



Belgrave South Primary School Newsletter

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER – THURSDAY 26TH APRIL

From the Principal...

by Stuart Boyle

Dear Parents and Carers,

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for students in Years 3 and 5 will take place on the 15th – 17th May. These tests can create uncertainty for some children and families – especially if it is the first time that they have encountered the tests. It is important to remember that the NAPLAN assessments are a measure of the skills developed over a student's time at school not just in the weeks leading up to the tests. The tests will be administered by the grade teachers in normal classrooms. Please speak to your child's teacher, Mrs Ould or myself if you have any concerns about the NAPLAN. A more detailed letter will be sent home with all students in Years 3 and 5 next week.

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Important Dates...

May

Fri 25th - District Cross Country

Wed 30th - Winter Sports

June

Tues 5th – Grade 5 & 6 Scienceworks Excursion

Wed 20th – Grade 3 & 4 Excursion to MCG

Anzac Service

Our Year 6 students attended the ANZAC Day Ceremony for Schools at the Kokoda Track Memorial Walk in Upper Ferntree Gully on Wednesday last week. Following their amazing presentations and expo displays that formed part of their Australians at War unit, it was an incredibly moving event for our students to be involved in. Once again I was left feeling immensely proud of our students for their conduct and for the respect that they showed during the service. The students tackled the memorial walk before sharing lunch together. I would like to thank all of our parent helpers who attended the service and supported our students on the walk and who helped prepare lunch for everyone attending.

We also held our own service at school on Tuesday. A moving service led by our students with superb readings of stories and poems of significance, providing us with the opportunity to pay our respect to our fallen soldiers as a school community. I must congratulate all the students involved in marking this occasion this year and acknowledge the efforts of Mrs Price and Mrs Boatto in preparing our students to lead such a wonderful tribute.

Following the service, the Year 6 students and our parents and guests planted a very special oak tree in our school grounds. Mrs Nimiczek applied for a Gallipoli Oak on behalf of Belgrave South Primary School several years ago and we were fortunate to be provided with a seedling this year.

Mr Simon Ambrose, CEO at the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) explains that at the core of this project is the story of how a young Australian soldier, Captain Winter Cooke from Murndal, near Hamilton, noticed some unusual holly bushes while stationed at Gallipoli that had acorns like oak trees. Captain Winter Cooke remembered that his Uncle Samuel in Hamilton was a bit of a tree enthusiast; someone that would be interested in these rare acorns, so sent a package of acorns to him from Gallipoli almost 100 years ago.

The seedling is a direct descendant of acorns from Gallipoli and forms a direct link to the environment that the soldiers endured during the Gallipoli campaign. Our seedling has its home in the tree cage beside our basketball courts.

Annual public reporting meeting

Our next school council meeting will be the Annual Public Reporting Meeting at which the activities since the last public meeting will be reported and the annual report presented. The meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd May at 7pm in the Science Discovery Centre. Please register your intention to attend by contacting Shelley in the main office.

Assembly Awards and Extraordinary Efforts

Acknowledging EXTRAORDINARY efforts has become something that I discuss regularly at our whole school assemblies. It is adding that little bit extra, trying that little bit harder and pushing yourself a little further that takes us from good to great. As adults we know that we take from a situation what we put in or, according to the old proverb, we reap what we sow. For this reason, I like to encourage our school community to talk about the great things we have achieved as it sends a really positive message about the importance of giving everything your best effort.

Our values focus for the next fortnight highlights the trait of perseverance and its importance in doing your best and trying your hardest. Our achievement awards at our next assembly will be presented to students that have demonstrated perseverance in their approach to their learning.

I would like to acknowledge two examples of the extraordinary effort of our students.

Phoebe of Year 5 competed in the School Sport Victoria State Swimming Championships, placing 6th in the 11 year old girls multi class breaststroke, 5th in the 11 year old girls multi class freestyle and 2nd in the 11 year old girls multi class backstroke. The competition involved students from across the state and her place in each event represents her incredible effort. An amazing achievement!

I have written before of the efforts of a group of now Year 5 students, Cadence, Cada, Jaz and Kalani, who started a campaign and website last year that they titled "Save Our Seas". The campaign aims to draw attention to the environmental issues that plague our marine environments. Their efforts have been highlighted in the Junior National Geographic magazine with the group being featured in the most recent edition following a letter written to the magazine by Cadence. Their perseverance in drawing attention to their campaign is truly inspirational. Well done Save Our Seas crew!

Gymnasium Building Works

Our gym is currently undergoing a bit of a facelift. Some minor works are being carried out to replace the second story windows and the old mechanical shutters. New shutters and latches have already been fitted to the ground floor windows and the second story windows are currently being removed and replaced. These new shutters and windows are all rated at the highest level for bushfire safety and ensure that our facility meets the highest standards in the event of a localised emergency.

Our school fundraising events for the remainder of the year will direct further funds to the refurbishment of the toilet facilities and the installation of a specially designed air circulation system to improve the indoor climate conditions we experience in the gym during hot weather.

Have a wonderful week ahead.

Stuart Boyle,
Principal



Cadence (second from the left) with her fellow Save Our Seas creators!

SAVE OUR SEAS

The Save Our Seas website that Cadence and her crew created!

Cadence is really passionate about our oceans!

SAVE OUR SEAS!

