Thursday 8th December
F.O.B. Dinner

Tuesday 13th December
Awards morning

Thursday 15th December
School Council

Thursday 22nd December
End Term 4
Buses will depart at
1.30pm

**URGENT REMINDER FOR EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE**
Please return completed forms to the office at your earliest convenience as there is a cut off date for us to enter and apply for them.

**Friends of Belmore Christmas Raffle**
$2 each or 3 for $5

Drawn at the Awards morning Tuesday 13th December
Lots of prizes to win including wine, chocolates, vouchers, coffee machine, dinner vouchers and much more…..
Please return $ and tickets to the office asap, thanks.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK…….

Room 9 camp
Students went to Axedale near Bendigo last week. They were very interested in the new interactive science museum. They lay on the floor to fully appreciate the planetarium. They went to the Chinese museum. Some went down the Central Deborah gold mine. I have photos to suggest that our students were driving the talking tram! Jan tells me it was stationary at the time. Steph enjoyed buying a trick chocolate cake for Peggy.

The camp was magnificently supported by volunteers from Canterbury Rotary, who cooked and cleaned and supported the excursions. The students really enjoyed the interaction with them. Rotary also subsidised the costs of the camp and the food. A great experience for everybody.

Celebration morning
Please come along on Tuesday 13th December, 11.00am. Come and be part of the fun when our hard working students receive awards for their work this year. We will have a VIP guest. Everyone is invited to a sausage sizzle afterwards, provided by School Council.

Monster Christmas raffle
Raffle books have gone out; please get your books back by Tuesday morning. The prizes are better than ever, and have been beautifully wrapped by Kate Petruccelli and Sharon Fazzino.

Some parents have been very industrious in collecting some wonderful vouchers. If you don’t have enough raffle tickets, you can get some more on Tuesday morning before the draw at the BBQ on awards day.

Joan Anson
SPECIAL CAMP REPORT

Nov 30 Wednesday The students were very excited as we had arrived at the camp site. They went around and checked on the different dormitories. They chose their bed and room, brought in their luggage and organised their bed. We met with our volunteers. The students introduced themselves (to them). There were 2 gentlemen both named David, Gerry and Lyn. They spent time communicating with the students, and sharing jokes in their newly-practised key-word signs.

After we had lunch and a drink, we went into the City Centre of Bendigo, trying to locate the 'Talking Tram' depot and the mine for Thursday’s visit. Arriving at the camp site, the dining area smelt beautiful and our dinner which was prepared by our volunteers was ready. We had creamy pumpkin soup prepared by Gavin, Stephanie’s Dad, salad and pasta with meat sauce. They were so delicious; nearly everyone had a second helping and more. The students went and had their shower after a rest from dinner. They returned to the dining room, then went for a hot drink and light supper, while people got up and danced to the lovely music with our volunteers cheering and whistling. Around 9pm, students were ready for bed.

Dec 1 Thursday Students got up round 7am. Everyone talked about having a good night’s sleep so we were ready for a busy day. After breakfast, students organised their packed lunch. The first stop was the Central Deborah Gold Mine. We wore a safety helmet with the light on and a very heavy battery round our waist. We took a lift and went down the shaft to Level 2 (about 61 metres). Tam, our tour guide told us how the miners worked underground, how they used different tools to get the gold, and where they lived. When the drilling machines were turned on, there were very loud noises that we were asked to cover our ears. Jan and Stephanie couldn’t join us for the mine tour so they set off to explore the town centre and found the famous Beechworth Bakery and bought us some delicious cookies. Thank you Jan and Stephyl.
We continued our tour on the Vintage 'Talking Tram'. The tram took us round the historical sites and the tram conductor gave us a very interesting and detailed history of Bendigo. The next stop was the "Discovery Science & Technology Centre". Students initially explored the different interactive exhibits, such as the funny mirrors, blocks for constructions, a dummy which we could practice cardiac massage, tubes which produced different tunes and different light and sound effects. Students also enjoyed a Planetarium Show which we lie down on the floor and looked at the big screen above us. The most exciting event was Ibby's demonstration on the Vertical Slide. Ibby had to put on a special overall and extra padding on his back, and had on his socks with no shoes. He walked up 3 flights of stairs and stopped on a platform. After listening to the instructions from the supervisor, Ibby sat on the platform, organised his posture, and held onto the bar. He had to look at his toes before he let go of his grip and slide down the Vertical Slide. We clapped and cheered as Ibby landed successfully and safely. The staff members were prepared to have a go but the time was up and the gate to the slide was closed. Oh what a pity

Dec 2 Friday Everyone woke up early, around 7am, we packed our bags as well as freshened up. Our volunteers had already prepared our breakfast. After a hearty meal, we started packing the school bus and our volunteers were helping us clean up and tidying the camp site to be ready for the next lot of campers. We had our group photos in the hall. When it was time to say goodbye, we felt a bit lost. The volunteers became our friends; a strong friendship had been silently formed after the 3 days and n nights camp. We said goodbye finally and headed towards the Dragon house in the City Centre. We enjoyed the beautiful and tranquil atmosphere outside the Dragon House and a comprehensive history of the Chinese, some of the early settlers in Bendigo.

