



# The Belmont News

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### ANZAC Commemorative Assembly

On Monday 2 May, our School Community honoured and commemorated ANZAC day with The Geelong Rats of Tobruk Association that saw the hand-over of their Banner into our care and custodianship nine years ago. During our School Assembly, **Mr Ern Brough** from the Geelong Rats of Tobruk Association attended, along with **Ange and Paul McMahon**, and **Shirley and Geoff Wild**.

Our school leaders organised and led the assembly. They also attended a morning tea with our special guests and they had the opportunity to listen to the many stories from Mr Brough during his time at war and learned more about the Rats of Tobruk. We are extremely fortunate to have such a wonderful friend of Belmont High School who recently donated funds for a student scholarship and who had given a copy of his medals received for his bravery in war.

### Sporting Achievements

It was wonderful to receive a large number of pennants that were won by our students who represented Belmont High School in the Interschool athletics competition. Again our school was well represented in all events during this competition. Our girls volleyball team had also received a pennant for their achievements in the interschool competition. Congratulations to the students who performed so well throughout these competitions.

During our school assembly, the Sports Captains announced the results of the Athletics Carnival overall winners for the running events for each age group. Congratulations to the number of students who had performed extremely well and for the students who had broken records time for their running events.

### Generations in Jazz

Recently, a number of our students attended the Generations in Jazz in Mt Gambia, which ran over the weekend. It was a great experience for the students who represented us proudly amongst a number of private schools that attended. Well done to Ms Rosemary Humphrey and Mr Callum Finley went with the students and helped them throughout the festival.

### Opportunity: One of Belmont High School's value

Our students consistently are given a range of opportunities to develop their skills and knowledge and to experience different cultures, people, and ideas. Many of these opportunities help enrich the learning experiences that they have back in the classroom. Belmont High School have already had two international trips to Indonesia and Italy, camps for the Year 7 students, Year 12 students and the Surf camps, as well as the vast number of excursions where our students represent our proudly in sporting competitions, music competitions and in many activities both in and out of the classroom walls. These experiences help build their character and their determination to succeed. It is also a time to forge strong relationships that will help motivate and build their learning confidence. We thank the parents who continually support Belmont in the running of

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2017

### Monday 15 May WEEK B

General Assembly  
Rhythm in Schools Workshop  
VCAL—Ministry of Foods

### Tuesday 16 May

Senior Boys and Girls Football  
Yr 11 Psychology—Roslyn PS  
School Council meeting, 6pm

### Wednesday 17 May

Yr 9&10 Drama—Take Over Program

### Thursday 18 May

Intermediate Boys and Girls Football

### Friday 19 May

**CURRICULUM DAY—no classes**

### Monday 22 May WEEK A

House Assemblies  
Year 7&8 Art/Technology Trimester 2 starts  
VCAL—AMOS Centre/Ministry of Foods

### Tuesday 23 May

Yr 7 Soccer, Yr 8 Boys Football, Yr 8 girls Netball/Badminton

### Wednesday 24 May

### Thursday 25 May

Yr 8 Soccer, Yr 7 Boys football, Yr 7 Girls Netball/Badminton

### Friday 26 May

Snr Boys basketball

## STUDENT FREE DAYS

Friday 19 May—Curriculum Day

Thursday 22 June—Report Writing Day (no classes)

Homestay accommodation urgently wanted—  
please see page 3 for further information.

## 24 hr STUDENT ABSENCE LINE 5241 0090

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

Absences can also be entered on  
COMPASS by parents/guardians.

all these events and encourage their child to participate. I would also like to thank the staff who organise and run the activities that sometimes take them away from their families to help give these experiences and opportunities to our students.

### NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing in Reading, Writing and Numeracy took place this week for our Year 7 and 9 students.

We will issue NAPLAN reports to parents in September when we receive them, with the same report format being used for every student in Australia. NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests but are used at the classroom level as one of a number of important assessments used by teachers to measure student progress. Whilst teachers are continually monitoring the progress of students, the NAPLAN results provide important milestones to ensure that learning growth is taking place for each student and that as a school we are making the progress we want.

