



# Belvedere Park NEWS

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**Belvedere Park Primary School's vision is to provide a high quality education and prepare our students to become active, engaged and responsible citizens of the local and wider community. We aim to prepare students to contend with a very dynamic 21<sup>st</sup> century in which creativity, cooperative work, connectedness to the world and adaptability are key features. We value achievement, excellence, curiosity, innovation, respect and responsibility, perseverance, integrity, inclusiveness, respect for diversity, compassion, honesty and equity. We believe in high expectations for all students, a commitment to hard work and the development of optimism.**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### March

Parent Teacher meetings 12,13,14 and 19,20,21  
3.30pm—4.50pm

14th Free Dress Day—Easter Raffle

15th District Field events

19th School Council 4.45pm

### 22nd Pupil Free Day

29th—Grade 3-6 House Sports (selection for District track)

### April

1st Easter raffle drawn at assembly

5th End of term 2.30pm finish

19-22nd Easter

**Tuesday 23rd—Term 2 commences**

**25th ANZAC Day— Public Holiday**

### May

10th District Track events

14th School Council 4.45pm

20th—28th Education Week

20th—24th—Book Fair 8.40am—8.55am  
3.30pm—3.45pm

22nd—Open Evening 3.30pm—7.00pm

Book Fair 3.30pm—6.30pm

28th—Open Morning 9.00am—11.00am

Foundation 2020 tour 10.00am

### 24th Pupil Free Day

### June

**10th Queen's Birthday—public holiday**

18th School Council 4.45pm

27th Grade 5/6 incursion

**28th End of Term 2**

Wasn't it great to have a long weekend with such good weather! I hope you all had a chance to enjoy yourselves.

The fires in Gippsland had a devastating effect on local communities, with many evacuations and road closures impacting the lives of residents in a most serious and concerning manner. Sadly, the impact of the fires has reached as far as our school in a number of ways, including the cancellation of our years 5/6 camp. With the route to the camp and surrounding areas badly affected by the fires the decision was made to cancel the trip. The children and staff are understandably disappointed. I am working with the DET camp Principal to organize an alternative to a camp so that in some way the children can have some consolation for their disappointment. All camp payments are currently being

refunded with CSEF payments being credited back into parent accounts held at school.

### Pupil Free Day – Next Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019

is our second pupil free day for 2019. *(No children attend on this day. Please make alternative arrangements for their care.)* Our staff will be at school working with a Clinical Psychologist to further develop and refine their understanding of neuroscience and its relationship to how and why children learn. We'll be looking at the importance of the development of a resilient mindset and information about personal resilience. It promises to be a tremendous day.

Our school council is back up and running for 2019 with all positions filled. We are looking forward to another great year. Our annual reporting meeting will be held next Tuesday at 4.45pm in the staffroom. Our school works closely with the Belvedere Community Centre, located next door to our school. The centre operates a wide range of programs and services targeted at Belvedere/Seaford community members. The centre manager, Meredith and I were hoping someone from our community might like to volunteer to act as a liaison between the centre and our parents. This would not be a time consuming task but it could be an important one in fostering greater involvement by our community in this important resource. If you are interested to find out more don't hesitate to see me or just call the centre on **9776 8922**.

### Pupil Free Days 2019

Each year the Department of Education and Training allocates 4 pupil free days to be planned and implemented by schools. Schools have the responsibility of setting the dates for three of them through School Council. The approved Pupil Free Days (children do not attend school on these days) for our school in 2019 are:

Day 1: Induction and Preparation - **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**Day 2: Neuroscience/Numeracy/Literacy – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

No children attend on this day. Please make alternative arrangements for their care.

Day 3: Assessment Moderation - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Day 4: Neuroscience/Numeracy/Literacy – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November

### Student Absences and Your Contact Details

Again, in 2019 we ask that you contact the school, as early as possible, each day your child is absent. This

