



The Belmont News

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Parent Teacher Interviews

Term one is nearly over and I am pleased with the progress of our students during the first term of school. Our teachers have completed the interim reports, which highlights the progress so far in semester one and the areas that may need addressing. This report is very brief, however, we advise that all parents and carers make time to speak to their children's teachers during our Parent Teacher Interviews to have discussions on the details of the report and ways to support further improvement. The interviews will be held on Tuesday 28 March between 12pm till 7 pm in the Gym.

Our International Student Program in the Spotlight

This month we had a number of international agents from different countries and Department personnel from the International Student Division that visited our school. They observed our international students working with their teachers and we discussed how we worked with our students and how we support and connect them with other students and the community. The feedback was extremely positive. This was followed by a presentation from Mr Caccamo and Ms Simone Buchanan-Huhn and our DUX of 2017, Andy Shi at Deakin Waterfront. Andy spoke about his time at Belmont High School and the positive experience that he had.

Transition Evening

On the 21 March, Belmont High School was presented to the community in our annual Transition Evening. There were over five hundred people who attended the night, despite the wet weather. There were a large number of student guides who led the tours around the school, where visitors were given information and participated in activities led by both teachers and other students at each learning area. The speeches from both teacher, parent and student leaders, as well as our talented Senior Jazz band, Jazz Syndicate, led by Rosemary Humphrey, were outstanding. All activities throughout the event really highlighted the opportunities that our students are given, as well as the obvious connection and pride that we have for our school. Congratulations to Ms Clea Turner and Ms Meagan McAlpine who led the meticulous organisation of the event and to all teachers, support staff and students who ensured that our visitors were well informed about our school.

World Challenge

At our recent school Assembly, we acknowledged our students and teachers who attended the World Challenge trips to Cambodia and Vietnam and Nepal in November 2016. The teams needed to prepare for the trips during the fifteen months leading up to the trip. It was clear that the students enjoyed their experiences which helped develop a number of key skills such as organisation, leadership, team building and interpersonal skills. We are now at the early stages of organising the next World Challenge teams for 2018. There will be an information night on Monday 27 March at 6pm.

Sandra Eglezos
Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2017

Monday 27 March

World Challenge Information Session, 6pm, School Library
Year 7 Immunisations
House Assemblies
Year 10 Enrichment English, Jasper Jones Movie, am
Year 7-10 CAT Fortnight begins

Tuesday 28 March

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews (no classes)
School Council Annual Reporting meeting, 6.30pm

Wednesday 29 March

Staff Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 30 March

WMR Swimming, Kardinia Pool
Casual Dress Day, gold coin donation

Friday 31 March

Fun Run—details attached
Students dismissed approx. 1.30pm

Monday 17 April

EASTER MONDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday 18 April

Term 2 begins

Wednesday 19 April

State Swimming
Year 7 Silver Camp

Thursday 20 April

WMR & SSV Diving

Friday 21 April

DATES TO NOTE:

Tuesday 28 March—Parent/Teacher Interviews (no classes)
Friday 31 March—Fun Run
Friday 31 March—End of Term 1, students dismissed at 1.30pm

STUDENT FREE DAYS

Friday 19 May—Curriculum Day
Thursday 22 June—Report Writing Day (no classes)

24 hr STUDENT ABSENCE LINE

5241 0090

Parents only to call to report student's name,
house/form, reason for absence, and date.

WORLD CHALLENGE

Belmont High School will be running World Challenge Expeditions in November 2018 to Nepal and Vietnam/Cambodia.

There will be an information session for all interested students and parents. Staff from World Challenge will be presenting their programs on this night.

When – Monday 27th March

Time – 6pm

Where – Belmont High School Library

Please contact Nick Masters, World Challenge Coordinator on 52435355 or masters.nicholas.h@edumail.vic.gov.au

FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY FOR INDONESIAN STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES!

Are you interested in hosting an Indonesian student for two weeks this year?

We would like to form a register of interested families. This is especially useful if your child studies Indonesian, but is not restricted to these families.