### SELF EVALUATION: We need your feedback and ideas.

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May, students will not be required at school, as it will be our Self Evaluation Day with our staff. We will be looking at the School's data for the past three years and seeing what was achieved during this time, in light of the goals that we set ourselves in our Strategic Plan.

We would like to meet with parents and students to show our data and gain feedback and ideas to the creation of our new plan. Student focus groups will be running throughout June during school time.

We plan to have our Parent Workshop Self Evaluation session on **Tuesday 30 May, 2017 at 6pm**. If you are interested in being involved in the parent Self Evaluation session, please leave your name with Jenni Foot in the General Office.

**Sandra Eglezos, Principal**

### YEAR 11 ART

Late last term we were lucky enough to have local Indigenous artist **Nathan Patterson** from Iluka Designs to come to Belmont High School to present a workshop with our Year 11 Art students. As part of their VCE requirements, students are asked to explore the practices of artists who have been inspired by ideas relating to personal and cultural identity. This visit helped our students to develop their own viewpoints about the meanings and messages of artworks. Nathan's workshop included discussion around Aboriginal culture, symbols used in art to tell a story, didgeridoo playing, showing of artefacts and AFL jumper designs from the Dreamtime Round.



The students were also involved in a communal painting with Nathan that we will proudly display in the Arts and Technology wing at our school.

**Megan Cantwell**

### HELP FIND THE WOUNDED GERMAN SOLDIER

In World War II, Australian soldier Ernest Brough risked his own life to save that of a wounded German soldier, carrying him on his back to an enemy field hospital before calmly walking back to his own dug-out and resuming battle.

Today, Ernest Brough is a sprightly 96-year-old on a quest to find out what happened to that German soldier.

"I have no enemies," he declares.

"I wish to meet that soldier and shake his hand."

To help with the search, Ernie has enlisted the help of documentary-maker Katrina Lawrence and 20-year-old university student, Zahn Gane, who befriended the World War II veteran after he attended an Anzac Day service at his school.

"Together we want to try and track down the German soldier Ernie rescued in World War II at the Battle of El Alamein in Egypt," Zahn says.

"We need the help of as many people as we can get on board to do that.

"That means social media, Facebook, Twitter and everything else in between, especially to get the message out in Germany.

<https://www.facebook.com/shapingyoungaustralians/>

"We believe we can find the German soldier and his family and re-unite him with Ernie all these years on."

To watch Katrina Lawrence documentary about the German soldier visit: <http://shapingyoungaustralians.com.au/>

To speak with Zahn Gane or Katrina Lawrence, ring: 0408080732



**HOMESTAY FAMILIES WANTED**

Long term homestay accommodation is required for a male student from China, currently in Year 9 and due to start in Term 3 2017. Long term homestay is also required for 2 Year 10 Chinese female students, beginning in July 2017.

Six months homestay is required for an Italian male student (Year 10) beginning July 2017.

We also require homestay accommodation for 11 Italian students (Year 11) for Term 3 2017.

The weekly compensation for hosting a student is \$260.

Please contact Kate Dangerfield for further details, ph. 5243 5355.

**BOOK REVIEW**

W. Bruce Cameron's "A dog's purpose"

You've probably seen the trailer for the movie which opened last week and thought "Looks like I'll be needing the tissues for that one..." And you probably will, and I probably will, though the book didn't make me cry (although I did skim over some of the potentially sad scenes!).

This book takes a slightly different approach to the age-old question "why are we here?" in that the 'person' asking that question is in fact a dog. And not just any dog – a dog who is reincarnated several times and so has several opportunities to question his/her existence. As a result the dog experiences life as a mutt, as a (female) police dog and as a black Labrador but my favourite 'dog life' is the one that takes up most of the book and features so prominently in the movie trailer. Bailey is a retriever pup who is given to eight year old Ethan and they grow up together, as best friends. It's not a spoiler to say that Bailey lives a good life and sadly dies but is reincarnated!

Read it before you see the movie if you can.

Books are reviewed weekly and displayed in the library.

