Diary Dates
Friday 20 February    Whole School assembly 2pm to 3pm
Monday 9 March       Labour Day holiday
Tuesday 10 March     School Council Meeting 7.30pm
Tuesday 17 March     OrthoKids clinic
Thursday 19 March    Family Night 5pm to 7pm
Friday 27 March      Whole School Assembly 1.45pm
Friday 27 March      End Term 1 — 2.30pm finish
Friday 3 April       Good Friday
Monday 6 April       Easter Monday
Monday 13 April      Term 2

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Urgent Reminder
Please ensure that all the listed forms are completed and returned to the school by Friday 27th February:
1. Medical
2. Student Family Details
3. Transport
4. Hydrotherapy
5. Local excursion
6. Yooralla
7. Religious Instruction

Supporting students with physical disabilities and/or health impairments to learn since 1962
SSG Meetings
Class teachers and therapists along with Jan and I have appreciated the opportunity to meet with the parents of our students at the SSG meetings held so far this week. While the learning programs and individualised goals planned for your child this year are central to the discussion, it is also a wonderful opportunity to meet with and get to know the key staff working with your child. We value your attendance at this first of our planned SSG meetings for the year, so if you haven’t yet done so could you please book an appointment via the School Interviews booking system or contact Kim at reception.

Permission Slips
It is important that our parents are aware of and approve the specialised enrichment programs your child may be involved in as part of their educational curriculum. When these activities, such as hydrotherapy, community access programs or excursions, are planned you will be provided with full details of the program – dates, times, staff attending, cost etc. Generally a permission form will be attached to this information which will need to be signed and returned to school. We are unable to involve your child in the program if your permission is not received, so please ensure your child doesn’t miss out by returning the permission slip promptly to school. Our staff greatly appreciates your co-operation with this request as we do not wish for any student at Belmore School to miss out on one of these specialised learning opportunities.

Please take the time to read class 5B’s article on their community access program to Flinders Street station to find out more about the learning opportunities these programs provide.
Principal’s Desk

Where a program operates for an ongoing period, such as hydrotherapy, only one permission slip needs to be signed granting your approval. If there is ever a reason that you do not wish for your child to participate in the program on a particular day then you would inform the teacher of this through your child’s communication book or via email to the class teacher.

Health Awareness

As you would be aware Belmore School specifically supports the learning opportunities for students with significant health impairments. We are certainly aware of our responsibilities to ensure the health of all our students is not compromised and work hard to prevent cross infection. The Royal Children’s Hospital has requested that we ask parents to inform us immediately if your child contacts chicken pox, meningococcal or tuberculosis infections. This information will be held in the strictest confidence as we all work together to ensure that Belmore School is a safe and healthy learning environment.

Take care...... Karen
School Council President’s Report

The Belmore School Council met for the first time this year on Thursday 12th February. Most of the meeting was taken up with 'business as usual' activities, however we were pleased to hear from Karen about how well our five new foundation students have been settling into their class and programs. We also had an update about the new uniforms which will be available shortly.

If you haven't attended a Family Night before (or even if you have), can I encourage you to attend our next family night on Thursday 19th March from 5-7pm. They are always a great evening with lots of activities, laughter, and fun, and they are a good opportunity for families to catch up with others and to make new acquaintances.

Finally, a reminder that anyone is invited to attend school council meetings as a visitor or observer. If you've ever wondered what goes on at school council meetings, or if you have any ideas to share with school council, please feel free to come along. The next school council meeting will be on Tuesday 10th March at 7.30pm. If you'd like to know the dates and times for any future school council meetings, please enquire with Kim or Lynda in the school office.

Michael Havekotte
Literacy
We have literacy everyday where the students are learning to read their names and the names of the other students. The students are learning how to greet each other and say ‘hello’. We have reading everyday and we write our names in our books every day. We have ‘Take Home Readers’ that we choose from our book box.

Numeracy
Our whole day seems to involve counting. We are learning to count up to 10. Some of us can count up to 20 and then up to 30. We are learning about colours and who likes which colours. We are becoming familiar with the days of the week and which days are school days and which days we have off!

Lunch time
At lunchtime everyone sits at a big table. We all have our own place mats with our name on them. We have our lunches in our own tubs or in the fridge. The class has a microwave. This means that I can have food heated up, like leftovers. It’s fun to eat with my new classmates! We are learning to clean up and put away our food and lunch boxes.

Hand task Activities
On Friday we have a session with play dough. It’s fun but messy sometimes. We also have fun with hand cream ‘squishing’ the cream between our fingers. Sometimes we paint pictures and sometimes we paint the windows with water when it’s really hot!
Classroom Update - 5B

Class 5B’s Community Access program began on Tuesday 10th February, 2015. What is Community Access? AusVELS (the Australian Curriculum in Victoria) has a strand called Physical, Personal and Social Learning and this strand has the domain of Civics and Citizenship. For Community Access we are focusing on the dimension of community engagement within the Civics and Citizenship domain. This dimension focuses on the development of skills and behaviours students need to interact with the community and to engage with organisations and groups. Some of the outcomes the students are working towards include encounter and respond to experiences in the school community, listening to and following teacher directions when undertaking activities in the community, beginning to display appropriate behaviours when in the community and demonstrating an understanding of the behavioural expectations associated with visiting a variety of places in the community.

