Dear Parents & Carers,

The Equipment Clinic Day will be held at Belmore School on **Tuesday 24 April, 2012** from 9:30am to 1:00pm. Possible equipment to view are: wheelchairs, standing frames, sleep-positioning systems, walkers, beds, specialised seating, bathing and toileting equipment. If you have not notified your child’s Physiotherapist or Occupational Therapists of your interest to view/trial equipment, please contact them ASAP.

**Equipment Clinic Day**
Welcome back in Term 2. I hope you have had an opportunity to enjoy the lovely Melbourne weather.

**Great news for Therapy staffing**
We have a full compliment of therapists. Yooralla has been working very hard to recruit a new speech pathologist and we’d like to welcome Grace Kircher to the Belmore team. Sarah Kidson started work last term in her Occupational Therapist role.

**Long Term Planning for Students**
Students in the middle years (generally about 12 years old) will be involved in the ‘Making Action Plans’ (MAPs) process this term. We started this process last year and have had very positive feedback. This process is based on current best practice for family professional partnerships. I will be contacting this group of parents shortly with an invitation to be involved.

**Education Week**
We have planned some new and some old activities. We will have an open morning on Monday 21st May where students will be the stars in showcasing their programs.
On Wednesday 23 May, we will have ‘Special Persons Day’ again. This is one of Belmore’s best attended events. We welcome friends, neighbours and extended family to come and visit their child’s classroom for morning tea, 11.00am - 12.00pm

**Parents Signposts - Managing Children’s Behaviour**
Thankyou to all the parents who have registered for this program starting this term. Fiona and Patrick will be the presenters. The program this term is completely full, so we have planned a subsequent program next term.
Next term the program will run on Friday mornings. The dates are July 20, 27, Aug 3, 17, 31, Sept 14 and Oct 19. If you are interested, please sign up now by contacting the office. There are only a few places left.

**Parent Support Group - All Belmore parents are welcome, regardless of your child’s diagnosis.**
The April/May information group will be hosted on 1st May, 2012, at Belmore School. The topic for discussion will be: Orthotics presented by a guest speaker. Come along and learn more about the benefits of wearing orthotics. How do they work and which ones are suitable, and what is the latest research. Time: 12.30-2.30pm

**Message from Mike McDermott, Facilitator**
“We would love you all to come so we can share ideas and experiences with each other and we will be there to answer any other questions you have. You may already know a lot about this topic, as I do through my son’s experiences, but there is always more to learn as I keep finding out. A light lunch will be served so if you could please advise of your attendance to the session.”

Joan Anson
Irabina would like to invite parents and carers, grandparents, aunts, uncles, teachers, and any other special people connected to your family, to join us for an information evening.

**MONDAY 23rd APRIL 2012**

Raelene McBride, Psychologist will be presenting:

**What is Autism?**

& **What can I do to help?**

**Special Guest Speaker**

Roger Langsdon will also share his families personal account of living with autism.

Irabina welcomes your family and extended family and friends to join us for the evening.

Question time will follow the presentation.

Please RSVP to Reception on 9720 1118

Or

email reception@irabina.com
The NDIS will fix everything ..........or will it?

National Disability Insurance Scheme

What does it mean for me?

The National Disability Insurance Scheme will revolutionise the way people with a disability, their families and carers are supported in Australia. It will replace all the current state and territory disability systems, because they don’t work.

The NDIS will be a modern, person-centred support system, helping hundreds of thousands of Australians with disability and their families to have the opportunity to participate actively in their communities by providing targeted supports aligned to need.

Find out about the NDIS and what it will mean for you as a person with a disability, a family member or carer.

NDIS Information Session

Date

Session 1 Wednesday 9th May 2 - 3.30 pm

OR

Session 2 Wednesday 9th May 7 - 8.30 pm

Venue

Waratah Room, Whitehorse Centre
Whitehorse Road, Nunawading Melways Ref: Map 40, Q6

Guest Speaker: Mr Bruce Bonyhady, AM

To confirm a place RSVP by 27th April 2012

Email: sdixon@onemda.com.au Ph: 9842 1955 Mob: 0418 303 470

Mr Bruce Bonyhady AM

Mr Bruce Bonyhady is Chairman of Yoorella, Victoria’s largest disability service provider, President of Philanthropy Australia and is one of the driving forces behind the proposal for a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

Bruce co-authored a submission to the 2020 Summit, which was the first time the NDIS received any public attention; was a Member of the Disability Investment Group in 2008 and 2009; Chairman of the Independent Panel advising the Productivity Commission Inquiry into Disability Care and Support in 2010 and 2011; and is now Deputy Chair of the Advisory Group to the Select Council of COAG on Disability Reform.

Bruce has three adult children, two of whom have disabilities.

In 2010 Bruce was made a Member of the Order of Australia for his services to people with disabilities and the community.
Once again the Immune Deficiencies Foundation Australia is pleased to present the amazing RAZZA-MA-TAZZ.

The RAZZA-MA-TAZZ is a family variety show to be held at Festival Hall on Saturday 12\textsuperscript{th} May 2012.

RAZZA-MA-TAZZ is a live theatre show of international standard performers steeped in the traditional disciplines of clowning, juggling, balancing, puppetry, acrobatics and unique comedy routines; all performed to the highest degree of skill and entertainment value.

WHERE & WHEN!

FESTIVAL HALL
SATURDAY 12\textsuperscript{TH} MAY 2012
11.00AM

Please enjoy the tickets, complimentary of the Immune Deficiencies Foundation Australia and the local business community.

PLEASE ONLY ASK FOR TICKETS THAT YOU WILL DEFINITELY USE

Please return to the class teacher by 27\textsuperscript{th} April, no late returns will be accepted

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Childs Name ________________________________________________________________

Class _____________________________ Number of tickets required _______
Growing Together

Sun smart message- A gentle reminder

Although Term One finishes at the end of March, the need for sun protection continues until the end of April.

The sun’s ultraviolet (UV) rays are still at damaging levels. You can check the Sun Smart UV Alert daily at www.sunsmart.com.au

Five SunSmart steps during UV alert times.

Slip on cool, covering clothing that covers as much skin as possible.
Slop on SPF 30+ broad spectrum sunscreen. Make sure you apply a generous amount and keep reapplying it throughout the day. It normally only lasts around 2 hours. Make sure to check the use by date.
Slap on a wide brimmed hat that shades the face, neck and ears (Baseball or peak caps don’t provide adequate protection).
Seek shade – try a shady tree, veranda, pergola or shade sail!
Slide on some sunglasses (if practical for your setting). They should be labelled AS 1067 so you know they are UV protected.

The Friends of Belmore would like to say

THANK YOU

to everyone who purchased a ticket in the FOB Easter raffle.
We raised towards our wonderful school a fantastic $550

Congratulations to Max P in Room 5 on first prize.
Other lucky winners were Rebecca A Room 6, Sam M, Rose N & Scott L all from Room 8!

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