**Lee Suter.** Teacher Librarian

**Careers and Pathways**

[www.belmonthscareers.com](http://www.belmonthscareers.com)

**NEW Belmont High School Careers Website** <http://www.belmonthscareers.com/> and **Belmont High School Careers Facebook page** [www.facebook.com/belmonthscareers/](http://www.facebook.com/belmonthscareers/)

This is a new resource for teachers, students and parents with all things related to Careers and Pathways.

The aim of these new resources are to provide you with all the latest information that will help you make decisions about your future career and your life beyond school.

You can use this site to locate University, TAFE and any other type of course across Australia, get information about the VCE, search for job vacancies, career identification tools and much more.

I will be speaking to all the Year 10-12 students over the coming weeks to introduce these new resources and to discuss the Student Secure Area and encourage them to keep up to date with all the latest news related to Careers and Pathways.

Feel free to drop into the Careers Office if you have any questions or email me on [masters.nicholas.h@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:masters.nicholas.h@edumail.vic.gov.au)

**Nick Masters**

Careers and Pathways Coordinator

**WORLD CHALLENGE 2018**

Thankyou to the 34 students who taken up the challenge of going to Vietnam/Cambodia or Nepal in 2018. **There are still spots available on the Nepal trip** so please see Mr Masters and pick up an application pack if you are interested in being part of such an wonderful experience. World Challenge is a student directed program involving eighteen months of preparation and fundraising culminating in a four week expedition in a developing country. Students who participate in a World Challenge expedition will embark on an amazing journey of self-discovery. The life skills they learn will help to prepare them for adulthood and the world beyond home.

**Nick Masters****TAKE OVER 2017**

Year 9 and 10 Drama students have been working dedicatedly to hone their performance skills in the lead up to their TAKE OVER performance at GPAC. Written and coordinated by the students, the two productions are a credit to their team work and developing dramatic skills. Please come and support our students as they showcase their performance on the evening of May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Performance starts at 7:30pm sharp and will conclude at approximately 10pm

Tickets are currently on sale for \$8:00

Online at: [www.gpac.org.au](http://www.gpac.org.au)

Phone: 5225 1200

Or in person: 50 Little Malop Street, Geelong

**Izzy Perley**

## SILVER SHINES!

### Athletics Review

Silver had a great Athletics carnival this year and we were well-represented in many divisions. Our girls were exceptional with our Senior and Intermediate girls winning and bringing home their pennants

There were some outstanding individual effort headlined by **Tess Rhodes** 17 Yr. breaking records in the 800 m and 1500 m. Tess and **Olivia Crichton** 20 Yr. Female also brought home Age Champion pennants. Well done to all those who participated. There were many outstanding efforts made to fill events. Special mention goes to **Yuvraj Singh, Devraj Rushi, Kynan Maher, Sina Mohammadi, Jesse Hassell, Casey Collins, Will Herni, Oliver Mitrovic, Jade Bartz, Charlotte Fox, Isabella Gardner-Dyer** who all stepped up on the day. Many proved that Silver house spirit is alive and well and it was good to see so many step up when others were absent.

### First Place Getters

15 Yr. Female-Lana Fogg 1<sup>st</sup> 400 m, 1500m, Tess Rhodes 5.16 New Record 1500 m, 800m record, 200 m  
 15 Yr. Female. Relay Team, Ebony Hassell , High Jump, Maddy Lewis Javelin  
 14 Yr. Male. Henry Mueller 1<sup>st</sup> 400 M  
 16 Yr. Male. Harry Boswell, Shot-put, Casey Collins, Discus  
 17 Yr. Male. Jacksen James George, Discus, Shot-put  
 20 Yr. Female. Olivia Crichton, High Jump 1<sup>st</sup> 400 m, Shot Put, Triple Jump Ashalee Bendle–Murdoch Long Jump  
 20 Yr. Male Relay Team, Shot Put Duncan Mackie

Special thanks must go to **Ms. Laura Spencer** for her wonderful leadership during the carnival preparation and on the day. Her efforts in getting the program entered were outstanding. **About the house!**

### Fundraiser.

Our Easter Fundraiser was a big success with many student bringing in eggs for the Easter raffles. We raised over \$68.00 with the money given to families in need. We look forward to new fundraising initiatives this term.

