



# The Belmont News

*Strive For The Highest*

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Curriculum Day

On Thursday 3 August, our school organised a curriculum day, to continue our documentation of our units and lessons, ensuring that they have assessment tasks that is part of the learning and helps build student skills and knowledge. The key element of formative assessment is that the feedback is timely and specific. The VCE teachers were also working on the new Study Designs and developing lesson sequences with a focus on formative assessment within each unit.

### Review of our School Strategic Plan

The Self-Evaluation process has been completed. I thank all the parents, students and staff that were involved in reviewing our data for the past four years and reflecting on the strategies that were used to address the areas that were seen to be needing improvement.

On Tuesday 15 August, our reviewer will work with a panel of staff, School Council President and other principals to discuss the self-evaluation and consider at how the school can further improve. There will be a student focus group and a parent focus group that will work with the reviewer; Gaell Hildebrand, during that day. The panel will reflect on the information received from the focus groups and the discussions from the day to further investigate the next level of work for Belmont High School. On the second day of the review, the panel will collate all information and look at the priority areas for our new Strategic Plan. If you would like to be part of the parent focus group on Tuesday at 8.30am – 9.15am, please contact Jenni Foot.

### Science Competition

Our students participated in the ICAS Science Competition last term. We have recently received the results.

Congratulations to the following students who received Distinctions (top 5% in Australia).

#### 7 Silver

Christopher Hoei  
Noah Metwally  
Ayman Miazi  
Ned Parker  
Riley Rogers  
Ned Sweeney

#### 8 Gold

Dylan Cox  
Vincent Dang  
Reuben Dyer  
Ronan Hart  
Ruby Leishman  
Jack Linke

Sam Phelps  
Jolene Tan  
Theo Zhou

#### 9 Purple

Zac Briffa

The following students received High Distinctions putting them in the top 1% in Australia.

#### 8 Gold

William More  
Gwyn Roberts

Well done to all the students!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2017

### Monday 14 August WEEK A

Year 8 Inter-school sport, basketball, volleyball, table tennis  
House Assemblies

### Tuesday 15 August

Ski Trip—15-18 August  
Music Performance Workshop, 1-8pm  
School Council Meeting, 6.00pm

### Wednesday 16 August

VET O/Red Bike Ride, 1.30-4.00pm

### Thursday 17 August

VCAL—Amazing Race Geelong, 8.30am-2.15pm  
Yr 7 inter-school sport, basketball, volleyball, table tennis  
Victorian Schools Music Festival, 12.15-9.30pm, Senior Band

### Friday 18 August

Victorian Schools Music Festival, 12.00-4.30pm, Intermediate Band  
TeenAID, Session 2, Year 10, Periods 1-4  
Wakakirri Rehearsal Day, school gym

### Monday 21 August WEEK B

Wakakirri Performance Day, GPAC, 91m-9pm  
General Assembly

### Tuesday 22 August

TeenAID, Session 3, Year 10, Periods 1 to 4

### Wednesday 23 August

VET Orienteering/Navigation, You Yangs  
VCAL, yr 12 Community Service, 8.00am-12.30pm  
Macbeth, Arts Centre Melbourne, 8G, 9P  
Canteen Committee Meeting, 3.15pm

### Thursday 24 August

Author visit, Phillip Gwynne

### Friday 25 August

7S Form Day, Airdrome  
Victorian Schools Music Festival  
Yr 12 English SAC

## PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

18th September 2017, 12.00-7.00pm

## HOMESTAY WANTED

Two Chinese students require long-term homestay.  
They are a girl in Year 10 and a boy in Year 11 who are  
cousins and would like to be housed together.

If you can offer assistance please contact  
Kate Dangerfield, 52435355 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—see instructions  
in this newsletter.

### **STEM Showcase**

Four of our teachers have been part of the Successful Student - STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) program, working with Skilling the Bay in Geelong, which was funded by the Victorian State Government and administered through The Gordon Institute of Technical and Further Education (TAFE). Congratulations to **Mr Rowan O'Callaghan**, **Ms Marita Nicholas**, **Ms Zen Muller** and **Ms Tara Robertson**. They have been working with students in maths and science helping improve their attitude towards STEM subjects by providing a more engaging delivery of skills and content.

