



Belmont
High School

The Belmont News

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KEY DATES

Week A	
Monday 8 th May	Intermediate Boys Tennis
Tuesday 9 th May	Curriculum Day
Wednesday 10 th May	VET Sport & Rec Camp
Thursday 11 th May	SSV Senior Football
Friday 12 th May	
Week B	
Monday 15 th May	
Tuesday 16 th May	SSV Intermediate Football School Council Meeting
Wednesday 17 th May	
Thursday 18 th May	
Friday 19 th May	Road Safety Program – Year 11

Upcoming Dates: 23-27th May BHS School Production- Addams Family

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.

Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term 2. It's been a fantastic start with our school Athletics being held on Thursday 27th April. With this term only being 9 weeks there is much to be done and we look forward to continuing the positive start to the year.



I'd like to thank the volunteers from the Parents Association who supported our Fun Run at the end of last term by cooking sausages for all the students. Your work is much appreciated.

Students of the Month

There are so many students doing incredible things all the time it is important for us to celebrate our best achievers. Congratulations to the following students for being named the top students during April.

Year 7 – Ashlyn Brooks

Year 8 – Emily Flynn

Year 9 – Jacinta Carswell

Year 10 – Evie Muspratt

Year 11 – Abigail Hodge-McAvaney

Year 12 – Harper Thomson

Belmont Athletics Carnival

Thursday 27th April saw us host our school athletics carnival. After some trying conditions to begin the day, we soldiered on to have a terrific turn out of students and performances. House spirit was on display with our Year 12 students rising to the challenge with some fantastic costumes (we even saw what I believe as a Belmont record for the fastest 100m ever run in full snorkelling gear with flippers).

Gold House came out victorious breaking the dominance of Green from Swimming and X-Country. A special mention to Poppy Nivarovich of Gold and Lucy Nwankwo of Mango who respectively broke the 800m & Triple Jump school records on the day.

Congratulations to all those who participated. Below were the age group champions from the day.

13Yr Female	NWANKWO, Lucy L	MANGO
13Yr Male	ASPINALL, Thomas	MANGO
14Yr Female	BUTTON, Jada L	MANGO
14Yr Male	WALKER, Marley G	MANGO
15Yr Female	ELSHOUT, Ruby L	SILVER
15Yr Male	OMID, Maysam	GREEN

16Yr Female	BUTTON, Tayla H	MANGO
16Yr Male	NATONEWSKI, Jai D	SILVER
17Yr Female	RUSSELL, Lucy M	GOLD
17Yr Male	SKENE, Ethan J	PURPLE
20Yr Female	BLANEY, Brooke C	RED
20Yr Male	PEIRCE, Thomas J	PURPLE

Barwon Zone Athletics

After the success of our school athletics, we had over 100 students out representing the school at the Barwon Zone Athletics on Thursday 4th of May. As we come to expect our students were amazing with terrific performances all over the field.

Belmont had a very successful day winning the overall pennant along with a swag of other awards.

Whole School Curriculum Day

A reminder that Tuesday 9th May is one of our whole school curriculum planning days. This day is student free. Staff will be working on our focus areas of:

- Targeted literacy strategies in subject specific area
- Targeted numeracy strategies that apply to different learning areas
- Differentiation strategies to ensure all students have targeted work set at their level.

Reduced public transport fares for regional Victoria

On Friday 31 March 2023, the Department of Transport and Planning introduced lower regional public transport fares across Victoria, including on V/Line, local trains, buses, and trams.

This means that weekday travel is capped at a daily fare of \$9.20 or \$4.60 for concession. For shorter regional trips, fares cost less. The daily fare to travel on Victoria's regional network on weekends and public holidays is now capped at \$6.70 or \$3.35 for concession. For more information, refer to the Public Transport Victoria website.

School Tours

School tours will continue this term running every Monday and Wednesday at 9:30am. This is a great opportunity to see the school in operation and gives a real insight into what learning looks like at Belmont High School. Bookings for these tours can be made through the Compass tix link below:

<https://compasstix.com/event/181fd74c-224b-4b52-aa1a-f5b40de9e02f>

Joshua Baker

Principal





Red House

Welcome back to Term 2 Red House! It was fantastic meeting so many Red parents at Parent/Teacher interviews at the end of term 1, it's always great to put faces to names.

