PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Student Led Conference
Just a reminder that Monday 7th March is our Student Led Conference Day. This is a modified school day with students only attending for their meeting times. Students do not come for regular classes on this day.

Update on Maintenance
The Multi-Purpose Room is looking fantastic with its fresh paint, new carpet and pin boards. The Library will be finished today and they will then move into rooms 7 & 8.

Farewell to Mrs Walker
This Friday will be Nicole’s last day before she takes leave to have her baby. We wish Nicole and her family all the best.

Watering the Oval
A huge thank you to Russell Read for the many hours he has spent keeping the oval watered and maintaining the pump system over the past four or five months. It is to Russell’s credit that we have such a fantastic facility for our children to play on.

Staff PD
Next Tuesday 1st March all teaching staff will be attending a combined staff meeting at Mandama Primary School. Staff will need to be getting away from school straight after the bell so could you please make sure that all children are collected on time on this day.

CSEF Applications
Don’t forget to get your CSEF Applications in by next Monday to receive $125 for each student you have at this school. Centrelink Pension Card holders and Foster Parents are eligible to receive this funding.

Have a great week!
Kathy Wesolowski
Principal

SCHOOL PHOTOS - Tuesday 8th March
Order forms for school photos have been distributed today. You can order your photos online or return the envelope provided with payment before school photo day.

CSEF– Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund—$125
Do you have a Centrelink Benefit Card? Are you a foster parent? Please come to the office and fill in a CSEF application form. You may be eligible for $125 per child to pay for camps and excursions.

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2016
- Wed 24-26th Feb: Gr 5/6 City Melbourne Camp
- Mon 29th Feb: School Council Meeting

MARCH 2016
- Thurs 3rd Mar: P & F prepare raffle tickets 9am
- Fri 4th Mar: Bellarine & North Geelong Division Swimming Championships—selected students.
- Mon 7th Mar: Student Led Conference—modified school day.
- Tues 8th Mar: School Photos
- Thurs 10th Mar: Summer Lightning Premiership Gr 5/6
- Wed 23rd Mar: Fun Run

FORMS / PAYMENT DUE BACK
- Mon 29th Feb: CSEF forms due
- Tues 1st Mar: Student Led Interview times due back
- Thurs 3rd Mar: Summer Lightning Prem. Gr 5/6 due $9
- Fri 11th Mar: Expression of Interest for Swimming Lessons
- Mon 21st Mar: Raffle tickets and money due
- Fri 15th April: Fun Run forms and money due

‘A Path to Success’
STUDENT AWARDS!

- Dakota Emond: For doing her best when writing about pancakes.
- Zeke Milnes: For putting a great effort into his teddy bear maths.
- Chloe Hrobarik: For showing great effort during special writing time.
- Madison Harvey: For always putting 100% effort into all learning tasks.
- Eliza Berris: For doing fantastic writing.
- Kaitlyn Goodwin-Olsen: For putting lots of effort into her writing.
- Violet Wells: For making good choices when finding a spot on the floor.
- Sam Leddin: For being a caring friend.
- Jaymi Butler: For being an active member in classroom discussions.
- Hayden Southey: For always working hard and putting in lots of effort.
- Leyla Ball-Manzur: For putting in lots of effort and taking pride in all her learning.
- Ethan Aguila: For showing responsibility by doing his class job every day.
- Indee O’Neil: For persevering with learning tasks until they are complete.
- Samantha Hansen: For showing persistence in maths, especially when it got a bit tricky.
- Immie Blackley: For the mature way she approaches her learning tasks.
- Chloe Adams: For taking the time to care about other students and their learning!!
- Kaeleb Sundstrom: For concentrating on finishing tasks to the best of his ability.
- Matthew Domaschenz: For always working to complete learning tasks to the best of his ability.
- Ella King: For always making an effort to produce work of a high standard.

Picking up and dropping off children around schools.

For the safety of students, parents are reminded to take care and obey parking signs and observe the Road Rules when picking up or dropping off students around schools. Council’s Parking and Information Officers monitor all supervised school crossings on a regular roster and issue infringements to drivers who stop in unsafe areas, such as ‘No Stopping’ zones, within 20 meters of a school crossing, parallel to a yellow edged line, or if double parked even for a moment to drop off or collect a student. Queuing to enter a pick up/drop off zone leads to traffic congestion and vehicles being stationary in prohibited areas.

Remember, as soon as you stop to let your student in or out of the car, you are deemed to be parked. You do not have to leave your car or turn the engine off to be fined, so please ensure you are parked in a legal parking area.

At children’s crossings, you must remain stationary at the stop line while any person (including an adult or the supervisor) is on the crossing or the stop sign is displayed. Do not let your child alight from the vehicle at this time, and ensure that they wait until you are safely and legally parked.

If you breach a parking regulation or Road Rule the Parking & Information Officer assigned to monitor the crossing will usually record your registration number and details, and the Penalty Infringement Notice will be posted to you in due course.
**Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund -$125**

Do you have a Health Care or Pension Card? Are you a Foster Parent? If you haven’t already filled out a CSEF application form, please either come to the office or ask for the form to be sent home.

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**Coming up Universal Grooves Gig 2016!**

Saturday, April 9th, 2016
Belbrae Hall, 90 School Rd, Bellbrae
Jadida! Music and dance from North Africa, The Middle East and India.

Bookings online: [http://www.trybooking.com/KGCU](http://www.trybooking.com/KGCU)
Workshop @ 3-5pm Learn Middle Eastern/Bollywood dance grooves. Live Jadida Performance @ 7:30pm, including local Indian Kirtan chanting by Chantananda. Pop-up cafe with food and treats available. Supported by Creative Victoria and Regional Arts Victoria.

