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The Belmont News

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KEY DATES – WEEKS 7 & 8, Term 4

Week 7	General Assembly
Monday 15 November	Year 7 Volleyball Tournament, semi-final 1 Early Commencement Program Year 12 2022 begins
Tuesday 16 November	Year 7 Volleyball Tournament, semi-final 2
Wednesday 17 November	Year 12 Examinations end Year 9 Gold, Green, Silver – Dune Care Excursion, 12.45-4.00pm Spring Concert, 7pm, to be live-streamed
Thursday 18 November	Year 7 Volleyball Tournament, grand final Year 10 Physics, "The Last Mile", Geelong Tech School, 9am-3.15pm
Friday 19 November	Year 10 CAT window closes
Week 8	House Assembly
Monday 22 November	Year 8 Reader's Cup, Periods 1&2 Premier Readers Challenge pizza lunch and author talk, 1pm VET O'Rec overnight hike, group 1
Tuesday 23 November	
Wednesday 24 November	VET O'Rec overnight hike, group 2
Thursday 25 November	VET O'Rec overnight hike, group 3
Friday 26 November	Year 7-9 CAT window closes Year 10 classes end Early Commencement Program Year 12 2022 ends Year 11 Formal – see notice on Compass

KEY DATES

29 November – Year 11 2022 Early Commencement Program begins
6 December – Year 7 Immunisation
7 December – Year 7 Student Free Day
8 December – Year 8 Student Free Day
9 December – Year 7-9 Adventure Park activity (limited numbers)
13 December – Awards Day, Costa Hall



Attendance

A reminder that all students are required to attend Form Assembly at 8.50am each morning. Senior students are also required to attend Form Assembly but are permitted to leave school after their last class.

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.

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Principal's Report

Our students are getting into the routine of being back onsite and attending classes ready to learn. I want to commend the students for their resilience this year, as they work towards the final term in 2021. The regular communication with students about our expectations and support for them has been a constant message in all assemblies and form group meetings.



During the term the elections of student leaders, House sport competitions and catch up of missed events, practical sessions and excursions, have helped make this term very busy and exciting.

The year 11 students have started their exams and will conclude them this week. Their Early Commencement Program (ECP) will be starting next week. This is a time when that will start their Year 12 work in preparation for 2022.

In the last fortnight, our school has presented our data for the past four years to our community. Thank you to all the parents that attended. We value the feedback that was given and will use this to further improve our school.

Our students have attended year level assemblies where students were encouraged to get involved in school activities and participate in giving us feedback on how we can further improve the school experience for them. The Year 10 Assembly were presented with their Senior School badge and reminded that they are Senior Students that have a responsibility to be role models of our school values. The Year 11 students had a similar assembly as they work towards completing Year 11 and starting the Year 12 work next week.

Each assembly was presented with the student survey data and encouraged to join the focus groups. The students focus groups will be continuing this month. Students were invited to attend this group to give feedback on the student survey results and ways that we can support their transition to onsite learning and further improve their learning experience. All this feedback will be used to plan our next strategic plan when we have our review next term.

Introducing our School Captain Team for 2022

The 2022 School Captains and Vice-Captain elections have taken place this week. The Year 11 students and all staff had an opportunity to listen to the speeches made by the nominated students. All students made great speeches that represented why they accepted the nomination for the position and how they would work to lead the school. I want to thank all the students who were nominated.

It gives me great pleasure in presenting our 2022 School Captain Team.

Congratulations to our 2022 School Captains:



Hannah Gorst, 11 Silver



Arty (Arthur) Foulkes, 11 Silver

Congratulation to our 2022 Vice School Captains.



Charley Russell, 11 Gold



Max Briffa, 11 Purple

I look forward to working with the School Captain team as we plan the General Assemblies and other work across the school. The leaders will have an opportunity to attend a leadership camp at the University of Melbourne with other leaders from Victorian Schools.