BHS Fun Run

On our last Thursday of term 1, the whole school went down to Point Lonsdale to participate in the annual BHS Fun Run. Whether you walked or ran the course, it was lovely celebrating the end of Term 1 with everyone. A special mention to some Red Legends who put in a strong effort:

- Harvey Macpherson (8 Red) came 2nd in the 14 year old age group
- Milly McDonald (9 Red) came 3rd in the 15 year old age group
- Sam Meaney (10 Red) came 3rd in the 16 year old age group
- Henry Meaney (12 Red) came 4th in the 20 year old age group

Athletics Day

The annual BHS Athletics Day was on Thursday 27th April. While we didn't come home with the chocolates, there were some fantastic results and efforts put in my Red House students. I'd like to acknowledge the following students for their champion efforts for Red House on the day:

- **Charlie Thompson 12R** wasn't even going to come but did and got 3rd in shotput. Amazing.

- **Evan Bainbridge 9R** was a dogged competitor and in my eyes is a 14 year old champion
- **Brooke Blaney 12R** was the 20 year old champion, Brookey the boss!
- **Noah Harvey 12R** smashed multiple events 1st in 100m, 1st in 1500m, 1st in triple jump
- **Jake Stevens 10R** only likes coming first and was 1st in 200m, 1st in high jump, 1st in triple jump
- **The 10R Boy relay crew**- nobody even saw them they were that fast and came 1st.

The following students also strongly represented Red House and lived our motto *Esprit de corps*:

- Ruby N 7R
- Lewis 7R
- Lucy P 8R
- Atem 8R
- Milla 9R
- Milly 9R
- Sam Meaney 10R
- Heechan 11R
- Birdie 11R
- Nigel 11R
- Kiki 12R
- Jai R 10R



Thank you to everyone that came, participated, and supported on the day. Thank you to the Red House teachers for all of their efforts.

Thank you



Thank you to Barwon Water for supporting the school with a water station at the Fun Run.

Swimming with Dolphins and Seals

Our Environmental and Marine Studies class visited Queens cliff last Friday to learn about tourism's effects on the environment. We took part in Sea All Dolphin Swims' "Seal + Dolphin Swim" Program. The kind team there not only ensured our safety and comfort with our equipment, but they also provided us with plenty of information about Port Phillip Bay and its history. As we first got adjusted to our equipment and explored a small portion of the bay, we enjoyed a stunning view of the ocean below us and saw a few fish.

At a unique location with their own gazebo, we had the opportunity to swim with seals. We greatly enjoyed interacting with the smaller seals because they were active and bubbly. We also witnessed a huge stingray. It didn't feel real swimming with the seals, and everyone had an incredible time. Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, we were unable to spot any dolphins. The water temperature was 17, and dolphins typically prefer warm waters.

We engaged in a few smaller activities, including dragging ourselves across the water while holding on to the rear of the moving boat. We also had the opportunity to jump off the boat's roof, and it was awesome to see some of us doing front flips.

An environmental fee of \$10 (per person) is included in the cost of this tour. By working with the nonprofit SOEL (Southern Ocean Environmental Link), Sea All Dolphin Swims is able to support programs and research while also helping the oceans. Everyone had a great time, and the day was totally surreal.

Pani Sadri

Year 10



The Big Science Competition isn't like other science tests

A 50-minute, multiple-choice competition, the Big Science Competition focuses on how students can use their science knowledge and critical thinking skills to solve problems.

Schools are provided with a comprehensive report linked to the Australian Curriculum - Science.

The Big Science Competition can also lead to **BIG** opportunities. All students in Australian high schools who sit the Big Science Competition have a chance to win one of four great prizes*, up to the value of \$1,498, including an Apple iPad.

Sitting the Big Science Competition is also a great way to prepare for the Australian Science Olympiads. We strongly encourage all students in Australian high schools who sit the Big Science Competition and achieve a HD to consider sitting the Junior Science Olympiad Exam.

Ready to register? CONTACT YOUR SCIENCE TEACHER.

Other things you might want to know:

- The Big Science Competition is open to students in Year 7-10 who attend Australian and International schools.
- Each registration is \$7 excluding GST.
- Registrations close 5pm AEST Friday 5 May 2023.
- The Big Science Competition will run between 15-26 May 2023.
- Students may sit the exam at any time during the competition period, as long as year levels sit the exam together.

Sports Report

Cameron Ricchini (Yr 12) won a silver medal at the Schools State Swimming Carnival last Thursday in the 400m Freestyle event.

