The Belmore News

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 8th April

Last day Term 1 students will arrive home half an hour earlier than usual

Wednesday 27th April

First day Term 2

Wednesday 4th May

Hairdresser visit—Bonnie

Cost—$20.00

Wednesday 27th July

Pupil Free Day

Reporting Meetings

Thursday 7th April 2011

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Building Competition

As a result of parent votes on Family Night, and the judges [Sandy, Peter and Jan], awards were made as follows:

First Prize – equal first to Rooms 5 and 7

Honourable Mention – Rooms 6 and 8

Participation Prizes – Rooms 1, 2, 3, and 4

Each class is now in proud possession of a trophy; criteria of student involvement and creativity were the deciding factors.
Another busy and successful term has almost finished at Belmore. We have together achieved so much, with plans to focus on in Term 2 already well established.

Some of the areas worked on with families and staff have been the PSG meetings, with goals for students to work towards being implemented, and our exciting initiative of the MAPS process for students transitioning from juniors to seniors - this has really helped the school and families to make realistic plans for their first few years in seniors.

The school staff have been involved in recent weeks in writing the school self-evaluation prior to completing our review document. This will reflect the wonderful achievements made over the last 3 years as targeted in the School Strategic Plan. As the data reflected that our goals were met at a very high level, the school is one of 10% in the State to be offered a negotiated review, which means we will really be able to set the terms of reference and priorities for our next 3-4 years. Groups of staff members have collaborated on writing the final document, and we look forward to the review day on June 23rd. The input from the school community is invaluable in this process.

Some fun activities have taken part as students worked through our integrated unit of work, with the culmination being the awards for our building competition, as well as dress up days for Purple Day and Easter Hat Day. I’m sure you enjoy reading the class reports in the newsletter to find out what happens across the school.

I hope everyone has some time to rest during the holidays, and we will be happy to see the students back on Wednesday, April 27th.

Jan Welsh
Assistant Principal
WHAT IS HAPPENING?

ROOM 3, 2011

Kaspar, Stephanie, Leila, Jed, Henry and Abbey have been very busy with their learning programs in Term 1. They would like to share some of the highlights with you.
Jen Ayers (Yooralla) and Fiona Allen (Belmore) have been looking at this great website for iPad apps for special needs. If you have a iPad or are considering getting one have a look at the site. They show video clips of how the apps work.

http://a4cwsn.com/
**STUDENT AWARDS**

**Tom (Room 5)**
For excellent singing in music therapy! Everyone was pleasantly surprised to discover that Tom knew every word to the 'Bubble Song', when he spontaneously sang along with Dewi during music. Beautiful singing and great lyrical knowledge, Tom.

**Noah (Room 1)**
For excellent, enthusiastic and energetic participation in all art sessions. Noah especially enjoyed designing a layout of a home and choosing images of furniture to decorate his home. Well done Noah!

**Henry (Room 3)**
For enthusiastically sharing his art skills in the art sessions. Henry has been demonstrating his proficient technique in rolling paint onto a large cardboard surface. Well done Henry!

**Alistair (Room 4)**
For making constructive choices, working hard, helping and extending his interest in art techniques in the art sessions. Well done Alistair, keep up the good work!

**Zoe (Room 1)**
For Conductive Education; maintained focused and remembered to hold her head up high during sitting program

**Noah (Room 1)**
For excellent use of his communication device and motivation

**Tom (Room 1)**
For swimming like a fish under the water.

**Oliver (Room 8)**
For enthusiastic and energetic participation in the art sessions.
Oliver independently painted at the easel—he was focused and worked hard for an extended period of time. Well done Oliver!

**Stephanie (Room 3)**
For her amazing work in CE, especially passing the wand from one hand to another.
Introducing Alisha Mann

How long have you been working at Belmore School?
Since the start of term 1, covering Marie Claire whilst she is working in Yooralla ECI

What is your favourite thing about Belmore School?
The team is fantastic at Belmore very friendly and how about that birthday cake roster.

What is your favourite OT program that you run?
The Daily Living Skills groups.

Which course in recent times have you found the most enjoyable and useful?
Last year I attended a 3 day workshop by Genevieve Jereb, who presented on sensory processing. It took the theory of sensory integration and put it into an everyday context. It was very insightful and informative, and has helped me to create sensory diets for students here at Belmore.

What can’t an OT do without in her job?
A good sense of humour and a keen eye for observational assessment.

Do you prefer dogs/ cats?
Definitely dogs. When their tails start to wag, who can resist. My family has a Staffordshire Bull Ternier named Bosley. He is a big rascal, and can be found eating everyone’s shoes on a regular basis. We hope that one day he will grow out of this.

What food do you most enjoy?
Thai curries.

Tell us something interesting about yourself?
I have recently travelled through Italy and Greece. In Greece I walked down a goat track to get to the most amazing beach.

Happy holidays to all students and staff and I look forward to working with you all in term 2.
NOTICE BOARD

1 Want NEW and FUN ideas to get your kids UP and MOVING?

Do you have a child aged 10-12 years?

Are you concerned that they are not active enough?

If so, we would like to offer your family the opportunity to take part in a fun home-based program designed to increase your child’s activity levels.

Free equipment and YMCA vouchers will be given to all participants.

DON’T MISS OUT!!!