Class of 2021

Our students have been completing their VCE exams. This is the first time that all of the exams have been arranged on site. Thank you to all the students and staff for ensuring that the exam areas are quiet, so that our VCE students are given every opportunity to focus on their exam. Students will be given their study scores and ATAR during mid-December. Soon after, we will acknowledge their achievements during our annual Awards Ceremony in Costa Hall at Deakin University. Their graduation event at GMHBA Stadium has been organized for **Term 1 2022, on Thursday February 10.**

Sandra Eglezos
Principal

Congratulations

Congratulation Emma Anderson of Year 11 Green House - Deakin Young Influencer Award 2021

We would like to congratulate Emma Anderson on being chosen as the recipient of the 2021 Deakin Young Influencer Award. This award is open to all Year 11 students and Emma was selected as Belmont High School's winner, which is an incredible achievement.

The Deakin Young Influencer Award recognises excellence and celebrates students who are truly motivated to make a positive difference in the world - now and into the future. Deakin believes strongly in acknowledging outstanding students, who stand for the same values that we do. The University has rewarded Emma's efforts and achievements with a \$5000 scholarship to support their first year of study at Deakin in 2023.

Emma's commitment to her communities, be it school, local or even farming, is evident. Her drive to get involved in a range of activities and organisations is inspiring and we hope this award encourages her to continue to do so in the future.

Congratulations Emma, we wish you all the best and can't wait to see what the future holds for you.

Student Sign In/Sign Out During Class Time

Due to the high number of students signing in and out during class time causing interruption to teaching and learning, we ask that parents/guardians arrange to either drop off or collect students during the recess or lunch breaks.

A reminder of the recess and lunch break times:

Monday	recess – 11.05 – 11.30am	lunch – 1.10 – 2.00pm
Tuesday – Friday	recess – 10.40 – 11.05am	lunch – 12.45 – 1.35pm

We are also required to limit the number of people coming on-site, so we request that parents/guardians phone the school office to make these arrangements (5243 5355). Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

It's not ok to be away

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. Students develop good habits by going to school every day – habits that are necessary to succeed after school, whether in the workplace or in further study.

Missing school can have a big impact on students academically and socially. It can affect their test results, including VCE & VCAL, and, just as importantly, it can affect their relationships with other students, and lead to social isolation.

Top attendance tips for parents

- Schools want to work in partnership with parents – act early if you have any concerns by contacting the school and ask for advice and support
- Remember that every day counts
- There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes and their social connectedness
- Talk positively about school and the importance of attending every day
- Open and prompt communication with your child's school about all absences is a good idea
- Avoid making routine medical and dental appointments during the school day or planning family holidays during the term
- Seek help from your school if you are concerned about your child's attendance and wellbeing. Schools want to work in partnership with parents to support student attendance and wellbeing.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/studentmanagement/attendance/Pages/improve->

Enrolment for 2022

In order to assist with the planning for 2022, could you please inform the office if your child/ren will be leaving Belmont HS to attend a different school next year. Thank you.

LOCKER CLEANOUT 2021

We ask that ALL students empty and clean out their locker by the following dates:

Year 12	15 November
Year 11	26 November
Year 10	3 December
Year 7 – 9	8 December



Students must take their padlock and retain for next year.

Any items left in lockers after 8 December will be disposed of as the school does not have the resources to sort through and store items (this includes padlocks).

Thank you.

Parents Association

The Belmont HS Parents Association will be having the annual second-hand BOOK sale in December. This will be an online sale via the Qkr! app. Further details will be provided over the coming weeks. We are still investigating if the usual second-hand UNIFORM sale can occur but will still accept your uniform items to sell.

If you have books and uniform items that you would like to either donate or have us sell on your behalf, we are now taking collections. (Where we sell books or uniform on your behalf, the Parents Association take a 30% commission which goes directly back to the school.)

