DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 24th April
Thursday 25th April
Monday 29th April
Friday 3rd May
Monday 6th May
Tuesday 7th May
Friday 10th May
Saturday 11th May
Wednesday 15th May
Thursday 16th May
Thursday 30th May
Monday 10th June
Thursday 13th June
Friday 28th June
Wednesday 24th July

Equipment Clinic Day
Anzac Day Holiday
Hairdresser Visiting
World of PVC Music Concert
Pupil Free Day
Disability Access App Workshop
Mothers Day Stall
Belmore School Working Bee
Special Persons Day/Open Day
School Council
Circular Rhythm Concert
Queen’s Birthday Holiday
School Council
End Term 2
Reporting Day (Term 3)

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Nurse Ali Says...

Welcome back to Term 2, hopefully rested and healthy.

Just a couple of reminders, the weather is turning colder but that doesn’t stop us from trying to enjoy some fresh air at morning tea and lunch. Please ensure your children have a warm jumper and even a beanie for outdoors.

The second reminder is for spare clothes. Would you please send a spare set of clothes that lives in their bags for changes on those odd times the clothing they are wearing becomes soiled in any way.

Also, we are looking for any generous donations to our spare clothing cupboard, as our stocks are very low.

Please be in touch if there are any concerns.

Stay Happy and Healthy, Ali
Welcome back to everyone after the Easter break. Over the break I spent time down at the farm (vineyard) picking the last of this year’s vintage. The Cabernet and Shiraz are looking good and my hands are getting better every day.

NDIS
Today we held a workshop at Belmore School, to discuss the National Disability Insurance Scheme. Carol Peterson presented to a large group of parents and professionals from Belmore and local schools. Thanks very much to Natalie for suggesting that we host this workshop at Belmore. If you missed the workshop and would like some more information please don’t hesitate to ring me.

Student Support Group (SSG)
Early this term, teachers will be contacting parents by phone to discuss any issues you may have and to let you know about your child’s progress with their program. Please let your child’s teacher know if you have any equipment issues and your therapist will contact you. Of course, if you would like to have a face-to-face meeting please let us know and we will arrange it.
Teachers will keep minutes of this streamlined process and send you a copy.
We aim to keep in touch formally once per term. At the end of this term, you will receive a written report and in Term 3 we have a pupil free reporting day. Save the date - Wednesday 24th July.

Equipment day
This Clinic Day has been organised for next Wednesday, 24th April. It will be a convenient opportunity to view and trial a range of equipment from various suppliers. As well therapists will be presenting an information session for parents about manual handling, including the use of slings and hoists. Please see the item in the newsletter.

Senior and junior activities at lunch break
A range of activities has been organised for students at lunchtime “play”. On different days, we have music, movies, reading corner, sensory books, table activities. The senior students’ Common Room is a great venue for some of these activities.

Joan Anson

Thought you may be interested in this great article after Louise’s appearance at the Senate Committee

Mum of disabled teen pushes case for sterilisation
Updated Thu Mar 28, 2013 9:07am AEDT

The mother of a severely disabled teenager has told a senate hearing that her daughter will never be capable of making a fully informed decision about whether or not to be sterilised.
Louise Robbins is a full time carer for her 16-year-old daughter Eliza who suffers a degenerative neurological disease and has the mental capacity of a three-year-old.

Mrs Robbins says that there is no way her daughter would ever be able to make a fully informed decision about sterilisation.

Mrs Robbins has told the inquiry that, just as she makes every other decision about her daughter’s care, she should have input into this one.

She says that sterilisation should be considered case by case by a tribunal, and not through legislation.
At our Easter Fest on March 28th we enjoyed a fantastic morning of Music, Art, Celebration, Hot Cross Buns and Chocolate.

We all enjoyed the Festival venue (the Hall) which had been ably decorated with the students’ own artwork, and the Easter egg hunt around the school before settling in for morning tea of Hot Cross Buns and then our Musical Festival Concert. Students demonstrated some amazing group musical items and we all participated in dancing and singing throughout the concert, creating our own Festival atmosphere.

Big thanks to the Events Team for co-ordinating this morning as well as those who organised our very successful Easter raffle.

Also thanks to our Hot Cross Bun cooks—Keith and Wendy Spragg, and Melinda Meade for organising a donation of Hot Cross Buns from the Hot bread Shop for our morning tea. This was a real celebratory end to the first term.
Junior Student Award

This certificate is awarded to

Angela M

for

Swimming achievements. Angela can dive into the pool from the poolside and swim dog paddle independently.

Senior Student Award

This certificate is awarded to

Eliza R-B

for

Her gorgeous singing at the Easter Festival. Thank you Eliza.
For the families who use thickening products on a regular basis, there is now a new product available! It’s called **Instant Thick** and is made by Flavour Creations (the same producers as Easy Thick Advanced, the product we currently use at Belmore School).

Some of the benefits include:

- It doesn’t clump as easily
- Quickly dissolved
- Can be kept in fridge for up to 24 hours
- No added sugar (compared to low sugar in Easy Thick Advanced)
- Completely transparent when dissolved
- **NO TASTE**

Flavour Creations has kindly supplied Yooralla with some samples, so if anyone is interested in trialling this new product give your Speech Pathologist a call (9819 7332) or call Nick at Flavour Creations directly on 0427 126 077 and he will be happy to send you some samples.

Or you can visit their website at:


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**Equipment Clinic**

Just a reminder re Equipment Clinic Day next week on

**Wednesday 24th April**

**10.00am—1.00pm**
Tuesday 7th May, 11.00 am Belmore School
Eastern Access App Development
Parents We Need Your Help!

Parents are invited to come along and assist David Williams to develop a wonderful resource for our community. If you can spare some time your valuable insight would be beneficial.