### House Assemblies

This term we are looking to develop leadership from within the House. Each form will have a turn at leading House assembly to present on upcoming House events or on what they have been learning this term in general classes, or to celebrate achievements. This represents an opportunity to step up and develop some speaking and leadership skills. Remember school is about developing a well rounded individual and overcoming anxiety when speaking in front of a friendly audience is a great way to build confidence, leadership and esteem.

### High Expectations

The 'Ready to Learn' message has been a consistent one this year and it is pleasing to see that students are adhering to its principles of being on-time and being prepared for class with a focus on what they need to achieve. It is a timely reminder as we head into Winter that this also means having the right equipment and uniform. Thanks to all House staff who continue to lead the way with high expectations of our students.

### Year 7 Camp

We had a wonderful camp at Tanybryn to kick off the second term. The weather was fantastic and we had a great day at Lorne with 'Go Ride a Wave' running a mini- carnival for us. After lunch, we then headed to Kennett River and had a nice walk with a wonderful view. The next day we went to Apollo Bay and enjoyed ice cream fish and chips and a swim/surf in the chilly water. That night we had a talent show and a night walk through the bush in search of the mysterious, but illusive glow worms. On the last day, we went to beautiful Mackenzie Falls, which was a first time experience for some kids. Then we walked to a forest and went to Lake Elizabeth, which had some trees in it. One night Mr Dooley made good wood fire pizzas with loads of different toppings, and one morning he made pancakes but failed to flip them neatly, so we ended up with floppy pancakes. Thanks Miss Cologni, Mrs Visser and Mr Dooley. We had a great camp!  
 Written by **Indigo, Isabelle, Grace, Hannah, Arty ( 7 Silver)**

### Mark Dooley

Silver House Leader

### SPORT REPORT

The past few weeks have been packed full of sport, we had the Geelong Athletics Regional competition where we took home the overall **Grand Aggregate**, as well as Senior and Intermediate Boys & Girls, and junior boys. A big congratulations to all that were competing in events, the western metropolitan round will be towards the 3<sup>rd</sup> term. We had 2 records broken; **Olivia Hobbs** in the 16yr 1500m new record of 4.54.88 breaking the old record of 5.02.37 set in 2007. **Olivia** also broke the senior 3000m new record of 10.40.55 beating the old record 10.46.78 set in 2006.



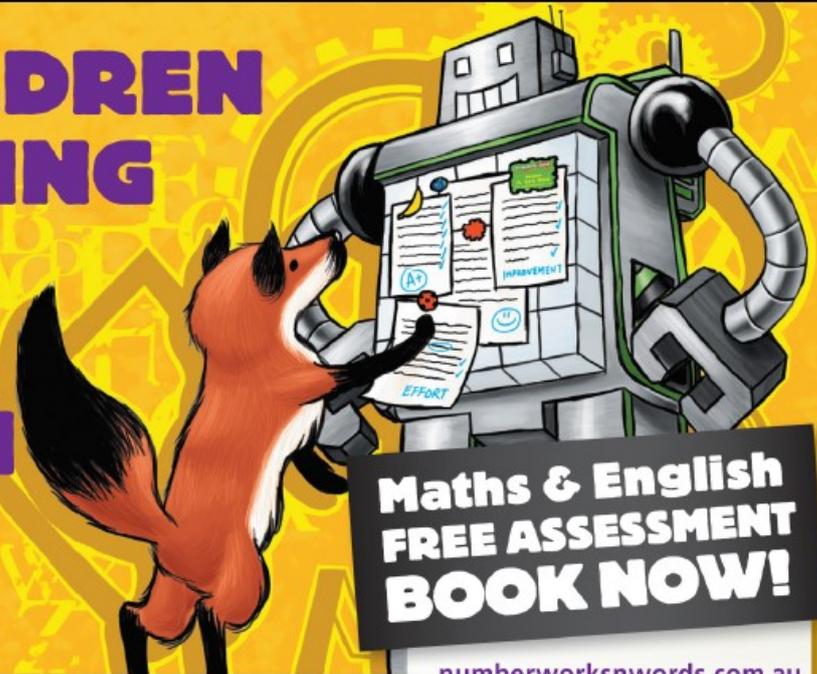
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Great job to the intermediate girls' volleyball team who won their competition. Congratulations to the senior boy's baseball and volleyball teams who competed on Monday the 08/05 and good luck to the senior girls and boys football teams for next Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup>/05.

