Monday Note – Term 4 Week 5 – 2015.

Belmont North Public School - Newsletter

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Principal’s Report – Mr. Scott Campbell.

It’s that time of year again! Our school concert will be held this coming Thursday 5th November, 2015. There are still plenty of tickets left for the matinee session which commences at 1pm and only a handful left for the 6:30pm show. So it’s best advised to get in quickly to avoid disappointment. Please be advised that there is one bus booked for children who need to return to school at 3pm after the matinee session but parents and carers are also welcome to take their children directly from the hall after the performance.

Our annual swimming scheme is on again next week. The purpose of the scheme is for the school to target the non or developing swimmers and get them ready for our long hot summer. In Australia last year there were 35 deaths from drowning for the age group 0 – 14 years of age. Please help us to address this alarming statistic by strengthening our children’s swimming skills. Plenty of spots left in grades 2/3/4.

Years 5 & 6 are off to the school camp next week at Morisset. It will be a great experience for the children and I am certain that they will all benefit greatly from the experience. Activities like the high ropes course help to improve the students’ self-esteem and the experience of completing the course successfully often gives the children a massive boost in self-confidence. I think it’s just brilliant! Enjoy yourselves kids! Thank you to Mr. Mandas for his efforts organising the camp too! Greatly appreciated.

Last week Mrs. Smith attended a meeting of all local schools to work out the best ways to spend a sizable Aboriginal Education grant awarded to our Belmont Community of Schools. One of the great things to come out of the meeting is a proposal for students, families and schools to track individual students own personal learning goals through a website called “Mgoals”. This looks very promising for 2016. Thanks Mrs. Smith!

Upcoming Events

November 4
Kindy 2016 Orientation Visit 5
Time: 9am – 11am

November 5
School Concert

November 9
Years 5 / 6 School Camp

Important Announcements!

SCHOOL CONCERT
NOVEMBER 5TH, 2015.

MATINEE & NIGHT SESSION
SELLING FAST!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“When everything seems to be going against you, just remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it.”

-Henry Ford

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Weekly Focus – Organisation

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Term 4, Week 4 Award Winners

**Principal’s Award**

K/1C  Riley  
K/1N  Amelia  
2S  Meila  
3B  Lilee  
4A  Mac  
5/6M  Keisha  
5/6W  McKenzie

**Student of the Week**

K/1C  Madison  
K/1N  Hannah  
2S  Malachi  
3B  Charlie  
4A  Tameaka  
5/6M  Eliana  
5/6W  Madisson

**You Can Do It – Persistence**

K/1C  Zoe  
K/1N  Cameron  
2S  Lucia  
3B  Ben  
4A  Lailah  
5/6M  Sacchi  
5/6W  Izaac

**Merit:**

K/1C  Christopher  
K/1N  Elodie  
2S  Sunny  
3B  Athena  
4A  Saxon  
5/6M  Jacob  
5/6W  Otis
**Corporate School Backpacks & Lunch Bags**

Orders for the “NEW” school backpacks & lunch bags close this week on **Friday 6th November**.

Please bring your money and order form to the office.

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**Attention All Handy People! We need you!**

Here at BNPS we are starting a project which will include painting some amazing Aboriginal artwork murals, designed by a local artist. We would like to hang these murals outside on some of the brickwork. Before this can happen, we need to prepare the brickwork by making the mortar joints flush, then priming the surface, followed by an application of ‘Rockcote’. If you have any experience rendering or painting, we would love your help! Please see Mrs Smith in K/1C (M-W) for more details.

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**BELMONT NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**Radio Active Concert Extravaganza**

**THURSDAY 5th November**

**WHERE:** Salvation Army Hall  
360 Pacific Hwy Belmont

**TIMES:** Matinee: 1.00pm & Evening: 6.30pm

**TICKETS:** $5.00 each

Children under 4 are free & will be allocated a ticket.

