that we invest in giving our Belmont High School students the skills they need to be responsible digital citizens.

That’s why we’re participating in the Alannah & Madeline Foundation’s National eSmart Week from September 5th to the 9th - along with hundreds of other schools and libraries - to show our commitment to cyber safety, wellbeing and digital inclusion. One of the activities we will be running involves Robbie Noggler, the Youth Resource Officer with the Victoria Police, who will be coming to speak to our Year 7 students about the importance of keeping your online profile private, cyber bullying and being safe online.

He will also be running a session for any interested parents or community members who would like some information, tips and advice about the above topics and how it may affect your children. **This parent/community session will run on Tuesday, September 6th at 7pm in the Belmont High School library.** Please come and listen to what you can do to help ensure your child’s safety online. **We look forward to seeing you there!**

**GOLD HOUSE NEWS**

Term 3 has been as action-packed as ever and our students have not only been busy with their schoolwork, but also with all that we offer in co-curricular activities. It is so great to see many of our students from Gold House taking up these opportunities – there shouldn’t be any students complaining that there is nothing to do!

Congratulations to our debating team: Natasha Walker 7G, William More 7G, Nikhil Mehta 8G, Tim Harcombe 8G, Bridget O’Keeffe 9G and Nathan McGlynn 11G. They defeated Silver House in Round 1 to make it through to the Semi-Final but were unfortunately beaten by a strong Blue House. This is the highest number of participants we have had in the debating team to date so well done to each student for getting involved!

I would also like to congratulate Deborah Walker 10G who was selected to represent BHS at the Deakin University Year 10 Maths Contest. Deborah and her tea placed 4th overall which is a phenomenal effort – well done Deb!

Please remember that our House Music Competition is next Thursday 8th September in the afternoon. This is a compulsory school event and appointments during this time should be avoided if possible. Students were informed in House Assembly this week that if they will be absent they need to provide a note prior to the event. The very best of luck to our awesome band: Belinda Berry 12G, Jacquelyn Mills 12G, Sam Vandermark 12G, Mason Taylor 10G, Madison Van Dunk 10G, Oscar Hudson 9G, Cassidy Sapwell 9G, Vincent Dang 7G and Gwyn Roberts 7G. These students have been going above and beyond to rehearse their two songs and we look forward to a great performance from them.

Good luck to all students who are in the process of undertaking assessments in the last few weeks of Term 3. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work of our Year 12 students as they move into the home stretch of their high school education! I encourage them to continue to study hard right to the end so that they can be proud of all that they have achieved.

Miss Grigg
MUSIC NEWS
Music students are out in the community this term! Intermediate Jazz and Jazz Syndicate performed last Friday at the Australian Institute of music as part of the Victorian Schools Music Festival in the Jazz section. Both groups were outstanding in their sections, with both groups receiving the highest award in their section: Intermediate Jazz a Silver award, and Jazz Syndicate a Gold Award. Both groups took the “A” train to Melbourne, and impressed all with their great school spirit and enthusiastic participation in the event. Many thanks to Mrs Amanda Linton for her work in making this performance possible.

Junior Jazz and Intermediate Jazz are heading out for Community Performance Week next week, Intermediate Jazz on Tuesday, and Junior Jazz on Wednesday. Students will be performing and workshopping with primary school students of all ages, across our feeder school communities. This is a great opportunity for our students to see how the music skills they are gaining can be used in real life situations.

Congratulations to Shannon Daffy, Charlie Hudson, Georgia Bridges and Eric Dickson who all performed in the Geelong Music Performance Festival on Saturday 20th August, achieving excellent results, and a few excellence medals along the way! A thank you too, to the accompanist for all our VCE solo performance students this year, Mr Hugh Davidson, for his work with our students.

Congratulations to Eric Dickson, who competed in the Royal South Street Eisteddfod last weekend, winning the Open section of the Woodwind competition at this prestigious event, and gaining second place and honourable mentions in his other sections.

