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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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Building Upgrade

This week a meeting of the Project Reference Group endorsed a revised Functional Design Brief. The planners and architects will now develop a concept plan for the upgrade. It is expected that this plan will be available for community consultation before the end of the year. Despite the delays in the process so far, it is hoped that the final product will be something to serve the school and its community well into the future.

STOP PRESS: \$25M ANNOUNCED FOR UPGRADE...NEWCASTLE HERALD 10 NOVEMBER, 2017

HSC Exams

Year 12 have completed their exams and are now eagerly waiting for their results which are available on 14 December 2017. It was pleasing to receive the following note from Mark Hewitt who was the HSC examiner this year:

"Congratulations on your Year 12 cohort. These young men and women were a delight to work with during their HSC. All supervisors commented to me about the students' supportive and pleasant nature. These young people are a credit to your school, parents and community."

Year 7 2019

On **Monday 13 November 2017**, we are hosting a day for current year 5 students from our local partner primary schools to give them an opportunity to experience some of the great programs operating at the school. This group of students will be the year 7 cohort of 2019. The day will be followed up with a parent information session to be held on the same day commencing at 5.30pm in the gymnasium adjacent to the Macquarie Drive entry.

New signs

If you have driven past the school on the Pacific Highway you may have seen some new signs at the front of the school and on the gymnasium. In the near future, we are hopeful we will also be able to install a digital LED notice board to provide up to date information on school activities and achievements.

Student Attendance in Term Four

A reminder to all parents and students that the final day for attendance in term four is **Friday 15 December**.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November

- 13 Year 5 visit & parent information evening
- 14 Year 12 Formal
- 14-15 Love Bites Year 10
- 15 P&C Meeting
- 21 Positive Lifestyle Day Year 9
- 28 Year 7 Rewards Excursion

December

- 4 Yr 7 2018 Parent Information Night
- 5 Yr 7 2018 Orientation Day
- 6 BHS Presentation Evening
- 11 Year 10 Rewards Evening
- 11 Year 9 Rewards Excursions
- 12 Yr 8 Rewards Excursion
- 15 Last Day for Students

Rewards Excursions

Year advisors are organising rewards excursions for students in years 7-10. The criteria for students to attend these events has been provided to students by year advisors. In general, students during semester two need to have had excellent attendance, behaviour and work ethic.

Final P&C Meeting of the year

P&C members are invited to the final P&C meeting of the year to be held on **Wednesday 15 November 2017** commencing at 5.30 pm in the staff common room in A block. Come along and celebrate another successful year for the P&C as well as plan activities for 2018.

Geoff Robinson
Principal

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P&C REPORT

Well as the last term slips away and the school year comes to an end, the P&C will have its last meeting for the year on Wednesday 15th November 5:30-6:30pm. At the meeting we will get the latest on the Building Program, will be reviewing how the canteen has gone and planning what we want to do in 2018.

The P&C is a great way of getting to know what is going on in your school and so if you are able to join us we would love to have your input.

I hope to see you there.

Stephen Taylor
P&C President

P&C MEETING
The next P&C meeting will be held Wednesday November 15, 2017 at 5.30pm in the staff common room. Everyone welcome to attend.

SCIENCE

On Tuesday October 17, 10B travelled to St Mary's High School to be student leaders at the Primary School Science and Engineering Challenge. We arrived there and were sorted into groups then instructed on how to guide each activity properly. Schools from across the Hunter were there to compete in a variety of problem solving challenges.

Some of the activities included making a bionic hand, developing a code using light beams, building a bridge to support weights and more. Throughout the day each group of students had to complete 2 activities apart from the students who were building the bridges.

Our tasks included setting up each station with the proper supplies for the groups, giving advice to the students and then cleaning up at the end of the day.

Just before lunch time, there was a science experiment demonstration that showed the students a combustion reaction inside a film canister, making it fly up and hit the ceiling in a burst of flames.

The purpose of the challenge is to try and jumpstart an interest in science and engineering for a future in the students. Some of the Student leaders said that "it was a unique experience" and they look forward to doing it again in the future.



Mikayla Armstrong and Abigail Prentice
Year 10

CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS

MUSIC

Such a fun morning was had by all on Thursday 2nd November when 25 of our Vocal Ensemble students participated in 'Music Count Us 2017'. We travelled to Lambton High and performed for six other schools, before joining together at precisely 12.30pm to sing this year's song via live link up with thousands of students across the nation.

The brainchild of former Novocastrian John Foreman, 'Music Count Us In' is a widely publicised event which aims to raise awareness about the importance of music education.

This year those of us meeting at Lambton High were also privileged to hear a song live from the cast of 'Rent' which is currently playing to delighted audiences in Newcastle. All the singing was followed by a BBQ lunch, a strong sense of comradery and the ongoing appreciation of the power of music to unite us all.

