The Belmore News

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 26th August        Daffodil Day
Monday 29 August to       
Friday 2nd September      Literacy & Numeracy Week
Thursday 1st September   Fathers Day Stall
Wednesday 7th September  Great Book Swap
Monday 12th September    Parent Forum 1.30pm
Wednesday 14th September Senior Department Dance/Music concert 10.30am
Wednesday 21st September Hairdresser visit
Thursday 22nd September  Parent meeting CPSN ‘iPads Presentation” 12.30 to 2.30
Friday 23rd September    End Term 3
Sunday 9th October       Bunnings Barbeque fundraiser
Monday 10th October      Start Term 4
Wednesday 19th October  School Photo Day
Tuesday 1st November     Melbourne Cup Day
Wednesday 16th November Graduation Dinner

Thursday 25th August 2011

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DIARY DATES FOR 2012
Pupil free days for next year 2012
1st Feb (first day of term state-wide day)
21st March
25th July (reporting day)
Please put this date in your diaries for parent-teacher team meetings next year
5th September

“A dream you dream alone is only a dream. A dream you dream together is reality.”
By: John Lennon
FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK......

I've returned from France after a wonderful 3 weeks. On my return, I was delighted to be “struck” by the friendly and efficient vibe that emanates from Belmore. It’s great to come back to such an excellent school.

Thank you to the wonderful ongoing work of the team at Belmore, especially, Jan Welsh and Rose Ngai.

Jan is on leave from Friday. She’s exploring Mongolia and Russia! She will be replaced by Rose Ngai for one week and Gillian Mosley till the end of term.

Great computer funding news

Our funding application for $21,000 has been approved! This is National Senior Secondary Computer funding. We will be purchasing iPads and an interactive touchscreen TV for the senior part of the school. Fiona and other staff have been impressed with the suitability of the applications for iPads our students. We are all happy.

Come and hear Fiona and Jen Ayres (speech pathologist) demonstrate the use of iPads at a parent session on Thursday, 22nd September 12.30-2.30 in the meeting room.

ES Week last week

We celebrated and acknowledged the huge contribution that our education support staff and Yooralla assistants make to the school. Our assistants know students very well, and are very skilled in implementing the programs that teachers and therapists devise. We showered them with morning tea, accolades and chocolates. We love them!

Cerebral Palsy Support Network

This group has a new coordinator, Vicki Cavalieros, and we have renewed our working relationship with them. They were looking for a new venue to run support group meetings in Balwyn, so I have offered Belmore School’s parent meeting room. There will be 3 meetings this year. All Belmore Parents are very welcome to attend, regardless of whether your child is diagnosed with CP or not.

The group will meet on Thursday afternoons from 12.30-2.30. Lunch provided so please RSVP! First date is 22nd September to come and try iPads and share expertise.

Parent forum 12th Sept 1.30 Meeting room

I’d like to repeat my invitation for parents to come and be heard about any issues that may be of concern to you. Is anything bugging you? Is there anything you’d like to improve? Perhaps you’d just like to give us some positive feedback. As well, I’d like to canvas opinion on some proposals we’re planning regarding transition and reporting. Please let me know if you can come.

Joan Anson
WHAT IS HAPPENING?
Dear Parents, Friends and Carers,

Rhonda Tallnash, (children’s book author) will be visiting our school on Wednesday the 31st of August, 2011, to help celebrate Literacy and Numeracy week. Rhonda, who also taught in special education settings for many years, has previously visited our school. She presents her stories in an interactive and engaging way and also donates a set of books to our library.

Rhonda will have her books for sale on the day for $12.00 and she will also sign them for the children. If you would like to purchase a book for your child, please write the name of the book you would like to purchase and include the correct money in an envelope and forward this to your child’s teacher. A full list of books is available at www.rhondatallnash.com.

Kind regards,
Betty Roberts
Literacy Coordinator

Visiting author Rhonda M. Tallnash will have her funny Aussie rhyming picture books available for purchase on the day.

Rhonda will be available to sign books for children after her presentation.

All books are $12 each

See www.rhondatallnash.com for a preview of all titles.
The Great Book Swap Challenge

Can you imagine going through life with the literacy skills of a six-year old? Sadly, this is a reality for many Indigenous Australians living in remote communities today. Being able to read is fundamental to learning and opens doors to the future.

Now your school can help buy books and literacy resources for Indigenous children living in remote communities and make that future a reality for them by getting involved in the 2011 Great Book Swap Challenge and raising funds. The Challenge is supported by The Children's Book Council of Australia and National Literacy & Numeracy Week and can be held during these weeks.

