Principal's Report – Mr. Scott Campbell.

Starting next term we will have a specialist music teacher (Miss Brooke) who will be teaching all classes K-6 each Friday. The K-2 classes will have 30 minute lessons and the 3-6 classes will experience a 45 minute lesson each. Miss Brooke has a lot of great activities planned for each class including singing, playing instruments and even some hip-hop dance moves.

One of the great programs that we run here at Belmont North Public School is the KidsMatter program. One of the main points of the program is to promote positive self-images for the children and to help them develop overall strong mental well-being. Current research suggests that one in four kids over 12 have symptoms of depression. Would you know what to look for and how to help?

In this podcast, brain and mind specialist Professor Ian Hickie chats with James O’Loughlin on helping kids beat the blues.


Congratulations to all of the children who attended the Fort Scratchley Excursion last week. I received positive feedback from the venue and the bus company about your behaviour. That is exactly what we need to hear whenever BNPS children are out in public! Well done kids!

Good luck to all of the children who have returned their notes and money for the T-Ball Gala Day in the primary grades. The very short turn around isn’t ideal for families and this will be flagged to the PSSA executive for their next meeting.
**Fort Scratchley Excursion**

On Thursday 27th March, years 3, 4, 5 & 6 went to Fort Scratchley in Newcastle.

We learnt that the year 1911 was so important because the guns were changed and the disappearing gun was put in. We went on a tunnel tour underneath Fort Scratchley. The lamps are expensive and were remade after vandals wrecked them. We went in to the gunpowder room where the men work in the dark and could only wear cotton clothes. Then we moved onto the museum, there we saw Dobson medals and swords and knives.

We looked out from the top of Fort Scratchley at the city of Newcastle and the beaches. We finished the day on Newcastle Foreshore down at the old tram sheds.

Thank you to our parent helpers and thanks parents for letting your kids go to Fort Scratchley, we had fun!

Written by Olivia and Logan in 3M
Term 1, Week 10 Award Winners

Principal’s Award
K/1N  Zoe Pangas
1/2M  Michala Phillips
1/2O  Connor Sutcliffe
3M  3M for good behaviour on excursion
4B  Thomas Dezelak
5/6W  Luke Halls

Student of the Week
K/1N  Hayley Jefferson
1/2M  Kaleb Robson
1/2O  Alirah-Jane Cullen
3M  Jasmine Smith
4B  Brodie Franklin
5/6W  Melanie Hughes

You Can Do It – Getting Along
K/1N  Deliana Felemi
1/2M  Connah Smallwood
1/2O  Charlie Rowan
3M  Trojan Luppi
4B  Aaron Boney
5/6W  Cooper Clarke

Merit:
K/1N  Logan Marks
1/2M  Kiralee McDonald
1/2O  Will Dobson
3M  Meredith Nicholson
4B  Jack Grainger
5/6W  Kiarra Tytherleigh
EXCURSIONS:

1. Classes K/1N, 1/2M, 1/2O:  Australian Reptile Park Excursion on Thursday 3rd April.

2. Class 5/6W: Canberra Excursion – Tuesday 24th June to Friday 27th June. $50 deposit due now.

BULLYING : NO WAY HARMONY DAY  21st March, 2014

Colouring in Competition Winners:

K/1N   Ella Sutcliffe  
1/2O   Madelena Matthews  
1/2M   Codie Baker  

Poster Design Competition Winners:

3M   Olivia Cullen  
4B   Dean Hargrave  
5/6W  Josh Grainger  

P & C NEWS

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 8 April 2014 at 9am in the teacher's staff room.

We welcomed 2 new members last month and look forward to meeting more.

FUNDRAISING

THANK YOU to the families who have made a donation. Easter is only 3 weeks away!! We are seeking donations towards our wonderful Easter Raffle. Kindly hand your donations to our canteen volunteers. We need to collect donations before the end of March so that we have time to prepare the prizes and hand out raffle tickets in time to sell. So please dig deep, donations can consist of anything from Easter eggs, stuffed bunnies, decorations, baskets, cellophane, etc. Aldi usually have a great range at very reasonable prices.