Books/uniform TO BE SOLD must be in a bag with the completed form (see following page). If you are donating items the form is not required.

A list of the books which are able to be sold/bought second-hand is also included as an attachment with this newsletter.

All items can be dropped in to the school office by students - a collection box is provided at the Office. Please note: any books that are not on the 2022 booklist will be considered a donation to PA.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Julie or Leanne at: belmonthighpa@gmail.com.au

The Parents Association AGM will be held on Monday 29th November at 7pm. This meeting will be held on line. If you are interested in attending please email belmonthighpa@gmail.com.au to receive the meeting link.

Leanne – PA President

<u>BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL SECOND HAND BOOK & UNIFORM SALE</u>		DATE: -----
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STUDENT CODE:		PHONE:

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PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME:	
PHONE:	
EMAIL ADDRESS:	

(PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK LETTERS)

<p>Current students: Payment for items sold will be credited to your school account.</p> <p>Past students: Please provide bank account details below:</p> <p>BSB: _____ Account #: _____</p> <p>Account name: _____</p>

N.B. Unsold books and uniforms NOT collected within 12 months will be considered a donation to the BHS Parents' Association. Where we sell books or uniform on your behalf, the Parents Association take a 30% commission which goes directly back to the school.

Booklists

The 2022 booklist is now open for ordering. Please refer to the ordering instructions which are attached to this Compass message. Note that free delivery is offered for orders placed on or before 12th December.

Please refer to the school website for information regarding the Parent Payment arrangements for 2022.



We want to welcome back our families and acknowledge their hard work during Remote Learning. It's so great to see our students onsite again.

Our main objective this term, is to re-engage our students to ensure they feel connected to the community here Belmont High School while continuing to Strive for the Highest with our academics. We have been working across Year 7 and Year 8 to build hands on learning opportunities across the curriculum, to promote collaboration and peer relationships as well as support their transition and preparedness into their respective year level for 2022.



The Year 7s have been involved in Biolab, where they were exploring a range of factors that could impact a science experience. They explored factors like weight, speed, environmental factors, wind resistance and were able to use a range of technology to track their data.



While our Year 8s have been really lucky to be involved in the LifeChanger Program run by the Cotton On Foundation. LifeChanger is aimed at maximising the potential of all young Australians by providing the resources, skills, education and pathway they need to develop a positive self-identity to live their best life.

Further to this we have been striving to build House Spirit with our Year 7 Volleyball Competition and Year 8 Soccer competition. We are lucky to be able to run such competitions and looking forward to seeing who will be our 2021 Victors of this.



We are working with the Form Captains to develop their leadership skills by running engaging activities during the school day; some activities include an Among Us Tournament and a Down-ball competition during lunch times. We encourage our students to be involved in as many of these as possible to support connection.

Welcome back!

Looking forward to a great end of term!

Kindest Regards,

Jenna Killender & Kyle Vos

Semester Two - Reporting Information

Parents are advised that the third cycle of 'ongoing reports' were released on Compass for Year 7, 8 and 11 (VCE) students last Friday November 5. Ongoing Reporting is where teachers grade students on Academic Achievement, Effort and Ready to Learn behaviors every 5 weeks, while providing grades and comments on learning tasks online, right throughout the term, rather than on conclusion of the semester.

In follow up to this all students participated in a reflection on their report in Monday morning's assembly time. Parents are encouraged to check Compass to view their child's learning tasks results and reports and discuss these with them and/or their teachers as required.

The last round of reports for all students will be released in the final week of Term 4. The whole school looks forward to move to Ongoing Reporting from Term 1, 2022 to give more timely and meaningful feedback to students and parents to action.

Adventure Park Day – Years 7-9

Thursday 9th December

Invitations for end of year activities are now open on Compass for parents to view and accept. Students in Years 7-9 have the opportunity to attend Adventure Park as one of the end of year activity days. If you wish for your child to attend, please navigate to the event on Compass and complete payment/consent as soon as possible. This is an opt-in event, which means there is a cap on how many students can attend.