I am a creator of a group called **Save Our Seas**. I was reading a story in **NG KIDS** called **Plastic Problem**. I thought I would just tell you that I loved the information on recycling and plastic, it really does help. At Save Our Seas we are big on helping our environment, **reducing plastic in our seas**, **recycling**, **climate change**, **our reefs** and much more. On our website we have an **awareness blog**, and I am going to use some of the tips in your magazine to help me write a post about recycling and plastic waste. You can visit the website at seasforever.wixsite.com/saveourseas.

I think it's really great that you're informing kids like me about our environment so we can really make a difference in our world. I really want to be a **marine biologist when I grow up** and I love doing things to make sure that we and the generations after us can live a happy life in a **CLEAN planet**, not one that has more plastic than fish!

Every month I love looking in the letterbox and finding the **NG KIDS** magazine. Hopefully we can make a difference in our world.

Cadence, 10

- **Keep up your great work, Cadence and the crew!**

Curriculum News.....

Wellbeing at Belgrave South.

The school promotes the all-round personal development and self-esteem of each student. To strengthen our student's sense of social connectedness and belonging we have implemented Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships from Prep- grade 6. The implementation of School-Wide Positive Behaviors provides a Whole school consistent Framework for classroom/ yard behavior. The framework is underpinned by 3 core values; Respect for self, Respect for Others, and Respect for the Environment. These values are taught in association with social skills weekly in the classroom.

This year we are fortunate to have the opportunity for all staff to be participating in four day training on our curriculum days in The Berry Street Educational Model. The positive education framework builds the school's capacity to engage our students so that they all can achieve their personal and social potential through educational achievement.

We provide a wide range of extra-curricular activities including music, arts, camps and sport. The establishment of our Professional Engagement and Wellbeing Team regularly meet to review the implemented strategies and identify areas of need to support student wellbeing. School's chaplaincy programme, Art Therapist, Paediatric Psychologist and Kids Hope mentors compliments other support services in the school such as those offered by the School Psychologist and Speech Pathologist.

Please contact us anytime if you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing. Our doors are always open.

62 Years Later...

62 Years ago Melbourne hosted the Olympic games in 1956.

A few weeks before the games in preparation for the Olympics at the National Trials something happened that would amaze everyone in the sporting world and would still be talked about 62 years later.

Two young Australian athletics Ron Clarke and John Landy were racing together in these trials.

However, during the race, Ron Clarke fell and John Landy stopped to help him up and the two men continued the race. John Landy much to everyone's surprise won the race, although he would be disqualified because he had stepped over the lane when he helped Ron Clarke.

This incident became a legend in Australian sport, for the gallant gesture and at the time was broadcast all over the world.

In recognition of this gesture there is a statue of both men near the Melbourne cricket ground called the 'Sportsmanship Statue.'

I told this story to our students at Monday's Assembly and the reason I did was because on Thursday March 29th the last day of term 1 we had our P-2 Fun Run.

During the Fun Run one of our prep students also stop when another student fell. The student was Alicia Sorenson.

Alicia didn't think about winning or yourself. This simple act showed sportsmanship at its best and it also demonstrated kindness and care about another.

What Alicia didn't make the 6 o'clock news but when Mr Boyle and I heard the story, it made us very proud to be leaders. Of course, we very excited when our students do well on the sporting field. But we are equally delighted when Mr Anderson tells that our students did their best and showed sportsmanship.

John Landy went on to be Governor of Victoria and Ron Clarke the mayor of the Gold Coast. However they aren't remembered for just the medals they won or records achieved. They are also equally remember for being wonderful athletes and more importantly for their sportsmanship, kindness and compassion they displayed on and off the field throughout their lives.

Thank you Alicia for someone so young, to remind us about sportsmanship and kindness and how important they are valued at Belgrave South.

Mrs Ould – Assistant Principal

Belgrave South Primary School

The 2018/19 Entertainment book is selling now.

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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>

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In Schools Music
iamusic@bigpond.com
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Private lessons
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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

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

SCOUTS

PREPARE FOR
ADVENTURE
PREPARE FOR LIFE

1st 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



Yarra Ranges Council in partnership with
Kimberley Place invite Parents, Carers
and Early Years Professionals



Kinder and School Readiness Information Session

FREE

Information Session



Thursday 10th May 2018

7pm—8:30pm

Is your child ready for Kinder or school?

Your child may be able to start kinder or school in the new year due to their age, but are they actually ready to embark on the next 13+ years of education?

This session discusses the skills, behaviours and development of children approaching kinder and school readiness.

For registration and enquiries contact:

Michelle Lehmann

1300 368 333 or earlyyears@yarraranges.vic.gov.au

Kimberley Place

33 Kimberley Drive,
Chirnside Park

Jinting Li—Kimberley Place
Preschool Teacher, will be
available for Q and A at the
end of the information session.



Yarra Ranges Council

We are looking for casual
School Crossing Supervisors in
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and you have the time—and
passion to be a part of this
program, please contact
Kelly Prentice on 9325 3200
Hoban Recruitment School Crossing
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Email: kellyp@hoban.com.au



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

(03) 9754 59 65

Len.jeffrey.memorial.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au

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Surviving Parenthood

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

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

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!



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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 or 9905 5908

Ethics approval number: 2016-0199



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