**Jonty Broughton**

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**FREE KIDS DENTAL**

The Child Dental Benefits Schedule continues in 2017. The Commonwealth Government dental scheme provides eligible children with a \$1000 free kids dental benefit\* on selected dental services within a 2 year calendar period. To gain access to benefits, children must be eligible for Medicare, must be between 2 and 17 years of age for at least 1 day of the calendar year with the child or parent, guardian or carer receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A or another relevant government payment.

It is important for families to check their eligibility with Medicare to see if they are eligible this year.

\*Free when services covered by the Commonwealth Government's Child Dental Benefits Schedule are bulk billed by participating dentists for treatments provided to eligible patients.



**Stressed about paying for the tablet on the stationery list?**

You could receive up to \$500 for help with school costs!

Saver Plus matches your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500, for school costs like uniforms, books, excursions, laptops and tablets.

You may eligible if:

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- you or your partner have some regular income from work such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work.

Contact Amanda Vernon  
 your local Saver Plus Coordinator:

03 5278 8122

or [avernon@bethany.org.au](mailto:avernon@bethany.org.au)

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St. Laurence and is delivered in the Greater Geelong area by Bethany. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government. Find more information at [saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au)



Presents:

# Parenting as a Team

When we become parents we find ourselves in a new role and a new set of circumstances. Most parents learn the skills they need "on the job", and at times it can feel like one is learning at the "deep end".

How can two parents describe their differences, talk about them in a calm and constructive way, and then work out a common approach that is consistent, that works, and satisfies both parents?

It is fair to say that learning to work together to build a shared approach is no mean feat!

The four week program looks at:

- Reflecting on our own upbringing
- Importance of understanding the differences in parenting styles
- The importance of approaching difficult conversations in a constructive way
- Knowing that it is normal to experience some level of frustration or disagreement about the "correct" way to parent your children



**Cost**  
Gold Coin Donation

**Beginning**  
Wednesday 24 May

**Time**  
7.00pm – 9.00pm

**Location**  
"Ariston" 245-249 Pakington St, Newtown

[www.geelongaustralia.com.au](http://www.geelongaustralia.com.au)

For bookings and more information please contact the Regional Parenting Service

**Phone**  
5272 4741

## CURE CYSTIC FIBROSIS

### Gala Dinner

An evening not to be missed, fine food, fabulous entertainment, live & silent auctions, VIP guests, passionate speakers and FUN! Come along and help us make CF stand for CURE FOUND. **All proceeds go directly to Cure4CF Foundation.**

- MC Denis Walter
- The People's Poets
- Imogen Brough
- Raffle and Lucky Door Prizes
- Live and Silent Auctions
- Guest Speakers
- Dr. Nigel Farrow & Lauren Rowe

**Saturday 20th May**  
6.30pm - 11.30pm, *The Pier Geelong*  
Join us afterwards at the City Quarter Bar

Table of 10 \$1300  
Individual Tickets \$140  
*(includes 2 course meal and 5hr drinks package)*

**For tickets please go to:**  
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Tuning in to Kids is a six session parenting program to help children learn to understand and regulate their emotions which in turn leads to them becoming more resilient.

It teaches parents:

- awareness and regulation of their own emotions
- to use children's emotional experiences as an opportunity for closeness & teaching
- skills in assisting children in problem solving
- awareness of their children's emotions
- skills in assisting children to verbally label their emotions
- to guide children's behaviour with appropriate limits

The research evaluation of 'Tuning In to Kids' found that when parents learn these parenting skills this was related to improvements in children's emotional competence, social skills and behaviour.



**Cost**  
\$15 or \$5 conc.

**Beginning**  
Thursday 25 May

**Time**  
7.00pm – 9.00pm

**Location**  
Boorai Child & Family Centre  
Shell Rd, Ocean Grove

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