



# The Belmont News

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High School

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Year 12 students that have achieved excellent results in term one.

Mr Caccamo, Mr McAndrew, and I were pleased to acknowledge a large group of our Year 11 and Year 12 students who are performing very well in both VCE and VCAL during the first part of semester one. A letter is being sent to the students congratulating them on the positive start in their final years of schooling with us. We have spent time looking at teacher feedback and interim reports to give us a list of students that were working well and striving for the highest in many of the Units of Study. They are role models of our school values and I encourage them to continue their excellent work habits throughout the year.

Congratulations to:

### YEAR 11

#### BLUE

Nelly Habelt  
Noah Houtsma  
Sarah Howlett  
Daniel Pierini  
Caitlin Rochfort  
Amy Stainsby

#### EBONY

Zara Berry  
Adelaide Brady  
Cody Vaughan  
Thi Ha My Vu  
Yiben Wang  
Taylor Couchman

#### GOLD

Ameer A Almajeed  
Keeliah Airey  
Jemeka Airey  
Jocelyn Landgraf-Moran  
Adaora Ononye  
Vedhas Trikha

#### GREEN

Alex Barnes  
Kayla Dunn  
Lily Frost  
Niaa Pertiwi  
Angelina Ristovski  
Elaine Tan  
Jesse Thomas  
Ke Wu

#### MANGO

Ewan Breakey  
Sam Bridges  
Logan Bryce

#### Mango cont...

Sam Carroll  
Jersyn Doh  
Kacey Dridan  
Ella Favro  
William Gorst  
Nicola Gregory  
Georgia Hinkley  
Olivia Hobbs  
Jacqueline Howard  
Semra Makas  
Nate Mitchell  
Rhys Morgans  
Madeleine Neaves  
Mikaylah Nicholson  
Lucinda Orpwood  
Emily Ruge  
Ricky Wang

#### PURPLE

Vineet Chhillar  
Thomas Doggett-Williams  
Joann Grero  
Kara Henriksen  
Finn Murray  
Isaac Williams

#### SILVER

Mackenzie Davy  
Evelyn  
Declan Finnigan  
Jesse Hasell  
Casey Collins  
Brooke Lecchino  
Kynan Maher  
Nur Jahan Jailani  
Liam Sharp  
Tyler Stocks  
Marley Vaotangi  
Kane Bridger

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2018

### Monday 14 May WEEK B

House Assembly  
Yr 7&8 Art/Tech trimester 2 begins  
Athletics

### Tuesday 15 May

SSV Senior Football  
Yr 7&9 NAPLAN testing begins  
School Council meeting, 6pm

### Wednesday 16 May

Yr 7&9 NAPLAN testing

### Thursday 17 May

Yr 7&9 NAPLAN testing

### Friday 18 May

Year 9 History—Shrine of Remembrance

### Monday 21 May WEEK A

General Assembly

### Tuesday 22 May

SSV Yr 8 Sport  
SSV Yr 7 Soccer

### Wednesday 23 May

CURRICULUM DAY—no classes

### Thursday 24 May

SSV Yr 7 Sport  
SSV Yr 8 Soccer

### Friday 25 May

AIME Indigenous Program Deakin Uni  
Ebony House Sausage Sizzle, 12.45pm  
Yr 10 Photography, Geelong Waterfront

## OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the School Office will be closed on Wednesday 23rd May (Curriculum Day).

## IMPORTANT DATES:

23rd 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  
23rd October—Final day of classes for Year 12  
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.

## YEAR 12

### BLUE

Rachel Beattie  
Keegan Bennett  
Todd Daffy  
Jacob Dynes  
Teagan East  
Mikaylah East  
Tamika Hodge  
Sophie Hood  
Olivia Humphries  
Hannah hunt  
Paris Lilloco  
Jonathon Mitterbacher  
Piper Mangan

### EBONY

Tanner Combridge  
Tea Jones  
Josh Kovzan  
Josh Riis  
Erin Sayle-Zanos  
Pia Segafredo  
Ben Woodhead

### GOLD

Sam Green  
Chas Karpala  
Jenna Millard  
Sienna Purcell  
Jess Ryan  
Luke Sapwell  
Kaylee Thomas  
Deborah Walker  
Tegan Webster  
Harry Whatnall

