



The Belmont News

Belmont
High School

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The following Year 11 students have achieved excellent results in term one. Apologies to these students who were accidentally left off the list in the last newsletter.

Congratulations to:

YEAR 11

RED

Theo D'Agostin
Tessa Miller
Lewis Walker

VCAL

Sharnah Caldwell
Tiana Cookson
Liam Beveridge

Curriculum Day

Our curriculum day was a very productive day consolidating our Writing focus and beginning the design of our new Belmont Lesson Framework. There were rich discussions on effective teaching practices and what is already in place with individual teachers and teams. This framework will be created using research based effective teaching practices that will help improve student achievements.

Multicultural Celebrations

On Friday 11 May, students and staff celebrated the many different cultures in our school community. The week started with the promotion of our multicultural day at our General Assembly. Students spoke about the significance of valuing and celebrating the different cultural groups in our school community as well as entice us to visit the food stalls. On the day, students dressed in traditional costumes and a large group of students baked and prepared food that represented their native country. The gym was set up with activities such as the aboriginal painting, henna art and traditional dancing, as well as a vast number of stalls that represented different nationalities. It was a huge success with the gym full of students and staff. The school raised \$3184.75 which is the largest amount raised for such an event. The Multicultural Club have organised all proceeds to go to the Syrian Refugee fund.

Sporting Achievements

Recently, our Athletics team represented our school proudly at the Geelong District Interschool competition. We won eleven out of twelve pennants, demonstrating our very strong group of students and the overwhelming support from our school community. These pennants were presented to me at our School Assembly, by our School Sports captains; Hayley Rowe and Jett Flexman. Well done to all the students that represented our school and to the many teachers and support staff that attended the event, organised the teams, coached and encouraged our students in sport this year.

Attitude to School Survey

The students have been completing the Attitude to School Surveys for the past three weeks. This feedback is very important as we use it to further improve our school.

Library Reinstatement

I have been working with the Department to organise a timeline and plan for reinstatement of our library. Attached to our newsletter is information regarding this. I will keep our school

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2018

Monday 28 May WEEK B

SSV Cross Country
Yr 9&10 Drama Get Up & Tech Takeover
House Assembly

Tuesday 29 May

Combined Bands Day, pm, Kardinia International College
Yr 11 & 12 Italian excursion, Melbourne
Yr 10 & 11 History excursion, Jewish Holocaust Centre

Wednesday 30 May

Year 9 Camp, Lady Northcote Glenmore

Thursday 31 May

Year 7Y Form Day, Geelong Bowling Lanes

Friday 1 June

Yr 10 VCAA CCT Testing
Yr 9, return from Camp

Monday 4 June WEEK A

General Assembly
Yr 10 First Aid Course

Tuesday 5 June

SSV Sport—Jnr Girls Football, Jnr & Int Boys Netball
VCAL Amazing Race

Wednesday 6 June

VET Outdoor Rec, Rockclimbing

Thursday 7 June

Out of Uniform Day
Music Public Performance CAT

Friday 8 June

Yr 10 Science, Forensic Detective excursion, Deakin University

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.

community informed regarding progress and design of the space. At this stage, we will need new library furniture to enhance the new large space that will be created. This furniture will help create the VCE study areas in the library. Families are asked to donate to our Library Building fund for this purpose. It is a tax deductible donation that will help us achieve the learning space needed for VCE and all students in the library. Please contact the school for further information.

Capital Works Progress

This week the concrete was poured for the foundations of our Performing Arts Centre. We are happy with the progress of the project which should still be completed by the end of the year. The foundations will give us a clearer picture of the scale of the area. This is an exciting time for our school community as we prepare for it use in the future.

Sandra Eglezos
Principal

NOTICE TO HOLDERS OF A HEALTH CARE CARD

If you hold a current Centrelink Health Care Card, Veterans Affairs Gold Card or Pensioner Concession Card and have not yet applied for the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) assistance for 2018, please contact the school office for an application form, or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef. This application must be submitted to the school by **22nd June 2018**.

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of your student. The CSEF is paid directly to the school and will be allocated to these costs for your child.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to Mary Thomas, ph. 5243 5355.

CAPITAL UPGRADE AND REINSTATEMENT WORKS—BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL 18 May 2018



The Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) is currently working with Belmont High School to reinstate the school library.

REINSTATEMENT WORKS

Mould growth in the school library was reported to the department's MakeSafe contractors in April 2017. This triggered an initial investigation into the extent of the mould growth and the requirements for remediation. The mould remediation process started in July 2017.

