Belmore School has registered with Woolworths for the $5 million Earn & Learn Program. What this means is, when anyone shops at Wollies they need to send their dockets in an envelope to school with their child, we will then process them online. The more dockets, the more items the school will receive, e.g. books, classroom equipment, 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).
FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK......

Welcome back to term 3

We’re starting off with reporting day next Wednesday 27th July. As you know it is a pupil free day for Belmore students, although, of course we will be minding children in the hall when you come in for your meeting. Teachers have made appointments with 46 families. I’m thrilled. This is a great level of commitment from our 59 sets of parents. This means that our teachers and therapists will be very busy; please assist us by keeping to your scheduled appointment time. If your child’s equipment needs are very complex, please arrange to continue the conversation with the therapist at a later time. Yooralla’s direct line is 9819 7332.

Thankyou for working with us on the development of your child’s program. We value your input.

Parent feedback - focus group

I would love the opportunity to pick your brains about Belmore issues. For example, I’d like to hear your ideas about transition, reporting and home/school communication and anything else that you’d like to say. Please come along and contribute to improvements at Belmore on Monday 12th September at 1.30.

Let me know if you can come so that I can organise afternoon tea.

Safeway Dockets

We are registered. Please send your Safeway dockets to school so that we can redeem them for equipment goodies for the students. See the paragraph on page 1 of the newsletter. We have the Kim team organising this- Kim in the office and Kim in room 1.

The Education Department contract

bus runs

The to and from school bus service has been re-organised by the Department. School Council would like to take this opportunity to get your feedback on the service. A brochure from the Department will be sent out next week with a very short survey. Please return the survey to us asap.
Exercise research project - LaTrobe Uni

6 students from Belmore are participating. They are working hard at a range of different activities for the next 9 weeks. They are doing aerobics: sprinting, steps, bikes, treadmills, even a sit ups competition. Some are engaged in social activities like music and construction activities.

Thank you to those parents who have agreed to let their children participate in this research project. I believe that students are benefitting from it. The results will be available in term 4.

The physio, Stacey, and her 4th year physio student helpers, Maddy, Emma, Mel and Hanna are a busy, happy presence in the school.

Review

The staff and School Council briefing will be held on Thursday, after the deadline for the newsletter—but here is a sneak peek from the Regional Network Leader, my boss, Jeremy Beard.

"Dear members of School Council

May I take this opportunity to thank and congratulate you for your part in the development of an outstanding school in the Eastern Metropolitan Region. I was very impressed by the rigorous process that the school implemented for this stage of the Review and the work of Julie Hardiman.

"I would like to pay tribute to……..the professionalism and collegiality demonstrated by all members of Belmore staff, be they teachers, therapists or aides. This school is an exemplar learning institution due to their commitment. My colleagues consider Belmore ‘the place to come if you want to learn more about education, in particular personalising learning’”

What a great boss!

I will, of course, bring information from the Review report to you as it comes available.

I will be on Long Service Leave for 3 weeks in July/August. Thanks in advance to the very competent Jan and Rose team, who are stepping up.

Joan Anson
Boccia Demonstration

On Wednesday this week, many students and staff members were able to take part in this wonderful sport.

Our demonstrators were from the Paralympic Committee, who are keen for this sport to attract more participants.

We had such fun bowling and throwing the balls in a variety of activities, and it was wonderful to have the students so engaged, focussed and demonstrate their improving ability in a short space of time.

We will purchase a kit for Belmore, so that students have the opportunity to "hone" their skills before we enter a competition with Glenallen and Nepean Schools.

Jan Welsh
Daffodil Day

Friday 26th August

On this day we are going to support the 1 in 2 Australians diagnosed with cancer by the age of 85.

By wearing yellow and bringing your gold coin donation with other Australians we can raise funds for the Cancer Councils research, prevention and support services for all cancers.

Jeans for Genes Day

Friday 5th August

Jeans for Genes is a major fundraiser of the Children's Medical Research Institute.

Chances are you probably know someone who has a genetic fault. There are children with muscular dystrophy, leukaemia, genetic defects and many other disorders. The scientists are the Children's Medical Research Institute are working to try and prevent these diseases before they occur in our children, or where that is not possible develop better treatments.

Help them by wearing jeans on this special day and bring a gold coin donation.
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

The Friends of Belmore Parents Dinner for Term 3 will be held on THURSDAY 28th July at 7.30pm
At Shoppingtown Hotel, 19 Williamsons Road, Doncaster (opposite Doncaster Shoppingtown Centre)
RSVP to Sharon (sharonfazzino@y7mail.com or 0424017760)
Hope to see everyone there. It’s a great opportunity to catch up with old & new friends, swap ideas and stories and maybe help plan some events for the remainder of the year.