Info you may like to know before registering:

Students are approximately 15-16 years old.

Every effort is made to match the gender of the visitor to that of your child.

Approximately \$200 is available to families to help with costs during the two weeks.

Visitors will have their own spending money.

Preference for families will be given to those with children studying Indonesian at BHS.

Visitors have some English language skills.

Visitors will be engaged with school programs on week days, but probably not on weekends.

Family members over the age of 18 must have a Working with Children Check.

Being on the register is a register of interest only, not an obligation.

No dates confirmed yet, but likely to be Term Three.

Contact: Glenda Wood (Bu Glen), Indonesian teacher, with your **name, email address and phone number** to register your interest.

HOMESTAY FAMILIES WANTED

We are looking for families to host students from Padua (pictured below), Italy, for approximately 2 weeks at the start of Term 3. Hosting would be particularly beneficial for students learning Italian in senior years (what a great opportunity for them to improve their language skills!). Other students would also benefit by getting to know someone from a different culture. If you are interested, please email Gregory.antoINETTE.a@edumail.vic.gov.au.

MANGO HOUSE

On Tuesday 7th March, Mango House set out on a quest to raise money for Chetra, our sponsor child. At recess and lunch time, volunteers from Mango House set up a cake stall and we sold everything we had! We were hoping to raise at least \$250 but we surprised ourselves and ended up raising just over \$500!

A huge thank you to Ms Ayres and Mr Pugh for helping organise the event. Also a big thank you to everyone who helped out.

Sarah McDonald, 11 Mango



SILVER NEWS

Another term has passed with the Fun Run bearing down as the final sporting event of the term. It is a good time to reflect on the progress we have made throughout the term. It has been an eventful and busy term for me and I am indebted to the student leaders of the house especially the Year 12 Leaders who have made the job all the more rewarding due to their commitment and willingness to help out. I wish everyone well as they head into the Easter break and urge all students to consider what they need to do to start the term in the right direction.

Congratulations to our Captains and Vice captains this year who will take part in leading activities within the house.

Year 7 Captains Grace Emond and Tomek Wallis.

Vice Cpts. Millie Hobbs and Aaron Pagels

Year 8 Captains Teagan Vaotangi and Willem Herni

Vice Cpts. Amy Fankhauser and Riley Eddy

Year 9 Co- Captains Keira Haggerty, Olivia Castle, Paige Bartlett, Luca Field and Torren Maher.

Year 10 Captains: Jade Bartz and Vashti Aitken

Year 11 Captains Chiara Daprile and Tom Fogg

Year 7 Silver SEALP BBQ Eastern Beach

A great evening of sizzling sausages was held recently at Eastern Beach on a hot March night with 60-70 people in attendance. It was a great chance for parents to meet and discuss their child's first experiences of high school. Thanks you so much to Ms. Visser for helping organise the event and to Mrs Stevens, Ms Cologni, Mr Healey and Ms Lea Purdy (SEALP Coordinator) for attending. Have a great holiday everyone.

Mark Dooley

Silver House Leader

SPORT REPORT

Big congratulations to the school sports teams that won their Geelong region sports this week. Those winners were:
Senior sport: boys volleyball, girls and boys tennis and boys baseball
Intermediate teams: girls volleyball.

This Sunday, 26th March, is the all schools swimming championships. We would like to wish good luck to our senior girls relay team.

The following week, Thursday 30th is the Western Metro Swimming round which we have a large team attending and would like to wish all those competing good luck.

Friday 31st March will be the last day of term and in traditional fashion it is the Belmont High School Fun Run. This is a compulsory event and sure to be a good day. See details below.

FUN RUN

This year the annual BHS fun run will once again be held from Pt. Lonsdale to Queenscliff. As usual students who do not wish to run may walk. The top placegetters in the run will be selected for the school cross country team. On the day of the walk/run all students will, on completion, receive a free drink and a piece of fruit. They will be treated to a BBQ lunch and will have time to relax and socialise. The full details of the day are listed below.

