The Belmore News

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 29th June  Hairdresser’s visit
Thursday 30th June  FOB craft morning
Friday 1st July  “Tracky Dacks” Day
Friday 1st July  End of Term 2,
                 Students home early
Monday 18th July  Term 3 commences
Wednesday 27th July  Pupil Free Day
                 (Reporting/Meetings)
Sunday 9th October  Bunnings Barbeque

Thank you to several parents who responded so quickly to come and collect their child when they have had a sudden high spike in temperature during the school day.

Would all parents please be aware that there is probably a virus about in the school community, and keep your child home if you feel they may be unwell.

We will ring you during the day if they develop similar symptoms at school.

Thank you, we hope this will prevent a large number of students developing illness before or during the holidays.

Jan Welsh
Building Project Opening

Last Thursday we celebrated the opening of Belmore School’s Building Project. This project was funded by the Federal Government as part of its Economic Stimulus package. We received $800,000 in funding. We were able to create a new classroom/art room as well as a new Gym. We did this by moving the staffroom downstairs, and moving the workshop into the old plant room. We also created some more storerooms, so we were able to get some equipment out of the corridors and off the stage. This has meant that we can use the stage as a music therapy space.

Everyone is delighted with the new spaces. They are a light filled miracle on our small site! They make the delivery of our: music, art and gym programs more effective.

Over the last 5 years, the old plant room has been gradually freed up by installing instantaneous hot water systems in all classes and heaters and air conditioners in classrooms and corridors. This meant that we created a free space in the school and allowed the domino effect for extra spaces to be created.

Special thanks to our brilliant Architect, Peter Lyall, as well as the builders, Melbec, and their representatives Lee Johnson and Simon Wells, the foreman. The building proceeded very smoothly and was completed early! Not a miracle, but good management, especially by Peter.

I’d also like to thank the stars of the show-  
* Room 9 students, who welcomed visitors and showed them around the new facilities  
* Room 1 students supported by Glen and Stephanie A, who used their switches to start our welcoming ceremony  
* Room 4 students who sang 3 songs to entertain our guests.  
* Henry who pulled the ribbon, to officially open our new gym.
**Review**

As you know we are very pleased to be participating in a negotiated review at the moment. This type of review is an acknowledgement that our school is performing well. The management team have been involved in the process, and the reviewer has talked to all the staff in focus groups over the last few weeks. Our review day is next Monday, where we will work to develop the Strategic Plan for the next 4 years. This plan will be based on further improving student outcomes. The reviewer will report to School Council and the staff early next term.

**Joan Anson**
**LAST MINUTE NEWS**

**Friday 1st July is “Tracky Dack Day”**

Staff and students can participate in this fundraiser by wearing ‘tracky dacks’ on 1st July to promote awareness of kids battling illness and injuries in hospital.

A gold coin donation, and all money raised will go to TLC for Kids, a national charity that provide emergency distractions to nurture emotional well-being of kids undergoing medical treatment.

*For further information parents can go to www.tlcforkids.org.au.*

Why Trackies? Because 1.8million kids undergo treatment in hospitals each year, in hospital the kids are encouraged to change out of their pyjamas to keep a healthy mindset.

Trackies represent recovery. Thanks for your support.

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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

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