The Belmore News

Wednesday 16th May 2012

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**Camp Getaway Report — Rooms 6 & 8**

The camp for students in rooms 6 & 8 was great. The weather was perfect! Balwyn Rotary volunteers were very helpful with meals & cleaning and we thank them immensely for their invaluable contribution.

Room 6 visited a school where there was a farm onsite. They visited the Chinese Museum and went to the lake and had lunch with the ducks.

Room 8 visited the bakery, local shops and ate at McDonalds. They walked through the park and discovered a colony of bats in the trees.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK......

Education Week May 21st—25th
Classes are looking forward to showing off their programs next Monday morning for Open Day. All parents are welcome to attend, or perhaps you know someone who would like to come and see what Belmore is doing.

Special Persons day will be celebrated with a morning tea on Wednesday. This is always a fantastic morning with plenty of opportunities to chat to extended families of Belmore Students.

A special concert by Paul Jamieson ‘The Music Man’. He will be performing to a packed house on Friday 25th May

Student Awards
We are creating a gallery of Student Awards in the entrance hall. What do you think about our Student Awards? If you have any feedback, please let us know.

Recycled Fashion Show
See inside for the flyer from the Senior School. Everyone is welcome to come along on May 30th. Invitations have gone out this week. Please let us know if you can come.

MAPs
We are conducting meetings around Making Action Plans for students turning 12, during May. We really appreciate the commitment that Parents make to attend this meeting with Teachers, Therapists and other significant people that know the child.

Therapy Network Meeting
The four schools in Melbourne for students with physical disabilities, Belmore, Glenallen, Nepean & Glenroy met to share best practice this afternoon. Therapists and Assistant Principals get together on a regular basis twice a year. This afternoon curriculum implementation is a focus, as 3 of the four schools are implementing the one curriculum.

Jan Welsh & I attended the Victorian Special Principals conference on Thursday & Friday last week. It was a great opportunity to hear some quality speakers on resilience and student & family issues.

On Monday and Tuesday I was privileged to be invited to the Eleanor Davis introductory conference as a mentor. The discussion was all about leadership and the support we can give our mentorees in developing their skills and confidence to be successful future Principals. My mentoree will be visiting Belmore School and shadowing me for 9 days this year. You may get a chance to meet Claire.

The digital photo frame in reception has a new updated array of student photos. Please pop past and have a look when you are next at school. We love to hear your thoughts.

Joan Anson
Come and see terrific programs where Belmore Students are the stars.

9.30am - 12.00pm
Morning Tea Provided

See integrated programs in action!

Find out more about...

😊 Hydrotherapy
😊 PMP
😊 Dance
😊 Art
😊 Tac Pac
😊 Intensive Interaction
😊 Sensory Programs
😊 Oral Stimulation
😊 Literacy & Numeracy

Belmore is a school for students aged 5-18 years with physical disabilities and/or health impairments.

Please RSVP your attendance to the office

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FROM THE CLASSROOM...

Room 5 - Community Access

Our rationale is to access our local and wider community, to expose and provide experiences for the individual students at various locations that the students will/can access upon completion at Belmore School. We aim to provide students with age appropriate outings and venues, whilst attending to their current goals/skills where possible.

The aim of this program is to teach the students:
- Community integration
- Independent living skills
- Appropriate behaviour/skills
- Choice making
- Communication skills
- Working towards personal goals

Safety and awareness
Social etiquette/skills
Travel Training
Money handling skill
Orientation

Parent feedback:

"It is great idea to get the kids involved in 'actual' life outside the school enviroment, breaks them out of their 'comfort zone'.
"My child has loved the experiences and varitey of activities and locations"

"I think its a great idea"

"Good mix of special (eg grand prix) and community activities"

"My child looks forward to Fridays, she loves being out and about"
FROM THE CLASSROOM...

HAVE YOU HEARD THAT ROOM 5 GOES ON COMMUNITY ACCESS EVERY FRIDAY!!!

HERE ARE SOME OF THE PHOTOS FROM WHERE WE HAVE BEEN IN TERM 1 AND PART OF TERM 2.

CAN WE PLEASE PAY FOR THESE ITEMS.

LETS COMPERE SAND SCULPTURES

LOOK OVER HERE!!!

MMM CAKE AND BABY CINOS...

IM PAYING FOR THESE

ALL I CAN HEAR IS ZZZZZZZZONK MM...

I WANT TO PAT THE CHICKEN
FOOTY DAY 2012
Thanks to Matt Dea, Ben Griffiths and Brett O’Hanlon from the Richmond Football Club
Junior Student Award

This certificate is awarded to

Thomas Alcock

for

Fantastic participation in physical programs after major surgery.

Senior Student Award

This certificate is awarded to

Shevaun Bateman

for

Great Perseverance in all Classroom Activities
Junior Student Award

This certificate is awarded to

Henry Wallwork

for

Asking social questions about his classmates

Senior Student Award

This certificate is awarded to

Anita Bommakanti

for

Quietly touching and exploring recycled materials for an extended period of time in art.
NOTICE BOARD

Reminder — Pyjama Day, Tuesday 29th May

Gold coin donation for State School’s Relief.

Students & Staff will all be in their PJ’s, Dressing gowns, slippers, teddies in hand and the odd face cream or mud mask.

Please help your child to join in the fun and support this great cause.
Nurse Ali Says...

Swimming Caps for Cooler Weather

It is a great idea to consider supplying your child with a swimming cap during these cooler months. Wet hair, particularly long or thick hair, can remain wet for some time.

Sniffles

Please be aware of the Health needs of the whole school community. If your child is miserable with a cold, then home is the best place to be.

Head Lice Alert

Cases of Head Lice have been reported in school. Please be proactive and check (and treat if needed) your child’s hair.

...working towards maintaining a happy healthy term 2.

Do you Sew or know someone who does? Help needed!

We are looking for a volunteer to sew a batch of Neckerchief’s (large triangular scarves) for the students clothing protectors. Materials and pattern will be supplied.

If you can assist with this task, please phone the school office. Thankyou greatly.

Belmore School Seniors are putting on a

RECYCLED FASHION SHOW

Invitations have been sent home this week

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30TH, 2012
11.00AM—12.00PM

ALL WELCOME

RSVP to the Office on 9859 8762 or by reply slip via your child’s bag/teacher.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A FABULOUS AND CREATIVE PERFORMANCE.