Wednesday 21st November 2012

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday 24th November  
Bunnings Sausage Sizzle (Box Hill)  
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Monday 10th December  
Hairdresser Visiting (Alex Baxter)

Tuesday 11th December  
Awards Morning and Sausage Sizzle Lunch

Thursday 13th December  
School Council

Wednesday 19th December  
Karaoke Event

Thursday 20th December  
School Disco

Friday 21st December  
End Term 4, Buses Depart 1.30pm

Graduation Dinner 2012

Last Thursday night was our glittering "night of nights". Graduating students were dressed up and looked splendid at their special celebration.

Staff spoke warmly about the school experience of our students. A photo story was presented which enriched the night. The 3 course meal at Fountains was terrific.

It was a wonderful opportunity to salute our students, mark this important milestone and say goodbye to their families.

I would like to congratulate the following students and wish them all well.

Jayde S, Anthony B, Sam M, Anita B, Scott L, Ray W, & Shayla M.

Nurse Ali Says...

There are still a supply of donated nappies and liners for our students. So if you are interested, please feel free to come and see if they suit your child and take them home with you. They are situated on the stage of the hall. The nappy sizes are small, medium and large, the liners are Incohelp liners.

Stay happy and well, Ali

Cerebral Palsy Support Network Parent Mornings

Our parent groups are informal and give parents a chance to chat and find out information. On recommendation from a specialist clinic I have been using this toothbrush for my son who has Cerebral Palsy

[http://www.dentaco.no/products.html](http://www.dentaco.no/products.html)

Dr Barman’s super brush and its worked a treat. I will have free toothbrushes to give away at the next parent meetings. We would love to see you there, Mike McDermott

mike.mcdermott@cpsn.info

The next dates and topics are;

11th December at the Blue Door Café in Kew: Free coffee and a chance to listen to latest on using assistive technologies

12th February: Belmore School: Come and find out what your financial benefits and entitlements are.
Parent Survey Results

There are 20 variables reported on in the survey. In general parents gave a terrific vote of confidence to the school. All scores were above or at 5.5 on a 7 point scale except extra-curricular and classroom behaviour & reporting.

Some scores were at or above the 75th percentile in terms of satisfaction
- Teacher Morale (6.34 out of a possible 7)
- Behaviour management (5.89 out of a possible 7)
- Student safety (6.13 out of a possible 7)
- Classroom behaviour (4.89 out of a possible 7)

This means that parents are more satisfied in these areas than 75% of parents in the state

All variables were at or above the state-wide mean except for
- Reporting (5.44 out of a possible 7)
- Extra-curricular (4.78 out of a possible 7)
- Connectedness to peers (5.80 out of a possible 7)
- Program support group (5.61 out of a possible 7)
- General satisfaction (5.72 out of a possible 7)

We want to improve to do better than average on everything. I would like to comment individually on our low scores;

**Reporting (5.44)**
Please have a look at our new look reports next month and let us know what you think. Teachers and therapists have been working collaboratively to prepare reports for each child’s individual program.

**Extra-Curricular (4.78)**
Belmore doesn’t score well here. Most children are on the bus before & after school being driven between school and home with a well supervised door to door service.

**Connectedness to Peers (5.80)**
This lower score should be compared to ‘School Connectedness (6.03)’, which asked about children enjoying the learning they do at school.

**General satisfaction (5.72)**
The only question asked was “overall, I am satisfied with the education my child receives from their school.” 3 parents disagreed.

**Program support groups (5.61)**
The only question asked was “I am satisfied with the way my child’s program support group operates.” 3 parents disagreed. If you have any feedback on how we can improve in this area, please let me know.

If you have any comments on;
- How your child is performing at school
- Child’s willingness to attend school
- Program delivery
- Therapy input
- Range of programs available

Or anything else, please give me some feedback.

Some other comments
- 18 parents completed the questionnaire. This is a very low response ratio compared to other schools.
- We have a social worker and a psychologist who attend Belmore very regularly. If you would like to speak to the social worker or psychologist, please let Jan or your classroom teacher know.
- All students who are graduating this year are moving on to post-school placements – with the help of our transition programs.
- If you would like more detail on the survey please ring and we will send it to you.

