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Belmore North Public School
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Hello parents and carers
Staff and students are all working hard this term to consolidate student learning.
Working in the COVID-19 environment has made it necessary to change many of our procedures.



Mrs Jeffrey and the Stage 3 teachers are working on arrangements for the Year 6 Farewell. At this

point, parents will not be invited into the venue. Students will also not be allowed to dance. However, the good news is the Farewell can go ahead and students can celebrate the end of primary school and the beginning of high school. At the present time, parents are not permitted to attend the annual Presentation Day. Students will attend the occasion in their Stage groups to ensure physical distancing. The event will be videoed and made available to parents on the school's website. We have made a slight change to the awards that can be presented to students. Where students are in a composite class for example, 3/4X, an academic award will be presented to a student from each grade instead of just one student from the class. This makes the arrangement more equitable for all students.

Thank you to the families who returned their survey notes about priorities for the next school plan which will be called a Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP) and will cover the years from 2021-2024.

The SIP will include 3 Strategic Directions for school improvement. The department has set one Strategic Direction for all schools called "Student Growth and Attainment". Each school in NSW has targets to meet for students' reading and mathematics improvement.

You told us that student wellbeing and support for individual learning needs was important to you and we agree, so the second Strategic Direction is "Student Wellbeing". I am continuing to consult with staff about a decision for our 3rd Strategic Direction.



Thank you also to the families who returned our survey about student reports. In the first survey about school priorities, you told us that improving the way we report student progress is important to you. We would like to hear more from parents about your views for improving student reports. If you are willing to be interviewed about your ideas please complete the slip further on in the newsletter and return it to your child's teacher.

Anglican (Protestant) scripture classes are now available at the school. If your child is not currently attending a scripture class, he/she will receive a note. If you would like to opt in to a scripture class please return the note to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

The school has received some information about funding and staffing for 2021. The school has been allocated an additional teacher for 4 days per week to support students from a language background other than English to receive extra help. This is excellent news and will help students develop their English skills to an academic level. The executive team has also been discussing plans for improving the school's internet capability and purchasing more iPads and laptops for students' use.

Thanks go to Mrs Evans and Ms Parmagos for coordinating and organising a promotional video of our school. The video is on the school's website, so please do check it out. I would also like to thank the students and staff who appeared in the video.



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Our enrolments for kindergarten are open now, so if you know anyone with a child due to start school next year, please encourage them to enrol at this great school with dedicated and passionate teachers committed to helping your child achieve his/her best.

It is very important that we have your correct phone number and email address on file so that we can contact you. Mrs Fraser will soon be sending home a note about this. Please complete the note and return it as soon as possible once you receive it.

It is great to see the big improvement in students wearing correct uniform and students arriving at school on time. Thank you parents for your support.

When disagreements arise between students, every student must seek a teacher's help. Belmore North has a strict "keep hands and feet to yourself" rule which we expect every student to follow. I have explained to students that if their problem is not resolved by the teacher on duty in the playground, they may come to see me and explain the problem. Please remind your children that physical contact (such as hitting, kicking, pushing, tripping etc) with others is never OK.

Sincerely,
Janet Burling
Principal



All students and staff enjoyed the Book Character Parade.

Student Reports - Your Views

I would be happy to be contacted by teachers from the school to talk about my ideas for improving student reports.

Your name: _____ Phone number: _____

Preferred time to call: _____

Community Corner



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Kindergarten Enrolments 2021

We are now accepting enrolments for kindergarten for 2021. Please see the front office for any enquiries and enrolment forms.

Disobey 'No Parking' Sign
DROPP OFF & PICK-UP ONLY
8am-9am
2pm-4pm
SCHOOL DAYS
ONLY stop to drop off or pick up
Stay within 3 meters of your car
Stay less than 2 minutes
Fine = \$187 & Lose 2 Points
'KISS & DROP' ZONE

SCHOOL ZONE
8am-9am
2pm-4pm
SCHOOL DAYS
40

NO STOPPING
Fine = \$337 & Lose 2 Points
DO NOT STOP for ANY reason

Child or Passenger Not Restrained
(Not wearing a seat belt or not in a child seat)
Fine = \$337 & Lose 3 Points

Driver Uses Mobile Phone When Not Allowed by Law
DO NOT talk, text or view your phone while driving.
Fine = \$448 & Lose 5 Points

NSW Police Force
With your help, a safer community.

For more information see: Road Rules 2014
<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/road-rules/index.html>
*Fines are current as of August 2018. Fine amounts change regularly.
For up-to-date fine amounts see: <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/demerits-offences/index.html>

EFTPOS is available in the front office.

For payments of school contribution fees, excursions and purchase of hats and library bags.

Please see the front office for more details.



Term 4—2020 Calendar

Wednesday, weeks 2-9 Support Unit

Gymnastics

Thursday, weeks 2-9 Year 2 Gymnastics

Friday, weeks 2-9 Kindergarten & Year

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Gymnastics

Thursday, 5th November K-2 Kindifarm

Thursday, 12th November K-6 Side Show

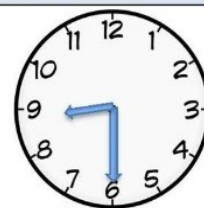
Alley

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

**Check the time
your school
starts.
DON'T BE LATE!**



EVERY DAY COUNTS ...

A day here or there doesn't seem like much but ...

When your child misses just	that equals...	which is....	and therefore, from Prep to Year 12, that is ...	This means the best your child can achieve is ...
1 day a fortnight	20 days a year	4 weeks of school	Nearly 1½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days a year	8 weeks of school	Over 2½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days a year	16 weeks of school	Over 5 years of learning of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days a year	24 weeks of school	Over 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed ...