### MANGO

Zoe Barth  
Evelyn Cicak  
Rohan Jayaraj  
Sarah McDonald  
Pavani Trikha  
Joseph Verecondi  
**GREEN**  
Noor Al Assafi  
Roshan Jayaraj  
Jacob Lydon  
Zachary Parera-Fernandez  
Alice Parkin  
Abbey Thomas  
Anh Tran  
Halina Przastek

### VCAL

Hayley Rowe  
Jai Nelis  
Ethan Comisel  
Celine Altun  
Sarah Houlihan  
Jackson James George

### PURPLE

Zahraa Al Ameri  
Paige Cotell  
Joseph Curry  
Sarah Davey  
Bronte Ennis  
Jett Flexman  
Max Grigson  
Natalie Kuster  
Sophie McCully  
Medha Podder  
Yasmin Prosser

### RED

Max Combridge  
Ben Cook  
Hannah Hall  
Amy Herbert  
Charlie Hudson  
Jaslyn McGrath  
Levi Moyle  
Ellah Plueckhahn  
Navya Thakur  
John Thompson  
Lazar Vlahovic  
Rhiannon Winsor

### SILVER

Chiara Daprile  
Maddi Farrow  
Keeley Shay Finnigan  
Isabella Fleet  
Tom Fogg  
Zane Krupa  
Freya McGonigal  
Mohammed Jailani  
Josh Moten  
Taz Ray  
Tess Rhodes  
Jesse Slaven  
Mia Troy  
Jake van Galen  
Hannah Vejzovic



Congratulations to a number of students that have represented our school in a very positive way over the past two weeks.

Jeb Costin, Jarred Pagels, Tommy Doggett-Williams and Callum Marriott are members of an Indie Rock outfit, Alby-Jay, who recently participated in the "Shakin' The Mic" competition against other local secondary school students. Congratulations to these students who won the competition, earning a guitar for the school as well as a place to perform at the "Light of Day" 2018 Music event in June. This guitar was presented to Ms Rosemary Humphrey at our recent assembly.

Congratulations to the Belmont HS Senior Boys Baseball Team who recently won the Western Metropolitan Sports Region baseball championships. The team, consisting of Nathan Breguet, Max Combridge, Ben Cook, Jarrod Hosking, Lachlan Lloyd, Dylan Marsh, Ryan Rabbat, Bilel Sobh, Jamie Van den Berg, Jackson Viney and Harry Whatnall, will now be competing in the State championships to be held in Melbourne on 29th May.

Well done also to Mr David Healey who has coached this team for a number of years, ably assisted by Beau Densley.



Congratulations also to Edward Stella (Year 12 2017) who received an Engineering scholarship from Monash University. A ceremony was held on 9th May to celebrate the success of scholarship recipients, and this was attended by Mr Craig White in support of Edward and his family. Edward was the only student from a Victorian government secondary school to receive this scholarship, which is a great reflection on Belmont High School. Edward's family have expressed their appreciation to Mr Scott Hucker and the school.

### Sharing and Learning from others

Belmont High School is always looking to improve and learn best practice as well as share our expertise with others.

Recently, our curriculum leaders worked with other Geelong secondary school leaders in a forum that focused on strategies used to prepare our Year 7 – 10 students for the rigours of VCE. It was well attended and every school benefitted from the experience. Thank you to Ms Emma Horne and Mr Scott Hucker who presented our story.

Xavier Davis from Colac Secondary College will be working with me and the School as part of the Victorian Government initiative of developing the next group of future principals. I look forward to supporting Xavier's development and for him to learn about our school while helping us with his expertise. This is a great complement to our school that is seen very positively by our Geelong community and the Victorian DET.

This week, we had a number of maths teachers and leaders from different schools that visited our school to observe our students learning mathematics. We gained a great deal of information from our own observations as well as the insight from our visitors. We were given positive feedback regarding our calm and productive learning environment. Our staff are using this information to support further improvement in mathematics teaching and learning for the future.

During this month, Ms Leanne Purdy has conducted all the SEALP testing for our prospective Year 7 SEALP students. These tests occurred after hours and during the weekend. I would like to congratulate and thank Ms Purdy for her commitment to the school and the program.

### Sandra Eglezos

Principal

### MUSIC NEWS

Term 3 is a busy one for music students, with students preparing hard for their public performance assessments, and of course for our major concert for this term, the Winter Concert.

The date for the Public performance CAT is Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June, at 7pm in Bandroom 1 and S5. All instrumental music students in the band program are performing in this concert.

VCE music students are heading off to Melbourne on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May to see the top performance students of 2017, at TopActs.