The set date for Adventure Park is Thursday 9th of December, although payment is due **Friday 3rd of December**. Please ensure payment is received online/through the front office or you may miss out due to the event being a first in best dress scenario until the student cap is reached. Make sure to get in quick, as this is a fun day for all involved and a great way to finish the year!





YEAR 12 VALEDICTORY DINNER & CELEBRATIONS

We have thoroughly enjoyed celebrating a range of wonderful events with our 12 Gold class as they rapidly speed towards the end of their schooling journey at Belmont High School. This began with the cutting of our stunning Gold cake made by one of our talented teachers, Ms Gaito. Then on Tuesday the 19th October, our Year 12 cohort celebrated their Celebration Day where they had the chance to dress up and have a picnic breakfast together and with staff. Finally, on Thursday the 21st we got to enjoy our postponed Valedictory Dinner on campus whereby students were presented with special mementos, watched a highlight video, listened to some speeches, and enjoyed a delicious pizza and pasta dinner. On behalf of Gold House, I wish 12 Gold the best of luck with their exams, and/or finishing their competencies. Your resilience this year has done us extremely proud and we hope that, wherever the future takes you, that GOLD house has helped prepare you for the exciting opportunities and challenges to come.



YEAR 7 VOLLEYBALL COMPETITION

Many students from the Year 7 Gold class got involved in the annual Year 7 House vs. House Volleyball competition on Monday 8th November. They worked well together as a team which proved victorious on the day. We love that our Goldies always get involved!



YEAR 8 - LIFE CHANGER PROGRAM

On Wednesday 3rd November, all Year 8 students participated in the Life Changer Program. This program is run by Cotton On and is part of the LifeChanger Foundation which helps to maximise the potential of all young Australians by providing the resources, skills, education and pathway they need to develop a positive self-identity to live their best life. Year 8s enjoyed participating in a range of activities and learning from the facilitators on the day.

ASSESSMENT PERIODS

At this stage in the term, many of our students are winding down with plenty of CFAs and CATs for the older year levels. A reminder to all GOLD students to ensure you are completing all set formative tasks in class, taking on board feedback from your teachers and giving your absolute best to your studies over the next few weeks. Remember to also take some mindfulness time; read a book or go for a walk to ensure you are ready to perform at your very best. Good luck!

Ms Lee AND Mr Vos

#GOLDSTANDARD

Year 7 Indonesian

In Year 7 Indonesian we have been learning about clothes and traditions. During the day, most people in Indonesia wear regular 'Western' clothing and traditional clothing is worn at wedding ceremonies or special parties. If a bride and groom come from different areas of Indonesia, they will usually begin the ceremony in a costume from one region and then later change into the costume representing the other region. There is lots of colour and even gold!

The sarung is a traditional item of clothing, worn by both men and women. It is cloth wrapped around the body and secured at the waist. After coming home from work, Indonesian men will have a mandi (shower) and then put on their sarung, worn with a light shirt. A kain is similar but is worn by men and women as a traditional outfit. In a nutshell sarung is casual, kain is for fancy parties.

We all had a try of wearing some traditional Indonesian clothing and tying a sarung in different styles. Everyone looked fantastic.



Ms Macreadie-Smith

Music News

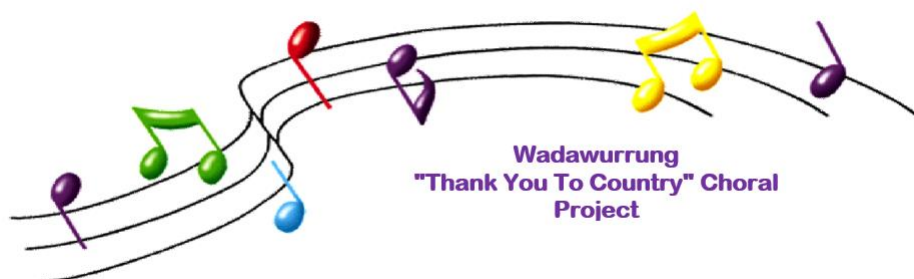


Next week we look forward to presenting our **Spring Concert** to the school community on Wednesday November 17th at 7pm. All our ensembles are performing at this event, including all concert bands, jazz groups, string ensemble, SingIt! and senior solo performers. The event will be livestreamed, and the link sent out to families the day before the event. Pizza and drinks

