Principal’s Report - Mrs. Kierin Mandas

It’s Book Week here at Belmont North Primary this week! Mrs Elliott has been busy planning our events for Wednesday. I look forward to seeing you all in your ‘Connect to Reading’ costumes!

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 Debating team. They celebrated a victory against Nords Wharf PS on Friday. It was an interesting topic, well prepared and clearly spoken. An excellent achievement!

Welcome back to Mr Campbell tomorrow. He has been greatly missed and we look forward to a busy and successful end of Term 3.

Our school concert is coming up in Term 4. This event is held every 2 years and the students have been working tirelessly on their performances for this event. Tickets and ticket pricing will be available later this week. It is going to be THE concert extravaganza of the year!

School photos will be on next Friday 5th September. Photo order envelopes went home last week. Family order envelopes are available at our school office. Remember to bring the envelopes on the day!

Important Announcements!

Reminder – Leaders shirts $25 payment due now

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
“It does not matter how slow you go, as long as you do not stop.”
- Confucius
Term 3, Week 6 Award Winners

Principal's Award

K/1N  Erin Aitchison
1/2M  Bridee Schumacher
1/2O  Alirah-Jane Cullen
3M   Skye Blundell
4B   Toni Pico
5/6W  Jo Murray

Student of the Week

K/1N  Koby Harland
1/2M
1/2O  Camron Hill
3M   Sofala Penfold
4B   Daisy Niddrie
5/6W  Blake Tytherleigh

You Can Do It - Organisation

K/1N  Hannah Dezela
1/2M  Kirralee McDonald
1/2O  William McDonald
3M   Zoe Murdoch
4B   Layton Bernie
5/6W  Tamara Andersen

Merit:

K/1N  Riley Hogan
1/2M  Lakeisha Roberts
1/2O  Harry Evans
3M   Michael Fryer
4B   Luisa Lysaght
5/6W  Taylar Rowan

Weekly Focus – Getting Along
LIBRARY VISIT - BOOK WEEK 1/2O

Class 1/2O enjoyed a wonderful experience with visiting author, Kerri Lane at Belmont Library last week. This was a free event provided by the Lake Macquarie Council.

Students in 1/2O learnt that Kerri has published over 70 books, loves children and all things sparkly! They even learnt that Kerri is the mother of one of our teachers!

The students got to create their own story book and were shown how to bring a story to life. They were also given an item of inspiration each at the end of their session.

Thank you Mrs Owen for coordinating this opportunity and thank you 1/2O for being a well-behaved and enthusiastic audience!

DEBATING

On Friday 22nd August Jay St John, Kiera Tytherleigh and Crystal Sumner went to Nords Wharf Public School for an early morning debate. The topic was ‘That parents should be punished for their child’s mistakes’ and we were the Affirmative Team.

That meant that we had to somehow convince the audience and the adjudicator that ‘parents were legally responsible for their child and therefore should be punished for their child’s mistakes’!

Convince them we did! The Team was exciting to listen and to watch, especially as this was their first ever debate. Our Brain trust, Melanie Hughes, sadly was very sick and could not make it, but we are sure she will be with us next debate.

Congratulations to the team, for a wonderful effort and for being such great ambassadors for our school.

Glenda Williams

Debating Co Ordinator
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 in October.

**Library Update**

Our Book Week celebration is on this Wednesday 27th August. Everyone is welcome! Books can be purchased from Michael Salmon and the book fair will take place in the library.

We look forward to celebrating our great Australian authors and illustrators during Book Week.
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.

**VALENTINE SWIM CLUB**

I would like to tell you about the Valentine swim club as my 3 children have participated in this club for 3 years now and the next season starts Wednesday, 3 September 2014 at 6pm. It is a small casual club that meets each Wednesday from 6pm to around 7.30pm. Registration is $45 each swimmer (or capped at $110 per family) and there is a $4 fee each week for each swimmer to participate (capped at $10 per family). We have a BBQ dinner each week at a cost of $2.50 to save the hassle of cooking and getting to swim club. I personally found that this club has provided encouragement to my children with their swimming and confidence with their school swimming carnival. If you are interested, come along and have a look or if your child would like to have a go to see what they think, there is no charge for a trial. At the end of the season the club has a presentation day usually held at Croudace Bay park where awards and trophies are received, BBQ provided and relaxation whilst the kids play around the park. I will arrange for some information to be left at the office during the week.

**FUNDRAISING**

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, shampoo, 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

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.

EASTLAKES ATHLETICS CENTRE INC

REGISTRATION DAYS

Belmont City Centre: Thursday August 28, 5.00-7.00pm

Baxter Field: Findon Street, Marks Point: Saturday August 30, 8am-3.00pm    OR each Saturday morning when competition begins Saturday September 6, 8am -3.00pm.

AGES: U5 Tiny Tots (Play Training)    U6 to U17 Little Athletics
U18 – Senior / Masters – amateurs (Birth Certificate required for new registrations)

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ENQUIRIES – 0439 590 088 OR 0402 544 200 facebook – Find us at Eastlakes Athletics Centre.

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