The mould remediation has now been completed and the building has been cleared by the hygienist, which means it is safe to occupy once the reinstatement works are finished.

Extensive work has been completed on the library to ensure that mould growth won't reoccur. This work included increasing the ventilation to the sub floor and correcting the water flow around the library and adjoining buildings to ensure that the sub floor remains dry. The library's lower roof has been repaired and the roof's drainage has been upgraded.

REFURBISHMENT

Representatives from the VSBA visited Belmont High School on Wednesday 16 May 2018 to discuss the final steps for the completion of the school's library. The meeting agreed on the exact scope of reinstatement works and identified priorities for refurbishment.

Next Steps

The VSBA apologises for the time required to have the library works completed and understands the importance of having the library operational in a timely manner so that the area can be used by VCE students. Once pricing for the refurbishment works is finalised with contractors, the process to complete the works on the library can begin.

A further update will be provided in the next couple of weeks to communicate the final scope and timing of works.

The VSBA will continue to work closely with Belmont High School to ensure that this project is delivered as quickly as possible.

CONTACT

If you have any questions about these works, you may contact the VSBA on 1800 896 950 or vsba@edumail.vic.gov.au



GREEN HOUSE REPORT

The Green Gators have been incredibly busy to kick off Term 2! Some excellent individual (and team!) results through the Fun Run and House Athletics days, with a plethora of Green Machines moving on to represent the school at the District Round of competition. We certainly wish them all luck in their competitions.

We've also had a number of our students taking the field representing BHS in Inter School team sports such as Soccer, Football, Volleyball and Baseball. The Baseballers moved on to the State Finals so congratulations to Ryan Rabbat, Nathan Breguet and Beau Densley and hopefully you can bring home another pennant!

Finally, the in-school House Volleyball competition began in Week 5, with our Baby Gators victorious in the first round. Well done to all players and supporters and here's to a positive second half of term 2!

Mitchell Gaunt
Green House Leader



THE GOLD MINE

A HUGE THANK YOU to the BHS community for supporting our fundraising and environmental activity by purchasing a keepcup. It's been great to see these around the school and any student who purchased a keepcup (no matter what HOUSE you belong to) can come to **THE GOLD MINE – P9 on MILO MONDAYS** to get a free MILO.

Our Year 9's are getting ready to attend the STRIVE / Year 9 Camp next week which will a terrific opportunity to build connections with each other and the rest of the Year 9 Cohort. They are also organizing their Form community event and will be asking each GOLD House student to donate a \$2 gold coin to purchase a tree.

Well done to our Year 7 and 9 students who recently completed **NAPLAN** testing. Their attitude and effort during the three days of testing was outstanding. The Year 7's have also been very busy with the lunchtime Volleyball competition and their teamwork and great sports person skills are inspirational.

At our recent House Assembly, each Form participated in a challenge of building a balloon wall from the floor to the rafters! Teamwork and collaboration were called for and in the end, everyone was rewarded with a hot chip lunch which was declared delicious!

SPORTS REPORT FROM OUR SPORTS CAPTAINS: CHAS & SIENNA

Gold house as usual performed at a legendary level for all of the 3 main school sports (swimming, athletics and cross country). Both the pool and the track were dominated by the young golden individuals and the stands were filled with the gold faithful cheering their team to the finish line. Although we did not come out on top of any of the events (suggesting the competition was rigged) everyone tried their best and had a great few days. Gold came 4th in athletics, dominating the intermediate girls age group with a let down by the senior boys. Gold came equal second in swimming, again proving that the girls carried the team. We had 5 age group champions: Anna Webster (14yr female), Gwyn Roberts (14yr male), Ruby Leishman (15yr female), Jaron Hobbs (15yr male) and Shara Anderson (20yr female). In cross country we had some outstanding performers in all age groups. Edward Leishman took out the junior boys win while Jaron Hobbs won the intermediate boys with Simon Kull and Yasbra Mekonnen coming after him. Brielle Purcell won the intermediate girls and Harper O'Keefe came 3rd in the senior boys. Overall everyone had a ripa time at each of the sport days with a deserved break from school work. GO GOLD!!!

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

Ms Jennings
Gold House Leader



Help your students thrive in the new economy! The Upstart Challenge is back and it's time to get on board! The Upstart Challenge is an entrepreneurial ideas challenge, business startup accelerator and mentoring program for secondary school students. It aims to build essential life and employability skills to better equip students for the jobs of the future in a rapidly changing employment landscape. Upstart is an independent educational Non-Profit and Charity with participation of over 900 students from across 17 schools in the region.

