Principal's Report - Mr. Scott Campbell.

Many parents have been asking for more advanced notice of school events to help with their planning. This week all students will receive a Term 2 calendar that contains all events planned by the school for Term 2. We have also made an agreement as a staff that whenever possible all permission notes will be going home at least 2 weeks before an event and the payments for each event will close off one week prior to the event taking place.

This week we have our Mother's Day BBQ and Mother's Day assembly on Friday morning from 8:15am. The Salvation Army are kindly providing our lovely mums with a BBQ breakfast, following this the students will perform in a Mother's Day assembly at 9am. All mums and grandmothers are invited as we celebrate the special role you play in our lives!

Hearty congratulations to all our Cross Country competitors for their great efforts at the Zone Carnival last Friday. Mrs. Williams reported that it was terrific to see the great sportsmanship from our school cheering on each other and being good sports in general. Well done kids!

Parents seeking Opportunity Class placement for Year 5 entry in 2015 are required to submit an application by 16 May 2014. Generally students are in Year 4 in 2014 when applying for Year 5 entry in 2015. Parents of students currently enrolled in a NSW public school with access to the internet, a printer and their own email address (not the student's) should apply for opportunity class placement online by going to this internet website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

A recent Australian study has shown that approximately 25% of school-aged children suffer from back and/or neck pain at any one time. It's believed to be due to a combination of factors such as poor posture, everyday load carrying and the use of computers. The Children’s Hospital at Westmead suggests young people should:

- not carry more than 10% of their body weight
- use a backpack with the straps over both shoulders and a waist strap
- load gear so that the heavier objects are nearer to the spine,
- lift a backpack properly - bend at the knees and lift the pack with both hands. More tips at http://bit.ly/1iB4OBo

Miss Norley has recruited a really talented team of students for “Star-struck” for this year. The school policy for selection in the team has been clearly outlined in a letter provided to the participating students by Miss Norley. Please be aware that all payments must be made by 12th May, 2014. All parents and caregivers of star-struck performers are reminded that they must collect their children by the times indicated by Miss Norley.
Term 2, Week 1 Award Winners

Principal's Award

K/1N  Erin Aitchison
1/2M  Malachi Hand
1/2O  Will Dobson
3M   Trojan Luppi
4B   Jack Grainger
5/6W  Taylar Rowan

Student of the Week

K/1N
1/2M  Lucia Price
1/2O  Conrad Dalwood
3M   Bailey Robson
4B   Tia Fuller
5/6W  Amy Sumner

You Can Do It - Getting Along

K/1N  Mykka Armstrong
1/2M  Zane Ciolek
1/2O  Meila Penfold
3M   Keegan Rigg
4B   Aaron Boney
5/6W  Abbey Harland

Merit:

K/1N  Brendan Keamey
1/2M  Jack Tinsey
1/2O  Sage Mullins
3M   Jasmine Smith
4B   Dylan Pope
5/6W  Jai Dobson
ANZAC DAY MARCH, 2014

What a rainy day for a march! Thank you to the students who came to represent Belmont North Public School. Cooper Clarke, Lacey Lambert, Mykka Armstrong, Connor and Ella Sutcliffe braved the thunder and lightning of Anzac morning to march alongside our Soldiers. Unfortunately due to terrible weather the march was cancelled and instead the ceremony was held at the Bowling Club where it was a little drier. Thanks to the parents who also braved the torrential rain and also Mrs Mandas, Mr Layzell and Mrs Towers for attending to support our school.

Mrs Marr

On Thursday May 1, Belmont North staff and students, gathered together to commemorate those who served in Gallipoli during WW1. Mr Campbell addressed the assembly with the sobering story of Harry Littlefair, a young soldier from Merewether and his courageous efforts throughout the war. Each class then laid flowers to spell out ANZAC, followed by a minutes silence, reciting of The Ode and concluded with The Last Post.

We would like to say a big “Thank You” to those who made our ceremony extra special by supplying your children with flowers.

Rhys Booth
Jade Marr
Zone Cross Country

Last Friday Belmont North Public School took a team of 28 children to Barton Oval, Belmont for the Zone Cross Country. What a fabulous day! Every child finished the course, gave their best effort and were terrific ambassadors for our school. Congratulations everyone and a huge “Thank You” to our parents and families for their continued support. It is much appreciated.

Glenda Williams

P&C NEWS

The next P&C meeting will be held next Tuesday 13 May 2014 at 9am in the teacher's staff room.

FUNDRAISING

MOTHER'S DAY STALL THIS FRIDAY!!!

Get ready kids for some special shopping this Friday for Mother’s Day. Don't forget to bring a bag to carry your shopping. The gifts on the stall range from $1.00 to $5.00 each.

Parents – it is not too late to hand in your donations for the stall. The more support we have from you, the better shopping the children can have. As most of the students do also buy for the grandparent, if we do not have enough items then there may be limit on items.

RAFFLE - Don't forget to hand in your raffle tickets and money before 9am this Friday.

Happy Mother's Day to all our wonderful mums, carers, and grandmothers.
Canteen News

PLEASE NOTE: The canteen cannot accept $20 notes or $50 notes as we do not hold a float to accommodate 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 5th - 9th May
Monday – Sue
Tuesday – Ella & Ali
Wednesday – Leanne
Thursday – Mel & Tammy
Friday – June & Kayleen

Next week 12th - 16th May
Monday - Sue
Tuesday - OPEN
Wednesday - Tina K
Thursday – Mel & Kayleen
Friday – Tammy & Tiana

Uniforms

Medium size hats have now arrived!!!

The uniform shop is only open on 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.

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.

Weekly Focus – Resilience
Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and textbooks
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Cynthia Culhane, your local Saver Plus Worker:
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