



# The Belmont News

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High School

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

At the close of the call for nominations in the Parent Category for School Council there were 4 nominees for the 3 positions available. Following the election period, I now declare elected for a two year term:

**Mr Joe Ormeno**  
**Mr Paul O'Keeffe**  
**Ms Alison Reed**

At the close of the call for nominations in the Department of Education and Training Category for School Council there was 1 nominee for the 1 vacancy. I therefore declare elected for a two year term:

**Ms Emma Horne**

Congratulations to the parents and teacher who will be joining School Council and thankyou to all parents who took part in the parent election for your interest in school governance and working together to support our young people.

We has our first meeting of School Council this week. Our School Council is very large, which demonstrates the commitment and interest that our community has on getting involved and supporting our school. There is a commitment of each councillor, to read all documents sent out in preparation for our meetings, as well as actively contribute while on council.

Our Annual General Meeting for School Council occurred this week and I would like to introduce our new School Council President; John McKenzie, Vice President; Con Kamvoussoulis, Treasurer; Joe Ormeno. We wish them well in their new positions and thank them for taking on such important roles within BHS School Council. Congratulations to Emma Horne for taking up the staff position. I would also like to acknowledge Andrew Williams for his contribution to the BHS School Council over a number of years.

### ANNUAL REPORTING MEETING

Each year School Council conducts its Annual Reporting Meeting for the school community. This meeting reviews the previous year through examining a large amount of data and information gathered including opinion surveys and student results. It is also at this meeting that the past year's Financial Report is presented. It is an opportunity to hear of the year's achievements as well as what the new year holds for us.

The Annual Reporting meeting is open to our school community and I invite parents to join our Council for this part of the Council meeting. If you are able to join us, it would be appreciated if you could let Jenni in our Office know in advance.

The Annual Reporting Meeting will be held in the school Staffroom at 6.00pm on **Tuesday March 20**. This will be followed by our normal March meeting at around 6.30pm.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2018

### Monday 12 March WEEK A

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

### Tuesday 13 March

Year 9 School Council Leadership Conference  
Environmental Design excursion

### Wednesday 14 March

Year 7 Blue Camp  
7P & G Family BBQ, Eastern Beach

### Thursday 15 March

Italian Study Tour Information Night, 6pm  
SEALP 2019 Information Night, 7pm, Yellow Learning Centre

### Friday 16 March

SSV Barwon intermediate sports  
AIME Program, Deakin Uni

### Monday 19 March WEEK B

Year 7 Green Camp  
General Assembly  
Uniform Committee meeting, 1.15pm

### Tuesday 20 March

Vis Com Top Designs excursion, Melbourne  
School Council Annual Reporting Meeting, 6pm  
School Council meeting, 6.30pm

### Wednesday 21 March

Year 7 Ebony Camp

### Thursday 22 March

Year 7 Band Concert, 7-8pm

### Friday 23 March

Jazz Syndicate, Chilwell PS Food Fair, 5-7pm  
VCAL, Grand Prix

## IMPORTANT DATES:

27th March—Parent/Teacher interviews (no classes)  
29th March—Students dismissed at 12.45pm—end of term  
16th April—Term 2 begins  
26th April—Athletics Carnival  
3rd May—Curriculum Day  
30 May—1 June—Year 9 Strive Camp  
14th June—VCE Information Evening  
22nd June—Report Writing Day (no classes)  
24th August—Curriculum Day  
26th November—Year 12 Graduation

## 24 hr STUDENT ABSENCE LINE 5241 0090

**Parents only** to call to report student's name, house/form, reason for absence, and date. Parents can also report absences on Compass.

HOMESTAY accommodation required for a female Chinese student, age 14, arriving 9th April. Homestay fee payment is \$300 per week. Please contact Kate Dangerfield for more information. Ph. 5243 5355

### Parents Association

At the Annual General Meeting of the Parents Association on Monday 5th March, where a new executive were elected. Congratulations to Larelle Fitt who has taken the role of President. The School Council representatives are Jacqueline Wilson and Leanne Robinson. We thank all members of the Parents Association for their valuable support. Parents Association have recently donated a defibrillator for the school's Tanybryn camp, and also money for the purchase of new microscopes for the science department.

### Student Feedback Via PIVOT Survey

Our teachers has been working diligently in their teams with a focus on continually improving their teaching and learning practices. We have recently introduced the PIVOT survey, which gives students an opportunity to give feedback to their teachers regarding their practices in the classroom. Information is collected electronically and anonymously, giving teachers great information on what needs to be improved in the future.

### Introducing Jordi Kerr from Gasp

A Youth Development Officer from the City of Greater Geelong's [GASP program](#) will be co-locating at Belmont High School one day a week during Term 2, and one day a fortnight during Term 3. The GASP program works to support LGBTIQA+ people aged 12-25 who live, work, or study in the Geelong region.

