The Belmore News

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 14th March
Labour Day Holiday
Friday 25th March
Epilepsy Awareness Week
Thursday 31st March
DRESS IN PURPLE DAY
Friday 8th April
FOB Morning Tea (10-11am)
Wednesday 27th April
Last day Term 1
Wednesday 7th July
First day Term 2

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Reminder

Flu and immunisation forms must be returned to Ali Knowles by Friday 11th March, for the vaccinations to take place on Wednesday 23rd.

We nearly have all the forms back!!!

Swimming Permissions and Medical update details.
If you haven’t returned your child’s yet, could you please do as soon as possible.

Then we can report 100% complete!!!
FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK......

**Family night**
Thankyou to everyone who helped to make this night a terrific success. It was wonderful to see so many people here. It was a delight to see all the brothers and sisters playing in the sandpit, on the phones and with the sound sculptures. I didn’t realise Belmore kids had so many brothers! We’ve had terrific feedback from everyone, especially about the animals, the badges, the face painting and the organisation.

A huge thankyou to the staff who minded 20 children after school, cooked potatoes, made salads, manned activities and generally bent over backwards to do everything behind the scenes. What a team! Thankyou also to Gerry Cross and his wife from Canterbury Rotary, who donated sausages and manned the BBQ.

If you have any suggestions about next year’s Family Night please let me know. We’ve raised the bar.

**Building competition.**
Judges decision on Tuesday. It’s a pretty tight contest!

**School Council**
Congratulations to Michael Havekotte, Lisa Evans and Jan Welsh who have been re-elected to Council.

Lisa Evans will continue to be School Council president. She’s backed up by Kelly Lloyd-Vanni, John Innocenzi, Rose Ngai, Janet Dedman and me. Kathryn Stubbings has stepped down from her co-opted position after a magnificent term of School Council membership. Andrew Jeffrey has agreed to be co-opted to School Council.

Last night School Council approved our Annual Report: please contact the office if you would like a copy.

**Website. We need your help!**
We will be adding some fundraising pages to our website soon. We would also like volunteers to help with a collection tin strategy. If you could put out a tin in some shops close to you and collect them after 3 months please let me know. You would really assist the school.

**New Transition Program**
Students who have moved from the junior to senior part of the school this term are involved in a new “MAPS” Process. Their parents have been involved in a formal process to map out a pathway incorporating their hopes and dreams for their child. We come up with an action plan by the end of the session. This will be reviewed regularly along the student’s pathway through the senior school. Thanks so much to the families who have participated so far, and for your constructive feedback.

Joan Anson

10/03/2011
**STUDENT AWARDS**

**Mark, Room 6**
For enthusiastic tambourine-playing in music therapy. Mark used a switch-activated device to play the tambourine for an extended time of two very long songs! Mark smiled, struck his arm downward on the switch, and bopped his head to the beat.

**Jack, Room 1**
For concentration and participation in music

**Noah, Room 1**
For hard work and effort during CE

Abbey and Tom are part of our RDA team this year, and we will soon be joined by Leila. Hope you enjoy the photos of them working with our coach, Belinda, and some volunteers.

_Jan Welsh_
WHAT IS HAPPENING?

ROOM 1 TERM 1

Room One has had a fabulous start to the beginning of the year. We have welcomed a new student Joshua who has quickly become part of our little family.

We have been very hard at work building our Room One Castle protected by our seven soldiers. Each student had a job to do and gave the Castle their own special little touch. Have a look at our photos and at the fun we had as a class building it.

We continued with our Building and Furniture theme and even went as far as building our own Room One Street with a Room One House.

We ventured out on a local excursion where we explored Balwyn and all its exciting new development and building.

Room 1 looks forward to lots of fun and learning together!
By: Joshua, Noah, Matthew, Thomas, Jack, Shayla, Zoe and their proud teachers and aides
WHAT IS HAPPENING?

The new “Music Space”!

Music Therapy sessions have a new home in 2011!!! The school hall stage has been transformed into a Music Space for all students.

