February 5, 2015

The Belmore News

Diary Dates
Monday 9 February  Hairdresser visit
Friday 20 February Whole School assembly 2pm to 3pm
Monday 9 March Labour Day holiday
Thursday 19 March Family Night 5pm to 7pm
Friday 27 March Whole School Assembly
Friday 27 March End Term 1 2.30pm finish
Friday 3 April Good Friday
Monday 6 April Easter Monday
Monday 13 April Term 2 commences

Reminder
At the end of last year, paperwork to be completed for 2015 was sent home, medical updates, hydrotherapy permission, etc. If you have not already returned these documents, can you please do as soon as possible. Thank-you

Lost and Found
Last year, a Belmore School jacket belonging to one of our student’s, Hannah Ga. was sent home by accident with another student. Could you please check and see if it was sent home with your child by mistake. If you do find it could you please return to Class 4P. Thank-you

Supporting students with physical disabilities and/or health impairments to learn since 1962
Welcome to the first Belmore School Newsletter for 2015. This is an important means of connecting with our school community – particularly the parents and carers of our students. Please take the time to read the newsletter and take note of the important information or dates included, reflect on the wonderful programs or activities outlined or take pride in the achievements of our students which are highlighted.

Our students were all very happy to return to school, refreshed and ready to learn after their five week Christmas holiday break. The first week has been spent settling the students into their new classes, supporting them get to know their teachers, assistants and class mates and introducing them into new programs. The therapy team have been extremely supportive of this process, ensuring that all students have the correct equipment to best assist them in their classrooms and programs.

This year we welcome three new staff members to our team – Fran Jackson - 3A class teacher, Angela Fawcett - 7A class teacher and Stephanie Barbanti - speech pathologist. We are also fortunate to have one of our experienced CRTs Sara Scott as the class teacher in 6S this term.

We have wonderful staff at Belmore School who are as enthusiastic as I am to ensure that our students have the best programs and learning opportunities we can possibly offer. All our staff came in during the holidays to ensure they were organised and prepared to commence the school year on the first day back. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our staff for the work they undertake behind the scenes and often in their own time.

On Monday we were delighted to welcome our new foundation students to their first day at Belmore School. Ruby, Erica, Lucas, Sebastian and Talon have all settled extremely well into their class and programs and we are delighted to have them, their parents and siblings join our wonderful Belmore School community.

Later this week you will receive information regarding our first Student Support Group (SSG) meetings for the year. We greatly value the partnership between school and home and it is extremely important that you attend these meetings for us to work together to finalise your child’s specific goals for the year.
Principal’s Desk

These goals will then be incorporated into your child’s individual learning plan which underpins the teaching and learning focus for the year. Jan or I will be participating in these meetings along with a representative from the therapy team to ensure we are all aware of and have input into fine-tuning the goals and priorities for each student.

Due to the success of the online booking system for our last SSG meetings we will be using this process again. Kim Pearce in administration can provide support in accessing this program if required.

My goal as principal in 2015 is to continue to build upon the strong school culture existing within Belmore School, ensuring that student learning is a priority and consequently programs are developed to supplement and build upon the individual ability of each student. I look forward to sharing and celebrating the triumphs our students achieve and the milestones they attain with you throughout 2015.

Take care......Karen

Lucas

Ruby

Talon

Erica
Welcome back to Belmore School for 2015! I hope you all had a wonderful festive season and a relaxing break. The Yooralla team is looking forward to working with all the fantastic students and families/carers at Belmore again this year. We would love to hear from you anytime by phone, email and/or communication books. Please see the classroom therapy teams listed below.

There are a few changes to Yooralla staffing this year. On 1st February, Yvonne Chia (Speech Pathologist) gave birth to a beautiful baby boy! She has taken six months maternity leave. We are very happy to welcome Stephanie Barbanti, Speech Pathologist to our team for the next six months. Charlinda Parsons (OT) resigned at the end of 2014. Ruth Seow picked up an extra day at Belmore and is now here 4 days a week. Melinda Meade, Therapy Assistant, has taken up a 12 month secondment to the position of Administration Assistant at Glenroy Specialist School. Our other change was the retirement of Peter Caldow our wonderful Equipment Technician.

We look forward to a really exciting year working with all the students and families at Belmore School.

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3F
Occupational therapist: Kelly Dang/Ruth Seow
Physiotherapist: Liz Martin
Speech pathologist: Juine Lai

4P
Occupational therapist: Kelly Dang
Physiotherapist: Liz Martin
Speech pathologist: Stephanie Barbanti

5B
Occupational therapist: Kelly Dang
Physiotherapist: Liz Martin
Speech pathologist: Juine Lai

6S
Occupational therapist: Ruth Seow
Physiotherapist: Liz Martin
Speech pathologist: Juine Lai

7A
Occupational therapist: Ruth Seow
Physiotherapist: Liz Martin
Speech pathologist: Stephanie Barbanti

8R
Occupational therapist: Ruth Seow
Physiotherapist: Julia Crosswell
Speech pathologist: Stephanie Barbanti
Dear Parents,

Yooralla has a feedback system called “Your Yooralla Experience”. This system enables us to hear your compliments, comments, suggestions and complaints. We would like you to tell us:

- What you like
- What can be improved, and
- What you don’t like

Your feedback helps us know what we should keep doing, what we can improve on and what we need to change.

There are a number of ways you can let us know what is important to you:

- Speak to any of the Yooralla staff at Belmore School.
- Fill out “Your Yooralla Experience” online. A new link has been set up on the school website for you to use. Simply go to the Belmore School website, click on “Yooralla School Services”, then click on “Your Yooralla Experience”. This will take you directly to the feedback page on the Yooralla website.
- Send an email to feedback@yooralla.com.au

We look forward to hearing your feedback.

Kind regards

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If your child attends a respite service directly from school, please provide the information to Jan Welsh so that the Bus company can be advised.

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