The 2017 "lighthouse to lighthouse" BHS fun run. POINT LONSDALE to QUEENSCLIFF.

DATE: Friday, March 31st. (the last day of term).

COMPETITORS: **ALL** Students.

AGE GROUPS: As of December 31st THIS YEAR. JUNIOR - (12, 13 and 14 years combined.)
INTERMEDIATE - (15 and 16 years combined.) SENIOR - (17 to 20 years combined.)

NOTE: Students will be in the same age group as for swimming and athletics.

DISTANCES AND COURSE:

- (1) Inter and Senior Boys - 5km - from the start at the Point Lonsdale lookout carpark along the bush track and then along the sand to the FINISH AT BEACH MARKER No. 11B just before the Queenscliff lighthouse.
- (2) Junior Boys and ALL GIRLS - 3km - from the start at the Point Lonsdale lookout carpark along the beach to THE FINISH just past BEACH MARKER No. 6B at the end of the rock wall.
- (3) All walkers walk along the bush track then either along the walking path or on the sand.

TROPHY: The perpetual Fun Run trophy will be awarded to the winning House. To win a House **MUST** have 4 students finish in each age group (whether running or walking).

SCORING: The **LOWEST** Aggregate score wins. The winner shall score 1 point. 2nd scores 2 points, 3rd scores 3 points etc. Each House shall have the scores of their first 4 students tallied.

MEDALLIONS: Shall be awarded to the first 5 placegetters in all sections.

***** Runners should leave jumpers/tracksuits etc **with friends who are walking** and collect them at the Queenscliff football ground when they arrive. **No valuables such as mobile phones, ipods etc should be taken on the day**
ALL STUDENTS, both runners and walkers, MUST WEAR SHOES. No pets allowed!

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DAY.

8.50 FORM ASSEMBLY AS USUAL - where students will all receive name tags.

8.55 HOUSE ASSEMBLY

9.05 - 9.30 BUS LOADING

10.15 SENIOR / INTER BOYS RUN commences.

10.20 JUNIOR BOYS / JUNIOR GIRLS RUN commences.

10.25 SENIOR / INTER GIRLS RUN commences.

10.30 ALL WALKERS commence.

11.00 - 12.00 Students arrive at Queenscliff football ground.
Have lunch (sausage sizzle or other), collect drink & fruit

12. 15 PRESENTATION OF FUN RUN MEDALLIONS & TROPHY.

12. 30 FORM ASSEMBLIES IN HOUSE GROUPS - as directed - to mark rolls

12. 35 - 12.45 BOARD BUSES IN FORM GROUPS

1. 20 - 1.30 ARRIVAL BACK AT SCHOOL & IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL.

GREEN HOUSE

Year 7 Camp

Our Green Year 7's, Miss Gaito, Mr Webb and Ms Horne set out for our Year 7 camp adventure on Wednesday 15th March. We headed down the coast and landed in Lorne where our students had fun with 'Go Ride a Wave'. We had fantastic weather and the students enjoyed swimming and lunch in Lorne. On our way to camp we had a great experience feeding the birds in Kennett River.

At Tanybryn we were lucky enough to see the glow worms on our first night and enjoy the sounds of students doing starjumps long into the evening (thanks Mikalah!)

On the second day we learned about History and Science with Mark at Skenes Creek and then had a brilliant sunny day at Apollo Bay swimming and surfing. Well done to Gus, Willem and Piper who showed some great talent on the boards! After a quick hike up to Mariner's Lookout we headed back to camp for delicious pizza's and toasted marshmallows. Yum!

A special shout out to our new form captains who were elected during camp. Our Form Captains are Piper Mensch and Hugo Leban and Vice Captains are Jade Suckling and Brody Washington. A brilliant effort from all students who gave a speeches and showed leadership qualities.

Finally it was time to head home and after some of our students acquired some new cleaning skills we headed home via a beautiful walk along Lake Elizabeth. Thank you to all our students for being enthusiastic, helpful, polite and fabulous! Special thanks to Miss Gaito and Mr Webb for leading our camp activities and organising a brilliant camp!