A stage fits much more than a trolley! Permanently set-up on the stage are a drum kit (generously donated by the Farrelly family), a large glockenspiel, and a keyboard. Cupboards on the stage allow easy access to other percussion instruments. It is also very easy to assemble a whiteboard & projector for music technology programs, which the students enjoy.

This all makes it easy to change the activity in response to student engagement.

It is fantastic to be able to offer a wider range of instruments and programs to students. For example, two classes are learning to play the notes of a C major chord on keyboard, xylophone, glockenspiel, or bar chimes. Many classes play the drum kit or experiment with music technology as a reward for hard work.

We have already observed improved student outcomes. Everything is ready to go when the students arrive, and there is better accessibility to instruments so the students are more engaged. There are a few teething problems with conflicting sound between the hall and the Music Space, but we continue to seek a solution.

We are currently working toward a lunchtime concert on the stage, featuring solo performances from a few of our most talented musicians. Watch this space!

Dewi Pearce,
Music Therapist
WHAT IS HAPPENING?

George hitting the big bass drum, Deanna playing the keyboard, and Rhiley strumming the guitar.

Zoe has been even more attentive in the new space. Steph & Andrew sharing the big wooden glockenspiel.

The Room 1 boys love rocking out on the drum kit!
Communicate, Participate, Enjoy! Solutions to Inclusion Conference - 2011

Jenny Ayers (Speech Therapist) and four Yooralla assistants are excited to be attending a conference held by Scope on the 21st and 22nd of March.

The conference includes workshops and presentations which will provide us with practical strategies to facilitate the active inclusion and participation of people with profound intellectual and multiple disabilities in everyday activities and life choices.

Workshops of particular interest include:
- Communicating: The right way, everywhere, all the time and its up to us!
- Arm chair travel: a fantastic sensory experience!
- Early Communication Skills.
- Sing, play, move, listen, interact: exploring inclusive and practical strategies for musical engagement.

We look forward to sharing our experience and knowledge gained from this conference in an upcoming newsletter!
NOTICE BOARD

**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 nickybruhn@yahoo.com.au
Lisa Evans 0468649761 email lisamevans@optusnet.com.au

**Movie:** The Company Men

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The next **Turntable Disco** is on Saturday Night 19th March (yes that’s right March Disco is on a Saturday for a change)
Doors open @6pm Disco Starts @6.30 to 9pm, Only $10 entry, (including Light Refreshments) Soft drinks Cans on Sale only $1. Ea. Hope to see you there. At the Bayswater Youth Centre, Cnr Pine Rd & Station Street Bayswater. Melway Map 64/F4

**ALWAYS LOT’S OF FUN.**

Waverley Industries Day of Champions

All proceeds on the day to support future employment opportunities for people with disabilities

- Special Lunchtime Appearance By Collingwood Football Players
- Live Music Including Victorian Police Show Band & Pipe Band
- Raffles & Auction - 2010 Signed & Framed Collingwood Football Jumper
- Children’s Entertainment
- Steam Engine Museum & Live Traction Show
- Vintage Cars
- Miniature Railway Rides
- Atlantic Giant Pumpkins
- Small Charge For Some Activities
- Gold Coin Donation Upon Entry

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Fun day of entertainment for the whole family

Kids come along dressed as your favourite hero!

Waverley Industries
Empowering people with disabilities through high quality employment
www.wavindy.org Tel: 9544 7222
3 Parenting Workshops for those with teenagers who are living with a disability

- Understand developmental stages better, Talk about the big issues that arise in families, swap strategies,

Explore what resources and supports exist

Facilitated by Olympia Tzanoudakis who has over 18 years experience in the disability sector and is a parenting educator, and training consultant and Brenda McKenzie who has personal experience of raising teens with a disability

Book with Zoe on 9639 2576

$35 or FREE with HCC

Dates: 3 Wednesday evenings 16th, 23rd and 30th March 6pm-7.30pm

At drummond street services, 195 Drummond St, Carlton

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LAST MINUTE NEWS

Family Night

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Growing Together

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ICT Department

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