To the School Community,

In this edition of the Newsletter I would particularly like to mention the success of the year 6/5 camp.

As a community we should be proud of the students that attend our school. They are engaged, positive, appreciative; most of all respectful to their peers, teachers and others in the community. It was a privilege to attend the camp where the students experienced what life was like on the goldfields in the 1850s. Dressed in the attire of the times and attending an 1850s school was all part of the experience that the students and staff thoroughly enjoyed. Congratulations to all involved, especially the students who were amazing.

School Council Elections
Please remember to complete and return a School Council Election ballot form by the end of school this Friday. The teacher ballot is now complete with Ms Carr and Ms Butcher joining the current staff, Mrs Duan, Mrs Davidson and myself as School Councillors.

Respectful Behaviours
I truly believe that as a community we are well respected and our school’s reputation is positive in the community. Unfortunately over the past year I have had to respond to residents who are concerned about the behaviour of a small number of parents in the surrounding streets, particularly at drop off time. There main concern is littering, particularly cigarette butts, and inappropriate language. I feel that parents need to consider the needs of our neighbours and refrain from continuing this behaviour. The perception of our school in the community is crucial to maintaining our reputation and in turn enrolments. I ask that every parent supports our neighbors by eliminating this inappropriate behaviour, firstly by those carrying out the behaviours to stop immediately and others as bystanders to report any continuation directly to me. I am sure that this situation will change.

Parent Teacher Interviews
As a staff we discussed the recent parent teacher interviews with the general consensus that they were useful but could be improved. The main improvement being the selection of times and the effort required to organise the meetings along with varied attendance rates at each year level, time of year and the expectations around information shared at the meetings. As the meetings are mainly for parents we would like your feedback I will post a survey on our Facebook page on Thursday for you to respond to if you’re interested.

The HBPS Cross Country was held yesterday. A huge thanks to Ms Carr for her continued effort and organisation of opportunities for students. Congratulations to all competitors for your encouragement of each other and the effort made to earn points for your House.

Enjoy the rest of the week, please remember to read each night for homework!

Daniel Vella
SCHOOL NEWS

Grade 6/5 News

Camp

Sovereign Hill camp was a memorable experience for the staff and students who attended. Students’ learning was enhanced through experiencing life on the goldfields and considering the effect of the gold rush on population, economic, social and political developments. In the costume school, the value placed on education and the hardships faced by adults and children were emphasised. Wearing 1850’s clothing brought home the impact of weather, with the infrequent cool breezes greatly appreciated in the heat of Ballarat. Our students received many compliments for their respectful behaviour and their knowledge of, and interest in, historical information. Thanks to Mr Vella, Mr Maultby, Mr Urquhart, Mrs Gillespie, Mrs O’Halloran, Mrs Kelly, Mrs Willis and Mrs Davidson. View the photographs on our school’s Facebook page (courtesy of Ms. O’Halloran).

Belmont High School Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program

The Select Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL) Program provides a challenging environment where students of high intellectual potential thrive.

Information Evening – Thursday, March 19th, 7pm in the school library. Applications close – Thursday, March 26th.

Testing – Friday, April 17th or Saturday, April 18th

Application forms and additional information can be found on the website www.bhs.vic.edu.au

Parents may contact Mr Mark Dooley for further information about the program. Phone – 52435355

Matthew Flinders Girls’ Secondary College Information evening

March 24th from 7 to 8.30 pm in the Hall, main campus, Myers St, Geelong.

Open Day

Wednesday, March 25th, Tours 9 to 10.30, 1.30 to 3 (multi-purpose room, main campus). Come and see the school at work!

Accelerated Learning Program Information evening

March 18th, 7pm in the multi-purpose room, main campus, Fenwick St, Geelong.

LIBRARY

Please note: A few changes to the library timetable. Please make sure your child has a library bag so they can borrow each week. Class Timetable below:

MONDAY: All 6/5's & 43S & 43C  TUESDAY: 2M, 2L, 1D & 1B

Also the Library will be open MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY mornings between 8.30 & 8.50 for students to return and borrow books.

FIRST AID LAUNDRY ROSTER

Volunteers are needed once a week to wash the First Aid room linen. There is a Roster up in the corridor near the office.

February 27th  Bianca Soar  March 6th  Deb Rockett
First of all I would like to say congratulations to everyone who participated in our Cross Country competition for 2015. It was great to see all students putting in a great amount of effort and doing their best this year. Many thanks to all the staff and parents who helped make it a great success.

Regards,
Miss Elly Carr.

