The Belmore News

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 26th August 2010

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- Literacy & Numeracy Week

Friday 3rd September
- Fathers Day Stall

Wednesday 15th September
- 9.30 FOB talk
- “Home Modifications”

Friday 17th September
- End Term 3

Monday 4th October
- Start Term 4

Wednesday 13th October
- School Photo Day

Saturday 13th November
- Bunnings (Box Hill) FOB

Thursday 25th November
- Graduation Dinner

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“Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal”

By: Henry Ford
FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK......

We were warned by the builders that this would be a very noisy week, as they began to jackhammer old concrete under the school.

Rooms 5 and 6 took heed of this and planned an excursion to Werribee Zoo [luckily the weather was kind, so a great day was had by all]. There have been some sessions and days where students and staff have camped in the Meeting Room, and are to be congratulated for their adaptability. However, the building project is going to schedule, and I'm told that the noise factor won't be as bad from now on.

Other groups have visited performances by the MSO; thanks to Dewi for organising that, it really adds to the musical experiences students enjoy.

We have 3 student teachers on placements at Belmore at present, in Rooms 2, 4 and 9. It's a great opportunity for them to be mentored by teachers from Belmore, all of whom demonstrate a wealth of skills which are necessary to adapt their teaching to individual student needs. We are always very happy to take students on placement, as there is not much opportunity for many to do undergraduate qualifications in Special Education.

There are also several secondary school students doing community placements, an opportunity for them to learn how to interact with students with a disability. I always think we can give them skills for other environments they may encounter in their lives. All secondary students find this a great place to do their community programs. I have many requests from schools and individuals, more than we can accommodate, and mostly it's been word of mouth recommendation to try and get a placement at Belmore. Our students also benefit greatly from the interaction.

A dedicated group of staff members has been working towards developing a new website for Belmore. Please check it out and give us some feedback.

www.belmoresc.vic.edu.au

This has been staff well-being and meeting free week. At recesses, lunch times and after school, staff members have concentrated hard [although they do miss those meetings] to get together for some art projects, some fundraising for State Schools Relief [roll a gold coin and the closest to the target wins a prize], dance therapy [which gave us all insight into how beneficial it is for our students], and eating glorious food together at morning tea and breakfast!!

Bring back the meetings before we all need to go on diets for our health and well-being!!

Jan Welsh
STUDENT AWARDS

Genevieve, Room 5
For great walking and bike riding during your gross motor session.
You did a fantastic job with peddling.

Abir, Room 8
For showing increased her endurance in the standing frame.
Abir has been going round the school for 2 to 3 laps while standing in the standing frame. She has become more tolerant and has directed her attention to her environment, interacting with other staff.

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

Put this date on your calendar:
On behalf of our Senior Department, we would like to invite you to our Music and Dance Performance on September 2, 2010 10.30-12pm.
Please join us to celebrate with our senior students’ achievement in the hall. A flyer will go home very soon.
Rose
Senior Department Coordinator
WHAT IS HAPPENING?

Monday 30th August to Friday 3rd September

Literacy And Numeracy Week

Literacy Activities:

Monday - Write a Short Story/Poem
Tuesday - Librarian to visit Belmore
Wednesday - Bring along your Favourite Book
Thursday - Read a Sensory Story
Friday - Dress up as your Favourite Book Character
Election Day Fund-raising

Belmore was a busy place on Saturday, with a constant stream of people coming to vote. Our cake stall was a big hit with the first customer wanting to purchase before we had set up, and the last asking as we were ready to leave, if there was anything left!

Sausages were a little less popular than expected, but we still managed to sell about 100.

Our profit from the day is about $800.

We will definitely repeat the cake stall (with a few extras - craft, plants, cappuccino???) for the State election in November, and who knows, we might have another federal poll in the near future...

Thank-you

We were so thrilled to see so many wonderful cakes, biscuits, slices etc. You all made such an effort and it is incredibly heartening to know how well the community supported the idea. Thank-you families, staff and volunteers for all the fantastic baking!

Thank-you to everyone who helped on the day, we all enjoyed getting to know each other a bit better, and we all had fun.

Thanks to Jackie Laird for purchasing the sausages, and for Kylie I. for donating space in her freezer for the leftover boxes. These will be used for the Bunnings BBQ also in November.

Thank-you to the student artists who painted our festive "Cake Stall" sign, and to Sharon F. for her work co-ordinating the cake stall.

Sponsor

A special thank-you to our “sponsor of the Day” Glenferrie Gourmet Meats for donating 250 sausages. This was a very generous gesture, and if you can, support this business, and buy your meat there. All their meat is sourced from a Gippsland based farming organization "Enviromeat" This group raise free range cattle, free from artificial hormones and environmentally certified.

Glenferrie Gourmet Meats

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Hawthorn Victoria 3120
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Speech Pathology Week

Speech Pathology Australia celebrated its annual Speech Pathology Week on 22 August 2010, under the banner ‘Vocation Communication’.  

People often think of their vocation as being their occupation for which they are trained in.  

However, the most fundamental ‘vocation’ we all have is the ability to complete the daily tasks of living – vocation in life.

Communication difficulties often impact on a person’s vocation!  

Speech Pathology intervention has been able to assist people achieve their vocation by supporting varying aspects of communication including:

- Speech  
- Writing  
- Gesture  
- Facial Expression  
- Signing  
- Augmentative and Alternative Communication  

To promote Speech Therapy, Jenny and Rebecca hosted a morning tea on 23rd August. Thank-you to Bread St Bakery who kindly donated some of their delicious scones for this event.

We all practiced using alternative means to communicate what we wanted on our yummy scone.

Jenny Ayers  
Speech Pathologist

**INTRODUCING REBECCA ARCHBOLD**

We are thrilled to welcome Rebecca our new Speech Pathologist to our Yooralla therapy team at Belmore. Rebecca will be working at Belmore on, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Room 1, 4 and 5.

Rebecca recently graduated from the Bachelor of Speech pathology in 2009. She has had experience volunteering for Yooralla Blackburn Early Intervention Centre and Eastwood Primary School. Her interests include reading, knitting, and yoga.

Please feel free to contact Rebecca at school on 98197332 or by email: rebecca.archbold@yooralla.com.au
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Spare Clothes
A reminder that your child needs to have a complete set of spare clothes at all times in their school bag for those unpredictable emergencies. Please replace clothes immediately if they have been used. Health and safety regulations indicate that we should not use second hand clothing, and that each child should use their own.

POINTS FOR PRODUCTS
All McCAIN frozen vegetable 1kg, 1.2kg and 2kg packs are worth 10 points.
All McCAIN frozen vegetable and McCAIN Purely Potato 500g, 600g, 750g and 800g packs are worth 5 points.

The more points our school receives, the more veggie patch equipment we can redeem.

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