Joan Anson
Room 7

This term Room 7 have been visiting different countries each week while working on the theme culture. So far we have been to India for Lassi which we made using yoghurt and mango. We went to China for Fried Rice which we cooked in a pan in the classroom and it smelled and tasted great. We went to Italy for Gelati which we made using the ice cream maker, and we went to France for French Onion Soup.

We have been visiting the USA in our speech sessions – where we go on a plane to America to watch the baseball, cheer on the teams and eat popcorn and chips.

We have been going on community access each week to the local café to order chocolate chip biscuits, melting moments, soft drinks and baby chinos. We have been enjoying time outside in the community especially with such beautiful weather at the moment.

We have made some Chinese lanterns, coloured some dragons, made paper pizzas, and made a trivial pursuit board game where we travelled to many different countries while answering questions about the culture of those countries. In our dance sessions we went to a swamp – it was slimy and muddy but good fun too.

We have been doing Aboriginal paintings in Art and some dancing during our music sessions.
Junior Student Award

This certificate is awarded to

Angela M

for

Walking on the treadmill for 15 minutes

Senior Student Award

This certificate is awarded to

Ben F

for

Hydrotherapy and diving to the bottom of the pool
Is it the usual morning rush where you were supposed to be out the door five minutes ago and you’re still putting on socks and shoes?
At this point in time dressing your child yourself seems like the easiest and quickest option.

But what if your child could play a role in helping to dress themselves by helping you to tie their own shoelaces in just one quick go? It is important that they learn this skill as the ability to dress yourself builds confidence, independence and a sense of achievement.

Tying shoelaces is about more than just putting on or taking off shoes. It helps your child develop many more skills including: fine motor skills, gross motor skills and cognitive skills.

The amount of time and difficulty that goes into tying shoelaces can be a difficult and frustrating process for all. With a variety of different methods available, it can be such a time consuming and complex process. What a struggle!

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We have a pair of these wonderful performance elastic shoelaces at Belmore School, Yooralla. Please let your Occupational Therapist know on (03) 9819-7332 or email us carli.subel@yooralla.com.au or sarah.kidson@yooralla.com.au, if you would like us to trial these with your child. You can also purchase them from your local Athlete’s Foot for $9.95.

Your Occupational Therapists
Carli Subel & Sarah Kidson
To Principal,
Belmore School

Dear Joan,

Biala Ringwood respite programme has developed a website  www.bialaringwood.com which describes the respite service that Biala Ringwood offers the families of children with additional needs.

We are now taking enrolments for 2013.

If we can offer a day of respite to any of your families on Wednesday or Thursday, we would be pleased to hear from you or from the families directly.

Yours sincerely,
Terese Berk
Coordinator

A project jointly fostered by the Maroondah Council, District Community and the Ringwood Parish of the Uniting Church

Respite East has a number of events on its calendar including Family Fun Days, Christmas events and Family BBQ's. To see what is happening and review the latest news go to;

NOTICE BOARD

ALL ABILITIES DAY
FILM FESTIVAL

Celebrate International Day of People with a Disability

TICKETS ON SALE NOW! Fully Accessible Venue
When: 28th of November 2012
Where: Peninsula Cinemas, Rosebud Parade & Wannaeue Place, Rosebud
2 Sessions: 10am to 12 noon & 12.30pm to 2.30pm
Tickets: $5 per person, contact Dee Davey on 5982 3428
Includes: Presenting six selected films from the 2012 Other Film Festival, four locally produced 3 minute films, a bottle of water, an ice-cream or popcorn (may not be appropriate for those on special dietary requirements) and a lucky prize number for an overnight stay in a holiday home (accessible)

Funded by the MetroAccess Program for Mornington Peninsula Shire

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FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY
25th November 2012
11.00am – 3.00pm
MALAHANG RESERVE

FREE BBQ & DRINKS

A special visit from Santa

An afternoon of fun-filled activities including:
• Balloon Artist
• Animal Farm
• Amazing Mr Twist
• Face Painting
• Pony Rides

Complimentary Fairy Floss, Popcorn & Slushies

RSP: 03 9984 5325 or email: cphf@ymail.com

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INFORMATION SESSION

Respite Care and Funding: Innovative Choices

Date: Thursday 29th November
Time: 7.30-9.30pm
Venue: CPEC, End of Beacon Street, Glen Waverley

The CPSN will be hosting a FREE information session. The topic for this session will be Respite Care and Funding.