Don't let your child miss out on this unique opportunity!

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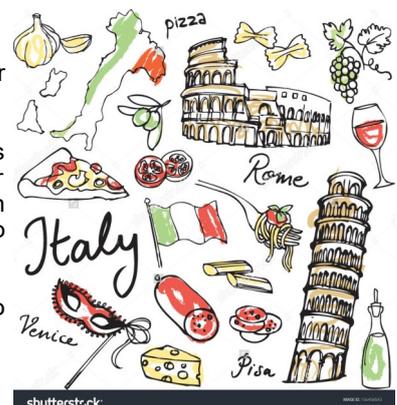
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Belmont High School Upstart Challenge Champion

ITALY 2019 SCHOOL EXCHANGE/TOUR NEWS

Ciao to all the Students and Parents who submitted an Expression Of Interest for next year's Italy Trip.

Students who attended the last meeting are invited to come to a meeting which is on this **Friday 25th May in P1**, at the start of lunchtime. Please bring your lunches with you. A discussion will held on the Application for Participation and on the Selection Process Your application can be completed at home and is DUE no later than the **1st of June 2019**.

Sorry.....late applications will not be considered. Please submit your application to Prof G or your Italian teacher.



CAREERS NEWS

YEAR 9 - Girls Big Day Out is an annual event that occurs at The Gordon to introduce trade and other non-traditional career options to Year 9 girls from surrounding Geelong Secondary schools.

The girls will spend the day gaining hands-on experience from specialist Gordon educators in a range of trade activities which may include: Automotive, Bricklaying, Cabinet Making and Joinery, Cookery, Electro-technology, Engineering, Information Technology, Painting, and Horticulture.

When - Thursday, August 30 at 9 PM - 3 AM

Where - Gordon East Campus Geelong, Boundary Road, East Geelong, VIC 3219,

Please see Mr Masters in the Careers Room for an application form.

Nick Masters

Careers and Pathways Manager

VCAL NEWS

The VCAL program endeavours to provide students with a vast amount of different Industry opportunities. The employment opportunities in the Geelong area are becoming less plentiful due to the closure of large organisations, such as, Ford and ALCOA , so the VCAL program tries to demonstrate alternate locations to students for their chosen pathways.



On Tuesday 24th April, the VCAL students were invited to visit the Jordney Park dairy farm in Colac. The farmers, Libby and Rod, demonstrated the milking process and discussed the various jobs that are required to run the farm. They were able to enlighten the students to the fact that there are so many other jobs, such as, Electricians, Plumbers and Computer Technicians, required. The students also toured the farm and watched calves being fed.



MULTICULTURAL DAY 2018

May 11th 2018 might have been a gloomy day weather-wise but nothing could dampen the enthusiasm of staff and students for Multicultural Day!!!

We had almost 100 students directly involved in so many different ways. There were food stalls from over 20 different countries/regions, five girls doing henna, an Indigenous inspired shared artwork, Guzheng playing, Nepalese dancing, Latin dancing and staff & students doing Zorba the Greek dancing!

The food stalls, Henna work and entertainment 'busking' donations raised \$2279.60 and the casual dress day an additional \$905.15. This meant we were able to make a donation of \$3184.75 to the Red Cross for their Syrian Crisis Relief.

We would like to acknowledge the wonderful support of so many staff, especially Mrs Skye Thompson in the Food Tech room and the PE staff for not complaining about having to go outside while we set up the gym. Special shout out to Noor Al Assafi of 12 Green for the idea - you have left an amazing legacy for the years to come.

Photos from the day are also on the following page.

Ms Suter and Ms McCarthy, on behalf of the Multicultural Day Committee, SRC and Cultural Committee.



MULTICULTURAL DAY



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Outward Bound Australia's school holiday adventures give young people the chance to build greater **resilience, leadership and confidence** that will give them the skills to achieve **their personal best!**

Our Navigator programs for 15 - 17 year olds provide young people with the chance to learn new skills, meet new friends and set new goals for themselves.

Upcoming School Holiday Programs

Whether you are looking for an experience of a lifetime for your child aged 12- 17 years old, we have the perfect adventure for you! Contact us soon to book a place.