Jordi Kerr is the Education Support worker for GASP, and will be located at Belmont High with the primary aim of supporting the school's Stand Out group. Jordi has a background in learning programs, reader development and youth literature, working across schools and libraries.

Jordi will also be working with staff about inclusive practice and policies. Jordi will be working from the wellbeing centre on Wednesdays. Students are welcome to drop in to talk with Jordi.

### Interschool Swimming Competitions

Jett Flexman and Hayley Rowe presented me with 4 pennants from the Swimming competitions held on Friday 2 March. Thirteen Geelong Government schools were involved in this competition and we had over 90 students representing our school. Our students performed very well, with four pennants won out of a possible nine. These were in the following areas; Senior Girls, Junior Boys, Girls Aggregate and the Grand Aggregate. Well done to all the students involved and to the teachers that attended this event.

### Fanfare Launch in Melbourne

Rosemary Humphrey and I attended a launch party for the winners of the 2017 Fanfare competition at Arts Centre Melbourne. One of our Year 12 students; Hannah Hunt was one of eight students chosen out of over one hundred students Australia wide. She was given the opportunity to produce her fanfare and have it played by an orchestra. Part of the experience allowed Hannah to meet other like-minded musicians and a range of artists and be mentored by the Artology staff throughout this process. We were fortunate to hear the amazing talent of each of the eight winners and celebrate Hannah's achievements with her family.



### Mrs Sandra Eglezos

Principal

### CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Belmont High School is running a Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 17th March and Parents Association are asking for volunteers to assist. If you have an hour or two that you could help out on this day, please contact Leanne Robinson, belmonthighpa@gmail.com or phone her on 0416 045 825. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

### YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMS

The ever popular **Barwon Health 'Careers in Health' program** is back for 2018 for Year 10 Students.

Barwon Health is offering one week's Work Experience for 40 Year 10 students from Geelong region schools in 2018. (2 groups of 20 students)

This immersive work experience program offers exposure to clinicians and educators from a broad range of occupations including; Nursing, Medicine, Midwifery, Physiotherapy, Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Social Work, Dietetics, Medical Imaging, Allied Health, working across several of health care – including Acute Care, Rehabilitation, Aged Care and Community.

There are 2 program weeks available: 7 – 11 May and 30 July – 3 August

Students will attend the program each day from 9.00am to 3.15pm for one week

**Experience Community Services** is a socially inclusive taster program that aims to help young people increase their understanding of what the community services sector does and the range of careers available. Experience Community Service (ESC) was an initiative of St Laurence who partnered with other Community Services organisations to get the program started. The program focuses on the current and emerging opportunities in this industry, with visits to genU (Karingal, St Laurence), Barwon Child, Youth & Family, Headspace, Barwon Health and MacKillop Family Services.

Sectors covered are: Children & Families | Disability | Aged Care | Mental Health | Youth | Community Health

To express your interest and pick up an application form for either program please see Mr Masters in the Careers room.

**Applications need to be returned to Mr Masters by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.**

## PARENTS ASSOCIATION REPORT

On Monday night we had our AGM and filled our positions for the year.

Congratulations to our new president - Larelle Fitt, Treasurer - Angela Hobbs and Secretary Fiona Allchin. All of our members make a significant contribution so regardless of whether they have a title or not we could not function as a group without them, so thank you.

Our guest speakers for the coming meetings have been set and we will hear from the Wellbeing Centre, Year 7 transition, Health and Strive areas over the coming months.

We will be selling raffle tickets for \$1 each for our Easter Hamper that has been kindly donated by Andrew Katos on Parent Teacher Interview night - Tues 27th March. Don't forget to come with some change for your chance to win some goodies!

## ITALY STUDY TOUR EXCHANGE PROGRAM 2019 NEWS

Dear Parents and Students of Italian, there will be an Information Evening scheduled for next week.

When: 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Time: 6:00pm

Where: In small Library

Over 50 students submitted an expression of interest for this overseas experience!

Please RSVP this event via email: [gregory.antoINETTE.a@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:gregory.antoINETTE.a@edumail.vic.gov.au)

Looking forward to meeting you at our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting—Antoinette Gregory

## SCHOOL FOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Snowy has been going awesome, I have so many great people and I know I'll definitely keep in touch with them after the camp. I've already learnt heaps of great teamwork skills in the first three weeks including social and self-awareness, Metacognition and Questions and Possibilities. So far I've gone surfing three times, did a 18 km bike ride and built a bridge. Our LLP day on Thursday was awesome, we taught the year 6's from Hazel Wood a wide range of things including the Aboriginal culture surrounding us and different things around the SRC. Next week we will be doing our first expo which is an overnight hike along the Marlo beach. The food is amazing and I'm definitely not getting underfed. The campus is in a perfect place surrounded by trees and it's right next to the ocean, which is convenient for the rest day surfs. There's so many more activities to come and 7.3 weeks is going to go very quickly!

