**March 12, 2015**

**The Belmore News**

**Diary Dates**
- **Monday 16 March**  RSVP Family Night
- **Tuesday 17 March**  OrthoKids clinic
- **Thursday 19 March**  Family Night 5.00pm to 7.00pm
- **Tuesday 24 March**  Annual General Meeting 7.00pm
  - School Council Meeting 7.30pm
- **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
- **Friday 8 May**  Mothers’ Day High Tea

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**Learning To Achieve**

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**Will you need Equipment for home during school holidays?**

If you require any of your child’s school equipment to be sent home for the term break, please inform your therapist as soon as possible.

A Service Fee of $15.00 will be charged to cover equipment checks prior to and after borrowing to ensure that all equipment is in good working order.

All equipment needs to be signed for prior to it being sent home and needs to be returned by the agreed date otherwise additional costs may apply. Thank you.

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It is imperative that you let your therapist know, no later than **Friday 13 March, 2015** if you would like equipment to come home for the holidays.

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Supporting students with physical disabilities and/or health impairments to learn since 1962
Principal’s Desk

Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge
On Tuesday our Premier Daniel Andrews launched the 2015 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge and once again we have decided this is an important event for our students to participate in as it encourages a love of literature and an enjoyment of reading. Reading plays an important role in literacy development and is an educational experience all our students can enjoy, be it reading a book themselves or listening to a story being read to them. Betty, along with Peggy, will again co-ordinate the challenge, ensuring the literature we read is of the highest quality.

Family Night
We are all looking forward to Family Night next Thursday. To assist with your organisation to attend, staff will be available to supervise your child after school until you arrive at 5.00pm. Please inform your child’s teacher and the bus staff if you would like your child to remain at school next Thursday.

Take care......Karen
We have had a lovely start to the year in 6S working on writing letters to friends & family, organising a fantasy holiday and learning about each other.

We have thrown ourselves enthusiastically back into our physical exercise programs including hydrotherapy/swimming.

We have had some fun cooking sessions & community access outings.

It’s been a fun Term 1.
Dear parents,

The following information is sent by the North West Specialist School Transition Network which I attend regularly as the representative of Belmore School.

The Career Expos will be of great benefit for the families who live in the North-West Region as defined by the Department of Human Services. The suburbs include Eltham, Diamond Creek, Ivanhoe, and Doreen. This is a great opportunity for parents and carers to explore a range of service providers under one roof. The face-to-face conversation and the resources displayed will provide more details and information, allowing the parents and carers to distinguish preferred services for future visits.

**The Career Expos are:**

March 24 1.30-5.30pm  - Croxton School, Northcote

April 16 1.30-4.30pm  - Ascot Vale Special School and Jackson School at 40-44 Mulhall Drive Street, St Albans

More details regarding the range of the service providers in these expos will be distributed and shared after further contacts to be made with the relevant schools’ coordinators.

Belmore School will support the parents and carers in the process of exploring the post school options for their son/daughter.

**Rose Ngai**

Leading Teacher
Term 1 has just flown by and school holidays are upon us once again. Just a quick reminder about holiday equipment, if there is any equipment that needs to be loaned for the holidays please let your therapists know as soon as possible.

Holidays are a great time to be working on some activities at home. Here are a few suggestions.

Have lots of fun and have a great holidays!!

- Read a story together, practise pointing and turning pages
- Make some play dough
- Decorate some cupcakes with smarties and marshmallows
- Throw and catch a ball with a friend
- Practise independence at mealtimes
- Bring out some games like Jenga, and Connect Four
- Give lots of high 5’s and high 10s
YES we will/ NO we will not be attending the Family Night

Student’s Name_________________________________________

Number of Adults______            Number of Children________

YES my child ________________________________ will stay at
School, under staff supervision, until I arrive at 5.00pm
Mothers’ Day

Mothers’ Day High Tea

Friday 8th May
2.00pm
at Belmore School

Calling all Mums!
Keep this date free

Belmore School would like to put on a special High Tea in your honour