The results this year are as follows:

9 Year Old Girls: 1st Shakira S, 2nd Chloe R, 3rd Alyssa C
9 Year Old Boys: 1st Jack M, 2nd Adam W, 3rd Marcus S
10 Year Old Girls: 1st Melody C, 2nd Jessie M, 3rd Ava T
10 Year Old Boys: 1st Jesse R, 2nd James M, 3rd Jake N

11 Year Old Girls: 1st Madison S, 2nd Ella A, 3rd Mia A
11 Year Old Boys: 1st Dennis L, 2nd Kayleb K, 3rd Riley S
12/13 Year Old Girls: 1st Brunswick S, 2nd Emma N, 3rd Madison T
12/13 Year Old Boys: 1st Daniel H, 2nd Mason E, 3rd Marcus S

Overall house points and shield are to be presented on Friday the 27th at 3pm Assembly

BELL PARK SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB
JUNIOR FOOTBALL & NETBALL
REGISTRATION DAY
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27TH 5pm

For further information please contact:
Junior Football Coordinator: Jared Stanley 0407 505 726
Junior Netball Coordinator: Carmen Williams 0408 294 415
Auskick: John Bright (President) 0408 801 868

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Check out what’s happening with the team bellparkdrags.teampapp.com
Our website will be operating soon www.bellparksportandrec.com.au

STAR OF THE WEEK

Grade 1B: Sonny S
For his amazing imaginative story writing and creative projects.

Grade 1D: Lakisha B
For always being a focused student. Well done!

Grade 1W: Blade S
For working like a Mathematician with making numbers with animal feet!

Grade 2D: Lilly S
For working hard on her writing goal “I can put spaces between my words”.

Grade 2L: Chloe D
For her hard work in Maths and understanding the 10’s and 1’s of a number.

Grade 2M: Mekah L
For sounding out her words when writing.

Grade 43C: Jackson K
For showing maturity & kindness & for being a wonderful ‘peer tutor’!

Grade 43J: Jack M
For a top effort in Cross Country. Well done!

Grade 43M: Jahmarra L
For her loud reading voice during readers theatre.

Grade 43S: Stephanie D
For always answering questions in class articulately.

Grade 65D: Owen M
For his awesome sharing of ideas related to justice in “The Hunger”, our class novel.

Grade 65G: Madison S
For her positive attitude within the 1800s school at Sovereign Hill.

Grade 65M: Sarah D
For helping others and the teacher with a smile on her face!

Grade 65U: Will D
For his maturity and participation in all activities at camp.

Sports Star: Adam W
For his dedication during cross country practise and hard work on the day.

After School Care: Josh R
For teaching the prep children how to play cricket. Well done Josh!

Before School Care: Maddy G
For patiently teaching another student how to do an art activity. Very impressive!
Hello Everyone!

We have had an eventful week starting off with a visit from Kev, the Thomson A grade netball teams purple elephant mascot. The children were very welcoming, they introduced themselves, engaged Kev in their activities and even made him some costumes. Kev also provided the children with the opportunity to mix with kids that are new, different ages or genders. I might have to bring special guests more often!

This week we started off with a bang, making pretend Chinese fire crackers to celebrate the lunar new year. We have reintroduced the Better Buddy Program using role play to understand bullying and how to deal with it. The results were quite impressive! Tomorrow we will be doing our second science experiment which will be using flowers.

The Star of the Week award goes to Maddy G for patiently teaching another student how to do an art activity. Very impressive!

Have a wonderful week everyone, Jess (BSC Coordinator)

Hi everyone,

Last weeks planned activities were a raging success, the hand puppets looked amazing and the puppet shows that followed all week were a great way for the children to use their imagination. Hot jam donuts were also very popular on Thursday. Ryah had lots of fun using the spaghetti and marshmallows to create a great pyramid. She showed a lot of persistence during the afternoon. Well done Ryah. It also led to a discussion about another experiment we could do called the egg drop. We are going to do this in March, thanks for the idea Angelle!

We once again have a busy week planned, we will be cooking chocolate truffles, making dream catchers and book marks and doing a science experiment.

It has been great to hear the feedback from parents about the service, I would like to remind you to have a look at our reflective diary and add any feedback to it that you would like. It is also a great way to see what your children have been up to while they attend the sessions as we write down observations of what we see.

Over the next few weeks we will be looking at different countries involved in the cricket World Cup. We will be looking at the flags, dress and food of some of the countries involved. This is a great way to look into something that is pretty much in our backyard.

Our star of the week this week is Josh R for teaching the prep children how to play cricket. Well done Josh!

Thanks for your time, Mel and Karen