Intermediate Band are looking forward to their combined bands day workshop and performance with the renowned music educator Roland Yeung, on the 29<sup>th</sup> May, hosted by Kardinia International College.

A number of our music students are flying the flag for Ebony House, as they perform in the Ebony house fundraiser celebrating Live Music Day, a week early, on Thursday June 15<sup>th</sup>, at lunchtime in S5.

All school ensembles and small groups will be performing at the Winter Concert, on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm in the BHS Gym.

Senior Band are busy rehearsing for the upcoming Tour to Sydney, and are still fundraising hard to raise funds for the trip. They are holding a Film Night, featuring Mamma Mia, with a splendid supper included in the ticket price of \$15. Please see Ms Humphrey for tickets.

#### PLEASE NOTE

After hours access to the band room for concerts, rehearsals and meetings is via Digby Avenue gates only.  
This is so that students waiting for parents can be safely supervised in a well-lit area of the school.

The opportunity to participate in AMEB music examinations is available to all music students. These exams are nationally accredited exam, and are a good preparation for senior performances in VCE level. There is a fee for exam entry, and a cost for accompaniment, which will be added to participating student accounts. Please contact your child's music teacher if you would like a permission form for your child to participate in these exams. These permission forms are due back by the 14<sup>th</sup> May.



Rose Humphrey  
Director of Music

A movie poster for "Mamma Mia! The Movie". The title "MAMMA MIA!" is at the top in large blue letters, with "THE MOVIE" below it. The main image shows the cast: a bride, two bridesmaids, a groom, a mother-in-law, and a father-in-law. At the bottom, a light blue box contains the following text:

*B.H.S Senior Band*  
MONDAY THE 28<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY  
7:00PM  
ST MARY OF ANGELS PARISH  
150 YARRA ST, GEELONG  
\$15 (SUPPER INCLUDED)  
CONTACT:  
humphrey.rosemary.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

## NAPLAN 2018

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses the literacy and numeracy skills of students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9.

The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN tests are just one aspect of the school's assessment and reporting process. The tests also add to the data we already collect to identify strengths and areas for improvement in teaching programs.

You can help prepare your child for NAPLAN by reassuring them that the tests are just a part of their school program, and by reminding them on the day to simply try their best. Students do not need to study for the tests.

Please try to avoid student absences or lateness on the testing days. Catch up tests may be organised within the testing period. If you have any concerns about your child conducting NAPLAN tests please do not hesitate to discuss this with the school.

The testing dates are:

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May – language Conventions and Writing

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Reading

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Numeracy (please ensure your child has a calculator for the first section of this test)

A NAPLAN report for each student will be issued to the school later in the year.

## Purple Pride

### Year 7 Camp

Back in Term 1 Ms Prendergast, Mr Buchanan and myself took the Year 7's down to Tanybryn for an awesome few days. We lucked out with the weather and had a memorable time with students and teachers developing strong bonds and respect for one another. Students had the opportunity to showcase their surf skills during a Nippers Carnival and a number of students also learnt to surf at Apollo Bay! We had environmental chats with a local expert, explored the Otways and had the opportunity to show our acting skills during a talent contest. A great time had by all and what a positive way to kick off the Year 7's High School years.



### Athletics Carnival and Fun Run

Recently this term we had our Fun Run and Athletics Carnival. As always the Fun Run was a great success with students giving it their best over 3km or 5km. It also provided students with the opportunity to interact with students from all year levels and across house groups. As a course marshal this year it was great to see so many Purple students giving it their best efforts. This is a special day on the calendar for BHS so it would be great to get even more students along next year!

Special congratulations to Jett Flexman who won his age group yet again, Nat Kuster who finished 3, Tea Clausen placing 4<sup>th</sup> and Josh Scott who came 5<sup>th</sup>.

House Athletics was another great day and with lots of Purple Pride showcased across lots of areas with loads of cheering, support and outstanding performances on the day. While Purple didn't finish as high as we have other years there were certainly lots of positives to take out of the day. Again the more students we have doing events the better our results will be which will be a message our Sports captains will talk about at our House Assembly next week. It was especially pleasing to see so many students putting their hand up to help in various ways on the day which certainly encompasses BHS and Purple House spirit.

The following students did fantastically well in their respective age groups; Charlotte Lewis 4<sup>th</sup>, Emily Farlow 4<sup>th</sup>, Colby Burns 2<sup>nd</sup>, Vineet Chhillar 3<sup>rd</sup>, Nat Kuster 2<sup>nd</sup>, Bronte Ennis 5<sup>th</sup>, Jett Flexman 1<sup>st</sup> and Josh Harvey 2<sup>nd</sup>. A further breakdown of results and presentations for outstanding efforts will happen next Monday at House Assembly.