**Paid tickets will be sent home each Friday leading up to the concert.**

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- 4th Nov: Kindy 2016 Orientation
- 5th Nov: School Concert
- 9–11th Nov: Yr 5 & 6 Camp
- 9–11th Nov: Swim Scheme – Week 1
- 16–17th Nov: Swim Scheme – Week 2
- 24th Nov: Kindy 2016 Orientation
- 9th Dec: Mini Fete
- 14th Dec: Presentation Day 9.30am
- 15th Dec: Year 6 Formal
- 16th Dec: Point Wolstoncroft – Student Excursion

**Pay for your Tickets at the SCHOOL OFFICE**
Kindergarten Orientation - Visit #5

**Wednesday 4th November**

This Wednesday our Kindy 2016 children & parents will come along for their 2nd last orientation. The parents and children will meet at 9am. The children will be playing sports games with their Year 6 Buddies while the parents attend an Information Session.

Parent Info Presentation 9am – 11am
Uniform Shop
P&C Info
Literacy & Numeracy Workshop
Eat it to Beat it ! Presentation
Working With Children Check for Parents

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**Introducing the School Opal Card**

The School Opal card will officially launch its new online application for relevant parents and students travelling in the Opal public transport region on Monday 2 November.

The School Opal Card gives eligible school students free travel on public transport between home and school on trains, buses and ferries within the Opal network. The School Opal card replaces the old paper School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel passes.

Who needs to apply?

Many students will receive a School Opal card automatically. It will be sent to their school at the start of the 2016 school year. However, you will need to apply if:

- Applying for an school travel pass for the first time
- Enrolling in Kindergarten
- Progressing from Year 2 to Year 3
- Progressing from Year 6 to Year 7
- Changing name, school and/or address
- Requesting an additional pass as a result of a new Shared parental responsibility situation

How to Apply? Complete the application at: [www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students)

For more information phone 131 500.

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**Year 5/6 Camp**

**MONDAY 9th NOV**

Children who are attending the Year 5/6 camp are required to be at the school on Monday 9th November by 8.30am. The bus will depart the school at 9am sharp.
Belmont North Public School - 2016 Canteen Helpers

2016 is fast approaching and to keep the canteen open we need helpers. If you can help out in 2016 please fill in the details below and drop it off at the canteen by Friday 20th November.

Name........................................................................................................................................
Phone........................................................................................................................................

Please pick 1st and 2nd choice

Monday..............................Tuesday..............................Wednesday.................................
Thursday..............................Friday.................................

How often can I do canteen...........................................................

Friend if wanting same day...........................................................

If you would like to try a day in canteen please feel free to pop your head in on a Monday as is one of our slower days say hi to Kristy and help her out and learn the ropes.

Canteen Roster
Week 5
2nd - 6th November

Monday..............................Kristy
Tuesday..............................Tammy
Wednesday..............................Ella
Thursday..............................Mel & Kayleen
Friday..............................Shell, Kristy & Liz

** Limited Stock **

P&C Christmas Raffle
NON PERISHABLE FOOD NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS HAMPERS
The P&C are starting to make Christmas Hampers for their Raffle. We are asking for donations of non-perishable pantry foods. All donated food to be taken to the school canteen please.

Thank you for your generosity.

** Limited Stock **

P&C News

LUNCH WALLETS
The canteen has some spare lunch wallets available at $10.00 each.

Does your child order their lunch from the CANTEEN?

Could parents please write out their children’s lunch order on a lunch bag at home prior to coming to the school canteen.

The canteen will not be supplying lunch bags.
WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK
FOR PARENT VOLUNTEERS


People who work or volunteer with your child or anyone who works face-to-face with your child must have a Working With Children Check clearance.

Once you have applied and receive a **Working With Children number** you will become an Approved Volunteer at Belmont North Public School.

**HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?**  It’s **FREE** if you apply as a Volunteer.

(Only paid workers are required to pay the $80 fee for a five year clearance)

**HOW LONG WILL IT LAST?**  5 years

**HOW TO APPLY:**  Apply online at:  [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check)

If you plan to help or participate in any of the following school activates you WILL need, under departmental requirements, to apply for a Working With Children Check and be approved.