will be provided for all students prior to the concert, so make sure you are at school by 6pm so you don't miss out!

All our Ensemble Program students are preparing for their Ensemble recordings, which are scheduled for the week of November 22nd. Performances are being recorded after school on Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th November, and student times will be visible on student timetables.

Recordings will be compiled into a Virtual Concert, and available to view on Thursday November 25th at 7pm. Copies of the concert will be available on request after this date.

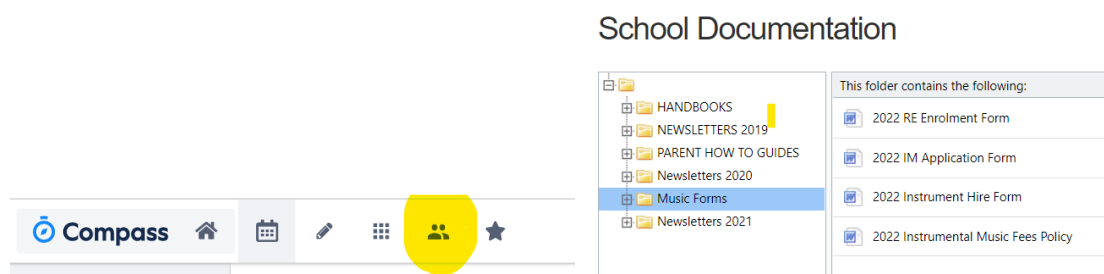


Do you like to sing? Would you like to help celebrate our connection to Wadawurrung Country? I'd like to invite students from any year level to join in for a special singing project. We are recording a "Thank You To Country" song written by Yorta Yorta soprano and composer, Dr. Deborah Cheetham AO, Saibai opera singer and songwriter, Jessica Hitchcock and Wadawurrung woman and community leader, Corrina Eccles. **Rehearsals are Thursdays at lunchtime in the PAC, starting Thursday, November 18.** In a few weeks, we will record the song, to be played at this year's Awards Ceremony. If you're shy about performing, don't worry, it's just a recording, so no one will know who is singing unless you tell them! The more voices we have, the better, so bring your friends and let's create something really special for our Belmont High School and Wadawurrung community. Thanks, Mrs. Hunter.

We are already halfway through our six-week Year 6 program, and students are making some amazing progress, recording songs and sharing these with their teachers and lesson groups. The year 6 program concert will be available to view on Monday December 6th, and will be a fabulous showcase of their work throughout the program.

Re enrolment forms for the 2022 Ensemble program are now available in the school documentation tab on Compass, or as a hard copy from your child's teacher.

The forms can be found on Compass in the school documentation tab:



Please download a copy and email this to Rosemary.Humphrey@education.vic.gov.au in the next few weeks, to help us with planning for 2022.

Please take the time to look at the fees policy for 2022.