### **Italian Dinner at Belmont High School**

It was my great pleasure in participating in a dinner with our Italian guests from Padova and families of our students who had kindly opened their homes to our visitors during their two week stay in Geelong. The Italian students had a PowerPoint presentation of the places they visited in Victoria and the wonderful experiences they had while staying in Geelong. The group presentations were well received and demonstrated how much they enjoyed their time at Belmont High School, with our teachers and students. Congratulations and thank you to **Ms Antonietta Gregory**, who organised the night with support from the Italian team: **Ms Federica Cologni**, **Ms Lucy Vannata** and **Ms Sonia Bove**.

### **Staffing News**

**Ms Emma Horne** was successful in gaining a position as our new Curriculum Leader. The Green House Leader was recently selected and **Ms Jessica Watson** was the successful applicant. I congratulate both teachers and look forward to working with them in their new roles.

### **Sandra Eglezos**

Principal

### **MANGO NEWS**

House music is in the air and our Music Captain **Laura Firpis**, has been hard at work in collaboration with the School Music Captain, our very own **Issy Peter**. Though by the time you read this we'll know the results, I'm already very proud of their efforts and improvements over past weeks. Again a public thanks to **Mr John McAndrew** and the team, **GO MANGO!!**

### **Another layer of Mango**

Year 7 news: **Eloise Leitch's** netball team won against a team that had beaten them 3 times before. **Ben Street's** team won every game this season in basketball. **Hunter Van Beveren** is stoked with a new trick he leant on his bike. **Aiden Boyd** lent a helping hand to someone in need in the school.

Year 8 news: **Codey Funston** made the state hockey team for 15 years and 13 years. **Claire Breaky** and **Emily Davidson** went to Norway during the last school holidays for a Scout Jamboree and **Charlie McDonald's** football team made the semi-finals.

Year 10 news: **Maddy Neaves**, **Jersyn Doh**, **Kacey Dridan** and **Caitlin Rielly** are through to the state finals in inter-school badminton.

### **Christopher Pugh & Deb Ayres**

### **GOLD NEWS!**

So much has been happening that we found ourselves celebrating GOLD student success in an online quiz at our recent House Assembly. Students were well represented in the quiz ranging from math champions to amazing artists and of course, fine sporting feats. All year levels were featured and it was like a .....Gold Mine! We are looking forward to the House Music Competition and cheering on our representatives. A big well done to **Harry Whatnall**, **Akaansha Kumar**, **Georgia McAndrew**, **Clancy Conron**, **Gwyn Roberts**, **Vincent Dang**, **Matt Soar** and **Sam Phelps** who have been working hard to bring their songs together. Thanks also to **Bowen Jacques** and **Isabelle Banovac** for supporting this crew.

We have welcomed three new students to GOLD House this Term: **Nevan** (7G); **Ameer** (10G) and **Simar** (11G). They have been well supported by fellow students and we wish them every success at BHS.

We would like to thank GOLD House students for continuing to work hard and understand the power of great attendance rates. Missed classes = missed learning. Please continue to provide explanations for any absences so that we can all work together in "Striving for the Highest".

We would like to congratulate our GOLD House Assistant, **Ms Jess Watson**, who has been appointed as the new GREEN House Leader. Her skills and ability to support students in our House have been greatly appreciated by students, parents and staff and these skills will continue to be a bonus for BHS as Jess fulfills this leadership position for the remainder of 2017.

### **Linda Jennings**

Gold House Leader

### **GO, GO, GO SILVER!**

#### **House Music Competition**

Congratulations to **Briannah McCullough**, **Will Blaxandall**, (8 Silver) **Ned Parker** and **Will Jones** (7 Silver) who held the Silver flag high for the house in coming together to form our House Music quartet performing 'Should I stay or Should I go,' by the Clash and 'Black Hole Sun' by Soundgarden. They have been ably supported by our House Music captain, **Evan Maltby**. Well-done team on an excellent performance revealing wonderful team spirit throughout the preparation.

#### **Whole House Activity - Ten Pin Bowling**

Come and smash some pins on Friday 25 August at OZ 10-Pin Highton from 4.00-5.30pm.

