## Belmore School News

### 9th February 2017

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### DIARY DATES

- **Mon 13 February**...SLC Parent Info. Session
- **Thu 16 February**...School Council 7.00pm
- **Fri 24 February**...School Assembly 2.15pm
- **Mon 13 March**...Labour Day holiday
- **Thu 16 March**...School Council A.G.M 7.00pm
- **Thu 23 March**...Family Night 5.00pm-7.00pm
- **Thu 30 March**...PLC sleepover at School
- **Fri 31 March**...School Assembly 2.00pm
- **Fri 31 March**...End Term 1, finish 2.30pm
- **Fri 14 April**...Good Friday holiday
- **Mon 17 April**...Easter Monday holiday
- **Tue 18 April**...Term 2 starts
- **Tue 25 April**...Anzac Day holiday
- **Fri 5 May**...School Assembly 2.15pm
- **Fri 12 May**...Mothers’ Day afternoon tea
- **Fri 2 June**...School Assembly 2.15pm
- **Mon 12 June**...Queen’s Birthday holiday
- **Fri 30 June**...School Assembly 2.00pm
- **Fri 30 June**...End Term 2 finish 2.30pm
- **Mon 17 July**...Term 3 starts
- **Fri 4 August**...School Assembly 2.15pm
- **Fri 1 September**...Fathers’ Day breakfast
- **Fri 22 September**...School Assembly 2.00pm
- **Fri 22 September**...End Term 3 finish 2.30pm
- **Mon 9 October**...Term 4 starts

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Principal’s Desk

Welcome
Welcome to the first Belmore School Newsletter for 2017. Our newsletter is an important means of connecting with our school community – particularly the parents of our students. Please take the time to read the newsletter and take note of the important information or dates included, reflect on the wonderful programs or activities outlined or take pride in the achievements of our students which are highlighted.

In 2017 we will be producing the newsletter on a fortnightly basis. We are also planning to move to an online format so in preparation we will no longer be printing hard copies of the newsletter. The newsletter will be emailed home every second Friday or you can access it on the Belmore School website via the following link: www.belmoresc.vic.edu.au Please contact Fiona Allen allen.fiona.a@edudmail.vic.gov.au if this change may cause you difficulty.

Primary Learning Centre Welcome Drinks
It was lovely to welcome many of our parents to our Primary Learning Centre Welcome Drinks on Wednesday evening. This was a wonderful occasion for parents and staff to meet in a relaxed environment and get to know each other and the school. Thank you to all parents and staff who attended with a special mention to Patricia and Penny who organised the event.

Secondary Learning Centre Information Evening
I look forward to meeting with the parents of our Secondary Learning Centre students next Monday 13\textsuperscript{th} February at 7.00pm where we will introduce our new teachers and provide you with information on the SLC Core+ Program and the exciting new initiatives planned for this year.

Family Night
Another important event in our school calendar is Family Night which is planned for Thursday 23\textsuperscript{rd} March. Please save the date in your diary as this is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a range of fun activities at school with your child while taking the opportunity to meet and socialise with the many delightful members of our school community.

SSG Meetings
Our first formal Student Support Group (SSG) meeting for our students will be held over the two weeks between Monday 22\textsuperscript{nd} February and Friday 4\textsuperscript{th} March. Class teachers and therapists are currently finalising the Individual Learning Plan (ILP) they are developing for your child. The ILP provides an overview of your child’s learning focus for the year and outlines the individual goals established in each of their curriculum programs. This SSG meeting is designed for you to have input into the establishment of these goals and to ensure you are familiar with the learning programs your child is involved in at school. It is also an opportunity for you to discuss the priorities you have for your child and share any other important information you believe the classroom team needs to know.

Information has been sent home this afternoon regarding Student Support Group meetings and the online booking process. The ‘school interviews’ website will be open from Saturday 11\textsuperscript{th} February to Friday 17\textsuperscript{th} February for you to book a time which bests suits you.
Principal’s Desk

CSEF – Camp, Sports and Excursions Fund
A notice was distributed to all families earlier this week detailing the Camp, Sports and Excursions Fund – CSEF. This is an annual, one off payment by the Victorian Government to eligible families to help cover the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities.