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**GROVEDALE COLLEGE Campus Tours**

Parents, prospective students and friends are warmly invited to participate in a tour of Grovedale College.

Scheduled tours occur every Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30am during March, April and May.

Please contact the Administration Office on 5245 4545 to make a booking.

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**PARENTS AND FRIENDS FUNDRAISING NEWS**

At our first meeting for the year we welcomed some new parents and got started on organising our first fundraisers. We also filled the committee positions, which are unchanged from last year.

- President is myself, Gab Lewis, mother of Xavier and Tilly in Grades 6 & 4
- Vice President is Kristina Benson, mother of Lenny and Piper in Grades 4 & 2
- Secretary is Lea Novak, mother of Declan in Grade 5
- Treasurer is Cheryl Berris, mother of Zac & Eliza in Grades 4 & 2

Thankyou for filling these roles again! We welcome anyone to our meetings or events to help out, contribute ideas or just to see what goes on. You can come regularly or just when you are able.

We will get together again on Thursday 3rd March at 9am to prepare raffle ticket booklets to go out to all families, so if you are free to help you are more than welcome to come along.

**Fun Run**

Our first fundraiser for the year is our School Fun Run. This will be held on Wednesday 23rd March from 9am at the School. Students will receive sponsorship forms next week to seek family, friends and neighbours to sponsor them for completing the Fun Run. There are incentive prizes available for students to pick from if they fundraise $10 or more. The more money raised means more or bigger incentive prizes. We will also have the ability to sponsor students online this year. Sponsorship forms and all information will be sent home with students next week. As the fun run is the 2nd last day of term, we ask that all money is returned to the school by the end of the first week of term 2, Friday 15th April to finalise the fundraiser and order the prizes.

**Easter Raffle**

We will hold an Easter raffle on the last day of term at our end of term assembly. Raffle ticket booklets will be sent home to all families next Friday. Tickets are $1 with 10 tickets per booklet. If you would like more raffle tickets, these will be available at the office. We ask for a donation of Easter items from each family please to make up our raffle prizes. Last Easter we had LOTS of great prizes on offer and some very happy students and families!! These items can be left at the front office. Tickets and money are due back at school by Monday 21st March.

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**BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL SELECT ENTRY ACCELERATED LEARNING PROGRAM**

2017 Year 7 Intake

Information Evening: Thursday 10th March 2016
Belmont High School Library, 7.00pm

For more information please contact: Mr Mark Dooley
Ph. 5243 5355 OR dooley.mark.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

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**JUNIOR DODGEBALL FREE SESSION**

Who: kids aged 10 to 15 years
When: Thursday 25th February
Time: 5-6pm
Where: Barwon Valley Activity Centre
Contact: Rachel Dawson 0438 599 780
Hello everyone, I hope you had a lovely weekend!! We are back in the multi-purpose room with a freshly painted and renovated environment.

The most popular activity of last week was Goop Drenched Dinosaur play and Graffiti Art. The Goop activity was child-initiated in which we experimented by adding paint to it and later, children added dinosaurs to make it more fun. It kept them happily engaged in this sensory play. The children enjoyed doing Graffiti Art. They learnt different font styles, designs and patterns. Also, we engaged in discussions of what are the pros and cons of Graffiti Art.

Sport is always fun, thereby we played cricket where the children made the teams and rules. It was an amazing afternoon as the children worked really hard to beat the runs of the other team. Another activity that they enjoyed was an aeroplane race. They worked out strategies of how they could make the plane go farther. Looking forward to an amazing week to come!! If you have any ideas or concerns please feel free to meet me Monday-Friday after 2:30pm. Thank you children and families for adjusting with the construction work over the past two weeks!

Priya

Our Extend Superstar is....Seth Plummer for packing up activities at the end of the day and helping others to pack up too.

Next Week's activities
Monday 29 February: Crumpled paper art
Tuesday 1 March: Leaf Creation
Wednesday 2 March: Make GILBERT coins to encourage positive behaviour
Thursday 3 March: STEM Challenge – cup and popsicle sticks stacking
Friday 4 March: Volleyball game

NEW UNIFORMS: Deal directly with Coastal Uniforms.
Phone: 5255 4897
Anne-Maree will be here next **THURSDAY FEB 3RD 8.45AM**
Order forms may be picked up from the school office.
SECOND HAND UNIFORMS: Visit Sally & Kelli in the Sick Bay on **Tuesday afternoons only from 3:00pm-3:20pm**
SCHOOL KILTS: Geelong Uniforms 164 Malop, Street Geelong. Phone: 5224 2229

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Expression of interest

Belmont Lions Sports Club is currently seeking boys and girls to join the under 13s netball team for the 2016 season. Training is at Winters Reserve Belmont on a Thursday night at 5pm. For any further information please contact Lisa on 0423583127

Back to School asthma spike.

Every year there is a well-documented rise in asthma flare-ups and hospitalisations when students return to school after the Christmas break. Asthma Australia has information for parents of students with asthma to help them prepare for school. Asthma Australia’s website and social media provide the latest information, including a checklist of what to do to help your child and a survey to complete to determine the impacts for parents/carers. Asthma Australia recommends that you talk to school staff about your child’s asthma and the school’s medication policy, provide an Asthma Plan from the doctor and supply a spare reliever puffer and spacer for your child’s use at school.

Looking for a way to help your child understand more about their asthma or about a friend with asthma? Asthma Kids is an online, interactive tool to help primary school aged children understand what it’s like to have asthma and what they can do to help. Watch one of the introductory videos then take Chester’s Asthma Trail. There are prizes to win too!

[www.asthmakids.org.au](http://www.asthmakids.org.au)