DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 19th November
Higgins Bakery money returned

Friday 19th November
Uniform orders returned

Friday 19th November
Family Planning RSVP

Thursday 25th November
Graduation Dinner

Monday 29th November
Hairdresser visit ($15.00)

Saturday 27th November
Election cake & craft stall

Friday 3rd December
FOB dinner

Wednesday 8th December
Awards Morning 11-12noon

Wednesday 8th December
School Council

Friday 17th December
Last Day Term 4 Students home 2 hours earlier

Thursday 18th November 2010

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FRIENDS OF BELMORE

BUNNINGS BBQ

We had a really great day in the rain at Box Hill Bunnings last Saturday! Clearing $1240 for our children at Belmore.

Many thanks to the following parents and staff for their hard work and good cheer:
Debbie, Joan, Andrew, Amanda, Sharon, Bridget, Jan, Rose, Sharon, Guy, Barbara, Cath, Lisa, Stephen, Kylie.

Special thanks to you Andrew J. for your help and advice.

Thanks also to North Balwyn Coles for $20, Balwyn Safeway for $50, and North Balwyn Butcher for 5kg of sausages, and 30kg and a discount price.

We had fun, so much in fact, that we are going to do it again next year!

Kelly Lloyd
FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK......

**BTQ**
The Belmore Talent Quest grand final was held last week. Wow, Belmore has got talent! The grand final winner was Joshua Steer, with his great hat and great vocalisation. Crystelle Petrucci was the runner up.
The people who benefited were also room 9 students who showcased their confidence and communication skills as they organised everything and ran the show. They thought on their feet and MC’ed the event. Very impressive room 9! (We saw Chris in a suit)

**Bunnings BBQ**
Thanks very much to the parents and staff who raised $1240 on Saturday at Box Hill. What a magnificent effort! Kelly has booked Bunnings again for the Saturday after the grand final next year. We would like to make this a boys’ day and encourage the Dads to volunteer their time.

**Volunteers Thankyou**
Belmore volunteers are wonderful. Many have been with us for a long time, and we have developed great relationships with them. Irene brought her yummy passionfruit sponge. They help us to provide that extra attention that our students need. We really appreciate them and try to look after them. We formally thanked them yesterday at a morning tea.

**The garden**
Shane and Jackie Delaney come in every week to help out in the garden. They weed, eradicate slippery moss, and get into the dirt. Together with a group of staff at school they have transformed the garden. I’d like to also thank the following staff especially Patrick and Peng, who have taken the initiative and keep everything well maintained: Tsering, Sue L, Peggy, Debbie B and Debbie E also help. The garden is looking absolutely splendid. We have flowers, blossom, fruit on trees and vegetables and herbs. Plants have been chosen for their fragrance and child friendliness.

Joan Anson
WHAT IS HAPPENING?

Philippa from Balwyn library came to visit. We enjoyed listening to her read us some stories at lunch time.
Watch out Construction Workers!

A note to all parents:
Your child may be suffering from ringing headaches. Those tan lines around their fingertips are from blocking their eardrums. And in some cases students may have difficulty with their hearing (especially when asked to eat Brussels sprouts).

But they can all be forgiven because November has been a very VERY noisy month.

And yes I know classes have had to arrange to go on field trips or even change rooms for a day because of the noise, well, on behalf of Room 7, I sincerely apologise. You see the problem is that the theme for this term is ‘Music’. Listening, singing, dancing, a bit of history and all things music, but most important of all is of course…. playing music.

Sure it sounds like a nice idea, it has helped them grow self esteem through free expression, and it has been fantastic to see all the students get highly involved together as a group, however it’s also a golden opportunity to be exruciatingly noisy, and an opportunity that the students of room 7 have taken full advantage of throughout the term. From the beginning of week 1 where we created shakers using different sized beans and different colours which turned out to be a great communication session, the class has slowly moved onto louder and more ear demolishing instruments; cans, drums, and xylophones, a symphony of audible terror. However the students have built up a great understanding of teamwork, boldness to step out into the spot light and entertain fellow students and also to appreciate the talents of their friends, they also learnt the difference between loud and soft, slowly and fast. But, mainly loud.

I just can’t help but feel sorry for the poor construction workers working at other end of the school who can barely hear themselves trying to work on their jackhammers, chainsaws and bulldozers. Oh, and we also visited a farm.
Room 4
For writing and recording original music! Room 4 students displayed excellent teamwork to write the lyrics, and sang their best to record two songs. A fantastic effort.