Emma Horne

Green House Leader

EASTER RAFFLE

Our local State Member of Parliament, Andrew Katos, has donated an Easter Hamper to the school. This hamper will be raffled, with the proceeds going to our school community families in need. Tickets will be on sale next week, and at the Parent/Teacher/Student interviews. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 30th March.



VCAL BUNDAY

On Tuesday 21st March, VCAL students held a Bunday. Thankyou to everyone who bought hot cross buns and milkshakes. All profits of \$200 will go to the Andrew Love Cancer Research Centre.

Danielle Whale, 12 Ebony

MUSIC NEWS

The last few weeks have been busy ones for the music department, with performances by the double reed ensemble at the SEALP information evening. Many thanks to Claire L'Hoeft for facilitating this. Last Wednesday, Classroom/VET music students attended an excursion to Topclass at the Melbourne Recital Centre, to hear performances from the state's top VCE music performance students from 2016. Many thanks to Lynne Morton for organising this excursion.

Jazz Syndicate performed at the school's Open Evening, and had some great feedback on their performance from parents in attendance. Excursion forms for Jazz syndicate's trip to Generations in Jazz went home with students on Thursday, and the group are working hard to prepare for the performance. Come along to Chilwell Primary School's Food Fair this Friday evening, and hear the band playing from 6.30pm.

We have been lucky enough to receive a grant from Bendigo Bank's Connected Communities program, to run "Rhythm in Schools" song writing and recording workshops. If you are a student interested in song writing, please see Ms Humphrey to sign up for the workshops ASAP, as places are limited.



Band support will be hard at work next Tuesday, setting up for Parent teacher interviews, and are looking for willing helpers to meet at the bandroom next Tuesday at 10.30am, to assist with set up. Please contact Ms Humphrey if you are able to help out for an hour to support our fundraiser.

Rose Humphrey

Director of Music

VCE NEWS

Hi all,
All but the last week of Term 1 gone!

Over the term we have seen the students adapt to some of the procedural changes made to VCE in 2017 and in most cases they have managed to adapt extremely well. Over the term the number of students utilizing study periods has increased and the amount of study and improved study behavior witnessed is a credit to the students.

The Year 11 had their first private study session on the 10th March and the feedback was very positive from all the staff involved. The session on the 24th will also be a private study session.

In Term 2 there are 2 guest speakers arranged for Year 11's and both Year 11 and 12 will begin some practice for the GAT as well.

This week the first of a series of Student Focus groups was run and further sessions will be held early next term. These sessions enhance student voice and enable us as a community to work towards more positive outcomes. Well done to the students involved and the results will be shared amongst the whole school community.

Mr. Kasperovic (Year 11) and myself will be compiling a list of students who had excellent interim reports across the board but also students who are not travelling well. We will, along with House Leaders, be holding interviews with the students not travelling the best early next term. Students working extremely well will be rewarded with formal recognition. This will of course lead into more one on one work with students on their aspirations, pathways and skills to get them to their goals.

In the meantime I do encourage all VCE parents to take the opportunity to meet with their child's teachers at the interviews on the 28th March whether an interview is requested or not. It is great practice, it reflects the meaning you as a parent put on your child's education and also allows you to gain an understanding of the course, the expectations and challenges faced over the year.

Unfortunately as I am away next week on an overseas camp with some of our students, I am not available to meet with parents next week but do invite you to make contact with me for a meeting/conversation early next term if you wish to discuss any VCE matter.

It is at this time we suggest that VCE students take stock of their progress and complete a term check with each of their teachers. We continue to stress to students that they keep a track of their attendance and pick up on any anomalies as soon as possible. We also ask parents (now that Compass is available) to keep checking their child's progress, identify any at risk emails, oversee attendance and look at learning tasks and dates as they appear. The VCE calendar is also at completion stage and will be live on Compass very soon. Hopefully there will also be space available to place parent resources for VCE on Compass as well. Stay tuned.

