Principal's Report – Mr. Scott Campbell.

This term is absolutely flying along! By now all students will have had an opportunity to work with Miss Brooke our new music teacher. From the lessons that I have seen and the reactions from the children; I am confident that the Songroom program is having a positive impact in our school. I’m really looking forward to the concert later this year!

Our school is having all of the trees assessed by a qualified arborist next week. From this assessment the school will develop a tree management plan which will form part of our WH & S management plan each year. Ensuring a safe learning environment is one of our major focuses here at BNPS.

This week we have years 3 and 5 sitting the NAPLAN tests. The tests are scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday this week. We wish all of the students good luck and remember to check your answers when you have finished. It is hugely important that children arrive before the 8:55am bell to reduce distractions to these grades.

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser - www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

Congrats to our Netball & Rugby League PSSA teams for their great efforts last week. It is truly satisfying to hear positive comments about the level of sportsmanship and competitiveness of our students. Keep it up kids! Good luck to our Starstruck team, Miss Norley and Mrs Marr. First rehearsals are this Friday the 16th. Please ensure that drop off and pick up times are adhered to.

Upcoming Events

May 13
NAPLAN TESTS BEGIN

May 16
STARSTRUCK REHEARSAL

May 19
SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Important Announcements!

CANBERRA PAYMENTS ARE DUE & WILL CLOSE ON FRIDAY 6th June, 2014.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“It is easy enough to be pleasant, when life flows by like a song, But the man worthwhile is one who will smile, when everything goes dead wrong.”

― Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Weekly Focus – Confidence
Term 2, Week 2 Award Winners

Principal’s Award

K/1N  Dannica Penfold
1/2M  Bailey Robson
1/2O  Sheldon-Lee Cosgrove
3M   Zoe Murdoch
4B   Anna Bretherton
5/6W  Cooper Clarke

Student of the Week

K/1N  Ella Sutcliffe
1/2M  Jude Macdonald
1/2O  Emily Brown
3M   Amy Grainger
4B   Georgie Smith
5/6W  Josh Grainger

You Can Do It - Resilience

K/1N  Zoe Pangas/Jack Roughan
1/2M  Kaleb Robson
1/2O  Scarlett Clarke
3M   Keegan Rigg
4B   Ayden Haluska
5/6W  Darcy Bunker

Merit:

K/1N  Madison Woodbury
1/2M  Ashton Vasilevski
1/2O  Charlie Rowan
3M   Olivia Cullen
4B   Luisa Lysaght
5/6W  Otis Johnson

Weekly Focus - Confidence
Star Struck 2014 - REMINDER TO PARENTS

Just a reminder that no parents are to be inside the Newcastle Entertainment Centre during the major movement rehearsal. When parents are picking up and dropping off students they **must remain outside the centre in the courtyard area.** An appropriate time and place for drop off and pick up of our students will be organised. There will be no supervision for students who are dropped off/picked up outside of these times. If for some reason a parent is delayed in picking up their child it is expected that the teacher will remain with the student until they have been collected.

Miss Norley

**Athletics Carnival**

This year our Annual Athletics Carnival (postponed from Term 1) will be held on Thursday 22\textsuperscript{nd} May, 2014 (Week 4) at BNPS on our top and bottom ovals.

The canteen will be taking pre-orders for lunch from Tuesday 13/5 to Tuesday 20/5 and will be selling water ONLY on the day. **NO ORDERS TAKEN FOR LUNCH** on the day!

The carnival will start with the traditional War Cry and March Past at 9.45 am, followed by the 800m, Age Races and Novelty Events.

If anyone has Little Athletic notes for Long Jump, High Jump or Discus they will need to bring them to me for verification of qualifying distances.

Children wear their sports uniforms, hats, running shoes (no athletic spikes) and sunscreen.

If any of our parents have a ‘Shelter’ that could be used as shade on the day, could you please see me asap, as this would be a great help.

We look forward to seeing our families and their friends supporting and encouraging their children for a day of participation and fun.

Glenda Williams

**Rugby League**

On Friday the 9\textsuperscript{th} of May, Belmont North took the field against Belmont Public in an exhilarating, evenly matched game of football. Due to a slow start, the team found themselves behind on the scoreboard within the first few minutes, however were not prepared to give up.

Belmont North quickly progressed up the field thanks to some powerful running from Mac, Aaron and Dylan. Some excellent passing between Lana, Bailey and Mitchell proved too good for Belmont, as Evan went over for our first try of the year.

Both teams displayed some quality football throughout the match. As Belmont primary tried their best to penetrate our defence Dean, Layton and Brodie stepped up to ensure that wasn’t the case.

As full time was sounded each player left the field covered in mud and sporting a huge grin!
Man of the match was Dean Hargrave for his enormous effort in defence.

Thank you to family and friends for your support on the day, as these events are not possible without you.

Mr Booth

**P&C NEWS**

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

**FUNDRAISING**

**MOTHER’S DAY RAFFLE**

Congratulations to the winners of the raffle:

1st prize – Kiralee McDonald; 2nd prize – Camron Hill; 3rd prize – Sage Mullins; 4th prize – Julie Rutledge; 5th prize – Chris G; 6th prize – Sarah McDonald.

Congratulations also to the students for their wonderful manners whilst shopping at the stall. We hope everybody enjoyed their Mother’s Day and special gifts your child/children purchased.

We would like to thank Nesbitt Hair Salon on Darby Street, Taronga Zoo, Australian Reptile Park, Belmont Hotel, Bunnings Warehouse Belmont, and Coles at Jewellstown Plaza for their generous donation to our Mother's Day Raffle. We value the support of these businesses to our school and encourage you to support their business in return.

Fundraising profits:

- Easter raffle - $529.32
- Mother's Day Raffle - $382.00
- Mother's Day Stall - $462.35

**CANTEEN NEWS**

**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 12th - 16th May**

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

**Next week 19th – 23rd May**

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

**Weekly Focus – Confidence**
UNIFORMS

The uniform shop is only open 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.

UNIFORM SALE!!!!!!

The following items are stock without the school logo and are on sale. There are assorted sizes so be quick. There are no laybys, no returns and no refunds on these items.

- Hoodies - $20.00
- Zip jackets - $15.00
- Shorts - $9.00

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.