



# Belgrave South Primary School Newsletter

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY

IMPORTANT DATES!!

## From the Principal...

Dear Parents and Carers,

### ***Open Day & School Tours***

Our Open Day is fast approaching and will be held during Education Week on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May between 9am and 11am. It is a wonderful opportunity for you to call in and visit the classrooms of your child and join in with the learning that is taking place. I hope you are able to join us on the day to see learning in action. We will also be holding tours on this day for families with children starting school next year. The school will be open on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May between 10:30am and 12:30pm to allow families of Foundation students to take tours as well.

A large number of future families have already taken a tour of our wonderful school and enrolled for 2019. If you have friends with kinder aged children, please encourage them to join us on one of these days for a tour. Our Foundation enrolments are filling fast.

### ***Mother's Day***

I would like to thank all of our parent helpers for making our Mother's Day stall a wonderful success. There will certainly be many happy Mum's on Sunday when they receive their special gifts. I would especially like to acknowledge the work of Karen Penwarden for her efforts in organising the stall and the great gifts that were on offer this year.

### May

Fri 25th - District Cross Country

Wed 30th - Winter Sports

### June

Tues 5th – Grade 5 & 6 Scienceworks  
Excursion

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> – Grade 3 & 4 Excursion to  
MCG

Mon 18th - Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> – Grade 5 Camp

### July

Mon 23rd – Grade 5 & 6 Hooptime

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> – Grade 3 & 4 Hooptime

### August

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Grade 1 & 2 Hooptime

### ***Mother's Day continued...***

I would like to wish all of our Mum's a very special day – it is a chance for us to think about the care and nurturing that our Mothers provide and to let our Mum's know how special they are. It is also a day to remember all the women who have played a pivotal role in every generation of our families.

### ***Compass School Manager – Parent Workshops***

I wrote in the newsletter last year that we were moving to the use of Compass School Manager to streamline student attendance processes, provide access to the school calendar of events for the whole year, approve participation in school events and communicate student progress through an easy to use online parent portal. You, as parents, will be able to log in and access information related to learning progress and school events anywhere at any time. It is a really exciting opportunity for us to be able to connect all of these features in a single parent access portal.

Compass will be live for our parents and guardians from the 7<sup>th</sup> June with our Semester 1 student report cards being distributed through the portal.

To support our parents in moving to the use of Compass, I will be holding parent workshops to guide you through logging in, locating the report cards, entering and approving student absences and checking what the current learning focus for your child is in each area of their learning program.

It is really important that parents who have not used Compass before attend a workshop session. The workshops will run for approximately half an hour and will be held on:

Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	2:30 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	2:30 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June (These sessions times are scheduled after School Disco drop-off timeslots.)	4:30 pm 5:15 pm 6:30 pm 7:15 pm

We will send home an RSVP slip for the workshops so that we know how many families to expect at each session. We have scheduled some of the sessions in alignment with the school disco sessions so that you can drop the kids off and attend a workshop session while you are waiting to pick them up.

### ***Changes to student report cards and Parent/Teacher Interviews***

Our student report cards will be changing to provide targeted teacher feedback for each topic studied in each subject area. The reports will provide more detailed feedback on skills and understandings that have been mastered and guidance around areas for further improvement. Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

From the beginning of Term 3, this feedback will be available to families at the end of each unit. Student progress information will be available 'live' and in an ongoing way throughout a school term rather than at the end of a semester. These changes are based on our intent to support students setting targeted learning goals and to increase in their ability to actively manage their learning. Feedback from our families also indicates that they would like to be able to support further learning at home.

### ***Curriculum Day***

Advance notice of our next scheduled Curriculum Day on the 15<sup>th</sup> June. We will continue our work around student wellbeing.

### ***Working Bee***

Thank you to the Rogerson and Hunt families and our staff for their efforts at our most recent working bee. The rain held off and allowed us to plant and paint in the Junior School courtyard, tidy up the fence line, mulch the fenced fruit trees, organise the gym storeroom and complete some playground maintenance work. We might have been small in number but we achieved a great deal.

**Have a wonderful week ahead.**

**Mr Stuart Boyle**

**Principal**

## **Curriculum News...**

### **The importance of Reading Aloud**



At our recent Reading Information Night, we spoke about the importance of reading aloud with and to your child even if they are in grade 6.

**When Parents & Teachers READ ALOUD to children they provide valuable opportunities such as:**

It gives our child the experience of what real reading is about

To think about the big ideas of others, of themselves, and the world

It allows our children to access to explore deeply – ideas and information

Allows the children to get INSIDE A BOOK

Your child may be able to understand the words (DECODING) but not the meaning so you are developing and supporting their comprehension understanding.

We free up our children to THINK

To imagine

Reading aloud offers us a chance to be fully present with our children. It also increases our kids' academic success and can inspire compassion.

## Reading aloud impacts on their independent reading by:

Learning to understand that REAL READERS pause to wonder, to think, to ask questions

Stories can affect us even change us

They see us REACT we help them walk through the shoes of others that may be radically different to themselves

It gives them the opportunity to think of other points of view

It gives everyone the chance to LOOK UP from our phones, TV and screens and connect with each other

Finally they learn to love reading and be a lifelong reader giving them one of the greatest GIFTS of all.



## Reading Support Program

### Making a Difference at Belgrave South Primary School

In 2013 we introduced a program for students who need additional support in reading. The program is called Toe by Toe and is presented in a book that the child uses each day. The child works one-to-one with a 'coach' for 15 minutes per day, 3 days per week.

This program was developed in the UK and has been extensively researched. We have found that the program has assisted our children to make significant progress in only a short time. This progress has also been sustained after the program was finished.

Teachers and Educational Support staff are working with several students across the school this term.