Lunch was at McDonalds before making the journey home!

By: Rose Ngai
There is a new guide put out by Eastern Recreation and Leisure Services Inc. (ERLS) which is a not for profit, community based organisation, operating across the Eastern Metropolitan Ranges. ERLS covers the Shire of Yarra Ranges, and the Cities of Knox, Maroondah, Whitehorse, Monash, Manningham and Booroondara.

The ERLS guide is a guide to inclusive sport and recreation providers in the community. Within this guide is a section titled “Sporting Associations for people with a disability” as well as a section with contact details of all clubs and organisations.

There is a copy of this guide in the Yooralla office if you wish to access it.

Liz,
Grace,
and Julia
(Yooralla Physios)
New research to look at the experiences of students with disability in Victorian schools

The Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission is keen to hear from students, parents and educators about what works and what could be improved when it comes to the education of students with disability in Victoria. There are several ways you can have your say:

Complete our confidential survey. If you are a:

- student with disability
- parent of a student with disability, or
- principal, teacher or you work in a Victorian school

you can complete our confidential online survey at:

humanrightscommission.vic.gov.au/disabilityinschools

Ring our statewide telephone call-in on Saturday 3 December 2011

Call 1300 292 153 or (03) 9032 3583. Lines are open on Saturday 3 December from 10am to 4pm. If you need an interpreter, you can call the Commission using the interpreter service on 1300 152 494 or TTY at 1300 289 621.

If you work in a community organisation or otherwise provide support to families, children and young people with disability, you can tell us your views by sending an email to research@veohrc.vic.gov.au. We will treat this as a written submission to our research.

Contact Phone: 1300 292 153
Contact Email: research@veohrc.vic.gov.au
Website: Complete our confidential online survey
Revel Total Havoc 3 wheeler 50cm special needs tricycle

For Sale

Originally purchased from Achievable Concepts.

Approx. length from front tyre to back tyre 145cm, width between back wheels 75cm

Tyre size 50cm

Features: Adjustable waist bar with chest strap and lock, adjustable height seat, adjustable lap belt, velcro straps over and behind feet, rear basket, removable bar handle to push bike and removable bar handle to pull and steer bike, reflectors and front handle brake.

$200 ono

Inspection at Ivanhoe if needed.
Contact Sharon Fazzino 0424017760

8/12/2011
Children with Disability Australia would like to advise Victorian Members about the new research being conducted by the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission into the experiences of students with disability in Victorian schools.

The purpose of the Commission's research is to gather information about the issues and challenges experienced by students with disability in the Victorian school system and to identify potential solutions, consistent with Victoria’s equal opportunity and human rights framework, to improve access to education for students with disability.

There are several ways that you can participate in this research.

- **Complete a confidential online survey:**
  at humanrightscommission.vic.gov.au/disabilityinschools

- **Send in your views:** by email to research@veohrc.vic.gov.au.

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- **Attend a ‘have a say’ day in regional Victoria:** To be held in February 2012.

**For further information go to** [www.humanrightscommission.vic.gov.au](http://www.humanrightscommission.vic.gov.au)

Education remains one of the most significant issues of concern for children with disability and their families and this is a great opportunity to tell your education experience.

Yours sincerely

Stephanie Gotlib

EXECUTIVE OFFICER
NOTICE BOARD

Queanbeyan Eastern Siblings Support Camp 2012

Irabina is very excited to inform you that we will be conducting a 3 day Siblings Support camp next year! This camp is open to those primary school aged children who have a brother or sister who has Autism Spectrum Disorder.

**Details:**
- **Location:** Oasis Camp, 66 - 72 Monbulk Road, Mount Evelyn, Melway: Map 120 D3
- **Date:** Monday 2nd April to Wednesday 4th April (first week of school holidays before Easter).
- **Cost:** $190 per child, all costs included

Please contact Sarah or Aggie if you have any enquiries about the structure of the camp, or if you would like any information regarding the sibling’s program.

Sarah (sarahi@irabina.com) or Aggie (aggiec@irabina.com)

or if you would like to enrol or express your interest in the camp please contact reception on 9720 1118.

We would love to see you there 😊

Find A Carer at [www.findacarer.com.au](http://www.findacarer.com.au) is a website which connects carers and children with special needs, people with a disability and the elderly. If you feel this would be of interest to the parents at your school I would be grateful if you wouldn't mind passing it on.

Kind Regards,

Jessica Brito.

Email: info@findacarer.com.au
Ph. (03) 9769 8917
Mob.0402 635 285

**PLEASE NOTE**

There is a fee for using this service.

Parents need to check out carers themselves for working with children checks and do their own referee checks.

Belmore school is not endorsing this service in any way, just passing on the information about the website.
LAST MINUTE NEWS

Awards Morning on Tuesday 13th December at 11.00am

This morning is always a lot of fun. We would like to extend the celebration by inviting everyone to share lunch with us at a barbeque after the event.

Yes, I/We ________________________________ will be attending the Awards Morning and lunch afterwards.

For catering Purposes please let us know

Number of Adults ________________

Number of Children ______________

RSVP to the office by Monday 12th December