



BELDON BRIEFINGS No.11

THURSDAY 9 August 2018

The past fortnight has certainly been busy at Beldon Primary School. We have had Cross Country, Make a Book in a Day, a free dress day and our Learning Journey. The rest of the term looks just as busy. Coming up we have Book Week excursions, Interschool Cross Country, the Faction Athletics Carnival and a host of other activities. Our energetic P&C are also planning an array of events. Life at Beldon Primary School is never boring.

LEARNING JOURNEYS It was very pleasing to have so many parents and family members visit our school yesterday. The students were very proud and excited to be able to share their school life with their loved ones. Thank you to all those who visited our school and for making time to share in the educational journey of our students. Congratulations to the teachers, education assistants, administrative staff and students for their combined efforts in making the morning a resounding success. Visit our website to see some photos of this great event.

Learning Journey Comments *We loved every minute , great work by all involved. Will miss this school so much. Very interesting, great to see what the children are up to. Amazing. Love seeing the progress. Very impressed with the effort the teachers and students put into the Learning Journey. Thanks. Wonderful to see how the kids learn. Great environment to assist learning. Most enjoyable morning seeing how modern kids learn, vastly different from my early years. I love the journeys as it allows us parents to see what our kids do and learn at school. Thanks for all the hard work you put in.*

BOOK WEEK EXCURSIONS Information and permission slips have been sent home for the Book Week excursions taking place during Week 6 (Monday 20 August - Friday 24 August). If you have not already done so, please return permission slips and payment to the money collection boxes in each block.

FACTION LUNCH—TUESDAY 28 AUGUST The Years 1 to 6 students will be having lunch with their faction group to help encourage teamwork and allow some of the younger students to interact with their new Faction Captains. Each Captain will have a collection of “war cries” to practise throughout lunch. If you have any “old favourites” that you think would enhance the atmosphere of the carnival, please send them in with your child via their class teacher. I am sure they will be preparing their strategy for the upcoming Faction Carnival.

NAPLAN ONLINE – SCHOOL READINESS TEST You may have heard that NAPLAN Online was introduced in 2018 with 274 Western Australian Schools participating to date. Our school will be transitioning to NAPLAN Online in 2019. NAPLAN online will provide better assessment, more precise results and a faster turnaround of information. Your child’s results will be returned to the school within a few weeks rather than a few months. This trial, known as the School Readiness Test (SRT), will enable us to assess our technical readiness to implement the new online assessments. In addition, it will give us a chance to try out the new National Online Assessment Platform in a real-life, classroom environment.

During August and September of this year, some of our Year 5 and 6 students will participate in a trial of the Assessment Platform, undertaking online readiness tests that include examples of the new NAPLAN online questions.

Participating in this trial is important as it will help us ensure we have adequate internet connectivity. It will also enable us to determine whether we have a sufficient number of devices for students to complete the NAPLAN testing online. During the trial, our teachers will have the opportunity to practice managing the classroom logistics for an online assessment and the new test administration processes. The main test of our school system and bandwidth capacity will take place on Wednesday 5 September when we simulate the NAPLAN test conditions by having over 60 students log in and complete a mock test at the same time.

The readiness test has not been constructed to assess curriculum knowledge, but rather to provide students with an opportunity to experience the types of questions that will be included in the new online assessments. As such, reports will not be provided. Participation in the SRT is a key step to ensuring a successful NAPLAN online experience in 2019.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS AND GOLD CARD CANTEEN VOUCHERS Each recipient will have an amount deposited to their QuickCliq account. Make sure you set up an account at www.QuickCliq.com.au so that your child does not miss out.

Week 2 Term 3: Oliver A1, Sapphire A2, Charli A3, Holly A4, Jay B3, Taya B4, Liam B6, Leah C3, Xavier C4, Molly C6, Willow A2, Belle B3 and William C6. **Week 3:** Tom A1, Tyler A2, Kalel A3, Rubey A4, Innes B3, Tay B4, Marley B6, Maia C1, Oliver C3, Connor C4, Riley C6, William A1, Cameron B3, Bonnie C4

YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS Congratulations to the following students who received a You Can Do It Award for PERSISTENCE at the assembly on Thursday 2 August: Eli A1, Niamh B6 and Oliver C3

WASTEWISE WEDNESDAYS As part of our school sustainability program we are bringing back "Waste Wise Wednesdays". This means that every Wednesday, student names will be placed into a raffle draw if they have a waste wise lunchbox. A waste wise lunch box has reusable packaging with no throw away wrappings. Student names will be drawn at the Admin Assemblies on Thursdays; one from each block. These students will spend 15 minutes at lunchtime on a Friday in the garden area and with the chickens, supervised by Mr Kelly. They can also choose a friend to join them. Teachers will be talking in class about the importance of sustainability, and the effect we can have as a School Community working together. We also encourage families to use the recycling station outside the Library. If we are all more conscious about the plastic products we buy and throw away, our collective efforts can make a big difference. Let's see if we can achieve Wastewise participation throughout the whole school.