To register your interest, please contact Helen Brown

Deakin University Ph: 9244 6327
Email: h.brown@deakin.edu.au

MAMMOTH OP SHOP CAR PARK SALE

SATURDAY 16 APRIL 2011
9AM - 4PM
101 MANCHESTER RD, MOOROOLBARK

CLOTHING   BRIC-A-BRAC
SPOT SPECIALS   SAUSAGE SIZZLE
CAKE STALL   KIDS NOVELTIES

Café will be open selling Devonshire Teas and Coffees

ALL PROFITS SUPPORT THE WORK OF hopecity mission
THERAPY CORNER

The Department of Developmental Medicine, Royal Children’s Hospital

Parent/ Carer Information Sessions, May 2011

3RD MAY
7.15-9.30PM
ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES FOR TREATING AUTISM – WHICH ONES WORK?
Dr Catherine Marrappa, Consultant Paediatrician, RCH

10TH MAY
7.15-9.30PM
TRANSITION TO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS
Ms Michele Spreckley, Ms Tracey Treadwell, Uncle Bob’s Child Development Centre

17TH MAY
7.15-9.30PM
BOTULINUM TOXIN INJECTIONS FOR MUSCLE STIFFNESS. HOW, WHEN & WHY?
IS IT RIGHT FOR MY CHILD?
Dr Louise Baker, Fellow, Developmental Medicine/ Paediatric Rehabilitation Service, RCH

24TH MAY
7.15-9.30PM
COMFORT AND EASE OF CARE FOR CHILDREN WITH CEREBRAL PALSY – WHAT’S AVAILABLE?
Dr Giuliana Antolovich, Consultant Paediatrician, Developmental Medicine, Ms Sacha Petersen, Clinical Nurse Consultant, Developmental Medicine, RCH

Cost: $15 per head per session or $25 for 2 family members attending same session together
Location: Volunteer Resource Room, 1st Floor Main Building, Royal Children’s Hospital, Flemington Rd, Parkville. (next for Family Resource Centre)
Queries: Ph. 03 9345 5989/5692 or email: education.seminars@rch.org.au.

SESSIONS ARE SOLELY FOR PARENTS AND CARERS – WE RUN SEPARATE PROFESSIONALS SESSIONS.
BOOKINGS WILL ONLY BE MADE BY PRE-PAYMENT WITH REGISTRATION FORM.
NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED FOR CANCELLATIONS WITHIN 7 DAYS OF SESSION, OR NON-ATTENDANCE.

REGISTRATION FORM / TAX INVOICE

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL MEDICINE, ROYAL CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL ABN 35 655 720 546

☐ Tues May 3rd Autism  @ $15.00 ea /$25 couple
☐ Tues May 10th Starting School  @ $15.00 ea /$25 couple
☐ Tues May 17th Botulinum Toxin  @ $15.00 ea /$25 couple
☐ Tues May 24th Comfort measures for Cerebral Palsy  @ $15.00 ea /$25 couple

I enclose a cheque/postal order to ‘Department of Developmental Medicine’ for: $…………………

NAME:............................................................................................................................

PHONE: ....................................................................................................................... E-MAIL: ......................................................

ADDRESS:........................................................................................................................................

Your child’s age:..............................................Disability: .................

Please make cheque or postal order payable to ‘Department of Developmental Medicine’ and return to: Education Seminars, Developmental Medicine, Royal Children’s Hospital, Flemington Rd, Parkville 3052.

Unfortunately we cannot accept payment by credit card at this time
NOTICE BOARD

BEAT THE BITE: SCHOOL NEWSLETTER CONTENT

If you’re planning to go on holidays over the break, here is some important information to know from the Department of Health.

BEAT THE BITE!

Its holiday time and lots of families will be heading to areas where mosquito activity has been high – and they’re not just annoying; some mosquitoes can transmit serious diseases.

There are simple ways you and your family can protect yourselves and Beat the Bite:

- Wear light-coloured, loose-fitting clothing when outdoors.
- Use mosquito repellents containing DEET or picaridin on exposed skin.
- Try to limit outdoor activity if lots of mosquitoes are about. Dusk and dawn is when most mozzies are active.
- Make sure there is no stagnant water where mosquitoes can breed around your accommodation.
- On holidays make sure your mosquito netting or screens are properly fitted.
- If you’ve got a baby in your family, it’s safer to spray or rub insect repellents on their clothes rather than directly onto their skin.

For more information www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au

“One of the best shows of the Comedy Festival.” Herald Sun
“Unbeatable evening’s entertainment” Three Weeks in Edinburgh

TWO WEEKS ONLY

SPONTANEOUS BROADWAY
ALL-STAR DIRECTORS CUT!

Nightly Guest Stars: Shaun Micallef, Colin Lane, Colette Mann, Matt Parkinson, Fiona O’Loughlin, Wilbur Wilde, Mike McLeish, Matt Hetherington, Jane Clifton, Scared Weird Little Guys and Mark Trevorrow, Join Russell Fletcher, Scott Brennan, Emily Taheny, Rik Brown and John Thorn on piano

the Arts Centre, Fairfax Studio
12th – 24th April 2011
Tue-Sat 8:15pm, Sun 7:15pm
Tix from $22 - $30
theartscentre.com.au*
or 1300 182 183 or
the Arts Centre Box Office
*Transaction fee applies

Every night a brand new hilarious improvised musical!
LAST MINUTE NEWS

Congratulations
Some good news for Belmore Flowers, they have just won first prize at the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show! The display will be recreated in the shop window after the Show finishes.

Belmore Flowers
178 Belmore Rd., Balwyn, VIC. 3103
shop: (03) 9857 9460  mob: 0408 129 726

Great Mother’s Day Gift Ideas

On our school’s website you’ll find a promotion for a Free Photo album and a whole raft of Mother’s Day ideas from the people at Print-ed. Apart from regular photo prints, there are canvasses, photobooks, mugs with Mum’s face on it (seriously!), cards, key rings the list goes on.

And with every order placed, our school receives 10%.

Happy Mother’s Day.

Order personalised Gift Products early for Easter & Mother’s Day

Free Mini Maxi Album with orders of 30 prints or more

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Growing Together

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