Dates to Remember

- Thursday 7th March: Splinting Clinic
- Monday 11th March: Labour Day Holiday
- Wednesday 13th March: Immunisation Day
- Monday 18th March: Hairdresser Visit
- Thursday 21st March 1.30-3.00pm: Centrelink Entitlement Session
- Thursday 21st March: School Council
- Monday 25th March: Splinting Clinic
- Wednesday 27th March 7-8.30pm: FFYA - Information Session
- Thursday 28th March: End Term 1
- Monday 15th April: Term 2 Commences
- Wednesday 24th April: Equipment Clinic Day
- Thursday 25th April: Anzac Day Holiday

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**Free Family Event**

Belmore School has been invited to attend a special screening at the Hoyts Cinemas, Chadstone.

The morning consists of an hour of children’s entertainment from 9.00-10.00am including face painting, balloon twisting and Star Wars characters, followed by the movie Wreck-It Ralph.

There will be a ticket for everyone in the family and they will also receive popcorn and a drink.

Kidsflix is **free** event for children and young people living with a chronic illness, disability or in a disadvantaged situation and their family. The invited child’s immediate family (i.e. siblings, parents, carers) are also part of the experience at no cost.

Children's Name: __________________________________________

Wheelchair space required?  Y/N

Number of Tickets required?: __________

Room: _______

Please tear off and return to school to order your tickets (Kidsflix: March 16th Wreck it Ralph)
Belmore Kid Wins Car
This is the most exciting news for our school community for quite some time. I’d like to thank everyone from the school community and the special schools in Victoria who got on board and voted for Elliott. Everyone is really happy for you Liv! Liv also created a wonderful opportunity to showcase Belmore through Channel 10 and “The Project” this past Monday night. If you missed it, you can catch Liv, Elliott, and our Room 3 stars on the link on our website at www.belmoresc.vic.edu.au It was a lovely positive story, profiling Elliott’s charm and Liv’s grit and determination (and charm).

School Council
Congratulations to the following members of school Council who have been re-elected -
  Michael Havekotte
  Michael has been a very successful School Council President, bringing his invaluable experience of the workings of big bureaucracy. He has led negotiations with Yooralla and has helped to make Council meetings more efficient.
  Jan Welsh
  What can I say, she’s perfect.
School council membership now is -
Michael Havekotte, Helen Tossell, Guy Fazzino, Jan Welsh, Rose Ngai, Joan Anson. These people work together in a very cohesive and effective team to support Belmore School.

I would like to thank retiring members of School Council. They have both provided extraordinary service to our school.
  Kelly Lloyd-Vanni (Tom’s Mum) has been on School Council for many years. Her insight and steady advice has been invaluable to the workings of Council. She has been a wonderful parent representative. I would like to thank her personally for her always wise counsel.
  Andrew Jeffrey has been a recent addition to Council. He has always been an enthusiastic hands-on volunteer. Some of his recent projects include organising sausage sizzles at Bunnings, building sound proofing, organising and collating parent surveys, and running last year’s Fathers’ Day barbeque.

Visiting Trainee Teacher from Germany
Elizabeth (Lisa) Hubereli has come all the way from Germany to do a placement at Belmore School. A relative of Zoe’s was talking to a friend of Lisa’s about how wonderful Belmore School is when they were both overseas on holidays last year. Our reputation preceded us, and Lisa got in touch last year and organised to spend the rest of Term 1 with us. Lisa will be based in Room 7, but will be visiting all our classes. Welcome Lisa and thanks to Zoe’s family.

Music in the playground
On Fridays at lunchtime break, Paul plays his guitar and sings with all the students outside in the sunshine. Great fun for everyone.

Joan Anson
Room 2 has had an exciting start to 2013. We began our Term 1 theme of Festivals with our own festivities on day 1, celebrating Hannah’s 8th Birthday.

We also welcomed a new class assistant, Dani, and a new Student, Ollie, to our class. Ollie came in on the first day with a smile and he quickly decided he was in the right place when Hannah’s Birthday celebrations began with not one but two cakes! He has quickly become a part of the Room 2 Team.

On February 6th, we also got into the spirit of Waitangi Day celebrating the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi in New Zealand. Our Music Therapist and resident Kiwi, Megan, helped us to celebrate with a special music session using the poi (which involves swinging tethered weights through a variety of rhythmical and geometric patterns) and tap sticks which we enjoyed tapping rhythmically to the beat of the music.

Room 2 are looking forward to lots of fun and learning together in 2013.
By: Maddison, Hannah, Khristina, George, Ollie, Eric, Connie, Maureen and Dani.
Come and Join us for our Easter Festival!

March 28th
10.00 am - 12.00 noon

Featuring:
- Student’s Artwork
- Student Musical Showcase
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Hot cross Buns for Morning Tea

RSPV by March 26th
belmore.sch@edumail.vic.gov.au

Entry is by gold coin donation

CENTRELINK DISABILITY ENTITLEMENT Information Session

If your child is 15 or over then you need to come to this session.