The program can also be taken by non-teachers, so we would like to ask if there are any parents, carers or grandparents willing and able to come up to the school for 15 minutes per day, 2- 4 days a week to support one child in reading. This would be a very rewarding program for both the child and the adult. We'd love the additional assistance in helping those students who need a little extra attention. Currently we have some volunteers from last year who have continued to work with our children this term. However, we need more volunteers to support this worthwhile program.


**If you would like to assist us with this very worthwhile program, please contact me.**

You don't need special qualifications, only patience and the desire to make a significance difference to young person's life.

**Thank you**

**Mrs Carol Ould**

**Assistant Principal**



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# **OPEN DAY**



**3 & 4  
YEAR-OLD  
KINDER**

**FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE**

**10AM – 1PM**



**LEN  
JEFFREY  
MEMORIAL  
PRESCHOOL**

**102 COLBY DRIVE  
BELGRAVE SOUTH  
9754 5965**





## Belgrave SOUTH OSHClub

10th May 2018

### Slime Recipe

1. Mix together 1/3 cup warm water, 1/2 cup Elmer's glue, and Kool-Aid or food colouring. Stir thoroughly with craft stick; set aside.

1. Mix together 3/4 cup warm water and 2 teaspoons Borax.

2. Remove glob from bowl and work in your hands for 2 to 3 minutes.

### Service Update

We are running the next holiday VACATION CARE in July 2018. program. Please log on to [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au) to reserve your spots!

### SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS!!!

We have moved to a new iPad sign in and out system due to the new Child Care Subsidy coming into effect from the 2nd July 2018. We thank all our parents that have been patient through this transition and we will continue to try to support you! Do call customer accounts or account related queries on 1300 395735

### Children's Reflections

" We loved making our own Tacos this term. We could choose from a range of fillings from carrots, tomatoes to shredded cheese, salsa and sour cream.... Yummy !"



### What's on for the rest of Term 2

Fun activities like Aboriginal Dot painting, treasure hunts, Dodgeball, Logic Puzzles and fun cooking tasks!

Service phone number: 0437 388 256

Coordinator: Swella Fernandes

Educators: Annalise Power, Linda White

# Belgrave South Primary School

The 2018/19 Entertainment book is selling now.

You'll receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and help our fundraising at the same time.

## Local businesses include:

Cameo Cinemas Belgrave, Subway, The Blacksmith, Curves, Puffing Billy Railway, Café 1551, Bakers Delight, Royal Ferntree Gully Hotel, On it Burgers and much much more.

Books cost \$70 and are available at the school office or you can order/pay online at

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/189b581>

***THANKYOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!***

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## Community Notices

**Music Lessons**

IN SCHOOL TIME  
START IMMEDIATELY

Drums  
Recorder  
Flute  
Clarinet  
Saxophone  
Trumpet  
Trombone  
Bass Guitar

Contact Andrew McAlister  
In Schools Music  
[asmusic@bigpond.com](mailto:asmusic@bigpond.com)  
0408 447 147

Private lessons  
\$29 half hour

### Piano Lessons at Belgrave South

Parent funded program



Learning a musical instrument has many benefits for a child's development. We offer one on one lessons or shared group of 2 for students of all ages. Performances are held during the year. Lessons are held during school time or after school times are also available. Please contact Shelley on 0417 390 489 or email: [keyboardkids@bigpond.com](mailto:keyboardkids@bigpond.com)

**COME AND TRY  
JOEY, CUBS,  
SCOUTS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Belgrave South Scout Group**  
We need enthusiastic kids from 5 years old

Where: 1st Belgrave South Scout Hall,  
Gilmore Court, Belgrave South

Free 'Come and Try' info session:  
Monday Nights

Call Keith on 0401 714 777 to register your interest



## KARATE

### ENROL NOW

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KANCHO Terry Lim 0418 809 808



## HAS YOUR CHILD JUST TURNED 3



Len Jeffrey Memorial Pre School in Belgrave South

Still has vacancy in the pre-kinder (3 year old) program

Sessions run on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9 – 12, enrolments can be for both sessions (6 hours per week) or just one session (3 hours per week)

Enrolment forms are available for pick up from the kinder or you can email the Enrolments officer Yvonne Pleydell for more information:  
[mauger.yvonne.v@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:mauger.yvonne.v@edumail.vic.gov.au)

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## Surviving Parenthood

A Parents Building Solutions Program for parents of children 3 to 13 years

Do you want to:

- Do you wonder what is the difference between punishment and discipline?
- Why do kids choose the behaviours they do???
- Want to help your child deal with the tough stuff?
- Develop strategies to manage anger?

Come along to these 5 sessions to learn strategies, share stories and take some time out for you!

When:

Thursday 31 May - 28 June  
(5 sessions)

Time:

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Where:

Anglicare  
47 Castella Street, Lilydale

Cost:

Free of charge. Bookings essential.

Bookings:

Helena at Parentzone 9735 6134  
or 0488 501 204



[anglicarevic.org.au](http://anglicarevic.org.au)

BETTER  
TOMORROWS



## DO YOU SLEEP WITH A BED PARTNER?

If so, you're invited to take part in our study that will help us understand whether sharing a bed affects sleep or wellbeing.

You may be eligible if:

- You have a stable bed partner who is happy to be involved in the study
- You do not have any untreated sleep disorders
- You are 30 – 70 years of age
- You are fluent in English

This will involve:

- A meeting in Notting Hill or a public location near you with you and your bedpartner
- Monitoring your sleep/wake for one week

You will be compensated \$150 per couple for your time and effort, and receive a personalized report of your sleep information

For further information, please contact:

[base.couples@monash.edu](mailto:base.couples@monash.edu) or 9905 5908

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