February 12, 2015

The Belmore News

Diary Dates
Friday 20 February  Whole School assembly 2.00pm
Monday 9 March  Labour Day holiday
Thursday 19 March  Family Night 5.00pm to 7.00pm
Tuesday 24 March  Post School Options Expo
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

Learning To Achieve

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Supporting students with physical disabilities and/or health impairments to learn since 1962

Birthday’s at Belmore

Introducing “Buddy the Birthday Bear”

Buddy has been donated to Belmore School by Tom and Sarah Alcock to help celebrate all the birthdays, here at Belmore School.

Buddy may be sent home with the birthday student for their birthday, at the weekend.

We would love you to share photos and party adventure stories with us.
SSG Meetings
Information has been sent home regarding Student Support Group meetings and the online booking process. Could you please endeavour to book your meeting by Monday 16th February to enable us to work out a timetable for the therapy staff to attend?

School Council
This evening the 2014 Belmore School Council meets for the final time prior to the Annual General Meeting to be held in March. Becoming a School Council member is an excellent way to become involved in our school and provides you with an opportunity to contribute to policy and program development.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our current school council members who have been invaluable in supporting me in my first year as school principal. Parent members: Michael Havekotte (President), Guy Fazzino (Vice President), Sharon Shelley (Treasurer), Louise Robbins and Donna Goldsmith. DET Members: Jan Welsh (Secretary), Rose Ngai and Lynda Llewellyn (Minute Secretary).

Information will be sent home shortly calling for nominations for the 2015 Belmore School Council. Please take the opportunity to consider nominating and do not hesitate to contact me if you would like further information about the role of a school council member.

Hygiene Requests
Our school nurses have recently communicated with you in regard to the importance of maintaining a high level of hygiene in our pool. Your support in providing suitable snug fitting swim wear for your child is vital in this matter.

Classroom staff would also appreciate it if you could provide suitable clothing protection for your child to wear during mealtimes. You may prefer to send a bib, apron or tea towel in each day with your child’s lunch or alternatively send a supply of a week’s clothing protectors in on Monday and we will send the used one home at the end of the day. Could you also please assist by sending in a packet of wipes to keep with your child’s MTA equipment?

Your co-operation with these requests will ensure we maintain the high level of hygiene and cross infection control we value here at Belmore School.
Family Night
Our Family Night is planned for Thursday 19th March. Please save the date in your diary as this is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a range of fun activities at school with your child while taking the opportunity to meet and socialise with the many delightful members of our school community.

Take care......Karen

Molly, Hannah and Jackson taking part in Art this week with Sandy
Manningham *Tende beck* Scout Group
For scouts with special needs and disabilities
Now recruiting new youth members for 2015!

- Friendship
- Self-esteem
- Independence

Looking for a fun after school activity?

We promote ability, focusing on building friendships, self-esteem and independence. Our programs are tailored to individual ability and give group members the opportunity to try new things and “have a go!”

Who can join?

Boys and Girls 10 years +
Suitability is assessed on an individual basis; we cater for a range of abilities and needs.

- Badge work
- Games
- Craft
- Cooking
- Camps

Contact Us
Enquiries can be made via our website.

(w) www.tendebeck.com  (ph.) 0415 931 761

Facebook: www.facebook.com/manninghamtendebeck

Fortnightly meetings are held between 7:00pm - 8:30pm on Tuesday, during School Term at:

Manningham *Tende beck* Scout Hall:
Corner of High Street Rd and Doncaster Rd, Doncaster.  (Enter via John St)

For more information please visit our website: www.tendebeck.com

We acknowledge the Wurindjeri people for our name Tendeck which means, ‘perfect’ or ‘the best’.
MINI EXPO

When: Tuesday 24th March 2015
Time: 1.30 - 6.00pm
Where: Bulleen Heights School
Secondary School Campus
221 Manningham Road,
Lower Templestowe 3107

Meet service providers for information on:
Day Services/Placements
- Northern & Eastern Region
Tafe Colleges
Futures for Young Adults
DHS services
Supported employment
Employment Services
Individualized programs

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The Mini Expo on Tuesday, March 24th, 2015 is organised by Bulleen Height School. This is a good opportunity for you to explore a range of services all in one location. You can meet the managers or coordinators of the services and ask them questions face-to-face. There will be lots of information and pamphlets describing the provided activities or programs.

I highly recommend that you make the time to pay a visit. Katina, the Transition Coordinator, has included some of the adult services which cover the North-West metropolitan region and the Eastern metropolitan region where most of our students reside.

Belmore School’s Futures for Young Adults program (FFYA) planning for the 18+ year old students and family will commence in March. This year, the planning meeting and the Special Needs Assessment will be carried out on the same day. Parents involved have been contacted regarding the time and the date already.

The FFYA information session will be organised in Term 3. Parents of students from 15+ will be invited to this meeting where information and the process of this program will be introduced by the team leader and the members of the Disability Support Team of the Department of Human Services.

Detailed information will be posted in our newsletters and individual invitations will also be distributed.

Rose Ngai
FFYA Coordinator