# The Belmore News

**Wednesday 2nd May 2012**

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### Friends of Belmore

**Mother’s Day Stall**

**FRIDAY 11TH MAY**

If you would like your child to purchase a special gift for their Mum, Grandmother, or special female in their lives then please send in money on FRIDAY.

Gifts range from $2-$5.

They will be gift wrapped, labelled and then sent home.

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**32x785 to 555x827**

**391x366 to 559x406**

**72x214 to 165x299**

**435x210 to 523x303**
FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK......

Student Awards
We will be starting to award student recognition certificates, so please see inside to find out who has done particularly well this week. It a pleasure to be able to recognise the students for their individual achievements. Of course we’d like to reward everyone but we will be selecting one student from each of the Junior and senior sections of the school.

Parents Signposts - Managing Children’s Behaviour
This parent program got underway last week. It was fully subscribed with 10 parents joining up. There are 3 places left for the Second Round, Friday morning course beginning in Term 3. If you are interested, please contact the office to reserve a place.
Fiona and Patrick are presenting this First Round of the course this term. I’ve already had some feedback from a Dad saying that he tried the strategies that he worked out with Patrick and has already had great success.

Camp Getaway – Axedale
Students from rooms 6 & 8 departed on Wednesday morning with a full compliment of staff & volunteers. We know they will enjoy the activities planned They are planning to visit local attractions to Bendigo and a local school. I’m sure they will not be deterred by the weather forecast.

Parent Support Network - All Belmore parents are welcome, regardless of your child’s diagnosis
Belmore School is very happy to host these sessions.
Mike says,

My name is Mike McDermott and I work for the Cerebral Palsy Support Network. More importantly I am the father of a lovely boy who has Cerebral Palsy.
We run a Parent Support Group at Belmore School for all Belmore parents and also parents of children with Cerebral Palsy and related conditions in the local area. We hold monthly meetings which often have guest speakers and offer a chance to talk about a whole range of subjects.
The meetings are informal and we offer food and refreshments. At the meeting held on the 1st May among the topics discussed were disabled parking, orthotics, and the news on the NDIS.
The next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 13th at 10am-12pm. We will have a guest presenter to talk about the topic of "What About Me? — Support for the Siblings of Disabled Children" We will also have time to discuss any other topics or frustrations you have. All are welcome. If you would like to come please RSVP to mike.mcdermott@cpsn.info

Staffing
Dewi Pearce our music therapist has resigned to take on another position. We are very sorry to loose her very talented skills and smiling face from the school. All the students anticipated their music programs with a great deal of enjoyment. I'm sure parents will remember all the wonderful concerts that Dewi organised.
We are actively recruiting a new music therapist, but in the meantime Paul is providing some sing-along sessions for students
Lynda Llewellyn, Business Manager, is on leave until June. She is probably having a terrible time in Paris and London. In the mean time Kim Pearce and Rebecca Anwin are holding the fort.

Messages to Classrooms
We would like to avoid interruptions to classrooms. Where possible, please leave a message with the office to be passed on at more convenient times. Of course we will put you through in an emergency, however if you’d like to speak with staff please ring before 9 am or after 3pm.

Education Week
To celebrate we will be holding an Open Morning on Monday 21st May. The focus will be on attracting visitors to the school who want to see students in action.
Please invite your family and friends to join with you on Wednesday 23 May, at our Special Persons morning tea.

Equipment Display
Thankyou to the parents who came along and made the equipment display last week such a success. Therapists and equipment suppliers worked hard to respond to parents needs and requests. Families suggested that that we make this an annual event. Watch our for it next year.

Joan Anson

4/05/2012
Recycling

This term’s theme is Recycling. Our study will take us to many aspects of our lives. It will give us ‘pause’ to think about how we, as individuals, can make a difference. It provided opportunity to see ourselves as part of a community and that we play an important role on the planet. It will highlight our global responsibility to the earth and the students will learn new words such as Recycle, reuse, reduce, organic, biodegradable, compost and sustainability to name a few.

SPELLING WORDS
Some students will be given the challenge of learning new words to spell and new words to learn the meaning. Some of those words were sustainability, organic, greenhouse, emissions, pollution, compost and many other words linked to recycling.

Integrated Studies

...We will find out the meaning of recycling. We will learn about things

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Computers

Last term in computers students learnt how to insert pictures, clipart, include animation and develop the ‘Master Slide’ to create a consistent format theme, within the topic of ‘Families’. The students also practised file management within their own folders.

This term the student continued to consolidate their new skills within Power Point and extend their skills to include ‘surfing the net’ for information on specific topic. Students will work in pairs to develop a presentation on an assigned topic. The topics were selected to challenge the

Zara is increasing her independence during lunch time.

Angela writes some creative narratives during Creative Writing.

Molly working on her numbers 1 - 100 on the hundreds board, during Maths.
that can be recycled. We will learn how to make paper out of recycled paper; we recycled plastic bottles; think of different ways we could ‘reduce’ in our everyday life. We will learn about the 3 R’s of Recycling - reduce, reuse and recycle.

**Numeracy**

... Term 2 Numeracy expanded on students knowledge of Time in the first half of term and then money in the second half of term. We are also continuing with place value and simple addition and subtraction using the vertical method with 3 - 6 digit numbers.

**LITERACY: LISTEN, SUMMARISE & REPORT**

For Literacy Room 4 continued with the Journals on Monday. Creative Writing on Tuesday developed both listening skills and reporting skills. Each week students were presented with information about an aspect of recycling. They listened to the facts; discussed and summarised the main points and then were required to report back what they had learnt. Students continued to use a storyboard to help process and organise their information.