March 21 Thursday 1.30-3.00pm at Belmore School Meeting Room

A representative from Centrelink, Department of Human Services will conduct an information session, discussing the eligibility and application process for various entitlement for students with disabilities who will turn 16 years of age. Applications can be made when students are 15 years old.

Parents and carers are welcome and encouraged to attend. You can inform the school by writing in your child’s communication book including the number of people attending. The classroom teacher will pass on the information to Rose Ngai, the FFYA coordinator.

FUTURES FOR YOUNG ADULTS (FFYA) Information Session

Important for students who are turning 18 years old this year and are living in the Eastern Region.

March 21 Thursday 1.30-3.00pm at Belmore School

An information sheet and reply slip will come home with the related students. Parents, carers, teaching staff and therapists who are interested in the information sessions are welcome to join us.

Thank you for your support to this first part of the transition process.

Rose Ngai - FFYA Coordinator
Junior Student Award

This certificate is awarded to

Abbey T

for

Fantastic sitting, balance and holding her head up high for long periods of time at horse riding.
Abbey especially loves it when the horse is trotting.

Senior Student Award

This certificate is awarded to

Eliza R

for

Exceptional independent work in Music Therapy
Dates are set for term one

Thursday 7th March
and
Monday 25th March

If your child is required to attend splinting clinic, we will notify you through a letter sent home with your child a few nights before. Once splinting clinic is complete, a post splinting clinic letter will be sent home to inform you about what was done in the previous splinting clinic, actions required post splinting clinic and purchase of splinting resources i.e. “Coolmax Socks”.

During splinting clinic our goals are either to assess whether your child requires splints or to review the current splints your child has and to modify them accordingly.

We currently have a large number of children on the splinting clinic waitlist and each child is prioritised according to urgency. As a result, this year we have increased the number of splinting clinic days from two per term to three per term to ensure that all our children are seen.

If you have any concerns about your child’s splints and would like them reviewed please contact your OT to ensure they are on the list!

Your OTs
Carli Subel and Leah Picking

Equipment Clinic

Wednesday 24th March
Time: 10.00am – 1.00pm
Education Session: 10.30-11.00am

Education Session: This will be on manual handling, Use of hoists and Types of slings available. Items being brought in will include bathing, bedding, walkers and wheelchairs.

*Please speak to your Therapists if this time doesn’t suit you. Letters will be sent out to families the 2nd last week of Term 1.
You are invited to a two day workshop on:

**Imagining and planning for the future under a NDIS**

**What will the workshop cover?**

The workshop will provide an update on the NDIS, explore the NDIS as a living system and ways to influence and shape your own future within the system, and a process for turning good ideas into action.

**Where and when?**

- **Melbourne**
  - 11 & 18 March (10.00am – 3.30pm) at Trinity College Old Warden’s Lodge (OWL), Royal Parade, Parkville, VIC
  - 3 & 4 April (10.00am – 3.30pm) at Trinity College Old Warden’s Lodge (OWL), Royal Parade, Parkville, VIC

- **Benalla**
  - 20 & 27 March (10.00am – 3.30pm) at Redgum Room, Lakeside Community Centre, Arundel St Benalla, VIC

- **Bendigo**
  - 23 & 24 April (10.00am – 3.30pm) at Amicus, 1-3 Cecil St Bendigo, VIC

- **Ballarat**
  - 25 & 26 April (10.00am – 3.30pm) at Brace ITC, 204-206 Windermere Street, Ballarat, VIC

**How do I register for a workshop?**

Please fill out the below registration form completely and email to [valmae@futurebydesign.net.au](mailto:valmae@futurebydesign.net.au) no later than one week before your workshop. Please note: numbers for each workshop are limited, so register early!

**Registration form**

- **Your name:**
- **Email:**
- **Location of workshop:**
- **Time:** 10.00 am - 3.30 pm
- **Date:**
- **Phone:**
- **Your role (person with disability, family member, carer, support worker etc.):**
- **Any specific assistance needed (including any specific dietary requirements):**

These workshops have been made possible through funding provided by FaHCSIA, as part of the National Disability Insurance Scheme Practical Design Fund (PDF). The objective of the PDF is to tap into existing sector knowledge and expertise to identify practical solutions and innovative approaches to assist people with disability, their families and carers, the disability workforce and service organisations in the transition to a NDIS. **If you have any queries, please contact Valmae Rose on 0417 300 146.**
Nurse Ali Says...

Reminder:
Immunisations for Students is Next Week

Keep Happy and Healthy, Ali

Can you help?

Our Drum Kit is in desperate need of replacement.

If you have a drum kit at home that is not being used, or know of one, we’d love to have it donated for our student here at Belmore.

If you can help please contact Megan in the Music Therapy Room.