Just a reminder that if you are interested in lessons for violin/viola, please contact Ms Humphrey in the bandroom, or via email.

Our Spring Concert is only a few rehearsals away, on October 11th at 7pm at Geelong West Town Hall. Please make sure that you are at every rehearsal between now and the end of term, so that we are fully prepared for our major school performance for the year.

Our Year 6 music program is proving very popular this year, with applications from both feeder schools and further afield pouring in.

Our VET program is moving into performance mode, with the VCE VET student performance exam looming on October 13th. On this day, the band rooms will be unavailable to students for instrument storage or teaching, so S4 will be made available for instrument storage. There will be no instrumental lessons on this day.

Year 7 music students will need to start thinking about purchasing an instrument for next year. Please talk to your instrumental music teacher for advice on suitable instruments.

Parent teacher interviews for instrumental students will be available with Ms Humphrey in the bandroom during the parent teacher interview sessions on both Thursday and Friday. There will be a Beginning Band rehearsal on Tuesday 13th Sept in the bandroom. This will replace Thursday 14th September rehearsal.

Rose Humphrey
Director of Music

BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL

SPRING CONCERT

Tuesday 11th October, 6.30pm
Geelong West Town Hall
Performances by:
Jazz Syndicate, Senior Band, Jazz Ensemble, Intermediate Band, Junior Jazz, Junior Band, VET, VCE and music students

Large raffle, antipasto platters available to pre-order ($20 at the office with ticket purchase)
Pizza delivery (see menu at www.enzospizza.com.au—please ring your order through, 5221 8499, they will give a donation if you mention BHS.
Desserts, tea, coffee, milo and cold drinks available at the hall.

Tickets $6
Children under 5yrs free

Tickets can be purchased from the School Office
VCE ENGLISH TUTORIAL
All Year 12 and Year 11 students are welcome to attend these tutorials. This is valuable extra time where students can share and clarify their ideas, gain extra insight into the material being studied and reinforce their learning.

Year 12 tutorial sessions are on every Tuesday at 3:05 – 4:00 pm in C8.
Year 11 tutorials session are on Wednesday Week A, period 5 in C8.
We would love to see as many students as possible take advantage of these extra sessions.

Mrs Lisa Todaro, Mr Warren Whitney and Mrs Barb Daff

CONGRATULATIONS GABRIEL SLAVEN
Posted on AUGUST 30, 2016 www.humansingeelong.com
Gabe, a Geelong teenager, has recently been accepted into an elite ballet school in Bulgaria to study full time. No stranger to hard work and dedication, he currently spends four hours each day commuting to Melbourne to dance at the Russian Choreographic Academy in Camberwell. There he is trained by Australia’s own Susan Thomson and outstanding ballet teachers she contracts from Russia. His day begins at 7am and he gets home to Geelong at 8:30pm each night. He does this six days a week, now that's passion! … Gabe fits in his Year 12 studies by distance education and is grateful for the wonderful academic and musical education he received at Highton Primary School, Christian College and Belmont High.

Commitment alone is not enough though. Gabe’s next challenge is to raise $5,000 by November to fund his trip to Bulgaria.paypal.me/GabrielSlaven101
We wish him well!

CONGRATULATIONS WAKAKIRRI
Congratulations to Naomi Bunyan and all participants in the 2016 Victorian Secondary Challenge Performance and Production Awards, Wakakirri. Belmont High School has been awarded the "BEST DANCE PERFORMANCE". This is a fantastic achievement and all students should be very proud of their efforts.