Shane Thompson

Sports Coordinator

Library News

On Tuesday Year 8 students were visited by local author Robert Newton. Robert has written several books for children and young adults including *Runner*, *The Black Dog Gang*, *When We Were Two*, and *Mr Romanov's Garden in the Sky* (these are all available to be borrowed), and he is also a member of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade. Year 8 students are currently reading *Runner* for English, so being able to hear Robert speak was a wonderful opportunity for the entire year level.



Last term we had our first Regular Readers Raffle of the year. The Regular Readers Raffle is held at the end of each term and students who are seen reading in the library outside class-time at least 3 times are given a ticket to go into the raffle. The first three winners drawn receive cafeteria vouchers and there are chocolates or lollies to be won.

There are many keen readers this year, so we had at least forty students entered in the raffle. The prize winners were Ethan Pearce (7S) who won \$12-worth of caf vouchers, Elijah Brennan (10B) who won \$6-worth of vouchers, and Imogen Greenwood Mayes (9A) who won a \$3 voucher. There will be another raffle at the end of this term, so keep reading!



Year 7 Readers' Cup is coming up on Friday 26th May. Teams from each house will compete for the ultimate prize: pizza! – and to have their class put on the Year 7 Readers' Cup trophy. Good luck to everyone participating!

Urgent - Homestay provider required for BHS International Program

We have an international student arriving from Vietnam at the beginning of July who is requiring a homestay. He is 16years of age and will be in year 10.

The duration of the homestay can be discussed with the family to determine a suitable time frame.

For more information, please contact Jo Moore on 5243 5355 or email joanne.moore@education.vic.gov.au

Coles Cookware

Coles supermarkets are currently running a promotion giving away free Cookware. The Food Technology Department would be very grateful to families who do not intend to use their cookware credits for donations of the "20cm non-stick frypan", the "26cm non-stick frypan" or the "24cm Casserole pan with glass lid".

Items can be dropped into the office.
Thank you.



MasterChef

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Indonesian News

Indonesian Fruit Tasting With Yr 8

On Wednesday the 5th of April, the year 8 Indonesian classes tried some of the Indonesian fruits they had been learning about in class. They tried a wide range of enak (delicious) fruit such as papaya, nangka (jackfruit), rambutan, semangka (watermelon), dragon fruit, and durian. Many of us had never tried these fruits before so we were able to form opinions and discuss them with each other. We would like to thank our Indonesian teachers for this fun and interesting experience! – Tully Yr 8P



Elevate Education - Free Parent Webinar Sessions

Dear Parents & Carers

Upcoming webinar for parents – *How to Help Get (& Keep!) Your Child Motivated*

On Wednesday 10th May, Elevate Education will continue to host its free webinar sessions for term 2 for parents and carers.

Elevate Education works with our students, delivering high impact workshops on study skills, motivation, wellbeing, and exam preparation. By tuning into their webinar series you will learn how you can help better support your children at home through reinforcing the skills they learn at school:

Wednesday 10th May

How to Help Get (& Keep) Your Child Motivated

[Click here to register for free](#)

Here's what Elevate will be covering on the night:

- ✓ What impact does praise and reassurance have on your child's motivation?
- ✓ What are the best type of goals to be setting with your child?
- ✓ How can you help your child create meaningful and lasting motivation?

Elevate Education is an organisation that works with our students, delivering high impact workshops on study skills, motivation, wellbeing, and exam preparation. By tuning into their free parent / carer webinar series, parents / carers learn how they can help support their children at home through reinforcing the skills they learn at school. Information regarding these sessions has been communicated throughout Term 1 to families via Compass. At the end of Term 1, Elevate Education offered a webinar for parents / carers on Technology & Focus. Over 9,000 parents / carers attend that session and 96 families were from Belmont High School. We will continue to communicate details of these sessions via Compass notifications and hope that parents and carers continue to attend

Michael Caccamo

Assistant Principal – Later Years

Music News

Beginning Band

At the end of last term, Beginning Band held their first concert for family and friends in the PAC, followed by a BBQ. A large and supportive crowd turned out to hear our 7 students' musical achievements, and families really enjoyed the chance to meet other music families at the BBQ, and even take family photos in the photo booth! A massive shout out to Emma Moffat for preparing the students for this event, and to all the BBQ helpers, in particular the Hodge McAvaney family, for all their work organising the BBQ and the photo booth. Thanks too to Amanda Linton for taking photos throughout the evening, and organising photos for families to access. A big thank you too, to the Band Captains Georgia, Oscar, PJ and Allison, and to VCE students Abigail Hodge McAvaney, Sam Brown and Blair Salmon, who ran games for the Year 7 students after school, compered the concert, did lights and sound, cooked and served the BBQ, and even washed the dishes afterwards!