Jeremy Partridge

## IMMUNISATIONS

City of Greater Geelong

IMMUNISATION SERVICE

Provided by BARWON HEALTH 2018



Immunisation Centre	Immunisation Hours
<b>Belmont CHC Barwon Health</b> 1-17 Reynolds Road, Belmont, 3216.  (Please note that this is the Barwon Health building, not the MCH building)	Wednesday morning ( <b>Appointment only</b> ) 9 am - 12.30pm  Open sessions ( <b>No appointment required</b> ) Wed and Friday afternoons 1.30pm - 4.45pm  Saturday morning ( <b>Appointment only</b> ) 08.30am – 12.15pm
<b>Corio Community Health Centre</b> 2 Gellibrand St, Corio, 3214.	Every Wednesday 9.30am - 11.45am (No appointment required)
<b>Newtown "Ariston"</b> 245 Pakington St, Newtown, 3220.	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday of each month 9.30am - 11.45am (No appointment required)
<b>Ocean Grove -Boorai Centre</b> (behind Aquatic Centre) 4-50 Shell Rd, Ocean Grove, 3226.	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday of each month 9.30am - 11.45am (No appointment required)
<b>Newcomb Library meeting room</b> (upstairs) Corner Wilsons Rd & Bellarine Highway, Newcomb, 3219.	1st and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month 9.30 – 11.45am (No appointment required)

**Appointments are only required for Belmont on Wednesday and Saturday Mornings**

**Please phone ahead to book an appointment if you require overseas immunisation histories to be assessed for Australian compliance or to begin a catch-up schedule, as these can often be quite time consuming.**

Open on Geelong Cup Day  
 Closed - All public holidays including Easter Saturday.  
 Closed between Christmas and the New Year

For all enquiries phone **4215 6962**

If you require Immunisation Records, please email: your name, date of birth, and address to

[immune@barwonhealth.org.au](mailto:immune@barwonhealth.org.au)

## EBONY NEWS

Greetings to Ebony families as we enter our sixth week of a busy yet short term. Since our last publication we have had a House Assembly and 7Y have had their transition camp to Tanybryn. The yr. 7E & Y picnic is this Wed, March 7<sup>th</sup> at Eastern Beach and we are pleased that almost every family will be attending. The 7E camp is scheduled for March, 21-23, a week before Easter which marks the end of term 1.

Ebony House Assembly on Monday, Feb 26<sup>th</sup> coincided with 7Y embarking on the scenic journey to our school camp. Ebony year 12 leaders rose to the occasion and with the assistance of Ms Armitage who facilitated the assembly in the absence of myself and Mr Bell. Mrs Eglezos was present at the assembly to present our year 12 leaders with their badges. Aspirations for leadership reflect the strong learning and collaborative culture at Belmont High School.

The assembly included the announcement of Ebony form captains. We hope to finalise these before the end of term. As it currently stands, I would like to extend congratulations to the following form group captains.

- 7E: Captains: Thomas Baker & Sophie McCarthy  
Vice Captains: Ethan Mauzon & Abigail Alsop
- 8E: Captains: Harry Hall & Mila Scott  
Vice Captains: Anthony Friswell & Elliana Wallace
- 9E: Captains: Blake Primmer & Maddie Johnson  
Vice Captains: Leo Carter & Diya Patel
- 12E: Captains: Pia Segafredo & Tea Jones  
Vice Captains: Ben Woodhead & Liam Johnson

Belmont High School aspires to provide students with authentic student agency in their learning both inside and outside the classroom. Part of our assembly was devoted to each form group brainstorming ideas for both social service, leadership and socially collaborative opportunities. We look forward to outlining a plan and schedule at our next Ebony Assembly. Ms Armitage, Mr Bell and myself will be having lunch with the yr. 12 students next week to begin outlining plans for Ebony events – watch this space!

Diya Patel of 9E is our yr9/10 SRC representative and Ray Poon of 12E is our 11/12 representative. My understanding is that there have been multiple nominations at yrs. 7/8, we will endeavour to finalise the middle school SRP reps before the end of term. It is a credit to our students that we have such strong interest and representation in student leadership positions. We will also be seeking new leadership opportunities, both formal and informal so that as many students as possible can explore and extend and develop their leadership capacity and capabilities.