Students will be required to pay \$10.00 for 1 game and a snack pack of a hot dog, hot chips and a soft drink. Great value. Come along and join the fun! Fill out the form or see Mr Dooley for details.

#### **Year 9 House Assembly Presentation.**

Well done to Year 9 who presented at House Assembly on Supporting Students with Disabilities and also on their experiences at Year 9 Strive Camp. Special thanks go to **Jaspar**, **Chloe**, **Maddy** and **Madi** for preparing the powerpoint presentations.

#### **House Debating**

Next Tuesday at recess will see sign-ups for the House Debating competition, which begins in week 6. This promises to be a closely fought tussle between all the Houses with some lively debates being generated around interesting topics. Debates will be held in LC2 at lunchtimes. Teams are mixed from Year 7-12 with Junior debaters receiving bonus points for participation.

You have got to be in it to win it! **Recess meeting – all Houses – Tues- N4- Sign-up!**

### **Mark Dooley**

Silver House Leader

## ATTENDANCE

As you are aware, since the beginning of this term, we have been focusing on reducing the number of student "Unexplained Absences". It has been fantastic to see students taking responsibility for their attendance, and to see so many parents supporting the school by providing reasons to explain the absences.

Although you are able to call the school absence line, or write a note in your child's diary, it would be great to have more parents utilising the Compass program. Below are screen shots of how you can explain your child's absence from both the computer version of Compass, as well as the Smart Phone App. These are also included in the Parent's Guide on Belmont High School's website.

When you are on Compass you will be able to view and offer explanations for all of your child's unexplained absences from the year so far. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

### Computer Version:

From Parent Portal Home Screen

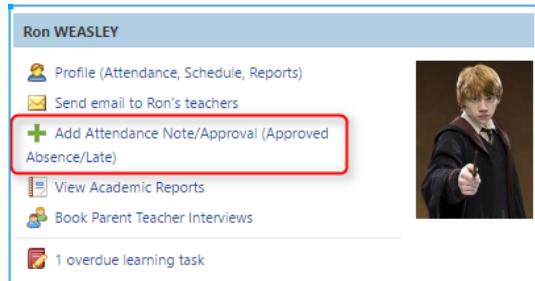
This will show if there is an Attendance Note/Approval needed for a missed class.

#### Attendance: Attendance Note/Approval Required

Ron was recorded as 'not present' or 'late' without explanation.

[Click here for more information](#)

If entering an absence in advance you can get to the same page from here.



Then enter explanation of absence.

Activity Name	Start	Finish	Pd	Location	Staff	Status
DISTANCED1	29/09/2016 08:00 AM	29/09/2016 09:00 AM	07	JDLF	Not Present	
DISTANCED1	26/08/2016 08:30 AM	26/08/2016 09:30 AM	UNASSIGNED	JDLF	Late	

### From Smart Phone App:

Click on your child's name in the App (under the menu button), then the Approvals tab, where you can select the '+' button and add in a new Note or Approval.

## VCE STUDENT NEWS

**Key Dates:**

- 7/8: VTAC applications open.  
 11/8: (Pds 5/6): Music Competition  
 14/8: Exam timetables distributed to students  
 15/8: Year 12 meeting, Graduation information handed out.  
 30/8 and 6/9: YEAR 12 Stress Management and Study Skills, sessions run by the BSW Psychologist. Each session will start at 1pm and go for an hour. 4 Houses will run one week and then 4 the other. Attendance is compulsory and each student will receive a gift.  
 31/8: Connect Ed enrolments due.  
 8/9: Curriculum Day  
 18/9: Parent Teacher Interviews  
 All SAC dates and VCE Information will be published on COMPASS. These will be continually updated.

**Exams:**

The Year 12 Written exams start with English on the 1<sup>st</sup> November. They run for about 3 weeks with the final exam on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November, even though most students will finish before this. Students should also be aware that performance exams occur at the start of Term 4 with language and performance exams occurring.

Personal timetables are now available and will be handed out over the following week in Form Assembly.

***Students that have decided not to sit the end of year exams or are considering this option are required to see Mr. McAndrew to discuss further. Failure to do this has an impact on every other student doing VCE at Belmont so please be considerate and go through the process with Mr. McAndrew.***

Students who have not applied for Special Provision for exams need to see Mr. McAndrew ASAP.