Tom, Room 3
for active listening and engagement during a music therapy session on Bollywood music. Tom was alert and quiet during each song, and gave his full attention to the DVD excerpt. Tom showed great attention for the whole session.

Genevieve, Room 5
For excellent choice making during our sensory stories session. Genevieve made clear choices of what items she wanted during the story.

Brilliant Effort!!
The Yooralla Great Vic Trek is a 15 day fundraising event which takes place around Victoria from 28 November to 12 December. The trek aims to increase the awareness of the essential services Yooralla provides to those Victorians that live with a disability, and to raise additional funds so Yooralla can continue providing these essential services.

In 2009, the inaugural Great Vic Trek for Yooralla was a success and has returned with some fine-tuning and new and exciting celebrities and activities. We start our journey from Federation Square on Sunday 28th November 2010 and over the next 15 days will run, ride, walk and more to all the major regional centres of Victoria, including the “Three Peaks Ride” in the North-East. The trek will finish its last kilometre in Melbourne on Sunday 12th December 2010.

For this year’s event we have appointed Ambassadors to participate in the event and add to the fun along the way. Robert Harvey, Sharelle McMahon, Danny Frawley, Max Walker, and Simon Madden have put their hands up to split the kilometres and will be attending fundraising functions in towns along the way to meet with locals.

Get involved
We are asking for your support. Join the celebrities and the rest of the trekkers kick off the trek from Federation Square on Sunday 28 November. We will be leaving Federation Square shortly after 9am to walk a marathon 42km to Frankston. You can choose how far you would like to walk and a Yooralla GVT shirt will be given to everyone who participates, so come along and support the Yooralla Great Vic Trek.

To do your own fundraising, click this link
Changes to the Victorian Aids and Equipment Program

The Victorian Aids and Equipment Program (A&EP) is a Victorian Government program aiming to assist children and adults with long term or permanent disabilities and/or frail aged to access subsidised aids, equipment and home modifications to enhance their safety and independence, reduce their reliance on family and carers', and prevent premature admission to institutional care or high cost services.

Aids and Equipment Program Redevelopment

1. Transition schedule

Following the announcement of the new statewide service on 9 August 2010, DHS have held individual meetings with all 24 agencies who currently deliver the aids and equipment program through 26 issuing centres to discuss and agree to transition arrangements.

Issuing centres will gradually transition across to the new statewide service between 6 December 2010 and 4 April 2011. Issuing centres are scheduled to transition in six separate groups, which are aligned as much as possible to the DHS regions in Victoria.

The first transition group of five issuing centres is the pilot for the transition process which involves the Grampians and Barwon South West Regions. Detailed transition planning is well underway for this group. Group 1 will transition to the statewide service on 6 December 2010. Communications to all affected stakeholders in these regions is commencing and is being undertaken by Ballarat Health Services.

2. Statewide service has a name Statewide Equipment Program

Ballarat Health Services have named the statewide service 'Statewide Equipment Program' or SWEP. Under the SWEP title the following programs will be administered by Ballarat Health Services:

- Aids and Equipment including the Supported Accommodation Equipment Assistance Scheme;
- Domiciliary Oxygen;
- Continence Aids; and
- Vehicle Modification Subsidy Scheme.

3. Ballarat Health Services update

New Premises

The SWEP will be run from the Global Innovation Centre located at the Technology Park in Mount Helen, Ballarat. Office suites are currently being refitted to accommodate Program Management, Administration, Call Centre and Clinical Advisor staff along with Ballarat Health Services support services from Finance, Supply, Human Resources and Information Technology departments. Additional suites will be refitted early in 2011 to accommodate for growth to the SWEP as the issuing centres are transitioned.

A newsletter is available re the changes to this scheme.

If you would like to receive future copies of this newsletter please email us on: aep@dhs.vic.gov.au

FREE FAMILY FUN DAY

For Children with a Disability and their Families

Sunday, 28th November, 2010
11:00am to 4:00pm

At Box Hill Miniature Railway
located on the corner of Belmore and Elgar Roads,
Box Hill
Melways ref: 47 B4

Something for everyone to enjoy

Animal Farm, Bouncy Castle, Sausage Sizzle,
The Amazing Mr Twists’ Magic Show, Face Painting, Drinks, Icy Poles, Show Bags.
Santa will also be making a visit

Everyone riding on the trains are required to wear fully enclosed footwear

For more information & to RSVP ring Jenny on 9259 4312
or email psn-emr@bigpond.net.au

Thankyou to the following organisations for their sponsorship

[Logos of various sponsors]
20 & 21 November
Accessibility Weekend

Free entry for people with disabilities and their carer.