Raffle Tickets have gone home; if more are required please ask at the office. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade, which will be held on 10th April.

Out of Uniform Day!! Mr Campbell has given permission for you to have an Out of Uniform Day on Tuesday 8 April 2014. For being out of uniform we are asking for an Easter egg donation or gold coin to help support our raffle.

Mother’s Day Stall and Raffle

The Mother’s Day stall and raffle will be held soon after the Easter Vacation. We will also be seeking donations for these, so thought we would give you plenty of notice. You can hand your donations to the canteen volunteers at any time. All donations are greatly appreciated.

CANTEEN NEWS

Please consider helping out in the canteen just 1 day per month. We have advised families since the start of the year that we have 2 Tuesdays free and that if we cannot fill these days then unfortunately the canteen will be closed.

Despite the notice, sadly there have been parents complaining that the canteen was closed. This is unfair as most of our current volunteers do anywhere from 2-4 days per fortnight and now
two of the current volunteers are stepping up to cover the days in an effort for a couple of people to come forward to learn the day with them. Tuesdays are not our busiest days so you can do it and it is a wonderful opportunity to get to know the other wonderful students in our school. Let’s work together for your children.

PLEASE NOTE: The canteen cannot accept $20 notes or $50 notes as we do not hold a float to accommodation large notes.

LUNCH ORDERS MUST BE HANDED IN BEFORE 9AM – the doors will close at 9.10am as late orders are consistently happening and they simply cannot be cooked in time.

Canteen Roster

This week 31st Mar – 4th April

Monday – Sue
Tuesday – OPEN
Wednesday – Tina K
Thursday – Mel & Kayleen
Friday – Tammy & Tiana

Next week 7th – 11th April

Monday – Sue
Tuesday – Shell & Ang
Wednesday – Louise
Thursday – Mel & Tammy
Friday – June & Kayleen

UNIFORMS

MEDIUM SIZE HATS HAVE NOW ARRIVED!!!

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 and receipt to your child.

New Shirts - We expect a new delivery in approximately May 2014 (due to Chinese New Year). They are only $25.00 each and such a better quality. See the uniform shop on Fridays and remember you can layby your shirts with regular weekly payments.

Skorts – our girls are looking beautiful in their new skorts. They are only $20.00 each so come along on Friday to purchase yours.

New sports bag – We have a great new light weight bag in stock that is great for taking to swimming lessons, out of school sports and excursions, etc. Come and have a look – they are $13.00 each.

YEAR 6 CAN COLLECTION

Keep bringing in your cans and fill up our new recycling cage. PLEASE DO NOT CRUSH YOUR CANS. The money raised from the cans is put towards the students’ gift to the school at the end of each year.

Remember to keep the Ring Pulls in a zip-lock bag and hand to the canteen volunteers as they help Ronald McDonald House raise funds for much needed equipment.
Newcastle Permanent
Junior Ranger Fun Day
A great opportunity to have an exciting learning experience at Blackbutt Reserve where children can participate in fun and educational activities.

When: 11am - 1pm, Tuesday 15 April 2014
Where: Richley Reserve top flat (entry off Freyberg St)
Free Sausage sandwich for children only, $1 each for adults. Drinks available for purchase.

Go4Fun is a FREE healthy lifestyle program for families with children aged 7-13. It will be running after school hours at your school on Mondays and Wednesdays during Term 2. All families at Belmont North Public School are welcome to attend. It is run by a qualified Dietitian/Nutritionist and Exercise Leader. Afternoon tea will be provided to families. Visit the Go4Fun website at http://go4fun.com.au or call 0467 763 075 and speak to Katie for more details.

School Holiday NETBALL Development Clinic
~ Registrations NOW DUE ~

For children turning 8 - 13 years in 2014

Are you a passionate Junior Netballer who would like to build confidence, develop teamwork and further enhance your skills - Pivot Netball Academy can assist you.

ALSO OFFERING - After School Junior Netball Program in 2014.

(only 10 positions available per age group)

Pivot Netball Academy - www.pivotneball.com.au

Weekly Focus – Resilience