21 October 2016

The Belmore News

Diary Dates
Friday 28 October       School Assembly, 2.15pm
Monday 31 October       NDIS Individual Meetings
                        Booked appointment time needed
Thursday 3 November     ‘Music Count Us In’, 11.45am
Wednesday 9 November    School Photo Day
Thursday 10 November    School Council, 7.00pm
Wednesday 16 November   PLC Graduation afternoon tea, 2.00pm
Thursday 24 November    SLC Graduation Dinner, 7.00pm
Friday 25 November      School Assembly, 2.15pm
Wednesday 8 December    Belmore School Christmas Production
                        ‘A Very Belmore Christmas’, 2.00pm
Thursday 8 December     School Council, 6.30pm
Sunday 11 December      End of Year Family Celebration
Monday 12 December      Awards morning
Monday 12 December      Drawing of the Christmas Raffle
Tuesday 20 December     School Assembly, 1.00pm
Tuesday 20 December     End Term 4, 1.30pm finish

Learning To Achieve

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2016 Production

‘A Very Belmore Christmas’
We will be exploring the elements of Christmas together.

We are looking for donations of boxes for props for the show, if you have any boxes at home that you don’t need could you send them into school for our students to make into set decorations.

Educating and supporting students with physical disabilities and/or health impairments to learn
Belmore School Communication System
Upon establishing Proloquo2Go to be Belmore School’s primary system of AAC, our speech pathologists, teachers and occupational therapists worked with our eLearning Co-ordinator to personalise Proloquo2Go to meet the needs of our students. While utilising the Crescendo Vocabulary due to its ease of access to core words, the ability to further personalise the categories was one of the features which appealed to us. We started by including the photos and names of all the students and staff in the school and then worked on developing the key language associated with each of our learning programs. This became the basis of our Belmore School Communication System.

At the beginning of Term 3 we were extremely fortunate to receive funding from PAHL (Painters and Hardware Legends) for the purchase of 26 iPad minis which were loaded with the Proloquo2go Application. This now enabled all staff in the school to be provided with the suitable tool to fully implement the Belmore School Communication System. Our launch in May was a celebration of the journey we had taken to achieve the establishment of a complete AAC system to implement throughout the school as well as an introduction to the future possibilities we would be providing to enable our students to communicate, not only with adults, but also with their peers.
Principal’s Desk

To this point I would like to thank the communication team who worked extremely hard to develop the Belmore School Communication System, the Painters and Hardware Legends who provided the much needed funding to enable us to make such a significant one off purchase and the staff of Belmore School who have so positively embraced this new technology.

Student Health

Thirty of our wonderful staff participated in their annual CPR training on Wednesday evening to ensure they are equipped with the first aid skills to support student health at Belmore School. Our training was sponsored by our local Davis Pharmacy who are proud supporters of Belmore School. Thankyou so much to everyone for their positive involvement.

Take care......Karen
Hand Splint Health Check

Are you wearing your hand splints??

Some splints are designed to be worn when doing activities; others are worn to give the hand a stretch.

If your hand splint is designed to give the hand a stretch, it should be worn as often as possible (EVERYDAY) and will have best results if worn for at least 6-8 hours.

This includes holidays – if you have a splint worn during school hours, you should be wearing it for over the holidays too.

If you would like to request your splint be sent home for the end of year holidays, please contact your classroom teacher.

Are your hand splints getting small or not fitting too well??

Always check hands and forearms thoroughly after removing a hand splint. If there are any red areas that do not disappear after 20 minutes, contact your occupational therapist.

If you have any concerns that your splint isn’t fitting properly or Velcro is no longer sticking, contact your occupational therapist.

Are your hand splints getting smelly???

Please remember, thermoplastic hand splints can be washed in WARM (not hot!!) soapy water to keep them looking nice and clean. Keep them away from heaters!!

If removable, splinting straps can be pulled off and thrown into a washing machine.

Splinting socks can be thrown into the wash as well and will help to wick away moisture as the weather heats up.

Every student’s needs are unique, as are their splints and splinting regime – so if you have any questions or concerns about your child’s splint, (e.g. when they should be putting it on, how long they should be on for, how to care for it or if they should still be using it) please feel free to contact us at 9832 7000.

Thanks and Happy Splinting!!

Ruth and Naomi - The OT’s
Preparing them for Life

“Victorian Schools will have to assess students against four new non-academic capabilities – critical and creative thinking, personal and social abilities and intercultural and ethical skills.” according to ‘The Age’, Saturday 25 October 2016. “We don’t need all kids to know how to manipulate quadratic equations” according to Professor Lucas who has been working with the Victorian Assessment and Curriculum Authority.

It is reassuring to know that Belmore School is and has been implementing these new learning areas for some time.

What does the capabilities look like in 1P?

The students carry out their morning schedules or routines with the reduction of adult prompts until they are completely autonomous, know and have the confidence to complete a series of steps without the assistance or supervision of an adult. They ask for help calling the adult by name, with confidence and use familiar modeled phrases [Penny, I need help with ...]. In 1P ‘Personal and Social Capability’ may also be the ability to follow directions, to move from one activity to the next, to take turns with a partner or group or pack up on direction. Students may be observed inviting their mates to join in or offer help when needed.
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Call us or speak to your school staff about how we can help raise funds for your school.
School Photo Day

2016 School Photo Day will be on Wednesday November 9

Fundraising

2016 Christmas Hamper Raffle

Please keep those donations coming in!

Thank you to those people who have sent in items to be included in our 2016 Christmas Raffle.

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