**Graduation:**

The Graduation is on the 28<sup>th</sup> November. Unfortunately, The Arena is not hosting Graduations this so we are holding The Graduation in the new stand at the Geelong FC. It has been challenging dealing with this change and whilst the space will require us to make some operational changes, things have started to come together. We are just finalising costs and ticket sales will begin the week after next. Information in regards to sales will be discussed with students early next week, along with the final price.

**ATAR Predictions and Discussions**

The discussions on student progress, study and exam prep and ATAR predictions have begun this week. These discussions are very valuable and students are encouraged to sign up even if they don't want their ATAR or ATAR predicted. It is more for students who wish to reach or exceed potential and it gives students a snapshot of where they are and give them the skills to get them to where they need/want to be.

Sign-up sheets will be on Mr. McAndrew's window. Sessions take about 15-20 mins but may go a little longer depending upon how much information students require.

**Connect Education Revision Lectures**

Belmont HS is running a week long program of exam revision sessions and lectures again this year. These sessions were excellent last year and assisted students to enter the end of year with increased confidence and skills. They will run at the school starting Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October through to the 17<sup>th</sup> October. Each session is 2.5 hours and comes complete with a book of revision notes. These sessions run during the school day and are at school, so no travelling. Last year we had a huge 404 sign ups, but we are hoping to get a better turn out this year. These sessions are definitely one of the key initiatives identified for increasing our results in 2016.

Students will be required to sign up using the correct form and return with money to the Office by the 31st August. The school is making a part subsidy for this program. It is worth noting that we are the only school in Geelong running this type of program.

If you would like any further information on any of the above information, then please contact Mr. McAndrew. I can be contacted by phone through the school or at [mcandrew.john.m@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:mcandrew.john.m@edumail.vic.gov.au)

### SCHOOL FEE PAYMENT OPTIONS

Parents are advised that accounts will be sent out at the end of term.

In order to assist parents, there are a number of options available for the payment of fees and charges, which include payments by small, regular instalments across the whole year. Parents are encouraged to contact Mary Thomas to discuss a payment plan that is most suited to the needs of individual families.

Payments may also be made by BPAY - details are on individual accounts, or by a direct payment into the BHS Official Account. These bank details are available from the office.

## MAJOR RAFFLE UPDATE

As previously mentioned, Belmont High School and Roslyn Primary School have joined forces to conduct a major raffle to raise funds for both schools. A small group has been working hard to get donations for our raffle. We have had fantastic support from local and some not so local businesses.

I would like to thank the following people/businesses for the support they have shown to our schools:

**BKM Electrics** who have donated a \$300 Drill Kit.  
**Specsavers at Waurn Ponds**, for a \$299 voucher for glasses,  
**Geelong Football Club**, for the signed 2017 Guernsey and membership pack  
**Golf Warrior Tours** for the \$200 Golf Bag

We have also received goods or vouchers from the following and thank them for their support:

<b>Hair by Donna, Porter Ave</b>	<b>The Fish Lab</b>	<b>Subway</b>
<b>Rollerway</b>	<b>Bunnings Waurn Ponds</b>	<b>Zoos Victoria</b>
<b>Dan Murphys</b>	<b>Pure Indulgence</b>	<b>Braces n Faces</b>
<b>Mooregrace Acting</b>	<b>Routley's Bakery</b>	<b>Geelong Supercats</b>
<b>Puffing Billy</b>	<b>The Computer Guy</b>	<b>Magic Car Wash</b>
<b>Techno Tan</b>	<b>Supertramp</b>	
<b>Bellarine Adventure Golf</b>	<b>Adventure Park</b>	

We are still looking for donations. If you know of any business that may be able to help, please give me a call or send me an email via [2schoolfundraiser@gmail.com](mailto:2schoolfundraiser@gmail.com). If you would like to make a donation but are unsure of what to donate, why not a gift card.

We will also be looking for some parents to help with a BBQ at Dan Murphy's Belmont on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. If you are able to assist for an hour sometime during the day, please contact either myself or the school.