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Angus building his confidence in the pool with Grace. Hannah enjoyed the Creative Writing sessions learning to use the Story board that helps organise her thoughts.
Belmore School

Open Day 2012

Monday 21 May 2012

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

Please RSVP your attendance to the office

Belmore School
49 Stroud Street, Balwyn Vic 3103

Melway Ref: 46 D5
Ph: 9859 8762
Junior Student Award

This certificate is awarded to

Nathan Appleby

for

Achieving a fantastic effort in co-assisted walking.
Each morning Nathan has been taking up to 10 co-assisted steps, walking from his wheelchair to his table.

Senior Student Award

This certificate is awarded to

Joshua Lenowry

for

Listening and following his routine in class.
He has a good memory about what he has to do first, then the next and the following 5 activities.
Introducing Grace:

Hi, I’m Grace and I am the new Speech Pathologist at Belmore School. I recently finished studying at La Trobe University, where I discovered working with children was the area I really enjoyed.

I will be working with the students in Rooms 1, 3, 5, 6, and 7. I am excited to begin my first job at Belmore School and I look forward to meeting and getting to know you all in the future. Please don’t hesitate to contact me to say hi!

Contact Yooralla on (03) 9819 7332 for your copy of this flyer to gain FREE entry to the Daily Living Expo!
Signposts Invitation – Round 2 – (3 places left)

What is Signposts?
Signposts for building better behaviour is a free program to help families of children with a developmental delay or intellectual disability. It is for families/carers with children aged between 3 and 18.

Why do Signposts?
Families learn:
- positive ways of coping with difficult behaviour
- ways to encourage better behaviour
- how to teach children new skills.

How is it run?
There are a minimum of six sessions, usually run on a fortnightly basis. We will be delivering the program through small group sessions. All materials (booklets, video/DVD) are free of charge. All carers of your child are encouraged to attend, without children. Bookings are essential.

Where: Belmore School
       Stroud St
       Balwyn
       9859 8762

When: Friday mornings 9.30 -11.30 am
       20th July
       27th July
       3rd August
       17th August
       31st August
       14th September
       19th October

We are very proud of this program. All Belmore staff are being trained so we are all on the same page when interacting with Belmore Students. Please seriously consider registering for the program.

I would like to register for the signposts program at Belmore School.

Name: ___________________________  Phone: ___________________________

Email: ___________________________
Caitlin’s Retreat, a special place for special families

Caitlin’s Retreat is a beautiful property on the outskirts of Melbourne, on the banks of the Yarra, which gives families of Special Needs Children the opportunity to getaway & enjoy a much needed break together as a family.

Catering to the needs of Special Needs Children, Caitlin’s Retreat is free with facilities to accommodate up to 8 family members and is NOW OPEN for bookings.

Caitlin’s Retreat is home to a small collection of farm animals for the children to enjoy along with a wheelchair swing, large gardens and a small veggie garden, all set in an idyllic country setting.

Andrew and Cathryn Darbyshire established Caitlin’s Retreat in 2007 in memory of their daughter Caitlin who had Infantile Spasms, a form of epilepsy, and an unidentified brain disorder. Having loved and cared for a Special Needs Child, the Darbyshires know all too well the financial, physical and emotional costs involved. The cost of specialised equipment and practicality of accessibility, for transportation, mobility, bathing, feeding and personal hygiene is exorbitant.

Most families of Special Needs Children have very limited, if any, opportunities for day trips or holidays. Caitlin’s Retreat now gives these families an opportunity and destination for time away together.

If you would like to find out more about Caitlin’s Retreat or enquire about making a booking please contact Jacinta on 8831 9085 or info@caitlinsretreat.org.

Nick Place
Wednesday 20 June
@ Hawthorn Library

Kelly Gardiner
Wednesday 18 July
@ Hawthorn Library

Marc McBride
Wednesday 16 May
@ Hawthorn Library

James Moloney
Thursday 23 August
@ Kew Library

Rebecca Lim
Thursday 28 June
@ Kew Library

Kirsty Murray
Thursday 26 July
@ Kew Library

All sessions commence at 7pm
Bookings are essential and will be taken closer to each session.
The NDIS will fix everything .......... or will it?

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 17th May 2 – 3.30 pm
OR
Session 2
Wednesday 24th May 7 – 8.30 pm
Venue
Woronora Room, Whitehorse Centre
Whitehorse Road, Nunawading
Telephone: 9726 48 45

Guest Speaker:
Mr Bruce Bonyhady, AM
To confirm a place RSVP by 25th April 2012
Email: ndis@waverley.nsw.gov.au
Ph 9726 1955
Mobile: 0412 383 478
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 12th 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 12TH 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**

There are still some tickets available. Please return to school ASAP

Childs Name ________________________________

Class _____________________________ Number of tickets required _______

4/05/2012
Collection Tins

The recent return of a coin can by a school Parent has provided a wonderful donation of $76.30 just by having it at home.

Coin Cans can be taken for your workplace for a pass around or more permanent placement; or for your home for loose change and/or visitor contributions.

If you would like a Collection Tin, please make arrangements with Kim or Rebecca in the office. Your contributions to fundraising efforts are greatly appreciated.

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

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

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

Help Wanted

If anyone is free to help at the Friends of Belmore Mother’s Day stall on Friday 11 May between 11 -1 please contact Sharon either 0424017760 or sharonfazzino@y7mail.com. Thanks.