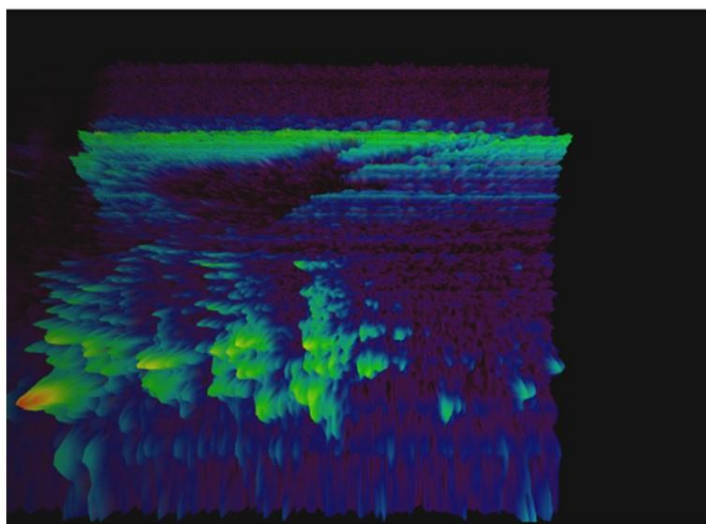
Remember it's never too late to try learning an instrument, and students from any year level are welcome to apply for a place in the program!

Any current students who are **NOT** continuing in 2022 need to let their teacher know before the end of the year, via parent email.

Beginning Band Escape Room

Last week our Year 7 Beginning Band put their brains to the test in a custom-made escape room. The students had 20 minutes to solve the musical puzzles, or risk being stuck in the Band Room forever! They deciphered codes hidden in their warm-up books, codes hidden in their sheet music, codes embedded in the audio music playing in the room and a final code hidden in a spectrogram! Luckily we have some pretty switched-on Year 7s in our Beginning Band and one team managed to escape. Well done to all! Mrs. Hunter.

SPECTROGRAM





Adolescent clinic - Invitation to book COVID-19 vaccination

We now have vaccination appointments available at our Belmont Adolescent Clinic for people aged 12-15 years to receive a COVID-19 Pfizer vaccination.

[Click here to book your 1st dose of the COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine](#)

**** Please ensure you book your second dose at least three weeks after your first dose.**

[Click here to book your 2nd dose of the COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine](#)

If you are unable to find a suitable appointment, please check back later as bookings are added regularly.

Location: Adolescent COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic (South Barwon Civic Centre, 1-17 Reynolds Road, Belmont).

Parking: There is on-site parking available.

Cancellations: If you can't attend your appointment, please cancel by calling 4215 4444.

Thank you for helping to protect our community by booking an appointment to receive your final COVID-19 vaccination.

Contact us: Barwon South West Public Health Unit, PO Box 281, Geelong Vic 3220
General vaccination enquiries: 1800 675 398

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12 - 17
year-olds

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Humans in Geelong Expo 2021

Sunday 5th of December, 10am – 3pm at the Geelong Racecourse.

This is a FREE community event with something for everyone. There will be face-painting, a jumping castle, Roaming Reptiles, crafts and wooden toy making. Uplifting speakers include The Streets Barber. Be entertained by live performances including the Sweethearts and The Mik Maks. There will be inspiring exhibitors, an Arts display and Kindness Art Competition. For the complete program as it unfolds: <https://humansingeelong.com/humans-in-geelong-expo-2021/>



Kindness Art Competition

Kids, win one of three \$100 vouchers. Make a Kindness Art piece, about the size of A4, it could be 2D or 3D, that can hang from a tree or fence at the Humans in Geelong Expo 2021. Bring it along and attach it on the day. Sunday 5th December from 10-3pm at the Geelong Racecourse.

Make sure you have your name, age and school name on it. You could add a kindness/inclusiveness message.

We have teamed up with VALiD's peer support group, the Victorian Advocacy League for Individuals with Disability to present this competition.

The International Day for People with Disability (IDPwD) is on Friday 3rd of December. The art pieces will be collected and distributed to this group.

Be creative! This can be made at home or at school.

Humans in Geelong Art Competition

in collaboration with

VALID Peer Support Group

Make a piece of art with
the theme of **KINDNESS**

A4 Size | 2D or 3D

Able to be hung from a
tree or fence

Make sure to include your
name, age and school

Prize

Win 1 of 3
\$100 vouchers

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