Dear Parents,

I would like to extend a very big thank you to those intrepid people who braved the rain and mist on Saturday 19th to attend the working bee despite it being cancelled. We really appreciate the effort and the grounds certainly looked very neat and tidy for the Open day on the 23rd.

Open Day on Wednesday 23rd May was very successful with many parents coming to see the school. The displays of student work around the school were beautiful and every group who toured were very impressed by the work they saw happening.

Our enrolments are increasing and most grades are now full to capacity and we are rapidly approaching our cap. With an intensive focus on Teaching and Learning and our choice of subjects at senior level we are becoming a very popular choice for parents in our area.

If you happen to be around during the holidays which start on Friday 29th June, please call into Belgrave library to see our display.

Remember to get your Earn and Learn stickers from Woolworths supermarket when you pick up your groceries. We have a box in the foyer for completed sticker cards.

We are rapidly approaching the end of the semester and teachers are engaged in writing reports. The work focus and interest in their studies that students are showing is incredible and I look forward to reading their results.

You will have received a letter from me to inform you of the stopwork action on Thursday 7th June. We are very sorry that it takes place in the same week we have our pupil free day (Monday 4th) but as you are aware our day had been planned for some time. We realise this puts an added strain on families to have two days in one week. We apologise for this.

The SMS system to notify you of your child’s absence from school is working very well. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that school starts at 9 am with Morning Meeting in the hall. All rolls are marked at this time. Morning Meeting is a very important part of the school day and is not optional. If your child is not in the hall at 9am they will be marked absent and this could impact on some Centrelink payments if it is a constant occurrence. Students constantly arriving after lessons have started is distracting for the class and means the teacher has to stop and go through the instructions again to ensure everyone knows the lesson’s Learning Intentions.
Please make sure you are aware of the speed limit in our car park. Our primary children are constantly moving around the grounds and have to traverse the car park to get to the music rooms. It was noted by a teacher today that a car exited the car park so fast that the tyres dug ruts into the gravel. This is a very dangerous practice and I am alarmed that it may happen when one of our smaller students may be in the vicinity. Please ensure you enter and exit the car park slowly and carefully.

It has been great to see the amount of work that has occurred this term. Well done to all our students and a huge thank you to our teachers who are providing such a varied and rigorous curriculum for our students.

Anne Broadribb

**Working Bee on 19 May**

Thank you very much to the brave souls who attended the very wet working bee on Saturday, 19 May. Teachers Marilyn and DD, parents Erin, Rose, Brian and Esmeralda – your help was much appreciated! The grounds are looking great so a very big thank you to all the students, parents and teachers helping!

Grounds Committee

**Belgrave Lantern Parade, Saturday June 23rd 2012**

Music and activities on the Street will start at 4pm. The parade will leave Hayes Car Park at 5:30pm. We invite everyone to share the night with us when Belgrave’s main street will be closed to traffic for our 6th annual Lantern Parade at winter solstice.

Need help making your lantern? Workshop Dates:

Sat June 2nd 1-3pm, Kallista Community House --- Sun June 3rd 2-4pm, Belgrave South Community House
Fri June 8th 10.30am-12.30pm, Ferntree Gully Library --- Sat June 9th 10am-12pm, Selby Community House
Sat June 16th 10am-12pm, Belgrave Library --- Sat June 16th 10.30am-12.30pm, Ferntree Gully Library
Sun June 17th 1-3pm, Selby Community House
Sat June 23rd 10am-12pm, Belgrave Library --- Sat June 23rd 10am-4pm, Main Street Arcade
Primary News: 3-5 Camp to Cowes

My class went on camp to Phillip Island at CYC from Monday to Wednesday. We went to our cabins then we went on the Rope Course. We had free time then we went to dinner. The next day we went on the flying fox after that we went on the giant swing. Then we had dinner. The next day we packed up then we left. After we had lunch then we arrived.

Adam Yr 4

Going on camp was really fun because we went on the low ropes, rock climbing wall, giant swing and the big flying fox. It was especially because I was in a cabin with Keshet and Ruby.

Scarlett Yr 5

Camp was a great experience I shared a cabin with Ruby and Scarlett. It was really funny Ruby was asleep yet she was sleep talking and she said “No!” “I love it, no, I love it, no, I don’t love it, I love, love, love love, love, love definitely love it.” It was so funny it woke Scarlett and I up. We went on the giant swing and the flying fox it was so fun.

Keshet Yr 4

On camp I went on the giant swing it was 15m high. I went to the top. Then I had to pool a release rope. Initially it was a little bit scary swing backwards. Then I hung upside down. I had heaps of fun. I think the giant swing was the best part of camp.

Joel Yr 4

I loved being there I really the giant swing. I also liked the Flying Fox. I got 3 goes on the circatron. I liked the basketball as well.

JD Yr 4

The Circatron was fun!
You flip upside down and spin after you are strapped into the Circatron into a circle, everyone who had a go thought it was fun I had two turns.

Harry Yr 5

We all lined up, and I got picked second. When it was my turn to go on, I had to get a harness on me. “Pull me up!” I said. I went to the top of the fifteen metre pole, “Surfboards!” The man shouted, “3,2,1 swing!” I pulled the green rope that was in front of me I fell from out of the air. It was scary at first but I felt like you were flying. It was amazing.