### Purple Priorities

- This term student leaders have met with myself and Andrew Dowling to discuss House Fundraiser ideas. There will be a 'Purple Day' fundraiser which will raise awareness for epilepsy. Our wonderful Year 7's have already started a Coin Jar collection, and as a House we are aiming for a sausage stall/cake stall day this term to generate some more money for this great cause. Further information to come.
- Great to see so many Purple students assist with the schools information evening. These students will receive certificates for their efforts at House Assembly.
- Upcoming events include STRIVE camp, Maths and Science competitions, preparation for Music Comp and Winter Sports.

Please don't hesitate to contact Form Teachers or House Leaders with any information that will best support our Purple students.

**Ed Mitchell**  
**Purple House Leader**

## MANGO HOUSE

Mango are celebrating two wonderful wins in the House Fun Run and the House Athletics carnivals. We are very proud of our students' efforts and willingness to be involved and particularly in athletics, step up to fill events. Two lunch time BBQs followed to celebrate; it was a fun time to catch up as a House group.

Form activities are being planned by each form captain, so stay tuned for an event this term.

Finally, Claire Breakey attended Alpine School all of term 1. We are so proud of her selection into this program and also glad to have her back in 9 Mango.

## GETTING READY IN NUMERACY PROGRAM (GRIN)

The Belmont High School GRIN program has seen many students 'Striving for the Highest' throughout the start of the year. 87 students from across Years 7-9 are working with our GRIN tutor, Angela Smith, on a weekly basis to improve their confidence, knowledge and application of their numeracy studies. It is wonderful to see so many students taking on this opportunity to be involved in such a great program.

The GRIN room in the Red Learning Centre has been transformed into a bright, educational space, where students always have the opportunity to be supported and learn with Ms Smith.

The program is designed to 'front load' students with the knowledge they will be covering in their next numeracy class, which enables them to decipher new terminology and concepts with more confidence when in the bigger class setting.

If you would like any information about your child's current participation in the program, or more information about the program in general, please contact Mrs Carly Taft, GRIN Co-ordinator.

## MIDDLE YEARS

### Open Night

A big thank you to all of our students who did an outstanding job as tour guides, and teachers for their time and efforts in supporting the Middle Years Program at the Belmont High School Open Night. It was a terrific night being able to celebrate the success of our program and showcase our student's excellent work. We had such a wonderful turn out! Thanks to all involved.

### Year 8 Medieval History Incursion

On Tuesday April 24th, the year 8 classes were invited to extend their current studies of Gone But Not Forgotten and become immersed in the Middle Ages. Participating in workshops outlining the history and evolution of weapons & armour, how to dance according to your class and the crime and punishments utilised for those who broke the law. Students were able to become warriors, knights, royalty and peasants to explore the difficulties, peculiarities and wonderment of life during this time. In the afternoon many students took the opportunity to try their hand at combat against one of the presenters. They were supplied with various weapons, replica of those used, to try and strike the knight. A few got close, but the knight was definitely victorious this year. Well done to all students on participating with enthusiasm and showing their gratitude to the presenters throughout the day and a huge thank you to Mr Rowan O'Callaghan for organising the incursion.



## NAPLAN

A reminder that NAPLAN is taking place for all Year 7 students on May 15th, 16th, 17th (next week). It is very important that your child is at school on these days. Students will need a pencil, eraser and sharpener for each day as well as a calculator for Thursday. They should also come prepared with a novel to read each day should they finish early.

## Homework

Congratulations to all students who have successfully started off the year handing in their homework on time. A reminder that if you are struggling with your homework please see your teacher well before the due date. Homework is an integral part of student learning and vital for creating good study habits.

We hope you have all settled back in to Term 2 and we look forward to continuing on for a fantastic rest of the term!

Middle Years Leadership Team  
Erin Prendergast, Erin McKenzie and Tara Robertson

## MULTICULTURAL DAY 2018: (Friday 11th May)

We would like to acknowledge the wonderful contributions of 18 brave students who spoke at General Assembly on Monday. The majority spoke in English and then in a language other than English about what the school community could look forward to on Friday, whether it be food, entertainment, henna or artwork. The response from staff and students was phenomenal and laid the foundation for what will hopefully be an amazing Multicultural Day. Stay tuned for photos and the full report of today's Multicultural Day in the next newsletter.