**John McKenzie**  
(School Council parent representative)  
[2schoolfundraiser@gmail.com](mailto:2schoolfundraiser@gmail.com)

## PARENT OPINION SURVEY 2017

### WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents at each school.

It is designed to assist our school in gaining an understanding of parents' perception of school climate, student engagement and relationships with our parent community. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

The survey will be conducted **online** by **ORIMA Research Pty Ltd** and only takes **15 minutes** to complete. The survey can be accessed via desktop computer, laptop, tablet or mobile at any convenient time within the fieldwork period from **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August** to **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August**.

Approximately 30 per cent of parents have been invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. The online survey is available in a range of languages.

The survey results will be reported back to our school at the end of September. The survey results will be communicated to parents through annual reporting.

For further information, please contact the school or visit: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/management/improvement/Pages/performancesurveyparent.aspx>

## THE LITTLE LIBRARY IS UP AND RUNNING!

The library staff are happy to be able to offer most library services from our temporary library – the Little Library near P wing. We have been able to bring over some books, which have all been professionally cleaned, as well as some of our tables, chairs, Dayuse laptops and the small photocopier/printer. We have space for some private study and small lessons (reading promotion and research lessons). As the space is much smaller than the old library we are limited with group sizes but we are endeavouring to cater for the whole school as best we can. Feel free to pop into the Little Library and have a look if you haven't done so already.

We were happy to host the Year 7 Readers' Cup in the Little Library earlier this term. In a very close competition, 7 Green were victorious, with 7 Silver coming second and 7 Purple third. The top three teams enjoyed a pizza lunch to celebrate. Recruiting will soon start for the Year 8 competition so keen readers should speak to their Literacy teachers about taking part.

We are pleased to present the first "Book of the Week" review of term 3!

### Nicola Yoon's "Everything everything".

Question: what to like about this book? Answer: everything, everything. It's a gorgeous story, written with love by a first time author.

Maddy is 17 and has Severe Combined Immuno Deficiency (SCID). She is basically a girl in a bubble – allergic or sensitive to the outside world. So she never leaves the house and her only human contact is with her Mom (a doctor), her nurse Carla and the occasional tutor (most of her education takes place via Skype).

Enter Olly, the new boy next door. He's fascinated with the idea of a girl who can't go outside so starts to communicate with her via email. A friendship is born, which then becomes something more. But how can two teenagers have a relationship when one of them can't leave her house?

A feel-good romance that is unlike anything else you will have read. We have three copies due to the huge demand (our first copy was purchased in 2015 and has never been on the shelf!) so grab or reserve one today. Read it before you see the movie – it opens in two weeks!

### Ms Suter and Ms McCarthy

#### STUDENT WRITING

Year eight students have been writing persuasive essays on the topic of truancy. They were required to use at least five persuasive techniques to create a strong and compelling argument to support their contention. **Jessica Betts** (8 Blue) has successfully demonstrated her opposition to truancy.

##### Truancy is a Big Deal.

*I am very concerned for those who have committed truancy. Students are missing learning vital information to skip school and do absolutely nothing. Legally, children should go to school every day. We must ensure our children are safe, but we cannot do this if they are roaming our dangerous streets. They could be injured, kidnapped, arrested, expelled or even kept back a grade for their lack of education! How would you feel if this happened to your child? Every child who attempts to wag WILL be caught! There is no doubt about it! You are outnumbered!*

*Mr Jim McKinnen, Head of the Victoria Truancy Patrol states: "Each day, an average of 150 students attempt to wag in Victoria. My patrollers have caught almost every one of them. You will be caught. We have three patrollers for every truant! Don't even think you will get away with it!" Now you have heard this, will you still attempt to wag or allow your child to do so?*

*Students that wag frequently will not be as educated as students who do not wag. This is an obvious fact. If a child decides to commit truancy, they may never get the type of job they were destined to have. How do parents know that their children are not taking drugs, drinking or having unsafe sex? They do not. Data states that 95% of truants have been caught and 27% arrested for performing illegal acts. Just because that 5% has not been caught, does not mean you or your child will be included in this percentage.*