Beginning Band welcomed some Year 6 students from Roslyn Primary school into rehearsals for the first time this week. This wonderful initiative, led by Emma Moffat, gives Year 6 students the opportunity to learn a new skill, and to make some positive connections with our school students and staff.

Beginning Band's next performance will be at our Winter Concert on June 14th – don't miss it!

VET NEWS

Last Wednesday Year 1 VET students welcomed singer/songwriter Mezz Coleman, who shared her professional journey with students, and spent time with each student workshopping their songwriting lyrics. Interaction with industry professionals is key to our students developing the industry knowledge required to be successful in their Certificate 3 studies.

Year 1 and 2 students are busy preparing for their next gig, at the Barwon Club on Monday June 19th (Year 2 students) and Tuesday June 20th (Year 1 students).

Music Support Group News



Music Support held an extremely successful Bunnings BBQ fundraiser last Sunday, raising over \$2500 for the music program. Huge thanks to all parents and students who gave up their time on the day, and a special mention to our double-shifters John and Lay, Tess and Kathy - you champions! Big thanks to Cherie Brown who did all the running around for ingredients and equipment as well as all the liaising with Bunnings - you are a ☀️! Huge thanks too to the Hodge McAvaney family who were there from start to finish, making sure the fundraiser ran smoothly.



Stay tuned for the date of the next Band Support Meeting, and plans for a busy music program in Term 2! Their next major event is the Winter Concert on June 14th. If you are able to assist with:

- 🎵 Decorating the gym
- 🎵 Setting up chairs
- 🎵 Selling raffle tickets
- 🎵 Gold coin entry collection

Please either come to the next Music support meeting, or email belmonthsbandsupp@gmail.com

Intermediate Band

Intermediate Band are busy preparing for their upcoming Combined Bands Festival, to be held at Kardinia International College next Thursday. This is a great opportunity to workshop with a guest conductor, and to work with over 140 students.

Senior Band

Senior Band are intensively preparing for their upcoming trip to Sydney. They are performing at Iona College on Thursday evening, for performance practice, and to assist with instrument demonstrations for Iona College's fledgling instrumental program.

To help them be ready for our trip, there will be 4 evening rehearsals in addition to our usual Thursday after school rehearsals:

Wednesday 31st May 7 – 8.30pm

Monday June 5th 7 - 8.30pm

Wednesday 14th June 7 – 8.30pm

Wednesday 21st June 7-8.30pm

Jazz Syndicate

Jazz Syndicate are performing at 'Jazz Swings – In the Mood for Mental Health' on Friday 19th May at GW Town Hall.

This is a cabaret fundraiser for youth mental health services in Geelong, organized by the Rotary club of Geelong. We were one of three schools invited to perform at this event, which features performances by a number of leading jazz players from the Geelong region, with finger food provided by North Geelong SC.

Tickets for the event can be accessed via the following link:

<https://rotarygeelong.protix.io/events/events>

Performances this term:

May 4th: Senior Concert Band performance, Iona College (Senior Band)

May 11th: Combined Bands Day (Intermediate Band)

May 19th: Jazz Swing for Mental Health (Jazz Syndicate)

May 23rd – Addams family all day rehearsal 9.00 – 3.15pm (Addams family band)

May 24th -Addams family all day rehearsal 9.00 – 3.15pm (Addams family band)

May 25th – 27th Addams Family (Addams family band)

Solo Performance night, Wednesday 7th June + Thursday June 8th, 7pm in the PAC. This is for all instrumental music students in Years 7-10 (not VET)

Winter Concert, Tuesday June 13th, BHS Gym. All large/small ensembles play

Vocal Soiree, Wednesday June 14th, PAC

Vet Performances, Barwon Club, Monday June 19th (Year 2 bands), Tuesday June 20th (Year 1 Bands). 6pm start.

As you can see, a really exciting term of opportunities for our students!

A reminder to parents that students are expected to purchase their own oboe, bassoon, saxophone and clarinet reeds. Emergency reeds purchased from BHS for saxophone and clarinet, are increasing in price, and will now cost \$4.50 per reed.

Rose Humphrey
Director of Music

A MESSAGE FROM MCHARRY'S BUSLINES:

Major road closure which may impact some or all of our school bus services in the last week of Term 2.

We have been advised that Major Road Projects Victoria will close the intersection at Barwon Heads Rd / Breakwater Rd for a 3-week period covering the last week of Term 2, and the full school holiday period. This is to undertake a reconstruction of that intersection as it links in with the duplication of the Barwon Heads Rd.

