The Belmore News

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 1st November  
Melbourne Cup Day

Wednesday 9th November  
Hairdresser visit

Wednesday 9th November  
School Photo Day

Thursday 10th November  
School Council

Wednesday 16th November  
Graduation Dinner

Tuesday 22nd November  
Volunteers Morning tea

Thursday 24th November  
Support Network Mtg

Tuesday 13th December  
Awards morning

Thursday 15th December  
School Council

Thursday 22nd December  
End Term 4

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS 
WEDNESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER. ORDER ENVELOPES ARE TO 
BE RETURNED TO CLASSROOMS BEFORE THE DAY.

I know it is a busy time of the year, but would parents and carers please ring MEES if your child is not going to be on their bus run.

Many thanks,

Jan Welsh

Assistant Principal
We have had lots of extra curricular activities recently.

**Ducklings**

This is what has grabbed our attention this week. Students and staff and visitors have been watching the ducklings emerge from their eggs. They have been cracking their way out of their shells earlier in the week and are now all either asleep in a fluffy yellow heap or stretching their legs and sitting in the water. They are cute!

**Jamaica concert**

Students enjoyed a very energetic concert yesterday with singing, dancing and drumming. These concerts are expensive to host and we would like to continue them because they are a great opportunity for our students. Please pay for your child's attendance, if you haven't already done so.

**Swimming representatives**

A group of students went to the combined swimming sports day on Tuesday. They have been proudly wearing their ribbons at school yesterday. Congratulations to the students who competed. PTO for pictures and more details.

**Accessible Transport**

On Monday I was able to “inspect” the new accessible platform at Box Hill railway station. This system is being trialled at several stations. The platform is raised at the end nearest the driver, and flexible rubber stripping allows safe and independent access for wheelchair users. The community group having a look at the platform included an ex-student from Belmore school.

Metro trains have published a booklet of sticky notes that can be pre-prepared and used to give the driver destination details, so that a ramp can be put out at the appropriate station. If you would like one of these contact the office and we will send one out to you.

For further information contact www.metrotrains.com.au

**World Teachers and Therapists day**

At the staff meeting last night I canvassed our teachers and therapists. All our teachers and therapists are fully qualified in their field. Between the 17 teachers and therapists present they have 26 degrees at bachelor level and 8 masters degrees. Their experience in the field ranges from 1 year to 40 years. You might be interested in knowing a few interesting things about them: One is an artist, one is excited about getting married next year, one finds speech pathology very stimulating and challenging mental gymnastics, one is thinking about roasting her own coffee beans, one has 4 children and thinks it's made her slightly mad.

We want to celebrate how talented and wonderful our staff are.

**Joan Anson**
WHAT IS HAPPENING?

Room 5
Keeping active in the playground.

I can do this!!!
Almost there!!!
Hey guys, isn't this fun!!!
Weeeeee!!!
I do enjoy riding a bike!!

Wait for your turn Grace!
It's all about good balance!

Lets go down the slide Bebi!
I'm practicing my fine motor skills.
Dear Parents,

Yooralla has created a new feedback system called “Your Yooralla Experience”. This will enable us to hear about compliments, comments, suggestions and complaints.

We would like you to tell us:
- What you like
- What can be improved, and
- What you don’t like

Your feedback helps us to know what we should keep doing, what we can improve on and what we can change.

There are a number of ways you can let us know what is important to you:
- Let the staff know
- Fill out a feedback form on the new “Your Yooralla Experience”
- On line go to www.yooralla.com.au and go to “Contact Us”
- Send an email to feedback@yooralla.com.au

Remember to talk to staff if you have any questions.

Kind regards

Cassie Kenyon
Acting Manager-School Services Belmore
THREE IMPORTANT CARDS

If your wallet is like mine, then you have lots of cards and not all of them necessary (like Flybuys, loyalty cards, etc.) There are essentials such as Medicare Card, Licence, Credit Card and your child's Health Care Card for reduced cost prescriptions. There are some other special cards related to your child with a disability that are worthwhile to have. Here are 3 that I recommend.

Companion Card.

The Companion Card is a card for the person with a disability and includes their photo. This card may be used at many different venues and events and allows one companion to accompany the person with a disability for free. The purpose of this initiative is to remove barriers for the person with a disability to enjoy activities (anti-discrimination). “Companion” is any person accompanying the person with a disability whether that is a parent, school leader or other. You can, for example, take your child to the movies, only paying the child fee or go to the zoo and pay only for your child with a disability which makes activities more accessible. The conditions for application and the form can be found at http://www.companioncard.org.au/

Multi Purpose Taxi Program.

The Multi Purpose Taxi Program (MPTP) allows those with severe and permanent disabilities to travel by taxi at a reduced fare. The travel fare is reduced by 50% (up to a max of $60). Other fees, such as a booking fee and Citylink fee, are not discounted. The cards cost $16.50 and are valid for six years.

Note that the driver must not operate the taximeter whilst loading and unloading a passenger and his or her luggage. Instead the driver receives a $10 Lifting fee paid electronically to the driver by the Victorian Taxi Directorate in order to compensate them for the extra time involved in safely loading and unloading wheelchair passengers with MPTP card. The passenger does not pay extra for lifting. Information and application form can be downloaded from http://www.transport.vic.gov.au/taxis/mpto

Carer Card.

The Carer Card is the latest in my collection, and I have Friends of Belmore to thank for notifying me about this one. Unlike the Companion Card, this is a card for the primary carer (or parent). This card recognises the carer’s contribution, allowing the card holder to receive discounts and benefits from participating businesses, public transport and services. With a Carer Card, you can get the concession rate for admission to IMAX, get a discount for your Bistro meal, Metcard for Sunday travel and so much more. There are many organisations that offer discounts and may display a care sign. You can easily apply online with your Centrelink CRN related to your Disability Allowance or download the form at https://carercard.vic.gov.au/carers

Barbara Rinderer, 21/10/11
Accessible Transport Supplier Display Day

Thursday November 10, 2011
1:00p.m. – 7:00p.m.
Drop in Event - FREE

The Independent Living Centre
705 Princes Hwy, Brooklyn, VIC
(Melways Ref 40 J10 – see reverse for parking details)

Carers, families, therapists, everyone welcome!
• You can meet suppliers and discuss specific client needs
• You will see a large selection of accessible transport options from a range of companies
• You can compare features and performance of different products
• You will be able to make informed decisions on products after attending this event

Please register your attendance at: https://ilced.yooralla.com.au

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Twilight Fun Festival
Friday, 4th Nov 11
Balwyn North Primary School
Buchanan Ave (Next to Balwyn High)
From 4.00pm to 8.30pm
Come & Join the Fun
Wristband For Unlimited Rides
$30 On the Day, Early Bird $25
Telephone 9859 4258

Large Carnival Amusement Rides (Cha-Cha, Music Trip, Super Slide, Chair O-Plane), Beer & Wine Garden, Student Performances, Animal Farm, Showbags, Pop Corn, Fairy Floss, Sausage Sizzle, Auctions & loads more!!!
LAST MINUTE NEWS

Belmore School Cookbook

Orders are now being taken for the Belmore School Cookbook, Edition 3. Please complete the order form below and return together with payment to Belmore School.

I______________________________________________________________

Student’s Room Number _________ would like to purchase ________ copies of the Belmore School Cookbook at $15.00 each.

I have enclosed cash/cheque payable to Belmore School.

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