The Great Book Swap Challenge is an initiative that links literacy across the curriculum and provides a multiple discipline focus for your school.

"The Great Book Swap Challenge is a Great idea. It was amazing to see so many kids SO excited about exchanging books that they'd read and loved. Not only does it encourage reading but it raises funds for kids in remote communities who don't have access to books. Everyone wins."

Andy Griffiths, ILF Ambassador

How does it work?

It's very simple - and fun! You bring along one of your favourite books so you can swap it for someone else's. You make a small donation and all the money raised is donated to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

You can donate more than one book; exercise book and pencil or donate money

When? Wednesday 7th September, 2011. "Indigenous Literacy Day"
Where? Send to Room 4, then the Swap Day will be held in hall.

Family and friends are welcome to join in the Swap Day.

It's part of our Literacy and Numeracy Week Activities. For more information...

http://www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au/Schools/GBS
Wonderful News! Yooralla fundraising has managed to obtain funding via IOOF for a ceiling hoist in our new gym area and a new “Symmetry Standing frame”.

The ceiling hoist will enable more students to make use of our gym area and we are hoping in the future to set up a treadmill training area where the ceiling hoist will allow students who need assistance with their walking to practice “partial body weight supported gait training” This is an area of increasing research by physiotherapists working with children with Cerebral Palsy that has had very encouraging results.

The “Symmetry Standing frame” will help with the demand for standing frames, particularly in the senior corridor. It has a swivel seat which makes it easier for staff to assist students into the standing frame, particularly those students with restricted hip or knee movement.

This equipment will be well utilized by all our Belmore students and we thank Don Lewis and John Bot from Yooralla fundraising for their fantastic effort with this.

Liz Martin, Grace Yao, Julia Crosswell
DON’T FORGET, DON’T FORGET!!!!!!!
The Bunnings Box Hill Sausage Sizzle is happening on Sunday the 9th of October and we need volunteers to man the stall and talk to local retailers for supplies. If anyone is interested in helping out please contact Andrew on 0434 729 338 or 989 81019 belmorebbq@gmail.com

Friends of Belmore Fundraiser
“The Belmore Community Cookbook” 3rd Edition
We are producing a third edition of The Belmore Cookbook (1st 2001, 2nd 2006) and are asking all families and staff to please submit 1, 2 or 3 favourite recipes for publication. Our cookbook will be available for sale mid term 4 at a cost of $10.00. Perfect Xmas present!
Please send your recipes to Tsering Sherpa (Rm 5) Belmore School. Bon Appetit!!!
Sensory Friendly Screening of the New Kids Movie Smurf Movie 2D

Looking for September school holiday entertainment that the whole family can enjoy?!

**When:** Sunday 25 September, 2011  
9:45am for a 10am start  
**Where:** Village Cinemas, Century City Walk,  
285 Springvale Road Glen Waverley  
**Ticket Prices:** $10 per ticket

Please place your ticket order and return via fax or email back to Irabina Childhood Autism Services ASAP.

**Name/Company:**  
**Address:**  
**Phone:**  
**Email:**  

Enclosed please find my payment of $____ for ____ Children & ____ Adult tickets.

Please find my cheque attached or I authorise a single deduction from my credit card.

**Please debit this card:**  
- MasterCard  
- Visa  
- Bankcard  
- Diners

**Card number:**  
**Expiry Date:** _____ / _____  
**Name on Card:**  
**Signature:**  

Please direct ticket orders or enquiries to Phone: 9720 1118, Fax: 9720 6641 or Email autism@irabina.com

**Tickets are Limited**

**Enhancing the lives of children and families challenged by an Autism Spectrum Disorder**
Accessible Transport Supplier Display Day

Thursday November 10, 2011
1:00p.m. – 7:00p.m.
Drop in Event - FREE

The Independent Living Centre
705 Princes Hwy, Brooklyn, VIC
(Melways Ref 40 J10 – see reverse for parking details)

Carers, families, therapists, everyone welcome!
- You can meet suppliers and discuss specific client needs
- You will see a large selection of accessible transport options from a range of companies
- You can compare features and performance of different products
- You will be able to make informed decisions on products after attending this event

Please register your attendance at: https://liced.yooralla.com.au

This event is supported by RACV and our 2011 Platinum & Gold sponsors

Paediatric Equipment Supplier Display Day

Friday August 19, 2011
10:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.
Drop in Event - FREE

The Independent Living Centre
705 Princes Hwy, Brooklyn, VIC
(Melways Ref 40 J10 – see reverse for parking details)

Carers, families, therapists, everyone welcome!
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Please register your attendance at: https://liced.yooralla.com.au

This event is supported by fleetworks mobility and our 2011 Platinum & Gold sponsors
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Supporting Carers

Do you care for a friend or family member?
Do you sometimes need a little help?
Do you live in the East?

Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre

Interpreters Available On Request

Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre

Freecall 1800 059 059*

FREECALL 1800 059 059

About Us

UnitingCare Community Options provides Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Services throughout the Eastern Metropolitan Region.

For over 21 years, we have provided practical assistance to individuals and families in the community, with a focus on the need to remain living at home and connected to their families.

We are part of the UnitingCare national network, funded by a combination of State and Federal programs and further supported by private trusts, foundations, and individual donations.
Come Along and Have Some Fun!

Dance Family 2011

Are you looking for a new and exciting activity where the whole family can join in? Then Dance Family might be the program for you!

Come along and share an enjoyable social morning where you can choose how you want to participate.

Every Sunday we get together and have fun using a mix of creative movement and dance, drama, music, art and the talents of everyone involved. Our dance teacher Heather, along with volunteer helpers, encourages us to learn from each other and be confident in using our own imagination.

Mums and Dads are supported to either join the group with the kids, chat with others over coffee or have time out for their own activities.

The group meets each Sunday during school term from 10:30am to 12:00 at Bayswater Community Youth Centre, cnr Station St & Pine Rd Bayswater.

This program is suitable for children 6 years and above with any disability.

Cost will be $10 per family for each session.

If you are interested in being a part of this popular group and would like more information please contact
Rosie Dyson on 9758 7991 or illoura@knox.vic.gov.au OR
Jenny Salgo on 9259 4312 or psn-emr@bigpond.net.au

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CPSN INFORMATION SESSION

Next Session: Tuesday 20th September

The CPSN held its first of many regular successful Information Sessions on the 19th July. This was attended by over 40 CPSN members and Dr Kathleen Ooi – a rehabilitation specialist, and Dr Louise Baker - a paediatric medical rehabilitation specialist, presented “A Holistic overview on management of Cerebral Palsy”.

CPSN Information Sessions provide a vital insight and information to parents, carers and interested persons with specific Cerebral Palsy related information which impacts on their lives. Information sessions will be conducted bi-monthly and will include the provision of guest speakers.

Next Upcoming Information Session will be held on Tuesday 20th September between 7.00pm - 9.30pm, at the Collingwood Library in the meeting room: 11 Stanton Street, Abbotsford – opposite Collingwood Train Station (car parking available on site).

TGA - ISP - DSR - FFYA - I&R: Have you heard of these acronyms but are unsure of what they are? Do you require supports but are unsure of how to access these? Then this Information Session is for you. Department of Human Services representatives will present on what supports are available to individuals with CP, how to access these supports, what the process is and ways to use your supports effectively.

Light refreshments will be provided.

To RSVP please contact CPSN on 03 9445 7488 or email: cpsn@cpsn.info
Balwyn CP Support Groups

The Cerebral Palsy Support Network invites parents, carers and individuals with cerebral palsy to attend a free support group.

How can the support group help?

Meet others in similar situations, have a coffee and a chat in an informal, friendly supportive environment.
Each session will cover a different topic for discussion.

Topic of Interest.

"Fiona Allen, ICT Network Manager, and Jen Ayres, Speech Pathologist, both from Belmore School, will be demonstrating the latest applications for IPads that we have found are useful for people with impairments in communication and fine motor coordination. Some IPads will be available, so that everyone can try them for themselves."

Dates:
Thursday 22nd September
Thursday 20th October
Thursday 24th November

Time:
12.30pm - 2.30pm

Location:
Belmore School
Stroud St, Balwyn 3103

Refreshments: Lunch will be served

RSVP: Cerebral Palsy Support Network on 03 9445 7488 or email- cpsn@cpsn.info
FRIENDS OF BELMORE
FATHER’S DAY STALL

The FOB Father’s Day stall will be held next
THURSDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

If you wish your child to purchase a wonderful gift for the special man in their life then
send in money on Thursday or arrange with their teacher if they are not in on
Thursdays. Gifts range from $2-$5 and are sent home tagged and gift wrapped.
Any enquiries contact sharonfazzino@y7mail.com

DON’T FORGET………………

The more dockets, the more items the school will receive, e.g. books, classroom equip-
ment, art & craft materials and much, much more.

We receive one Learn & Earn point for every $10 spent in the store (excluding cigarettes, alcohol and gift cards).