February 26, 2015

The Belmore News

Diary Dates
Monday 9 March       Labour Day holiday
Tuesday 10 March     School Council Meeting 7.30pm
Tuesday 17 March     OrthoKids clinic
Thursday 19 March    Family Night 5pm to 7pm
Friday 27 March      Whole School Assembly 1.45pm
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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FFYA

Information regarding Career Planning & Transition

Pathways Expo
♦ at Diamond Valley SDS on Tuesday 3rd March, 4pm-5pm. Teaching staff, parents and carers are invited to attend.
♦ at Bulleen Heights School on Tuesday, 24th March, 1.30pm – 6pm

Open Day & Evening
Onemda Wednesday 11th March, 6.30pm
Onemda LEAP-Friday 27th March, 10.30am-12.00noon

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Communication
Our SSG meetings have demonstrated that it is extremely important to have a good line of communication in place between school and home.

There are a number of ways our teaching and therapy staff communicate with the parents of our students. Our primary way is to send a written note via your child’s communication book. We value your input into this process and the communication books are checked as a priority in the morning when your child arrives at school.

Other ways to keep in touch are via email, phone or in person. For ease of reference the names and contact details of the key school personnel working with your child will be listed in the front cover of their communication book. Please be mindful that teachers and therapists may not check their emails until the end of the day and are unable to take phone calls during teaching times. If your matter is urgent please contact Jan or myself.

School Review
This year Belmore School will undertake a school review which all schools participate in every four years. A School Review is the opportunity to assess past practice, evaluate success and set our future direction through the development of the school’s new Strategic Plan.

Today Jan and I are attending a meeting with the DET where they will provide an overview of the School Performance Framework, the different types of review offered and the rationale and requirements underpinning the process. Jan and I have both led previous school reviews and we look forward to working with all key stakeholders in the school - staff, school council, parents, students and community members, particularly as we undertake our self-evaluation which is a major component of the process.

Take care......Karen
At last week’s assembly, our Student Leadership Team for 2015 was announced. Congratulations to:

Aidan

Angela

Max

Megan

Angus

Eliza
Welcome Stephanie!

At the start of Term 1 this year, we welcomed speech pathologist, Stephanie Barbanti, on board the Yooralla therapy team at Belmore School!

Stephanie will be working with us while speech pathologist, Yvonne Chia, is on maternity leave. Stephanie will be working at Belmore School on Wednesdays to Fridays. She works with Rooms 3F, 4P, 7A and 8R. Stephanie always has a smile and a helping hand ready, so if you have any questions or see Steph around the school, feel free to say hello!
We are having a BALL learning in 3F

New teacher Fran would like to acknowledge the enormous assistance of Jess these past few weeks to ensure 3F runs smoothly for all students and is a lovely place to learn. Thank you Jess!
Our class mates in 3F are Darcy, Jed, Melisa, Tom and Zoe with Fran and Jess

Plumbers visited 3F to replace our broken sink tap and George and Hannah joined us for story and relaxation time after swimming.
What’s Happening In 4P?

The year has started off well for us—the clever students in 4P. We have all settled in well to the programs and activities. Maeve has been away for most of the term. She had an operation on her legs earlier in the year and has spent some time recovering at home. She is hoping to come back to school next week. We went to visit her last week, and had a delicious morning tea with Maeve, her mum and her dog Rosie.

Another highlight already this term was helping Hannah to celebrate her 10th birthday. There was cake, candles, singing and lots of smiles.

But back to the real work......

The term has been full of us exploring our features in the mirror, and making our ‘faces’ into puppets. We will also explore the other parts of our bodies, and how we are different from others in the classroom.

One of our programs has been to explore and choose from a variety of objects. We have been choosing our favourites from a selection and also using our senses to choose an object when it is in the box.
We think Sensory tasting has been our favourite program. We explore the texture and taste of different fruits and flavoured yoghurt, and then use the switch-activated blender to make smoothies! YUM!

The Arts have also been keeping us busy with dance therapy, music therapy and art. We move, play instruments and create with Megan and Sandy. Liz is there to watch us as we sit and stand, and Kelly keeps us nicely stretched and splinted. Steph is new to our team and is getting to know all there is to know about us.
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