The Belmore News

DATES TO REMEMBER

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Labour Day Holiday
Epilepsy Awareness Week
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Last day Term 1

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SWIMMING PERMISSION FORMS
Please return forms to your child’s teacher by Friday, 25th February.
They will then be able to participate in the hydrotherapy program for the next 12 months.

Have you returned your child’s medical forms????
If not, they must be returned to Ali Knowles our School Nurse, sooner rather than later!

Thursday 24th February 2011

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK......

**Final completion of our building project**

We are very close to the end of our building project. It's been a miracle for us to be able to obtain more classroom spaces from our limited site. We now have an operational art room, new gym, and even a music therapy area (the hall stage). As well, we have created space for a library (previously art storeroom), staff room (previously the workshop), new workshop (previously the dungeon...oops sorry the plant room) as well as three new storerooms. These spaces are well designed and full of light. With some changes to the gates on Belmore Road we will again be able to accommodate the dental van.

The school frontage on Belmore Road looks much more attractive. Drive by and check it out and see if you agree with me. When autumn comes we will plant out the front garden on Belmore Road.

This project has been a real win for our school. I'd like to thank Peter Lyall, our architect, and Lee Johnson, our builder from Melbec, as well as Simon Wells our very obliging site foreman. This team has been great to work with.

Later in the year we will have an opening ceremony to formally acknowledge the support of the Federal Government for supplying the funds, and to thank all the people involved.

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**Family BBQ**

Tuesday March 8th 4.00-7.00

Don't forget about this big night. For $10 per family you will be treated to a BBQ, salad and fruit as well as a whole raft of different activities.

- Animal farm
- Family photos
- Face painting
- Games
- Music corner
- Tour of new facilities
- Building competition

Please return the reply slip and money to school asap.

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**Program Support Group or PSG meetings**

Parent/teacher meetings are coming up very soon. Please make an effort to attend. Research indicates that parent involvement at this level really makes a difference to your child's outcomes.

Parents whose child has transitioned to the secondary school this year are being invited to a future planning MAP meeting.

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**Picture Dictionaries**

Rotary International have very generously donated some wonderful dictionaries to students at Belmore. Thanks very much to District Governor Don Jago who remembers our school each year.

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Joan Anson
STUDENT AWARDS

Henry, Room 3
For making a fantastic beginning to his education and using his new PECS books to communicate with staff.

Jed, Room 3
For making a fantastic beginning to his education and happily wearing his glasses during all classroom activities.

Stephanie, Room 3
For using eye gaze to communicate to the teacher that she wanted a change of music.

Joshua, Room 1
For being A Star New Student

Angela, Room 4
For excellent improvement using her walker. Angela now walks to most of her programs and bay preferring this to her wheelchair.

Shevaun, Room 4 — for trying out the electric wheelchair with such enthusiasm.
Please speak to your physio or OT if you are unsure about any of the changes.

Transition of Aids and Equipment Program (A&EP) to the State-wide equipment program – Group 6

What is changing?
The Aids and Equipment Program is changing and will now be known as the State-wide equipment program (SWEP).

What is the SWEP?
The SWEP is the new state-wide service being operated by Ballarat Health Services and incorporates administration of 5 separate schemes/programs:

1. Aids and Equipment Program (A&EP)
2. Supported Accommodation Equipment Assistance Scheme (SAEAS)
3. Domiciliary Oxygen Program (DOP)
4. Continence Aids (CA)
5. Vehicle Modification Subsidy Scheme (VMSS)

Why a state-wide service?
- streamline, single point of access to ensure timely response to requests
- maximise available funding for equipment provision
- provides equity of access across the state
- standard prescription processes for all clients regardless of location.

How will the SWEP transition existing issuing centres?
The A&EP is currently provided by 26 different issuing centres across the state. Transition will be done in 6 separate groups over a period of 4 months from 6 December 2010 – 4 April 2011.

When will the SWEP commence service provision for group 6?
Group 6 will transition to SWEP on 4 April 2011.

Who is affected by the transition to SWEP for group 6?
If you access the A&EP from the following issuing centres you will transition to the SWEP as part of group 6.

Issuing Centres:
- Western Health - Sunshine Hospital (Brimbank, Hobsons Bay, Maribyrnong, Melton, Moonee Valley and Wyndham.)
- Royal Children’s Hospital (Statewide)
Supporting the social participation of families who have a child with a severe physical disability

What activities do you and your family do to relax, socialise or to enjoy your family life together?

We need parents of children with a severe physical disability to tell us about their opportunities for social interaction, with a view to planning services to meet the family’s needs.

Who can take part?

We are inviting 30 parents (or primary caregivers) of young people aged 10 - 18 years with a severe physical disability. A ‘severe disability’ means your child uses wheeled mobility and requires assistance to perform all daily activities.

What would I need to do?

Discuss your experiences and views in a recorded interview about how you and your family participate in social, recreational and leisure activities. The discussion would include the factors that assist you and barriers you encounter when participating socially, and ways you and your family have met the challenges you have faced in the past. The interview could take place in your home or a public place where your privacy could be assured (such as a private room in a library) or at La Trobe University. It would take about 75 minutes to complete the interview. You may be invited to review the researchers understandings of your discussion at a second interview (either face to face or by telephone) if you choose to do so.

Your participation in this study would be voluntary and will in no way affect your child or family’s care or services provided by any organisation including The RCH, Yooralla, The Cerebral Palsy Education Centre, the Association for Children with a Disability or the Cerebral Palsy Support Network.