Friday 3rd November 6 Belmont High students including Maddy Stewart, Chloe Gill, Billy Croese, Jack Beeton, Brandon Burke, and Josh Redding, competed in an annual rock band competition called *BANDWIDTH* at Hunter Theatre HSPA.

This involved a number of bands from various schools in the region, each presenting covers and original songs from a range of rock styles.

It was a very successful day and we had 2 students who received awards for being best on their instruments - Chloe Gill for keyboards, and Brandon Burke for Bass Guitar.



It was great day and a wonderful opportunity for the students to use such high quality sound and lighting equipment during their performances. It was also a valuable chance for them to watch and listen to other bands and take ideas back to their own performances.

We look forward to celebrating Christmas at the Eastlakes Salvation Army's Carols by Candlelight, on the night of Sunday December 3. Our Vocal Ensemble will perform two songs and join with other local schools to showcase some of the great work that has been happening chorally. There is no cost so all are welcome to come along and join the Christmas spirit. Doors open at 6pm with the program starting at 7pm, finishing by 8.30pm. Students and families are welcome to partake in the sausage sizzle which will precede the Carols.

Yours in music
Mrs Susan Johnson, Mr John Gill, Mrs Alison Gill

VISUAL ART

Real Film Festival Friday 27th October Hunter Street TAFE Campus

An initiative of Screen Hunter, The Real Film Festival (RFF) was first held in Newcastle in 2012, to foster and develop the art of telling true stories through film.

This year the festival had its most jam-packed program yet, featuring film screenings, short film competitions, open air cinema, development workshops, and networking events.

Visual Art teacher Ms Feltham took some of her Photography students along to participate in a variety of industry workshops including special effects make-up, screen-writing, directing and camera basics. This was a unique opportunity for our students to see how people carve out a career in the film industry and rise to the top.

Looking forward to next year!



Zoe Heaney, Amanda Stokes
and Breeanna Kelly



Carla Feltham
Visual Arts

THE YEAR 7 READING PROGRAM FINAL CELEBRATION

The Year 7 Reading Program for 2017 was celebrated on Wednesday. A lively mixture of formalities, music, dance, fun and food was an apt way to acknowledge the achievements of 42 hardworking students and the generosity of the 5 tutors who give their time, year after year, to support our students with their learning.

Each of the students composed and delivered a speech of thanks to the tutor or teacher with whom they worked. Through these speeches, the students detailed the ways in which they have benefited from the Reading Program, including improvements in literacy, personal confidence, enjoyment of learning, courage to have a go, and respect and gratitude to others.

Staff members Mr Druery and Mr Bukey, inspired by these amazing young people, agreed to add to the fun by displaying their skills in juggling and drumming.

Of course, this wonderful Reading Program is made possible only by the tutors who give us their time.

If you would like to consider joining this warm and welcoming team of tutors, to help kids, I would love to hear from you.

Yvette Fulton
Learning and Support Teacher

READING PROGRAM FINAL CELEBRATIONS



SPECIAL EDUCATION

Our Junior IO students love their weekly visit to the Sensory Room Experience at Lakeside School. Their happy, smiling faces say it all!



The Literacy Program at Belmont High School will continue into 2018. This program involves students working with a tutor on a one to one basis on specific areas which will enhance reading, comprehension, fluency, as well as writing and spelling in all subject areas.

If you would like to help our students by volunteering as a tutor please give Mrs Fulton a call on 49450600.



TAS NEWS

Year 10 Food Technology completed an amazing assessment task practical on Wednesday. They were asked to design and create a menu item to be sold from their food van at a local music festival. The item needed to be packaged appropriately to be consumed easily while enjoying the music. The items they produced were outstanding, everything from acai bowls, waffle cups and brownies to nacho cups loaded hotdogs and fries. Great work year 10.



LIBRARY NEWS

Library books are required to be returned to the Library by November 17 for a Library stocktake. Students do not borrow over the Christmas holidays. If senior students wish to borrow over the holidays for schoolwork, they may see Ms Davis in the Library.

All students have an account with Clickview online so students can look at educational video clips that are shown in class. This is useful if students have been away for the lesson, and also if students wish to revise or research. Ms Davis is able to show students the log on process.



Halloween was celebrated in the Library with an exhibition of horror books, and with halloween lollies for students at recess and lunch.

Julie Davis
Librarian



TRANSITION

Since the start of Term 2 a number of Belmont High students have participated in the Youth Frontiers Program, a youth mentoring program focusing on leadership and civic engagement. Students have been working with mentors to develop a community based project and last week saw the culmination of all their hard work with students presenting their projects at the Youth Frontiers Showcase. Great news for Bonnie Burgess, awarded for Excellence in the program and Mia Taylor and Flynn Wallace-Smith who were successful in progressing through to the next stage of the program. Congratulations to each of you for all you have achieved. You have made BHS very proud

Thank you to our dedicated mentors and Sarah, our program leader. This fantastic program is only made possible with their continual commitment & dedication. Some excellent projects were implemented this year. Well done to our 13 students on their achievements!!!