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About Accessibility Weekend
As part of Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Week, major Victorian tourism attractions will open their doors for free to people in wheelchairs and their carers for Accessibility Weekend.

The initiative aims to showcase venues who are ‘Doing it Right’ and are accessible for people in wheelchairs.*

About Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Week
Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Week will take place between 15 - 21 November 2010. Proudly sponsored by the TAC, the week is designed to raise awareness and promote the prevention of spinal cord injury. This year we have an extensive program of activities including Accessibility Weekend. Please see our website for details: www.independenceaustralia.com.

About Independence Australia
Independence Australia is a not-for-profit organisation that supports people with a spinal cord injury or other physical needs to achieve their optimal quality of life.

For further information about any of these activities, visit www.independenceaustralia.com or call our Communications Department on 1300 704 456 or email communications@independenceaustralia.com

*Conditions may apply. Please contact the venue for details.

Participating venues

1. Australian Centre for Contemporary Art
2. Bendigo Tramways
3. Central Deborah Gold Mine
4. Chinese Museum
5. Old Treasury Building
6. Cooks Cottage
7. Discovery Science and Technology Centre
8. Eureka Sky Deck
9. Geelong Wool Museum
10. Golden Dragon Museum
11. Gum San Chinese Heritage Centre
12. IMAX Theatre Melbourne
13. Immigration Museum

14. Melbourne Aquarium
15. Melbourne Museum
16. National Gallery of Victoria
17. National Sports Museum
18. Old Gippstown
19. Phillip Island - Churchill Island Heritage Farm
20. Phillip Island Koala Conservation Centre
21. Phillip Island Penguin Parade
22. Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne & Australian Garden
23. Scienceworks
24. Surfworld Torquay
25. Wildlife Wonderland

Event partner

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18/11/2010
DIVE INTO WESTSIDE CIRCUS

Entry FREE!

OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 14th NOVEMBER 11am - 4pm

Badge Making
Face Painting
Juggling Ball Making
Dress Up Relay
Workshops
Performances
Raffles & Prizes
Silent Auction

Workshops
$5 kids/$10 adults
- How to be a Fairy
- Bollywood Dancing
- Hip Hop Dancing
- Clowning
- Circus

Dynamic performances by
Clowns Without Borders
& Circus Chef

Bring your neighbours, friends & family and join us
to celebrate International Youth Circus Day and
help raise funds to support Westside Circus

Warehouse 3, 433 Smith Street, Fitzroy North
www.westsidecircus.org.au  Phone: 9482 2088
View your Christmas Catalogues online and earn $1,000 for our school

It's the time of year when you begin receiving a steady stream of catalogues all rolled up in neat little tubes held together with that elastic band that always seems to flick you as you try and prise them apart. There is a neater way to get your hands on all those specials and one that will help our school.

Read your catalogues online and we could earn $1,000*

Just visit our school website at http://www.belmoresc.vic.edu.au click on the money tree and you'll be taken to the online catalogues. Every time you open a catalogue we'll earn up to 10 cents. It's easier than the Coles campaign and you don't even need to leave home to help us.

To earn our $1,000 we need every household to view 1 catalogue per day over the next month – probably what you're doing now out of your own letter box! There will be a changing line up of catalogues over the month to keep you entertained.

So let's get clicking.

“The best way to cheer yourself up, is to cheer someone else up.”

By: Mark Twain
FRIENDS OF BELMORE

Friends of Belmore Cake Stall

You will have received an information pack for the Friends of Belmore latest fundraising event to be held on Saturday 27th November during the State Election. We are asking the school community to once again contribute to a cake stall with baking and/or craft etc. Don’t forget to ask friends and family to help. We also need volunteers to help serve on the day. If you are able to help please return the reply slip asap so we can draw up a roster.

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I am able to help on Saturday 27th November at the Friends of Belmore stall at

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Name......................................................................................

Contact No............................................................................

Don’t forget our next dinner get-together

Friday 3rd December at 7.30pm at

The Cherry Hill Tavern, Reynolds Road, East Doncaster

RSVP to Eron Layfield on 0435 825 200 or a note via Sarah in Room 5.