What should I do if I am interested in taking part?

If you are interested or if you have any questions contact Dr Christine Imms at La Trobe University on telephone: 94795667 or email c.imms@latrobe.edu.au or Heather Davey hdavey@students.latrobe.edu.au
**NOTICE BOARD**

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**Movie Night**

Feel like a night out? Then come, bring your friends and join us for a movie while supporting The Muscular Dystrophy Association - Challenge MD 2011

When: Thursday 17th March

Where: Balwyn Cinemas, Whitehorse Rd Balwyn

Time: 8.30 (for a glass of bubbly)
Movie starts at 9-9.30pm

Cost: $25 per person

To purchase tickets please contact either

Nicolle Bruhn 0417375909 or email nlickvbruhn@yahoo.com.au

Lisa Evans 0465649761 email lisamevans@optusnet.com.au

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**Movie: The Company Men**

THE COMPANY MEN brings together a group of this generation's greatest actors - all who've been previous Academy® Award winners. Bobby Walker (BEN AFFLECK) is living the American dream: great job, beautiful family, shiny Porsche in the garage. When corporate downsizing leaves him and co-workers Phil Woodward (CHRIS COOPER) and Gene McClary (TOMMY LEE JONES) jobless, the three men are forced to re-define their lives as men, husbands, and fathers.

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A-MUSE THEATRE GROUP

PRESENTS...

Creative Theatre Workshops

Developing confidence & skills in ....

- Creative Expression
- Movement and Dance
- Drama
- Poetry and Storytelling
- Singing and Music
- Play Writing
  - Improvisation and more..........

PEOPLE OF ALL ABILITIES, AGES AND BACKGROUNDS ARE ALL WELCOME!

Venue: Mount Waverley Youth Centre - 45 Miller Crescent, Mt Waverley (OPPOSITE—Mount Waverley train station.)

Time: 7pm- 9.30pm

Commences: Friday 4th March 2011 and continuing every fortnight for nine sessions.

Cost: $2 donation each session to contribute towards refreshments and public liability insurance

FOR MORE INFORMATION: PLEASE CONTACT.
Jeanette Lee Ph: 0417 529537 Gaynor Marsh Ph: 9802 6764
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DISABLED
Respite & Recreation
EXPO 2011

FOR PARENTS AND CARERS
LIVING IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

Find out more about opportunities
for people with a disability

- Respite Options
- Recreation and Arts Info
- Over 40 Stalls

Tuesday 5th April

TIME 10am - 2pm
VENUE Springvale Town Hall
397-405 Springvale Rd, Springvale
MELWAYS REF: 80 A11

For more information contact the MOIRA Expo Coordinator:
Ph (03) 8552 2222 Email: respiteexpo11@moira.org.au
Interpreter available

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Email: pvalob_008@yahoo.com.au
SPORT & ACTIVE RECREATION RESPITE TRIPS FEBRUARY - JUNE 2011

“.... a lifestyle choice”

PO Box 128 Tunstall Square
125 George Street
Doncaster East 3109

Phone: 9848 9204
Fax: 9840 0123
Email: respite@erls.net

ERLS Sport and Active Recreation Trips

ERLS Sport and Active Recreation Trips are a great way for you to explore the many benefits of sport and recreation available to all. Each ERLS trip “kicks off to a great start on Fridays at 6.00pm.

The following day we hit the road to the sports club or activities that you have chosen from the list in this brochure. It could be a brand new experience for you or maybe you have already played the sport?

We usually have time to explore loads of other recreation or leisure activities as well before we return Saturday at 5.00pm.

- Each trip costs $60.00 including all transport, meals and activities.
- Trips are supported by the energetic team of ERLS Sport and Recreation Access Workers.
- All activities are inclusive and accessible. Your membership and participation will be very welcome and encouraged by the clubs if you wish to get more involved in their sport.
Respite Referral Form

Referral Date: / /200

Person making referral: ___________________________ Phone no: ___________________________

Organisation: ____________________________________________________________

Participant’s Details

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________ Postcode: ______

Phone: ___________________________ Mobile: ___________________________ Work: ___________________________

Date of Birth: / / Male □ Female □

Nature of Disability ____________________________________________________________

TAC Compensable? Yes □ No □

Does the participant or the family require the assistance of an interpreter? Yes □ No □

If yes, please indicate cultural background & language? ____________________________

Parent/Voluntary Carer Details

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Relationship to participant ____________________________________________________________

Contact phone numbers (if different to above) Home: ___________________________

Work: ___________________________ Mobile: ___________________________

Is the family currently accessing any other respite services? Yes □ No □

If yes how often does the family receive this service? ____________________________

Please return forms to the ERLS Respite Co-ordinator

Fax: 9840 0123 or post: ERLS PO Box 128 Tunstall Square, Doncaster East VIC 3109
Phone 9848 9204

Office use only
Offer Date: / / Details: ____________________________
Acceptance of offer: yes □ No □ Date: / / Details: ____________________________
LAST MINUTE NEWS

FAMILY NIGHT REPLY SLIP
To be returned a.s.a.p. together with payment

Yes, we will be attending the family night
Students Name____________________________________________
Number of Adults_______ Children ______
$10.00 per family
Special Dietary requirements ________________________________
__________________________________________________________
Yes, my child ____________________________________________
Will/will not require supervision until we arrive at the school.

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