Karen Newman
Transition Coordinator



SPORT REPORT

Aerobics

The sporting accolades continue at Belmont High with exciting news that a number of our students excelled at the FISAF International World Championships in the Netherlands (Federation of International Sports Aerobics and Fitness).

Congratulations to Siennah Pirona awarded 3rd IN THE WORLD and Mackenzie Glover awarded 6th IN THE WORLD in their individual events, with congratulations also to Ella Douglas and Maddison Dodds and Shauna Boots awarded 8th IN THE WORLD in their fitness team event. Fantastic results girls! Your dedication and commitment to your sport is inspirational. Congratulations once again!!



Athletics

Ashlyn Blackstock of year 8 competed in the Athletics NSW State Relays in Sydney on the 4th and 5th of November. Ashlyn was an integral member of the Newcastle Regional U14 and U18 girl's shotput and discus relay teams. As a result the girls won all 4 of their events. What an achievement! Congratulations to Ashlyn and the other members of the Newcastle team.

Trampolining

Jessica Pickering of Year 10 continues her quest to be the best she can be, currently competing in Bulgaria at the Trampoline World Championships.

Our very own Brett Austine, National Coach for Australia, is there to guide and support Jess and the rest of the Australian team throughout the competition.

Good luck to both Jess and Brett from all of us here at BHS. Travel safe and enjoy the whole experience. Congratulations!!



Mel Fag
Sports Organiser

Information on our physical activity program...



Active kids do well in class!

Research shows....



Kids who are active....

... and eat well



Do better in class!

This is why our school has introduced the PA4E1 program.

Did you know?

- The Government recommends kids do at least **60 minutes** of moderate-to-vigorous activity each day.
- This is activity which makes kids huff and puff!
- Sadly, only **1 in 5** kids meet the guidelines!*

* NSW SPANS Survey 2015

Physical Activity for Everyone (PA4E1)

Our school is now part of PA4E1. This will help us in our aim to increase student physical activity levels. Some ways we will do this are:



More activity in our PE lessons

Creating physical activity plans



Resistance training at our school

More activities during our breaks



More information sent home

More links with our community



For more information, visit: PA4E1Online.com.au



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SCHOOL SHOE REQUIREMENTS

The school must abide with the WH&S safety rules that are now law in all DEC schools across the state. When purchasing your child's footwear, use the following images as a general guide.

All shoes **MUST** be full leather, black shoes. Our uniform code states that these shoes are to be worn on all school days except Thursday, when full leather sports shoes must be worn.

- **Correct Footwear** – for use with our school uniform – **black leather, lace up shoes**. Must not extend over the ankle or have a platform. The leather must cover the whole foot for safety.



- **Incorrect Footwear** – Due to WH&S policy and the safety of your child slip on shoes and shoes that do not cover the whole foot are **NOT** acceptable.



- **Correct Footwear for Sport** – Sport shoes should be predominantly white, either lace up or Velcro. Shoes should be supportive of the feet during exercise. The whole of the upper foot must have a solid cover.



- **Incorrect sports shoes** - Slip on sports shoes are **not permitted**, these include canvas shoes as they are not supportive or appropriate for sport and PE.



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Belmont High School Uniform Shop

Opening Hours
Term 4

MONDAY	12.40pm - 1.20pm
TUESDAY	3.00PM - 4.00PM
THURSDAY	8.15am - 9.15am

EFTPOS available

All cheques to be made payable to
COUNTRY FEELING

Entry outside school hours via Albert Street

Belmont High School Uniform Shop Price List	
Girls Uniform	
Blouse - Junior and Senior	\$31.00
Skirt - Junior and Senior	\$45.00
Rugby Sports Shorts	\$22.00
Dress Shorts	\$40.00
Boys Uniform	
Blue Polo	\$32.00
Sports Shorts	\$29.00
Senior S/S Shirt	\$26.00
Senior White Polo	\$26.00
Unisex Items	
Sports Polo	\$30.00
Jacket	\$56.00
Polar Fleece Jumper	\$35.00
Sloppy Joe	\$30.00
Knit Jumper - size 8	\$65.00
Knit Jumper - size 10/12	\$70.00
Knit Jumper - size 14/16	\$75.00
Knit Jumper - size 18	\$80.00

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- **Writing Workshops**
Covering all ages from senior primary to senior high school, we run a number of workshops designed to boost your writing skills & strategies
- **HSC Preparation**
Year 12 students, hit the ground running in 2018 with some extra help from HSC specialist teachers

Individual and small group holiday lessons in Maths, Sciences and English can be arranged by contacting our office. Tutoring during terms also available.

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