Eligible families are those who hold one of the following:
• Veterans Affairs Gold Card
• Centrelink Health Care Card
• Pensioner Concession Card
• Temporary foster parent

Completed applications are required to be lodged by Tuesday 28th February. The CSEF is then paid directly to the school and will be allocated by us towards excursion, sports or camp costs for your child.

Emergency Management
As you would be aware we constantly review and update our emergency management plan and practice its implementation should the need ever arise for us to use it. Part of our plan entails contacting parents in a timely manner. For this reason it is vitally important that you update our records should any of your personal details change or those of your two emergency contacts.

School Uniform
Finally I would like to reinforce that the wearing of the complete Belmore School uniform is compulsory for all students. The Belmore School Council introduced a compulsory school uniform for the following reasons:
• To promote a sense of identity and pride in Belmore School
• To promote cohesion and good order in our school
• To allow all students to feel equal
• To ensure students’ appearance reflects the expectations of our school community
• To strengthen the spirit of community within our school
• To ensure all students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
• To encourage students to develop pride in their appearance

There has been a level of leniency allowed on the wearing of school uniform in the past, however in 2017 I am expecting that every child attending Belmore School wears their school uniform every day.

A summary sheet of the uniform options is included in this newsletter along with the order form. The next order will be placed on Wednesday 1st March, so if you do not have all the required items please submit your order to Kim in reception by Tuesday 28th February. State Schools Relief is available to support with financing the uniform if you are having difficulty. Please contact Kim or myself if you would like assistance through this wonderful organisation.

Take care... Karen
Dear Parents,

You are invited to attend a parent information session for the Secondary Learning Centre on Monday 13th February at 7.00pm. We encourage your attendance to meet the teachers and find out more about the SLC Core+ Program and the exciting new initiatives planned for this year.

Yours sincerely,

Rose Ngai
Secondary Learning Centre Leader

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Secondary Learning Centre - Information Evening
Monday 13th February

Student name: ................................................................. Class:.................................

Parent name(s): ..................................................................................................

____ will attend the SLC information session.

____ will not attend the SLC information session.

Signature:.................................................................................................
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)
School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION
For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
School Uniform

Details of the school uniform are as follows:

**Girls Summer**
- White/navy/green check school dress
- Short sleeve teal green polo shirt
- Navy shorts or skirt
- Navy polar fleece vest
- Navy polar fleece jacket
- White or navy blue socks
- School Hat

**Boys Summer**
- Short sleeve teal green polo shirt
- Navy shorts
- Navy trousers
- Navy polar fleece vest
- Navy polar fleece jacket
- White or navy blue socks
- School hat

**Girls Winter**
- Long or short sleeve teal green polo shirt
- Navy track pants
- Navy Bootleg pants
- Navy polar fleece vest
- Navy polar fleece jacket

**Boys Winter**
- Long or short sleeve teal green polo shirt
- Navy track pants
- Navy trousers
- Navy polar fleece vest
- Navy polar fleece jacket

**Boys Gabardine Trousers**

Please note:
- **Shoes are optional to support individual student’s physical requirements.**
- **All polo tops, jackets and vests are to display the Belmore School logo.**
School Uniform

- Short Sleeved Polo Shirt
- Shorts
- Wide Brimmed Hat
- Polar Fleece Vest
- Polar Fleece Jacket

Items not pictured:
Legionnaire Hat, Long sleeve polo shirt, micromesh sports polo and track pants.
# Uniform Price List and Order Form

## Student Name ____________________________________________

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Total amount enclosed $______________

Orders must be returned to school by **Friday 24th February**

Please be mindful when selecting sizes, items may not always be exchanged from Belmore School stock.

Payment to be made in full for your order to be processed.

_______Cash

_______Cheque

Please make cheque payable to Belmore School

_______Direct Deposit

Belmore School Council Official Account

BSB: 633-000 Account Number: 132361874

Lodgement Reference: Student Name

Deposit Date: ……./……./2016
School Values

Learning Excellence Respect
BELMORE Teamwork Opportunity

Birthdays

Holiday Birthdays
Hannah
Stephanie
Glenn
Ben

Learning To Achieve