This session will cover available options for respite care and funding, with an emphasis on the CPSN’s Innovative Choices program. This program provides opportunity for respite care which can meet your needs.

Vicki Cavalleros, Manager and Mike McDermott, Programs Coordinator will be presenting the information and there will be plenty of opportunity for questions and sharing of information.

Light Refreshments provided.
RSVP to Mike on 03 9484 5326 or mike.mcdermott@cpsn.info

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Quote “CPSN” for phone orders

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Foods delivery and sale terms

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FREE FAMILY FUN DAY
For Children with a Disability and their Families
Sunday, 25th November, 2012
11:00am to 4:00pm
At Box Hill Miniature Railway
located on the corner of Belmore and Elgar Roads,
Box Hill
Melways ref: 47 B4
Something for everyone to enjoy
Train Rides, Animal Farm, Jumping Castle,
Sausage Sizzle, Amazing Magic Show, Face Painting, Drinks, Icy Poles, Show Bags.
Santa will also be making a visit
Everyone riding on the trains are required to wear fully enclosed footwear
For more information & to RSVP ring Jenny on 9259 4312
or email psn-emr@bigpond.net.au

Ipad applications suitable for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder
Interactive Workshop

This is an introductory level workshop that will assist you to make an informed decision in choosing the Ipad applications that best suit the

This workshop will cover what to consider when choosing apps for your child

- Apps for learning
  - Sensory
  - Language development
  - Fine motor
  - Cognitive
  - Literary
  - Maths
  - Social Skills

- Apps for daily life
  - Visual Schedules
  - Social Stories
  - Communication

This interactive workshop will be facilitated by Lydelle Joseph Irabina Speech Pathologist.

On: Tuesday 27th November 2012
From: 9.30am-11.15am
At: Irabina Childhood Autism Services
193 Bayswater Road
Bayswater 3153

Cost:
- $10 for Irabina families including families waiting for intake.
- $30 for external families
- $50 for professional development

Please fill in the attached registration paperwork or contact Irabina to place your booking on 9720 1118. Seats are limited.

No refund will be given if cancellation notice is less than 24 hours prior to this workshop.
LAST MINUTE NEWS

SAUSAGE SIZZLE Fundraiser

The Sausage sizzle is on this weekend
Saturday 24th, November 9am–5pm

at Bunnings Box Hill 259 Middleborough Road, Box Hill

The weather looks like it will be kind to us, hopefully it will be a big day. Thanks to all the volunteers who have given their time to make this event a success.

Updated Roster

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Thanks to everyone who has committed their valuable weekend time to help out with the sizzle. The weather looks like it will be nice so we should have a good day. The sizzle is at the Box Hill Bunnings, 259 Middleborough Road. Could everyone please bring an apron. Some volunteers have other commitments and are not able to stay for the full time as shown, shift times are approximate.

Contact Andrew: 0434729338 belmorebb@gmail.com

Bunnings

Volunteers Morning Tea

Yesterday, the staff took the opportunity to invite all of our regular volunteers to school for morning tea. The delicious food staff members brought to share is a small gesture of thanks for all of the magnificent work our volunteers do for our students and in school programs. Volunteers assist in swimming, art, community access, technology, camps..... the list could go on - whenever we have a need, volunteers are willing to assist, many coming in on days that are not their regular session.

We were pleased to welcome back Irene, who is the longest serving volunteer, after a period of absence due to an injury. However, she is not back to making her sponges, so we will have to wait till next year to enjoy that taste sensation again!!

Jan

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