Monday Note – Term 1 Week 11 – 2014.

Belmont North Public School - Newsletter

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Principal’s Report – Mr. Scott Campbell.

Well done to all of our students for having a go in our recent Public Speaking competition! Thanks also go to Mrs Owen & Mrs Williams for their stellar organisation! The teachers and judges said it was a very hard decision to decide on the eventual winners. I found Public Speaking very difficult to do when I was a student so I am full of admiration for all of you for being so brave. Keep up the great work kids!

Next term we have the Netball & Rugby League PSSA competitions starting up again. These are fantastic opportunities for our students and we hope to continue our involvement for many years to come. However one area that we need more support from our families is in the area of transportation to the PSSA events. Legally we need all parents transporting children to any event to have submitted their driver’s license and registration papers to the school front office.

Managing the amount of screen time that our children are exposed to has become a hot topic of late. Helping kids find the right balance between activities, homework and screen time is a challenge that only gets harder as they grow older. Common-sense Media have developed a guide on setting time limits that are realistic enough that your children will actually follow them.

Read the article here: http://bit.ly/1pBlfmk

Wishing everyone a happy and relaxing Easter holiday – see you all back here safe and well on Tuesday the 29th of April.

Tomorrow is an OUT OF UNIFORM day to support the P & C Easter Raffle.

Important Announcements!

Parent Online Payments
All families now have the option of paying for school events through our web page.

Simply click on the link that says:

$ Make a payment

Thought for the Week!

Never underestimate your own ability to make someone else’s life better
- Greg Louganis

Weekly Focus – Confidence
National Young Leaders Day

Last Monday our Captains, Vice-Captains and myself caught an early bus (5.40am) to Sydney for the National Young Leaders Day held at the Entertainment Centre.

What an occasion!! Over 6000 children from all over the state listened to and participated in question time with the many speakers and guests during the day.

The speakers were Bob Carr, former Premier of NSW; Ita Buttrose, journalist and Australian of the Year; Andy Griffiths, children’s author and funny, funny man and 16 year old Coen Ashton, a double lung donor recipient and spokesperson for Donor Australia. Crystal, Will, Melissa and Cooper all thought he was an inspiration. The children had followed Coen’s progress, via BTN, so his story about surviving Cystic Fibrosis was familiar to them. His message made an impact on us all – Be the best person you can be, enjoy life and always give 110%.

The leadership messages from all the speakers were: be decent and strong, believe in yourself, always do your best and never give up on your dreams.

Our school leaders were fantastic ambassadors for our school and they received many compliments about their “smart looking” uniforms and all the children on our bus received congratulations from the bus driver for good manners and behaviour.

I would also like to thank and acknowledge the generous support we received from our P & C for the Yong Leaders Day.

Glenda Williams

ANZAC DAY MARCH

Belmont North Public School has again been invited to march with the Belmont RSL Sub Branch on Anzac Day the 25th April.

As Anzac Day falls during the school holidays, staff, parents and children are asked to assemble at 8.30am at the Belmont Mall. The children will march up the Pacific Highway and finish at the new War Memorial site at Cullen Park (opposite the Gunyah Hotel).

Children are to wear their full school uniform and have also been invited to wear any family medals. (Please wear any medals on the right hand side of the uniform)

Children will receive a drink and a packet of chips at the end of the service.

Could the families who intend supporting the Anzac March this year please inform the Office at BNPS so that final numbers can be given to the RSL.

Thank You,

Glenda Williams
Public Speaking

Congratulations have to go to all of our finalists in the competition. What a great effort to give a speech in front of such a large audience.

Our Stage Winners were:

Early Stage 1: Mykka Armstrong and Logan Marks (equal 1st)
Stage 1: Harry Evans (1st) and Sage Mullins (2nd)
Stage 2: Tia Fuller (1st), Sacchi Nicol (2nd) and Olivia Cullen (3rd)
Stage 3: Crystal Sumner (1st) and Kane Hodge (2nd)

Thank you to all parents who supported us on this special day.

Deb Owen and Glenda Williams

Australian Reptile Park Excursion

On Thursday 3rd April, Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 ventured to the Australian Reptile Park at Gosford. After an enjoyable bus ride we met and got to pat lots of different reptiles, mammals and marsupials. We saw “Eric”, the crocodile have his lunch and perform a death roll. We had a wonderful day!

A big “Thank You” to our fantastic parent helpers who made our day so memorable.