STUDY TIP:

Students should ensure that they check with their teachers and be aware of any work that needs to be completed over the Term break. That being said, it is also very important that students take the opportunity to refresh during the break without totally throwing study habits. Short study periods over the break are important and a great chance to do term summaries as this will reduce the time on this task before the exams at the end of the year. There are a number of companies that run sessions over the break and material on this can be found in the hanging files outside the VCE office.

Just a few important reminders

Applications for Special Provision for exams are now overdue with VCAA. Students who have not yet applied need to see Mr. McAndrew or Mr. Caccamo immediately.

Students driving or intending to drive or conversely be a passenger with a student must fill out and submit the application from to Mr. McAndrew ASAP.

Students must remain at school at all times during the scheduled full and part days and use study periods effectively.

I would like to add that students are encouraged and advised to see me at any stage if they are experiencing difficulties with anxiety, work load or any other issues and even just for a chat. As many students already know I can assist on most occasions and I am a very good listener. A problem shared at the earliest stages is the easiest to resolve.

Thanks again and have a good and safe Easter break,
John McAndrew, VCE Leader mcandrew.john.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

BOOK REVIEW

Sara Pennypacker's, "Pax"

This book is unlike any other I have read! It has alternating perspectives – the first chapter (and all the odd numbered chapters) is told through the eyes of a tame fox named Pax, the second (and all the even chapters) are told by "his boy", 12 year old Peter. While we may want to think of Pax as Peter's pet, he's not really, though he is his best friend and the feeling is definitely mutual.

We don't know when or where this story is set and we don't need to. We know that Peter's mother has died and that his father is preparing to go to war. Peter will have to stay with his grandfather and he can't take Pax with him so father and son drive Pax to the woods and abandon him (Father calls it setting him free). Peter knows that hand-reared Pax will struggle to survive in the wild so sets out to travel the 300 miles back to his fox. Pax believes that Peter will come back for him, so is reluctant to leave the woods, even when other animals try to drive him away and when war comes to the peaceful valley. Will they be reunited? Can their friendship survive?

A unique fable-like story, with beautiful illustrations.

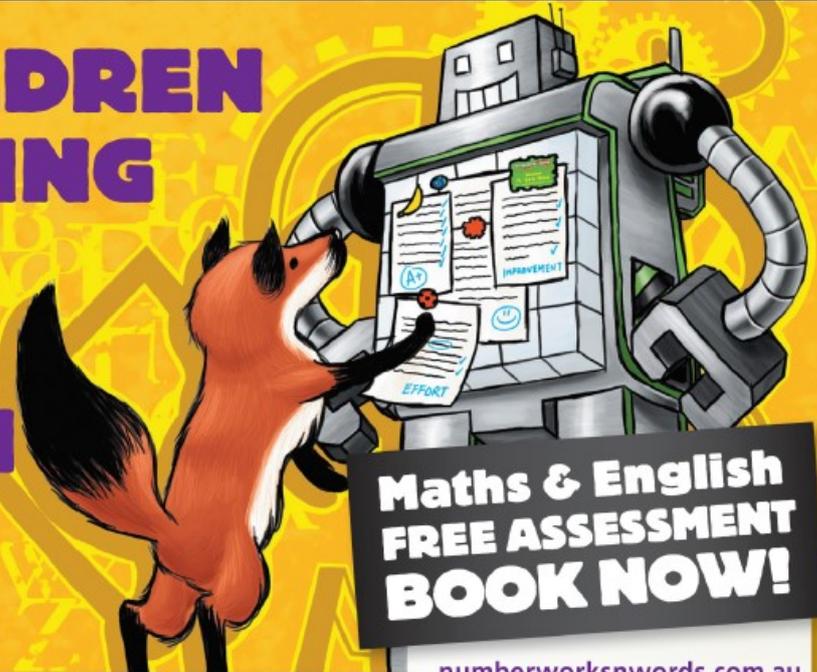
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Lee Suter

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with

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SATURDAY 22nd APRIL, 2017

7:00pm - MIDNIGHT

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