*When I was a child at the age of 14, I wagged school and I was caught. We have all been caught wagging, there is no denying it. I was at the milk bar, minding my own business when 4 men wearing yellow vests saying "Truancy Patrol" walked in. I was done for, no chance of escape. If you think you can escape these trained professionals, you are lying to yourself. I was caught red handed and I felt like a cold, conniving, criminal. Parents are setting their children up for failure allowing their children to wag school! If you continue to commit truancy, you may not get your dream job! You might find yourself drunk in a tattoo parlour getting 'SAVAGE' printed onto your head, or even lying on the side of the street unconscious. What is the point? Why throw away your life and future like that?*

*If you want your child to end up living on the streets, eating scraps from bins, go ahead, let them skip school. If you want your child to have a house, a family, a future, do not allow this. Do not let them wag. Every student WILL be caught and every little detail and every piece of information will end up on a file. A file that every job they try to get will have the opportunity to look at. Your life will be destroyed because of your stupidity.*

**Jessica Betts, 8 Blue**

#### MUSIC NEWS

We've had a jam packed start to the term, kicking off with the amazing Intermediate Band Camp in Week 2.

Last Monday and Tuesday, the Intermediate band and jazz ensemble both headed down to Angahook Camp at Airey's Inlet for our annual Music Camp. We were treated to perfect weather over the two days and the students were involved in intensive rehearsals, tutorials and fun outdoor activities which took them to new heights! There was also a family BBQ and concert to celebrate their achievements at the end of the camp. Both groups are sounding great and we are feeling a lot more prepared for our Vic Schools Music Festival (VSMF) performances over the next two weeks. A big thanks to all the music staff who attended: **Rose Humphrey, Chris Henzgen, Rohan Laird and Courtney Miller** (our student teacher, who impressively started her teaching rounds at the camp!) Thanks also to **Amanda Linton** for organising the camp and to band parent **Annette In't Hout**, who for the second year in a row organised and prepared all the food for the camp. You did a fabulous job Annette and we will miss you next year! Thanks to all the other parents who helped out with baking treats, cooking the BBQ and assisting with the pack-up of equipment. Final thanks goes to the music students who worked so well as a team and were fun and co-operative for the entire camp.



Following hard on this event was our Senior Band workshop intensive and Trivia Night, expertly coordinated and run by our Band Captains **Cara Edwards, Ben Harris, Olivia Steele and Issy Peter**. The rehearsals and tutorials were most valuable, and set the band up well for their coming performance at the Victorian Schools Music Festival on the 17<sup>th</sup> August. Many thanks to staff who assisted with tutorials, and to our two guest tutors, **Jim Davidson and Callum Edwards**, who gave the students some valuable advice and tips on improving their performance. The Trivia Night was epic, and the winning hamper hotly contested in the final minutes of the last round, requiring delicate negotiations by the trivia team to resolve the dispute. The extreme games required a steady hand, were sometimes frightening, sometimes messy, but always entertaining.

Twelve hours later, the Chicago Band were back in the bandroom, spending an intensive 6 hours with the cast of the show, working hard to put the songs and music together for the first time. Many thanks to the students and staff for their commitment to attending all the out of hours rehearsals we have had so far, and for those to come! Your willingness to juggle sporting and work and family commitments to make the show happen is very much appreciated!

On Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> August, Intermediate Band are preparing to host the South Gippsland Music Cluster on their tour to Geelong. Intermediate Band, Intermediate Jazz and BHS vocal students will be participating in workshops with students from south Gippsland, and will finish the workshop with a concert for all family and friends in the BHS Gym at 6.30pm. Jazz Syndicate will also be performing at the concert, so please come along to this concert to give our students and visitors a great audience for their performance.

On August 25<sup>th</sup>, Jazz Syndicate and Intermediate Jazz take the train to Melbourne to perform in the Jazz Section of the Victorian Schools Music Festival. Just a reminder that only one payment of \$15 is payable regardless of how many ensembles you are participating in.

AMEB enrolments need to be finalised by August 20<sup>th</sup>, so please ensure that you have returned your signed permission form so that enrolment fees can be added to your school account.

Congratulations to **Sam Bridges** for gaining a credit for her Grade 6 Clarinet AMEB exam, and to **Josh Scott** of 9P who recently achieved excellent results in his ANZCA Guitar exam.

A big thank you as always to our band support team, who amongst all this activity raised \$327 for the program with one of their legendary cake stalls on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to the parents and students who baked cakes and slices for the stall, and to the parents and students who helped with sales on the day. There are still some containers in the bandroom, so please ask your children to collect these this week.