Miss Norley
T-BALL GALA DAY

Congratulations to all the BNPS children who represented our school at last week’s T-Ball Gala Day held at Barton Oval.

It was a fantastic day and it was great to see everyone ‘having a go’, working on improving their T-Ball skills and having fun!

As always, a big “Thank You” to our fabulous parents and families, who continually support us with transport, encouragement and help to make these days a success.

Glenda Williams

FUNDRAISING – Year 6 Disco

Year 6 will be holding a Fundraising Disco:

When: Thursday 10th April, 2014
Where: The Canteen
Time: 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm
Cost: $3.00 per person or $5.00 per family
What to wear: Clothes you would wear out to dinner.

NO – (Thongs or high heels, singlet tops or bare midriffs)

Prizes for bringing your best dance moves to the disco –

Mrs Williams – Year 6

Macquarie Shield Netball and Knights Rugby League

A permission note will be sent home today (7th April) for the Macquarie Shield Netball Competition held at the Charlestown Netball Courts and the Knights Round Robin Rugby League Competition held at Windale Ovals, starting Term 2 on Friday 2nd May.

It is ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL that the permission note is completed and returned to Mrs Williams (Netball) and Mr Booth (Rugby League) by Wednesday 30th April.

*** Failure to return the permission note by the due date will mean your child will miss the opportunity to participate in these events ***

BNPS is a small school and relies on parents and families to support these activities by helping with transport. If you can transport your child and any other children, to either of these events, please make sure that you tick the box on the note and indicate how many extras you may be able to take.

We appreciate your commitment and thank you for your ongoing support.

Glenda Williams and Rhys Booth
The next P&C meeting will be held tomorrow, 8 April 2014 at 9am in the teacher’s staff room.

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

**FUNDRAISING**

THANK YOU to the families who have made a donation. The Easter raffle will be drawn this Thursday. Make sure you have handed in your tickets and money.

It is not too late to make your donation, simply hand your donations to our canteen volunteers.

**Out of Uniform Day - Tomorrow!!** Mr Campbell has given permission for 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 2 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**

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**Weekly Focus – Confidence**
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 at the Canteen 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.
Visit the Wetlands in the Holidays

During the school holidays the Hunter Wetlands Centre at Shortland is offering fun activities for kids and families. Kids can learn bush skills, go on a bike safari, make bush perfume or join Tantrum Theatre drama workshops and participate in the creation and performance of ‘Reptilia’. Booking is essential for school holiday activities - go to www.wetlands.org.au for dates, times and costs. For families there are walking trails, a discovery playground, dip-netting, reptile talks, bike and canoe hire. Bring a picnic or enjoy a fresh and delicious lunch at the Spoonbill Cafe.

Easter Saturday is great time to visit for a fun filled morning with craft, face painting, games, BBQ and a special treasure hunt. Note: the Centre will be closed Good Friday and Easter Monday. All entry $5, school holiday special - children 3-12 yrs only $2.

School Holiday Workshops at Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery

These half-day workshops allow primary school aged children the opportunity to create their own artworks using a variety of materials and techniques.

April 15-24 Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

visit the gallery website for details www.artgallery.lakemac.com.au

Joanna Davies | Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery
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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
Proudly endorsed by:
Hunter Academy of Sport – Hunter Sports High

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.

THE BEST GIFT FOR 2014 – THE GIFT OF GOOD HEALTH!
As we look forward to 2014 with expectation and hope for a great year ahead, it’s a great time to reflect on the things that matter to us. Ask any person “What is the most important thing for you in life?” and most would say something like “to be healthy and happy”. Yet if we take a closer look at our home lives, they are often hectic, chaotic and jam-packed with kids activities, leaving little time to plan and shop for healthy meals, let alone fit in some much needed exercise! Yet these are two of the “biggies” when it comes to achieving the healthy lifestyle that so many of us wish for! Imagine if you could give the gift of good health to your family in 2014? In 2013, Hunter New England Local Health District have given many families an opportunity to “turn over a new leaf” through their FREE Go4Fun program. These families are now well equipped to begin their journey towards better health and happiness in 2014! There is a Go4Fun Program running at Belmont North on Mondays and Wednesdays in Term 2. All families at Belmont North Public School are welcome to attend. Afternoon tea will be provided. For more information, visit www.go4fun.com.au or call Katie on 0467 763 075
Cheers to a healthier and happier 2014 for you and your family!