Our swimming sports were just over 3 weeks ago. It is with pride that I can announce that Ebony had 100% participation in events. I would particularly like to thank Ebony swim managers, Mr Healy, Ms Thompson, Mr Bell, our yr. 12 sport's captains Ben and Alysha, and Belmont (Ebony) sports captain Haley for their efforts in motivating our students to participate. The whole yr. 12 cohort were great on the day, leading in chants and leading in the Ebony spirit for the younger students. We came 6<sup>th</sup> overall which is an improvement on last year. Please see below for the breakdown of results. I look forward to Ebony making further improvements in the school Athletics competition next term.

<b>Aggregate</b>	<b>Result</b>
Boys	3rd
Girls	6th
Intermediate Boys	1st
Intermediate Girls	6th
Junior Boys	2nd
Junior Girls	5th
Senior Boys	6th
Senior Girls	5th

As mentioned earlier, 7Y have recently returned from their transition camp to Tanybryn. I thoroughly enjoyed getting to know 7Y and was impressed with the strong connections already evident within the group. I noticed and observed students collaborating and caring for others .... Particularly in the small ways that speak volumes. This was most evident in the group activities, both at the beach and back at camp. Chilli even got down there thanks to her Mum making the extra effort to drive her down once her antibiotics had kicked in .... As she said to me .... These experiences are when the bonds of lifelong friendships are made. I trust that 7Y will be reminiscing about their camp for many decades to come. Thank you to the students for their cooperation and inclusiveness – I am privileged to be your House Leader.



We all got a good dose of vitamin D at the beach and were well and truly sun-kissed. Our only hiccup was a leak in the water tank which left us a bit parched on the second night. It is a credit to the resilience of our students that they managed to adapt to coping with limited water over the second night. Our dinner out as a result of having limited water was much appreciated and we would like to thank Simone Buchanan-Huhn for her quick organisation and support from back at Belmont.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr Bell and Mr Masters for attending the camp. A special thank you to Mr Bell for organising the activities and sporting competitions. Many students demonstrated their leadership potential through initiating ideas, assisting others, undertaking duties and putting the needs of the group at the fore. I am excited with the potential that 7Y has in contributing to Ebony identity and the more broadly as members of the Belmont High School extended learning community.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Ebony Form Teachers for their daily work with students and communication with parents – in the case of middle years the weekly 'wraps' for parents, and with other year levels, the emails and phone calls. We view our partnerships with parents and families as a vital cog in the education of students. I look forward to future collaboration with students, their teachers and their families.

Kind regards,  
Simone Senisin (Ebony House Leader)

### **COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS**

Belmont High School are participating in the Coles Sports for Schools program once again. One voucher is given for every \$10 spent at Coles in store or online. Please collect your vouchers and drop them in to the box in the General Office. At the end of the program, sports and camp equipment is given to the school. **START COLLECTING!**

### **INDONESIAN STUDY TOUR 2019 INFORMATION**

If you were unable to attend our Information Night on March 8 but are interested in knowing more about the trip, please email Bu Glen or see her in the P8 staffroom to get a hard copy of the powerpoint presentation and an Expression Of Interest form.

### **LIBRARY MAINTENANCE WORKS**

Below is a report, dated 22nd February 2018, from the Victorian School Building Authority regarding the maintenance works which are being carried out in the school library.

*"Due to a flood event that occurred in 2017, the library sustained damage and mould was located. During the treatment of the mould builders identified a number of works that would need to be completed in order to address both the current mould issue and prevent future occurrences. These included ensuring an increase in ventilation to the sub-floor and a correction of the water flow around the library and adjoining buildings so that the ground beneath the building remains dry.*

*The works identified included:*

- *Restumping of the floor;*
- *Replacement of the floor boards; and*
- *Upgrades to the roof and drains.*

*The specialist hygienist has confirmed that the mould has been successfully treated and repair works have now commenced. The builders have completed works on the upper roof to ensure it is now watertight and restumping of the floor has begun.*

#### **NEXT STEPS**

*Works on the floorboards, drainage upgrades and the replacement of downpipes and eave replacement is scheduled to be completed by mid-March.*

*Some works are still to be scheduled and timelines will be communicated, as they are confirmed. These works include:*

- *Demolition and reconfiguration of some internal walls;*
- *Internal electrical works; and*
- *Replacement of carpet.*

*The builders are working with your school and with the VSBA in order to have works completed as soon as possible."*



# **Belmont High School**

## **SELECT ENTRY ACCELERATED LEARNING PROGRAM**

**2019 Year 7 Intake**

### **Information Evening:**

**Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**Belmont High School, Yellow Learning Centre  
7.00pm**

Information booklets and Application Forms are available from  
Belmont High School, or online at [www.bhs.vic.edu.au](http://www.bhs.vic.edu.au)  
*Selection process details for 2019 can be viewed on the school website.*



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