Principal’s Report – Mrs. Kierin Mandas

The second half of this term is upon us and it’s full of activities and events. Tomorrow, 1/20 will be off to Belmont Library for a session with local award winning children’s author, Kaz Delaney. We look forward to hearing about their exciting experience!

Kindergarten Orientation begins this Wednesday 20th August. Our Year 4 and Year 5 students have been involved in the preparations for their Kindergarten buddy arrivals. If you know of any parents who are considering our school for 2015 please encourage them to make an appointment with the office staff. We currently have over 20 enrolments for Kindergarten 2015.

Students from our Year 5/6 class will participate in a debate with Nords Wharf Primary School on Friday 22nd August. Our students have always debated fairly, proudly and with excellent skill. We wish them luck for the debate!

Book Week is next week. Students will enjoy time with visiting author, Michael Salmon, followed by our book week parade and book fair. Families and friends are invited to come along and share in this book celebration!

School Photo envelopes are coming home today. School photos will be on Friday 5th September. More information is given in this newsletter.

Upcoming Events

August 19
1/20 Library Author Workshop

August 20
Kindergarten Orientation

August 22
Stage 3 Debate

Important Announcements!

Reminder $5 for Michael Salmon. Due Friday 22nd August.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
“A person who never made a mistake, never tried anything new”

- Albert Einstein
Term 3, Week 5 Award Winners

Principal’s Award

K/1N  Ella Burns
1/2M  Lucia Price
1/2O  Lacey Lambert
3M  Ben Dezelak
4B  Jack Grainger
5/6W  Melanie Hughes

Student of the Week

K/1N  Hannah Dezelak
1/2M  Hamzah Andersen
1/2O  Meila Penfold
3M  Olivia Cullen
4B  Thomas Dezelak
5/6W  Taylor Rowan

You Can Do It - Persistence

K/1N  Brendan Keamey
1/2M  Malachi Hand
1/2O  Conrad Dalwood
3M  Abigail Sims-Easton
4B  Joshua Felemi
5/6W  Cooper Clarke

Merit

K/1N  Erin Aitchison
1/2M  Codi Baker
1/2O  Madalena Matthews
3M  Fred Aitchison
4B  William Rowan
5/6W  Kalani Jones

Weekly Focus – Organisation
BOOK WEEK UPDATE

It’s now only a few days until payment is due for the performance by our visiting author Michael Salmon. This is a great opportunity for our children.

Don’t miss out on participating in the excitement of his performance. The $5 payment for the performance is due by this Friday 22nd August.

Permission notes are available from the school office. Remember the theme for Book Week is “CONNECT TO READING”. We look forward to seeing you all at our Book Week Celebrations on Wednesday 27th August. Michael Salmon will be book signing from 11am and our Book Parade will commence at 12.00 o’clock. Parents and friends are most welcome from 11am onwards.

Happy reading and dress up by connecting to a book or book character.

LIBRARY VISIT - BOOK WEEK ACTIVITIES

1/2O have been given the opportunity to visit Belmont Library next Tuesday to work with visiting author, Kerri Lane aka Kaz Delaney. Students will hear what it’s like to write stories and work on creating their own best-seller! They will most definitely have a lot to share with us when they return!

Be sure to look up Lake Macquarie Libraries to see what’s on for younger children to celebrate Book Week. The activities are free of charge and lots of fun!

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN (SAKG)

We are in the process of establishing both our garden and our kitchen areas.

If you are interested in being part of this program, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Mandas or Mrs. Marr. We are currently seeking a parent representative to attend the SAKG - Garden Training with Mrs. Mandas.

Please see Mrs. Mandas for more details.
School Photo Day is 5th September 2014
Have your child’s school memories captured forever

Please take the time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelope and remember these helpful points:

- Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash and money orders only (sorry no credit card accepted)

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact us at admin.nhvcc@msp.com.au or phone 4966 8292, fax 4966 8293 or www.msp.com.au

Athletics Carnival 2014

Last week, on Wednesday and Thursday a team of athletes from Belmont North Public School competed at the East Lake Macquarie/PSSA Zone Carnival in Track and Field events. Wednesday was an extremely cold and sometimes wet day but our competitors handled the conditions and made us proud of their efforts.

Thursday was much kinder weather wise and our team of children competed in their age races and relays. The competition was very strong and the children extremely fast. Nelson Niddrie was one of those competitors making it through to the final of the 8 years 100m age race.

Congratulations to everyone for their efforts and great behaviour. As always a huge thank you to our parents for their ongoing support and particularly Tina Kelly for being my organizer. It’s much appreciated.

Mrs. William
The next P&C meeting will be held Tuesday 9 September 2014 at 9am in the staff room. We welcome our new members who came along last week.

**BOOK WEEK PRE-ORDER LUNCHES**

A reminder that your pre-order lunches are due THIS Wednesday by 9.30 am in readiness for book week. Please note that you can add a drink order to the order sheet.

**FUNDRAISING**

Thompson's Pie Drive – thank you to all families who purchased in the Thompson Pie Drive, it was a great success. We will advise you of the profit made once finalised.

Father's Day Stall & Raffle – URGENT DONATIONS NEEDED for our Father's Day which will be held on Wednesday 3 September 2014. Thank you to the few families who have kindly donated towards the stall. Please bring your donations to the canteen volunteers. **Remember** we cannot accept any sharp items for safety reasons. If you would like some ideas, you can make donations along the lines men's body wash, shampoos, deodorant, key rings, car wash, sponges, tyre shine, handkerchiefs, socks etc.

**UNIFORM SHOP**

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 HOODIES HAVE NOW ARRIVED WITH SCHOOL LOGO - $27.00 EACH**

Uniform Sale!!!!!

Only a few items left – be quick....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

**CANTEEN NEWS**

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.

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

**SPOONS** – The canteen has plastic spoons which are for the purchase of items such as mousse or jelly. If your child requires a spoon for something they have brought from home or eating a pie for example, then there is a cost of 5c per spoon.
Canteen Roster

This week 18th – 22nd Aug
Monday – Sue
Tuesday – Mel
Wednesday – Tina
Thursday – June & Kayleen
Friday – Tammy & Tiana

Next week 25th – 29th Aug
Monday - Sue
Tuesday – Shell & Ang
Wednesday – Louise, Shell, Tina, Ang
Thursday – Mel
Friday – June, Kayleen, Tiana

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.

RING PULLS

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.

Netball Skills Clinic

Catch and shoot drills, footwork skills!
Lakeside Courts, Belmont, 24th August 10am – 2pm
Coaches - former players/NSW coaches, Lakeside and under 15’s rep team.
Come join us for an action fun filled day of netball skills for ages 8 – 13yrs
Parents welcome to stay, watch and learn. BBQ lunch, drinks available on the day.

Further information and finer details:
Email – lakesidenetballclinic@outloo.com.au
Register – www.lakesidenca.nsw.netball.com.au
Limited space available. Closing date 19th Aug