With these outcomes as our goals, we set out on our first excursion with a visit to Flinders Street Station. We had a guided tour with Kathy from Meltours who had lots of information, photos and drawings to share with us. We met Kathy ‘under the clocks’ at Flinders Street, the historic and popular place for meeting people, which we had talked about at length prior to our excursion.

We learned some interesting facts like Flinders Street is 105 years old (which answered a question the students had thought of). Prior to mechanization of the clocks there was a person who changed the times on the clocks up 900 times per day depending on the train schedules. We all thought that was amazing! Other questions that were answered were the number of trains per day (1500) and how many people used the trains (120,000).

We toured the platforms, saw lots of trains and people and visited the Travellers Aid Centre so we would know where we could go if we needed help.

We finished the excursion with lunch at Federation Square. As a bonus, we were able to see some beautiful works of art through the windows of the Ian Potter Centre.

Betty Roberts
The School Leadership Team was very pleased to receive applications from a number of our Secondary Learning Area students who wished to be considered for Student Leader positions for 2015.

Students contributed many suggestions about what they would do if selected as a student leader.

Our decisions were quite difficult, as there were many wonderful ideas in each application.

Students who will be leaders were very pleased with themselves, and those who were not selected accepted the news well and with maturity, and congratulated their friends.

We will be announcing the students who were successful with their application at the School Assembly on Friday, February 20th, at 2.00pm.

Parents of student leaders have been contacted, and we hope some are able to attend.

As always, parents of any of our students are welcome to attend the assembly.

Jan Welsh
Immune Deficiencies Foundation Australia

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FREE Event for the Special Needs & Disadvantaged Kids of Melbourne!
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Once again the Immune Deficiencies Foundation Australia is pleased to present the amazing International Entertainment Show RAZZA-MA-TAZZ! – A FREE Live Production Comedy Show for the Special Needs and Disadvantaged Kids of Melbourne.

The 2015 RAZZA-MA-TAZZ Show is a madcap cavalcade of comedy to be held at the MELBOURNE CONVENTION & EXHIBITION CENTRE on SATURDAY 9 MAY 2015.

RAZZA-MA-TAZZ is a live theatre show featuring award winning & international performers, blended with gorgeous dancers in spectacular costumes... acts of mayhem, comedy & magic create a variety show that is fun for the entire family!

This FREE Show is complimentary of Immune Deficiencies Foundation Australia and would not be possible without the Sponsorship & Support of Melbourne’s Local Business Community.

WHERE & WHEN!

MELBOURNE CONVENTION CENTRE
1 Convention Centre Pl. South Wharf 3006
SATURDAY 9 MAY 2015 (2 Shows)
1.00pm & 4.00pm
(Show Duration Approx. 1 Hour with NO Interval)

*PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW MANY TICKETS YOU REQUIRE*

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* PLEASE RETURN YOUR TICKET ORDER BY __/__/2015

CHILDS NAME _____________________________________________

PARENTS NAME ___________________________________________

* PLEASE RETURN YOUR ORDER TO YOUR SCHOOL/ORGANISATION.
**NO INDIVIDUAL ORDERS IF POSSIBLE PLEASE.
Information and Notices regarding
Career Planning & Transition

Pathways Expo

- at Diamond Valley SDS on Tuesday 3rd March, 4pm-5pm. (Information will be provided from the Transition coordinator of Diamond Valley SDS. Teaching staff, parents and carers are invited to attend.)

- at Bulleen Heights School on Tuesday, 24th March, 1.30pm – 6pm

Open Day & Evening

Onemda Wednesday 11th March, 6.30pm
Onemda LEAP-Friday 27th March,
10.30am-12.00noon

(Please see the next page, for more information)
**OPEN EVENING**

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**Open Evening**
- Tour our campus
- Orientate with service options
- Explore our unique personalized programs
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**Wednesday**
11th of March
6.30pm

123 Andersons Creek Road
Doncaster East

Bookings essential
9842 1955
onemda@onemda.com.au

**rsvp by 7/3/2015**

**MISSION**
Onemda strives to enhance the quality of life of people with an intellectual disability by providing support, experiences and interactions to develop skills and enrich lives.

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**You are cordially invited to the OPEN DAY**

**at**

![LEAP logo](image)

Friday 27th of March
From 10:30 - 12 Noon
Morning tea will be provided

3/284 Thompsons Road
Lower Templestowe

rsvp by 21st March
9842 1955
leannec@onemda.com.au

**POST SCHOOL OPTIONS**
**EXPO FOR STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY**

**MINI EXPO**

**Ballan Heights School**
Secondary School Campus
211 Manningham Road
Lower Templestowe 3107

**Tuesday 24th March 2015**
12.00 - 6.00pm

**Where:**
Ballan Heights School
Secondary School Campus
211 Manningham Road,
Lower Templestowe 3107

**What:**
Mini expo provides for

- Information on:
  - Vocational & Further Education
  - TAFE Colleges
  - Further Education for Young Adults
  - TAFE Services
  - Supported Employment & Employment Support Services
  - Individualised programs

**Time:**
12.00 - 6.00pm

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Birthday’s at Belmore

Belated birthday wishes to Glenn (7A), Ben (5B) and Hannah (4P) who celebrated their birthdays in January

Tuesday 17 March
OrthoKids Clinic
Please speak to Liz our physiotherapist before this date if you think your child’s orthoses need reviewing

Wanted

I am looking for small green plastic “Sprite” drink bottles to use in the Music Therapy room.
If you have any, could you please send them into school.

Thank-you,
Megan Spragg
Music Therapist

“10 Green Bottles”

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!