March 5, 2015

The Belmore News

Diary Dates
Monday 9 March    Labour Day holiday
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

Family Night

We are all looking forward to Family Night on Thursday 19th March. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to gain the Belmore School experience with your child, meet our fabulous staff and socialise with other families. To assist with catering purposes could you please return the reply slip in this newsletter or reply via your child’s communication book if you are attending?  

......Karen

Supporting students with physical disabilities and/or health impairments to learn since 1962
2014 Belmore School Council
It gives me great pleasure to introduce you to the 2015 Belmore School Council. Michael Havekotte is returning as a parent member and Jan Welsh is returning as the DET member. Brenton Carey, who is Jed’s father, will fill the vacant community member position which meant an election was not required as the number of nominations equalled the same number of vacancies. All newly elected members will serve two years on school council with existing members having one more year to serve in their term.

The 2015 Belmore School Council consists of the following members:

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The AGM will be held on Tuesday 24\textsuperscript{th} March at 7.00pm followed by the first school council meeting at 7.30pm where new office bearers – President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary will be elected. (Please note that this date is different to the date previously advised.)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our school councillors for the time and expertise they volunteer to oversee the governance of Belmore School.
Student Leadership
I would also like to introduce our 2015 student leaders who were presented at our whole school assembly last week.

Eliza  Max  Megan  Aidan  Angela  Angus

All students interested in taking on a leadership position presented an application which was then considered by the leadership team. The six students selected demonstrated their understanding and interest in the Student Leadership role. Jan and I look forward to working with them throughout this year.

Special Religious Instruction
As there has been sufficient interest in Special Religious Instruction, the program will commence for those students with parental approval in Term 2 once our instructors accreditation has been approved by the DET. SRI will be offered at Belmore School each Friday at 9.30am and where there may be a clash with an important program occurring in the classroom we will always contact you directly for confirmation of which program you would like your child to participate in.

Enjoy the long weekend and take care......Karen
We have had some great learning adventures on our Community Access excursions. In preparation for our visit to the State Library of Victoria, we discussed what we might see with our Speech Pathologist Juine. She asked us if we thought we might see a car or a horse at the Library. At the time we didn’t think we would but guess what? Much to our surprise there were THREE cars parked right outside the front doors of the Library and a horse as well! We had an entertaining debate as to whether a statue of a man on a horse actually meant that we saw a horse at the Library and we decided that it did. It’s amazing what you might see at a library so you should never judge a book by its cover!

Next we went to the Royal Melbourne Zoo and saw the beautiful elephants, one of whom was having a dust bath. We also saw lots of trees and we talked about whether we had lots of trees at our own houses. Some students did and some students didn’t.

One student decided that they wouldn’t be able to have a zebra at their house because the zebra and giraffe enclosure was a big space and our yards at home are only small. We saw lots of different birds in the aviary some of which were ducks. We decided that some of us have seen ducks near our houses.

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Our excursion this week was to the Sea Life Melbourne Aquarium where the students got to hold shark skins and shark eggs, turtle shells, coral, sea stars, a stingray tail, penguin feathers and a shingle back lizard. Amazing! We talked about hard and soft shells, smooth and rough surfaces and big and small animals. We found out that sharks can swim while they are asleep but keep their eyes open and swim very slowly. There are fish from all over Australia in the largest tank and it took a year of temperature adjustments to acclimatize all the fish. We asked how old do the fish live to and found out that some fish can live until they’re 80. Another question was how many fish are there at the Aquarium and we found out there are 2000 of them.

We are looking forward to our excursion to the Museum next week.
Belmore Babies

This week we had a visit by two of our staff members on maternity leave.

They are now MUMS!!

Yvonne with baby
Remy and Kim with baby Dylan.

Belmore Birthdays

Special birthday wishes to Taylor who celebrated his birthday on February 29th!!!!!!
YES we will/ NO we will not   be attending the Family Night

Student’s Name_________________________________________

Number of Adults______            Number of  Children________
We have one reported case of head lice in the school, can parents please be vigilant.

For Sale

For sale 2 Jenx corner chairs size 3 in very good condition, $950 each, and one almost new table for one of them, $300. Please call Michelle Corby on 0418 512 778 if you are interested.

Lost

Late last year Blake, one of our Secondary students, lost one of his hearing aids (see picture). It has a special FM transmitter and his mum Michelle is still hoping to find it. It may have accidentally ended up in a bag or wheelchair. Could you please check your child’s equipment and contact the school if found. Thankyou.