Lee Suter, Rennai McCarthy

## CAREERS NEWS

**Congratulations** to Cormick Wilson (10N) and Maddy Lewis (10S) for being accepted in to the 2018 Geelong Future Leaders of Industry (GFLOI) and Girls Leading in Advanced Manufacturing (GLAM) programs respectively.

The students will attend a number of local industry visits throughout the year to organisations such as Sykes Racing, Powercor, Ford Proving Ground, Viva Energy and many more. Well done Cormick and Maddy.

**University Course Guides** – 2019 University course guides are now coming into the Careers room, so for Yr 11 and 12 students thinking about a pathway to University or other educational providers, please pop in and see what's available.

**2019 Subject Selections** – Year 10 and 11 students will be starting to choose subjects for VCE and VCAL 2019 towards the end of this term. Keep an eye out on the Facebook page ( [www.facebook.com/belmonthscareers](http://www.facebook.com/belmonthscareers) ) for upcoming information sessions for students and parents around subject selections.

## Geelong Careers and Pathways Expo

When – Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 3PM – 6PM

Where - Deakin Waterfront Campus

This event gives students the opportunity to talk to representatives from Universities, TAFE's, VET providers, Independent Colleges and Apprenticeship Agencies about future post-secondary pathways. Students from Years 10-12 are encouraged to attend.



## Belmont High School Careers Facebook page - @belmonthscareers



Please follow this great resource so you don't miss on any important information from the Careers and Pathways Department at BHS. This page is for students and parents of all year levels and regularly has information on subject selections, VCE, VCAL and VET, apprenticeships and traineeships, job opportunities and important dates and upcoming events. Please see Mr Masters in the BHS Student Pathways Centre for any further information

## VET MUSIC

Alby -Jay the emerging Indie Rock outfit, consists of songwriter and lead vocalist Jeb Costin, Jarred Pagels Guitar, Tommy Doggett-Williams Bass and Callum Marriott Drums. The high energy group's set included their thought-provoking originals. The Belmont High School VET Music students won the May 6<sup>th</sup> 'Shakin' The Mic' competition at the Piping Hot Chicken Shop in Ocean Grove, against high quality competition from Bellarine Secondary College, SurfCoast Secondary College and Sacred Heart College – an amazing night fund-raising for research into 'Parkinson's Disease' featuring awesome young talent. Congratulations to the boys for not only winning a Fender Squire Guitar for the school, but for winning their place to perform at the 'Light of Day' 2018 Music event in Ocean Grove June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Lynne Morton

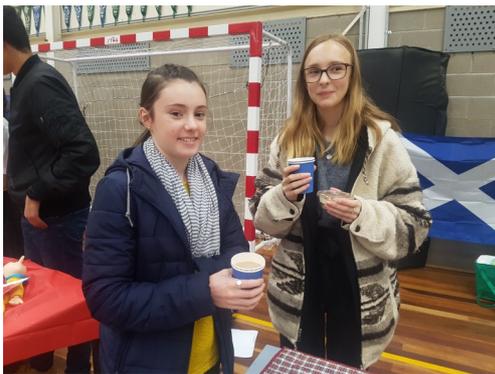
## SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

School accounts were emailed to families on Thursday 29th March (end of Term 1). If you have any queries please contact the school office, ph. 5243 5355.

## MANGO NEWS

### Multicultural Day

Mango students proudly represented their cultures at our BHS Multicultural Day. We celebrated the cohesive and inclusive nature of our nation and promoted the benefits of cultural diversity.



### Yr7 Volleyball comp

Our year 7 Mango students have started preparation for the annual volleyball competition. They're very grateful to have the support of their buddies and the coaching guidance of Nicola Gregory 11M. An update will come from our year 7 team in the next newsletter.



# Geelong Careers and Pathways Expo



**Monday 14 May | 3 - 6pm**  
**Deakin University Waterfront Campus**

**EVERYONE  
WELCOME!**

- The Gordon
- Deakin University
- Gforce Employment Solutions
- Ambulance Victoria
- Australian Catholic University
- Australian Defence Force
- Australian National University
- Collarts
- Deakin College
- Federation University
- JMC Academy
- La Trobe University
- Monash University
- Photography Studies College
- RMIT
- School-Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships
- Swinburne University of Technology
- The University of Melbourne
- Victoria Police
- VFA Learning
- Victoria University
- Vocational Education and Training
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