As a reward, they went to the chicken coop where they got to hold a chicken each.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ◆ Friday 10 August C3 Class Assembly 8:40am
- ◆ Monday 13 August Firetech Mini Drone Incursion - C1
- ◆ Wednesday 15 August Library Excursion B3,B4,B6
Fremantle Literature Centre Excursion - C6
- ◆ Thursday 16 August Interschool Cross Country
- ◆ Friday 17 August Art Extension (half day)
- ◆ Monday 20 August Library Excursion A1,A2,A3,A4
- ◆ Monday 20 to 24 August Book Week
- ◆ Wednesday 22 August Landsdale Farm Excursion - Kindy Orange
CSIRO Virtual Reality Incursion B3,B4,B6
Tamala Park Excursion C1,C2
- ◆ Thursday 23 August Landsdale Farm Excursion - Kindy Purple
Library Excursion C1,C3,C4,C6
- ◆ Tuesday 28 August Faction Lunch
- ◆ Wednesday 29 August Faction Jumps and Throws
- ◆ Friday 31 August Faction Carnival

Beldon Primary School strives to keep parents informed about upcoming events. Information is kept up to date on the homepage of our website under Event Quick View. Events can be clicked on for further details. Alternatively, [Term Planner's](#) and a [LIVE Calendar of Events](#) are available via the Term Planner Quick Link on the homepage of our website.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES Please consider buying items for the Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Shoebox Gift Collection. As the shoeboxes are shipped internationally from the group '[OCCtober](#)', our collection each year is run throughout Third Term. You can bring your donations to the Library or Front Office. Shoeboxes are available in the Front Office if your family would like to fill a box their own box rather than bring individual items in. We suggest you follow the gender and age bracket of your family to assist in achieving a broad range of donations. The shoebox donations are arranged and packed at the end of term. Let me know if you are interested in assisting in this rewarding opportunity. It is a joy to see the donations come together! Thanks in advance. Jodi Ingham (Chaplain)

Some suggested items - A BLOCK, ESC1 -Something for personal hygiene, KINDY, PP - Something to wear, C BLOCK, ESC2/3 - Something to play with, B BLOCK, ESC 4 / STAFF - Something for school



FACTION CROSS COUNTRY Beldon Primary School had the 14th running of the Faction Cross Country Cup last Friday 3 August 2018. There was some great racing, awesome cheering and excellent sporting behaviour on show. It is an achievement completing the course. Congratulations to all the competitors who gave it a red-hot go. Thank you to the school community who were flexible with the change in starting time due to the weather. Thanks also to the staff for their assistance, as well as the students in B3 and B4 and Faction Captains for their help on the day. Mr Vernham, our new school gardener, was also a great help.

At the end of the day the final results were: **Karda 103, Yonga 85, Nyngarn 75, Waitj 73**

The Interschool Cross Country is on next **Thursday 16 August** at Heathridge Reserve. The first event will commence at **9:30am**. Competitors have been given a note containing specific details - Elliot Reid *Physical Education Specialist*



Year 6 Boys



Year 1 Girls



Karda Faction Captains Taya and Jaxon with the Cross Country Cup and the Karda flag

WRITE A BOOK IN A DAY On Wednesday 1 August, two teams from Beldon Primary School took part in the Write a Book in a Day competition. The team names were The Bookmarks and The Bookworms, with each team receiving their story parameters at 8:00am.

The Bookmark's characters which had to be used were an Athlete, Weightlifter and Camera. Their story had to take place in a Stable and the problem they had to overcome was '*Being in a reality TV show*'. The Bookworm's required characters were a Nun, Koala and a Window Washer. Their location was a Supermarket and the problem they had was '*Passing the exams*'. It is amazing what our students came up with given those story starters.

The students all got straight to work and came up with some very funny story ideas. Locking them down to one idea was the most difficult part of the day, but once we had our story arc decided on, the books came together great.

Both teams worked very well together and showed a high level of commitment to the task. Mr Kelly, Mrs George and Ms Blight enjoyed guiding the students towards their goal. Both books were completed by 5pm which was a great achievement. Now we wait nervously to find out how we fared in the competition. The finalists will be announced in October.

Copies of the books titled, 'The Koala and The Zoo Keepers' and 'The Australian Challenge', will be available to read in the Library over the coming weeks. A display showing the whole process of Writing a Book in a Day can be seen on the pin up boards in the library.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in this wonderful competition. We look forward to doing it again next year!



WHOLE SCHOOL INCURSION Our whole school incursion is now in the planning stage. It will take place at Scitech in the final week of the term. More information to follow.

SCHOOL PHOTOS School Photos will be taken this Term in Week 8 on Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 September. Photo packages will be distributed in due course.

AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE VIA THE NEWSLETTER QUICK LINK

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