The location of our main depot in Breakwater, we use this intersection hundreds of times a day to travel to and from our school locations, plus service many routes, we are expecting major delays and interruption to our services.

We will do our best to mitigate the impact of these closures, however we simply won't know what effect this may have until the closure starts.

We ask for your understanding and patience during our service provision the last week of term.

We will try to keep you informed of any major delays, but as you can appreciate, the delays could impact us network wide.

Felicity Hunter
Service Development Manager
McHarry's Buslines Pty. Ltd.



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PARENT / CAREGIVER / GUARDIAN INFORMATION AND CONSENT LETTER

2023 Student Attitudes to School Survey

Dear Parent / Caregiver / Guardian,

This letter is to inform you about the 2023 Student Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS), that your child is invited to participate in.

About the survey

We value student voice [as a means to](#) improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of their school.

The AtoSS is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education to assist schools to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Students will be asked about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general.

This year, the AtoSS will be conducted at your school from 16th May to 9th June.

What are the benefits?

Young people enjoy having a say! This survey has been running for nearly 20 years and is invaluable in helping schools understand student views to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience. The survey responses also help the Department of Education understand how student's learning experiences can be improved.

What are the risks?

While we do not anticipate many risks of participation, some students may find some of the survey questions personal and sensitive in nature. Should you agree for your child to participate, they are still free to skip questions or to withdraw at any stage if the survey makes them upset or uncomfortable. A teacher will be present during the survey to support students.

The questions are selected from validated survey instruments used in Australia and around the world, are strength-based, and tailored for each year level group.

What will my child be asked to do?

Your child will be invited to complete the survey **online during class time** using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child. Please note:

- Student participation in the survey is voluntary and students may withdraw at any time.
- The survey will take around 20-45 minutes to complete.

How is my child's confidentiality protected?

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey from their teacher. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used to link data for statistical and research purposes only. Personally identifiable data will not be recorded in the survey response file to ensure the confidentiality of your child's responses is [protected at all times](#).

How will results be reported?

The survey results will be reported back to the school in aggregate form throughout the survey period. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be identified. Data suppression rules are used for schools with low student numbers per year level.

Your school may share the results of the survey with parents, in documents such as the School Annual Report.

Options for participation

Participation in this survey is **voluntary**. If you **do not** wish for your child to do the survey, please opt out via email to your school: monica.godde@education.vic.gov.au Please do so **before Friday 13th May**, stating that you wish to opt out of your child's participation, along with their name and year level.

If your school does not receive a Refusal of Consent email from yourself before the survey commencement date mentioned within this letter, it means that you give your consent for your child to participate in the 2023 Attitudes to School Survey.

A copy of the survey that we are asking your child to complete is available from your child's school. Please contact the administration office if you would like to see the survey before making your decision about whether you would like your child to participate.

If you would like more information, please speak to your child's teacher, or contact the department at school.surveys@education.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

Department of Education, Victoria

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BATFORCE & SFYS PRESENT

"SCHOOL FAMILY PARTNERSHIPS - SUPPORTING STUDENTS IN THEIR ONLINE WORLDS"

Parent / Carer Presentation Session

Monday 29th May 2023, 6.00pm-7.30pm

Young people live in an amazing world, they seamlessly move between their 'online world' & 'living directly world'.

In the last few years as a community we have faced a number of big challenges which has reminded us how important it is to have Families & Schools on the same page when it comes to supporting their Young Person.

This presentation is interactive, focuses on strengths, looks at strategies & practices language that may be helpful as students move between real and online worlds.



PRESENTATION TOPICS

Looking out for you mates
Emotions & regulation
Healthy online relationships
Social media/gaming
Importance of role modelling

Consent & ethics
Respecting differences
Having a plan
Most importantly having great expectations of ourselves & each other

'We cannot be expected as Families to be able to answer every question, however, we can agree to go on the journey with them & support them while they find their feet & solutions.'

SCHOOL FAMILY PARTNERSHIPS

This is a BATForce presentation delivered by Leigh Bartlett who has a background in education, wellbeing, sports coaching & has practiced the content on a few kids of her own.

Leigh has presented many education sessions & truly believes that transition is a great time to 'check in' & ensure students are well equipped for the adventure ahead.



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Riley Brown – Wellbeing Coordinator
Riley.Brown@education.vic.gov.au



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- ✓ Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



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books & supplies



sports fees & gear



lessons & activities



camps & excursion

For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:



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