Welcome back to what is going to be an action packed 2013! It was very exciting to see all the new Kindergarten children today and it was also great to see so many of our former students returning last Wednesday.

At the moment it appears that we will hold our numbers from last year giving us six (6) classes in total. We are attempting to start the year in our 2013 classes however the classes may need to be rearranged if we get any more children enrolled. The NSW DEC has very prescriptive guidelines about class formation and all schools must adhere to these protocols when we set up classes.

With this newsletter each family will receive a Term 1 Calendar and a Term 1 Expected Costs Sheet for all of the activities that are planned for Term 1 2013. We will be providing you with this information each term this year so that everyone can be more aware of school events and plan their own budgets accordingly. A copy of each of these is also available on the school website.

This year Belmont North PS has organised book-packs for each grade which you can see on the Expected Costs Sheet. We are providing these and the Mathletics subscription at a substantially discounted rate for all students. Please support your child’s /children’s learning by purchasing these items as soon as possible.

Good luck to all of the children who are competing in the swimming carnival tomorrow!
**Asthma Plans Required**

All students who have medically diagnosed Asthma are required to supply the school with an **Asthma Plan**. A copy of the asthma plan was given to each student today. This must be signed off by your family doctor and returned to the school asap.

**P&C NEWS**

Welcome back to you all and we hope you had as much rest as we did. We are ready for a new and exciting year working together with you.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The P&C AGM will be held on 12 February 2013 at 9.00 am. All positions will be declared vacant at the beginning of the meeting. The P&C meeting will then follow the AGM.

**Becoming a Member**

If you would like to join your P&C, you can do so by attending any meeting & pay your $1.00 membership fee and sit an entire meeting. You are then able to motion or vote from the very next meeting. We look forward to meeting some new family members, seeing some new faces, hearing new ideas and opinions.

**FUNDRAISING**

Joyce Mayne Boxing Day sale BBQ – The P&C held their annual Boxing Day sale BBQ which 4 of our members worked the full day. Unfortunately we only raised $49.10. There was no support from our school community and therefore we will be ceasing the BBQ’s to spend our time with our own families.

Belmont 16’s meat raffle - We have been allocated Thursday 14th & Friday 15th February 2013 for the community raffle. Please come along to the 16’s and support YOUR school and ladies volunteering their time to raise the funds.

**Salvation Army Hamper**

As advised in our final grapevine for last year, all hamper donations received were put in the Salvation Army hamper which was delivered to them during the last week of school and they were extremely grateful to the students and families of Belmont North Public School.

**Year 6 Can Recycling**

Keep bringing in your cans and fill up our new recycling cage.

**PLEASE DO NOT CRUSH YOUR CANS.**
**Ring Pulls Collection** -

Please keep them coming in to the canteen in a zip-lock bag as they help Ronald McDonald House raise funds for much needed equipment.

**Canteen Roster**

Monday – Closed
Tuesday – Closed
Wednesday – Leanne R & Sarah
Thursday - Tracey M & Kristy
Friday - Tammy

**Lunch Orders must be handed in before 9am**

**Uniforms**

The uniform shop is only opened Friday mornings from 8.45am to 9.15pm. If you cannot make this time please put your name & contact number in an envelope and place it in the letterbox in the canteen for us to contact you to make arrangements. You can also place an order & money in the letterbox and we will give the items to your child.

New Uniform shirts - As of 1 January 2013, the new shirts will be $30.00 each

**Laybys**

Remember you must make regular weekly payments on your layby. If you have recently placed a layby without a deposit, we ask that you make a payment this week.

**Important Reminder**

Laybys cannot be separated. Items cannot be taken until you have paid your layby in full. If you are experiencing financial difficulty you can approach the school office or the Salvation Army for possible assistance.