SEAL NEWS
Tournament of Minds
Aiden Krulak, Kai Cassar (7 R), Dylan Cox and Sam Phelps (7 G), Logan Bryce and Ewan Breakey (9 M) and myself Diya Patel (7E) participated in the Tournament of the Minds at Deakin University on Sunday the 28th of August. We did the Science and Technology challenge and the spontaneous challenge. In the first challenge we had to create a solution to a problem caused by a hypothetical explosion which had knocked out our hearing. We designed an intense light projector so we could communicate with a group situated on the other side of the playground using Morse code projecting flashing light signals onto a cloud. The projector was made out of recycled materials found in the school and our presentation consisted of a role play centred around a narrative presentation and multi-media demonstration. The TOM aims to develop the students’ skills in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering Design, and Maths) utilising on the spot thinking and problem solving skills. We learnt a lot about leadership, sharing roles and responsibility and how to work cooperatively towards achieving a shared goal. We did a great job representing Belmont with a lot of enthusiasm. Many thanks to Mr. Dooley for all his support.
By Diya Patel (7E)

Kwong Li Dow Scholarship: Melb. Uni
Applications are now being called for the Kwong Li Dow Young Scholars Program open to Year 10 students interested in getting access to Melbourne University Study programs, library and discounted fees whilst studying V.C.E. Benefits include an approved borrowers card for the University of Melbourne’s libraries, participation in academic enrichment events and key university events, gain access to the young scholars’ portal eligibility for an overnight stay at a Residential College. Also other enrolment benefits can also be accessed (Study score dependent.) Applications close: Monday 10th October. See Mr Dooley for entry details.

House Debating
House debating has been a huge success this year with a great turn out of debaters and supporters who have enjoyed the lunchtime entertainment, often escaping the Winter chill of the outdoor playground. The quality of debates has also improved with Year 7s mixing it up with the best Year 12 speakers making for some very interesting arguments being developed.

The semi-finals saw Mango defeat Purple with very good arguments from both sides on the topic: ‘Australia should drastically reduce its refugee intake.’ In the end it came down to who was able to maintain a strong team line and who was able to the biggest flaws in the other team’s argument and of course the Year 7 advantage bonus points! Mango had two Year 7s. Blue were able to defeat Gold in their semi-final. The Gold team had several strong speakers but required more detailed arguments and examples to support them and as a result had to settle for second place to a very strong Blue House team.

The Grand- final saw Mango and Blue fight for the title on the topic of ‘That we shouldn't celebrate Australia Day.’ Both teams had very strong arguments but Mango just nudge outed Blue on their presentation skills and position. Congratulations to Mango House on winning. Well done to the team consisting of Issy Peters, Nate Mitchell, Coday Funston, Emily Davidson. You all did amazingly well. Well done also to the runners-up, Blue House including: Amity Durran, Rachmat Basson, Emma Thorpe and Tamika Hodge on providing quality opposition to only narrowly lose.

Special thanks go to all the House teachers who helped prepare their students. It was great to see the high quality arguments being presented this year and to see so many enjoy the debates both as speakers and also as members of the audience. Congratulations to the many students from all Houses who participated this year. It was a thoroughly enjoyable competition and you can be sure that you did your House proud.

Year 8 Purple SEAL Family Forum and Information Evening will be held to give families advice about SEAL Year 3 and beyond, on Wednesday 7 September LC8 near library, 7.00 p.m.- 7.45 p.m. All are welcome.

Mark Dooley
Leader of Learning: Acceleration and Enrichment
BOOK REVIEW
VICTORIA AVEYARD’S ‘RED QUEEN’
I know you shouldn’t judge a book by its cover, but… I chose to read this book purely based on that. It ticked so many boxes for me: blood, a tiara and a great tagline. Sold.
It’s a little bit Dystopian, a little bit Fantasy and a whole lotta adventure. In this world, you have either red or silver blood. The Reds are ordinary folk like you and me and the Silvers are the ruling class and they have supercool abilities. Magnetrons control metal, Burners manipulate heat and fire, Skin Healers can heal people (just not themselves) … you get the idea.
Mare is a 17 year old Red girl with Silver-like abilities. Woah! When the Silvers hear of this, they bring her to the palace and say that she is a long-lost Silver princess who was raised by Reds and arrange for her to marry the King’s second son. Mare is exactly what the Red rebels – the Scarlet Guard – need, one of their own inside the palace. Can she conceal her true identity? Her abilities? Her feelings for the King’s oldest son??
Book 1 in a new series to rival Sarah J. Maas’s.