RSVP to Belmore School on phone, 9859 8762

The purpose of this project is to provide information to improve mobility for people with a disability in the form of a mobile app. The project has been proposed to provide an alternative to Mobility Maps. Mobility Maps are often developed by local councils, however they are expensive and the information they contain can very quickly go out of date.

The App would aim to cover the Eastern Metropolitan Region and possible other neighbouring municipality and could possibly contain information including:

- Accessible toilets (including specific information about whether the toilets contains a ceiling hoist and change table)
- Accessible parking
- Recharge points
- Accessible playgrounds
- Community facilities, e.g. libraries, neighbourhood houses, community centres, leisure and aquatics centres (particularly identifying those that have accessible facilities)
- Other accessible venues in the community

Council is keen to hear from parents about the types of accessible location parents and careers look for when planning outings or daily activities. We would also like further information and suggestions from our community members on what they think of this idea and on what ‘layers’ would that be beneficial.

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Jed, Sharon and Kate completed this event last year and managed to raise over $1700 due to the generous donations of friends and family. As you can see by the photo, Jed walked in his walker last year. He alternated between his wheelchair and his walker for the 5km—of course he chose his walker for the glory finish!

We would LOVE for more families to walk with us in this year’s 2013 event. More people=More donations=More $ for Belmore School:)
Are you webWise?

We are now offering FREE of charge cyber-safety sessions to parents of people with disability. Learning what your children do on the internet can be hard and can lead to parents feeling lost, kids feeling untrustworthy and could lead to serious trouble.

In our 90 minute webWise sessions we will present to parents what their kids are doing and how they can keep on top of it with also having a good time and learning new things. Topics we will cover are: Cyber-bullying, Privacy, Sexting, Facebook, Scams, and positive internet use.

Topics to be covered include:

- Social Networking
- Cyberbullying
- Sexting & Mobile phones
- Online Scams

For further information or to book one of our sessions, please contact: Jarrod Marrinon, webWise Coordinator.
Email: ydasjarrod@yacvic.org.au or Phone: (03) 9267 3716
NOTICE BOARD

DISABILITY Respite & Recreation EXPO 2013

FOR PARENTS AND CARERS LIVING IN THE SOUTH DIVISION

Find out more about opportunities for people with a disability

- Respite Options
- Recreation & Arts Info
- A Large Variety of Stalls

Tuesday 23rd April
10am - 2pm

Phoenix Park Community Centre
22 Rob Roy Road
Malvern East

MELWAYS REF: 69 D2

FREE EVENT

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

Interpreters available on request

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18/04/2013
Basketball Program in Boronia
Come Along and Get Out on the Court!
Give it a Shot!!
Starts April 27th 2013

A new and exciting Basketball Program starting in Boronia!!

“Program Development for All Abilities” is providing you the opportunity to learn new basketball skills and drills as well as playing a match each session.

Sportsmanship, teamwork and personal skills.

Come along, be active, meet new friends or bring old friends!! Basketball’s a team sport!! Don’t Miss Out!!

Nine Week Basketball Program in Boronia: Term 2 2013
Saturday’s at 10.00am – 11.00am
@ Boronia K-12 College, Rangeview Road, Boronia.
April 27th. May 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th. June 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd.

Book in for the program now!!
Contact Kathryn on Mob 0411 125 517 or email on kathrynhay@optusnet.com.au

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NOTES
Carers for one-on-one are NOT provided. If a carer is needed you need to organise this.
Belmore School Council Update

The School Council had its Annual Reporting meeting and a regular School Council meeting late last term on Thursday 21st of March.

At the Annual Reporting meeting, the School Council reviewed its membership, re-elected the main office bearers and approved the 2012 Annual Report to the School Community. The Council had received applications for two new parent members and we are looking forward to them joining the school council. Once our new members have been confirmed, I will provide an updated list of all school council members following our next meeting in May. During the re-election of the main office bearers, Michael Havekotte was re-elected as School Council President and Guy Fazzino was elected as Vice President. On a personal note, I have found it to be a very rewarding experience to be part of the Belmore School Council, and I look forward to another year of leading and coordinating such a dedicated and supportive group of people that make up the Belmore School Council. The 2012 Annual Report to the School Community is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development standard report that all schools in Victoria are required to produce and provides high level information about Belmore School, its performance against the areas of Student Learning, Student Engagement and Wellbeing and Student Pathways and Transitions. The report also provides the summary financial position of Belmore School for 2012 and is accessible via the website at http://www.belmoresc.vic.edu.au/. During the Annual Reporting meeting we also expressed appreciation and thanks to two retiring school council members, Kelly Lloyd-Vanni and Andrew Jeffrey. Kelly has been involved with the school council over many years, and she has always been a strong advocate for both Belmore School and disability advocacy generally. Andrew provided valuable input into school council, and has also been very generous with his ‘hands on’ assistance to the school including coordinating various fund raising activities, improving the sound proofing in the school gym, and installing the 50th birthday celebration mural in the courtyard space. We thank Kelly and Andrew for their invaluable support to school council and look forward to further their ongoing support through the broader school community.

During the regular School Council meeting, the regular reports that are presented to council at each meeting were discussed. These include a Principal's report from Joan, a Health and Safety report, a report from Yooralla and the regular Finance reports. Our website host had also provided a review and evaluation of the school's website and all of the recommendations that they made have been implemented.

Until the next update,

Michael Havekotte
Belmore School Council President