Our current band support coordinator, **Michelle Walker**, is stepping down from her role this term, and I would like to express our gratitude for her incredible efforts in organising events and fundraisers with skill and good humoured efficiency, and for her time in putting together a visionary proposal of how the band support group can best support the music program in the future.

We are seeking a few people who might be prepared to take on a role helping to coordinate the Spring Concert hall set up and pack up in October this year, and/or to assist in the band support group in 2018. It's a great way to be a part of the inclusive music community that we work hard to create and maintain at BHS, so please consider whether you might be able to give some time to the group.

House Music will be happening as this newsletter hits your inbox, and by now you'll all know which House took out the honours for 2017. The students have put together amazing music, some well-planned, others more last minute, and a big thank you to our Judges, Guest **Greg Chadwick** of the popular local band the **Brixtons**, and the City of Greater Geelong's Youth Development Team, and our home-grown experts **Rob Gador** and **Amanda Linton**. Thanks too to **Callum Finley** and his team for all their work helping to set up the sound on the day.

#### **Rose Humphrey**

Music Director

#### **PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

Our Parents Association meeting held on Monday 7th August was attended well despite the cold. Sandra Eglezos, as always, attended the meeting and gave us her Principles report and answered all questions. We really appreciate that Sandra comes along to each meeting and provides open and honest answers. This is a great way to get to know what is happening in the school. We also had the privilege of hearing from Glenda Wood, one of the Indonesian teachers, about the Indonesian trip taken by Year 9 - 12 students earlier in the year which was very informative.

**LOST PROPERTY** - A reminder that there is a lot of un-named clothing and goods in the Lost Property room. If it is not claimed by the end of August it will be donated to charity. A reminder that the Lost Property/second hand office is open on Fridays, 12.45-1.30pm.

#### **Leanne Robinson**

President

#### **WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN**

Belmont High School is once again participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. Students and parents are encouraged to put stickers in the collection box in the general office or the Woolworths store in Highton.



Start collecting!

#### **AUTOMOTIVE MODERN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM 2018 APPLICATIONS**

Vantage Automotive Pty Ltd is a major provider of Government funded vocational learning and outsourced services to major vehicle manufacturers with an extensive client list across Australia. Applications are now being sought from students that are interested in a career within the automotive industry as an Automotive Technician or Parts Interpreter.

Both male and female candidates from all over Australia are invited to apply for the Automotive Modern Apprenticeship Program and, if selected, will be offered full time employment at a dealer close to their home and flown to Sydney for block training. This is a funded program with minimal cost to the student.

Positions are already available for the 2018 academic year.

Visit [www.vantageautomotive.com](http://www.vantageautomotive.com) and see Mr Lynch for further details.



**SCHOOL-BASED TRAINEESHIPS**  
**CERTIFICATE III – 1 SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAM:**  
6 hours of training at The Gordon, City Campus on Wednesday afternoons.  
7 hours of paid employment per week whilst gaining experience and a Certificate III qualification.

**2018 Offerings:**

**Certificate III Hospitality/Patisserie**

Placement at The Gordon restaurant/café – Friday

Enrolment fee \$640

**Certificate III Community Services**

Placements at local community organisations

Police check required – no cost to trainee – prior to placement

Enrolment fee \$200

Applications are available from your school.

**Timeframes:**

August – October:

Interviews

November:

Enrolments

December:

Induction

January/February:

Start work and class

Late October/Early November:

Complete traineeship

Please contact **Mr Lynch** if you are interested in this Pathway.



The poster features a central yellow oval containing the text "A TASTE OF INDONESIA" in large, bold, serif capital letters, with "Festival" in a smaller sans-serif font below it. To the left of the text is a black silhouette of a steaming bowl, and to the right is a silhouette of a fork and spoon. In the top left corner is the Indonesian national flag. The background has a light purple color with a faint, repeating leaf pattern. The bottom half of the poster is bordered by a red decorative pattern.

**A TASTE OF INDONESIA**  
Festival

 Saturday  
**19 August 2017**  
**10am - 3.30pm**

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**Grovedale Vic 3216**



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- **Student Speaking Competition**
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- **Indonesian Food Stalls**
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