- Reading Groups
- Excursions
- Library Helper
- Classroom Helper
- Canteen
- Sport Transport

**For More information**
For more information, refer to the fact sheets and resources page at [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check)

or email:  check@kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au.
Information sheet for applicants

How to apply for a Working with Children Check Clearance

**Note:** Subject to conditions, existing child-related workers in the Department of Education are not required to apply for a Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance until the relevant compliance date as prescribed in the *Child Protection (Working with Children) Regulation 2013*. For further information, please contact your relevant human resources area for advice.

The application process for a WWCC Clearance is as prescribed by the Children’s Guardian. For the full conditions, please visit the website at [http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au).

**Who needs to apply**

If you are required to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance as a condition of employment or engagement in child-related work, and you are not an existing child-related worker in the Department, you must apply for the Clearance as issued by the Children’s Guardian (if you don’t have one already).

**How to apply**


If you cannot access the online system, call the Children’s Guardian customer service on (02) 9286 7219 for assistance.

- Once you have made an application, you will receive an application (APP) number. Details provided on your application must be exactly the same as your identity documents.

- In order for your application to be processed, present your application number to a NSW motor registry, RMS Agency or Service NSW, along with your 100 points proof of identity (which consist of the same proof required when applying for a NSW drivers licence). It is a requirement for you to be in NSW in order to obtain a WWCC Clearance. For information about an Agency near you, please go to [www.service.nsw.gov.au/service-centre](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au/service-centre). Once your application has been processed, the Children’s Guardian will notify you of the outcome by email or post.

You will not be employed by the Department in a child-related role if you do not have a WWCC Clearance number. The Department does not accept Working with Children Checks from other jurisdictions.

**Fee**

Clearance for paid employment

A person seeking clearance for paid child-related work will be required to pay an application fee of $80 for a five-year clearance. This fee is not refundable even in the event that your clearance is cancelled or if you withdraw your application.

Volunteer clearance

A person with a volunteer clearance can be engaged in unpaid child-related work. An application fee does not apply.

**What records are checked**

The WWCC process obtains applicants’ national criminal histories from CrimTrac. Records include: convictions (spent or unspent), charges (whether heard, unheard or dismissed) and juvenile records.

Workplace misconduct findings are also considered. If a misconduct investigation finds that sexual misconduct, including grooming, or serious physical assault of a child has occurred, nominated reporting bodies must report this finding.

If the outcome of a WWCC is a clearance, the child-related worker will be subject to ongoing monitoring for relevant new records during the period that your WWCC Clearance is valid.

**Validity**

If you receive a WWCC Clearance, the Check is valid for 5 years (from the date it is granted), unless it is cancelled sooner by the Children’s Guardian or if you surrender it sooner.

**For further information:**

Email: check@kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au
Phone: 02 9286 7219
Website: [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au)

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Corporate School Backpacks and Lunch Bags

What could be more important than happy kids with great spinal health? From the time your child commences school, they will need to carry their school backpack for nearly 13 years! With that in mind, we have enlisted Harlequin school bags to design our new Belmont North Public School lunch bags and school backpacks, which have been endorsed by Chiropractors and Physiotherapists.

Our school logo has been printed on both the lunch bags and school backpacks and they come with a 15 year guarantee.

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If you would like to have a look at our fantastic new lunch and school backpacks, they are located in our front office foyer.

If you would like to purchase lunch or school backpacks, please fill in the information below and return to the school office by: Friday 6th November.

Jo Johnston
Assistant Principal

Belmont North Public School
SCHOOL BACKPACKS/LUNCH BAGS

Please return by: Friday 6th November.

Child's Name: ________________________________

Class: ________________________________ Contact Phone Number: ________________________________

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I have included payment of $ ______________

OR

I have paid $ ______________ online. My receipt number is: ________________________________