July Holidays

Young Explorer - Rainforest for 12-14 years old

5 days - 9th July - 13th July 2018 - \$990

Navigator - Rainforest for 15 - 17 years old

12 days - 2nd July - 13th July 2018 - \$2280

Call us on 1800 267 999

XVenture Family Challenge TV series - looking for great families



Your family could have the experience of lifetime and win \$25,000 whilst representing our school and community! Team and Leadership experts, XVenture, are looking for great Australian families to participate in the family experience of a lifetime. XVenture Family Challenge presented by ecostore is the positive new TV series featuring families (2 adults and 2 adolescents 11-16) learning, growing and developing together whilst competing in a series of fun, unique and exciting challenges. 8 Australian and 8 New Zealand families will be selected to spend 4-10 days in the stunning Bay of Islands competing for the title of XVenture Family Challenge

Champions and the \$25,000 cash prize! To find out more, go to www.xventurefamilychallenge.com

GIVING WEEKEND

The annual Barwon Health Foundation Giving Weekend is celebrating its 9th year this year by supporting The Kids Appeal Geelong on Friday 15—Saturday 16 June. Each year over 200 dedicated volunteers hit the highways, shopping centres and local BBQ sites of Geelong to raise funds to support our local health service.

If you are interested in hosting a fundraiser for The Kids Appeal please contact Jasmine Lawrence on 4215 8923 or email jasmine.lawrence@barwonhealth.org.au

If you would like more information or would like to volunteer please contact Sarah Caddy on 4215 8918 or email sarah.caddy@barwonhealth.org.au

YEAR 11 & 12 WINTER SCHOOL

TSMX School for Excellence are conducting "Head Start" and "Revision Lectures", 20 June—5 July at The University of Melbourne. Enrol online—www.tsmx.com.au

Unit 2 & 4 Head Start Lectures, Unit 3 Exam Revision Lectures.

Receive valuable advice and instruction from leading VCE teachers and assessors from top ranking schools. Receive the most detailed and comprehensive instruction from Victoria's most trusted and successful program provide. Reduce stress levels and workloads in the challenging weeks leading up to your exams. Work through course materials to an A+standard in a simple, step-by-step manner. Hear information from a different perspective and develop a deeper understanding of course materials. Learn proven strategies that will maximise your SAC and exam marks.

VCE WINTER SCHOOL

University of Melbourne, 5-13 July. Register—arts.unimelb.edu.au/vce-programs Details listed at the school office.



THE DAD CONFERENCE



GUEST SPEAKERS:

- **Danny 'Spud' Frawley** (AFL player, coach and media personality): Overcoming anxiety, depression and a nervous breakdown
- **Craig Harper** (exercise scientist, radio and TV presenter, corporate speaker): Creating a high performance life
- **Jason Cunningham** (finance expert on The Living Room): How to get financially fit
- **Michael Nagel** (Assoc. Professor, author, public speaker): What makes them tick? Why our children do what they do.
- **Marty Wilson** (Australian comic of the year, author): What I wish I knew about fatherhood
- **Chris Appleford** (personal trainer and nutrition coach): 10 tips for getting your gut under control

CONFERENCE DETAILS

DATE	Sunday 27 May
TIME	9.00am to 3.30pm
LOCATION	Deakin University, Waterfront Campus, Geelong
TICKETS	Early Bird \$77 (\$97 full price) Bring a mate \$137 (\$177 full price) Bring a crew (10 tickets) \$617 (\$777 full price) 10% of all profits are donated to the EJ Whitten Foundation
WEBSITE	www.dadconference.com



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TUNING INTO TEENS



Tuning into Teens is a six session program providing parents with a greater understanding of their teen's emotional experiences while teaching specific skills that can assist in being supportive, empathic and staying connected with the young person.

Would you like to learn how to:

- Be better at talking and connecting with your teen
- Help your teen learn to manage their emotions?
- Teach your teen to deal with conflict?
- Help prevent behavioural problems in your teen?

PROGRAM DETAILS

DATE	Commences Thursday 24 May 2018
TIME	7.00pm to 9.00pm
LOCATION	Ariston House, 245 Pakington Street, Newtown
RSVP	Regional Parenting Service on 5272 4741
AGE	13 to 18 years
COST	Gold coin donation



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CYBER SAFETY SESSIONS

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EVENT

WEDNESDAY 6 JUNE – WAURN PONDS

The City is hosting a series of Cyber Safety sessions at libraries around Geelong.

Sessions are aimed at parents who want to understand young peoples use of the internet, social media and gaming. Sessions draw experience from social media experts, law enforcement and youth workers.

Sessions run from 6:30–8:00pm and include a one hour presentation followed by a 30 minute question and answer time.

Sessions are suitable for young people 12-25 years old.

Register at www.grlc.vic.gov.au

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To join Saver Plus, you must have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, be at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.

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