Books are reviewed weekly and displayed in the library.
Lee Suter
Teacher Librarian

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY YEAR 10 MATHEMATICS CONTEST
Two teams of 5 students, accompanied by Mr Dan Kasperovic and Miss Ashley O’Dowd, attended the Annual Maths Contest on Friday 26th August at Deakin University (Waurn Ponds). This event, hosted by the School of Information Technology, tested the mathematical skills of 170 Year 10 students from 20 secondary schools across Geelong and Western Victoria.

Belmont High School has entered either one or two teams in this event every year since it began in 1989. The event was an exciting day of challenging competition for individuals and teams, testing their mathematical skills in novel ways. It was also a great opportunity for members of different schools to exchange ideas on learning and teaching mathematics, and for students to find out the variety of careers available from studying maths at tertiary level.

TEAM 1
Hung Dao 10B
Sophie Hood 10B
Sam Nolan 10B
Elijah Nicol 10B
Deborah Walker 10G

TEAM 2
Azmi Jailani 10S
Rohan Jayaraj 10M
Rohan Jayaraj 10N
Jacob Lydon 10N
Rachel van der Ploeg 10P

Whilst all students participated enthusiastically on the day and displayed exemplary sportsmanship, congratulations must go to Team One, who placed 4th overall (closely behind 3 Private schools). A fantastic effort!

Mr Dan Kasperovic

MEDICAL INFORMATION UPDATE
Any students with asthma, anaphylaxis, seizure, diabetes or any another health conditions should inform the school reception staff and provide medical documentation regarding their diagnosis, as well as any changes to their medical condition. This includes students who have a medical condition listed on their enrolment form.

Parents who have completed the medical condition on the enrolment form (allergy/anaphylaxis/asthma/seizure/diabetes) are required to provide the school with the appropriate action plan and an emergency medication plan. (This is a requirement of DET (Department Of Education And Training Victoria).

*Please call the School Nurse for an individual management plan. Students with a medical condition, especially: allergy, anaphylaxis, seizure and diabetes, are required to have an individual management plan done. This is a requirement of DET (Department Of Education And Training Victoria).

Anchi Sherpa
School Nurse

THE LANGUAGES CORNER
"Language is to the mind more than light is to the eye." - William Gibson

Indonesian News
Indonesia Tour - There is a meeting for parents and students of the Study Tour to Indonesia 2017 on Tuesday 6th September at 7pm in the Yellow Learning Centre.
Italian News
Mortadella Degustation - A number of year 8 students have been taking part in mortadella tastings. Mortadella is a cured meat which comes from Bologna, an Italian city also famous for its stuffed pasta (cappellacci, tortellini and ravioli) as well as its university UniBo, which was established in the year 1088! What we call Bolognese sauce in Australia also comes from Bologna, although the original name is ragù alla bolognese. Traditionally this sauce is actually served with tagliatelle, not spaghetti (this is a common misconception).

Italian Poetry Competition – We encourage all year 7 and 8 students to take part in the upcoming Swinburne University Junior Poetry Competition. More information will soon be sent home to parents and guardians. Additional information, as well as audio files to help students practise, can be found here: http://www.swinburne.edu.au/business-partnerships/explore-partnerships/community-connections/engaging-schools/junior-italian-poetry-competition/.

Federica Cologni
Languages Domain Leader
BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL EXHIBITION

OPENING NIGHT: Monday 17 October
4:30-7pm - Presentations at 5:45pm
DATES: 17-20 October (closed cup day)

WHERE: Belmont Hight School Library
Enter via Digby Ave
GUEST SPEAKER: Mark Trinham
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