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### R.D.A. (Riding for the Disabled)

As you know, a group of 3 students goes to RDA each week.
The program really consolidates and extends the physical skills the students are learning at school; we see a great improvement in sitting balance, following instructions, strength and stamina.
The program is led by an experienced coach, and there is a team of volunteers to help lead and walk beside the horses, including Tim and I. Sometimes there are not enough volunteers to give all of our students a ride at the same time, which means they take it in turns, and may not get the full benefit of a whole session.
RDA Viewbank is desperate to recruit more volunteers for all of their mid-week programs, which take riders from many Special Schools and adult centres.
If you, or a family member or friend, have some time to spare, please give me a call at the school, and I will put you in touch with the RDA branch.

Thank you,  
*Jan Welsh*
World Teachers day
Today at Belmore we are celebrating World Teachers’ Day. The classroom teachers from room 1-9 do a marvellous job coordinating children’s programs. They are, in room order, Alysha, Maria, Betty, Penny, Tsering, Prue, Peng, Rose and Chris. The specialists do a great job in providing extra support and curriculum depth. They are Sandy in Art, Norah in Intensive Interaction and Conductive Education and Dewi in Music. Have a look at their photos. Their terrific work needs to be acknowledged.

The therapists at Belmore also play a huge part in making sure that our students have the best programs and equipment. I would like to acknowledge the superb role they play as part of our team, Viv, Liz, Leah, Marie-Clare, Jenny, Rebecca and Grace.

The education and therapy support staff are helping us celebrate with a morning tea.

Children’s week
We also celebrated children’s week with a sports afternoon last Tuesday. Students moved around the school doing a variety of tabloid sports. They had fun with skittles, penalty shoot outs, bowling, “What’s the time Mr Wolf?”—with switches, egg and spoon races, quoits and throwing. The children were rewarded with ribbons and stickers for great performances.

Joan Anson
World Teacher’s and Therapist’s Day
Our Wonderful Team
WHAT IS HAPPENING?

Come to the 2010 BTQ Grand Final!

By Stephanie Clifford

It came down to the last three contestants. They were Jack Evans, Crystelle and Joshua.

Jack was a human GPS. He was very good at giving us directions on how to get to different places. Crystelle played the piano. Joshua was singing.

Now there are only two contestants in the Grand Final: Crystelle and Josh.

Who will win?

WHAT: BTQ Grand Final
WHEN: Thursday 11th November, from 11am until 12pm
WHERE: The Hall.
WHO: All are welcome!
On Monday 1st November, Dewi (Music Therapist) & Sandy (Art Teacher) conducted Belmore School’s inaugural ‘Music & Art’ session, with the students from Room 9.

First, the students listened to six carefully chosen recordings of music, including styles such as jazz, latin, classical, and lullabye.

The students then discussed what imagery they saw when listening to the music, such as “It’s like I’m at the beach”, “It sounds like a haunted house” or “It makes me feel happy/scared”.

Finally, the students translated this imagery into movement as they used a variety of adapted painting tools to create colourful artworks – a practice painting on paper, and a final piece on canvas.

The finished canvasses are on display in the hallway near Room 9 - come down and take a look!
WHAT IS HAPPENING?

Room 1 students wrote letters to Commonwealth Games athletes in Term 3. Jack wrote to weightlifter Corran Hocking and this week received a reply. We wanted to share his letter with you.

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29th October 2010

Corran Hocking
C/O State Weightlifting Centre
P.O. Box 7
Hawthorn VIC 3122

Dear Jack,

I really enjoyed receiving the letter you sent to me and your drawing looks great. Unfortunately I hurt my leg in my competition so I wasn’t able to win a medal but I had a really good time when I was in India. To answer your question, yes it is good to win but it is also good to compete and have fun.

I have sent you a cap for you to use when you are outside on your trampoline and some Australian Flag Tattoos for you to share with your friends. This hat is special as it is only given to athletes at the 2010 Commonwealth Games and I have also sent some of the Australian Commonwealth Games Team memorabilia pins.

Best Wishes,

Corran Hocking

105kg
STUDENT AWARDS

Kaspar, Room 3
For concentrating hard when using the steps to get himself onto the trampoline.

Stephanie, Room 3
For great participation in the sensory story program. She reached out and explored different textures with both her hands and stirred up the wombat stew with great enthusiasm.

Ben, Room 3
For walking a lap of the school without stopping while wearing his flippers.

Leila, Room 3
For great participation when stepping from the classroom to the hall. Leila listened to instructions fully and smiled the whole time!

Rhiley, Room 3
For excellent participation in the oral sensory program. Rhiley smiled while having his teeth brushed and made happy vocalisations.

Zara, Room 3
For making great progress using her communication book. Zara is looking at the symbols and making relevant choices during programs.

Tom, Room 3
For moving his fingers to indicate that he would like a turn to use a switch. Tom perseveres until his fingers move up and down to operate the switch.

Leila, Room 3
For excellent singing into the microphone during music therapy. Leila used her voice to sing enthusiastically whenever it was her turn in the song. Excellent work Leila!

Simon, Room 8
For active engagement and participation in a music therapy session. Simon smiled and said "hello" for his turn, made purposeful choices of instruments, independently played the instruments, laughed during dancing, and said "bye bye" at the session’s end.

Brilliant Effort!!
Hi Everyone,

The roster for the Bunnings BBQ is being sent home today. Please fill in and return to school by Monday 8th Nov. We need lots of volunteers for this one, particularly between 11 and 3. Don’t assume someone else will do it, put your hand up! It’s a fun day.

Erin has organised a couple of dinners at different locations. Hopefully you can make it to one or both of these.

Sharon will be sending out cake making kits a couple of weeks before the Election, we are selling craft, plants etc. as well, so if you have anything to contribute, it will be appreciated. We will need volunteers for this day as well. Stay tuned.

Lastly the Christmas raffle is being organised, tickets to sell will be sent home soon. Meanwhile we need donations for the hampers. Items big and small, Christmas related or not, are all needed. Remember to ask friends, relatives, and neighbours for contributions.

There is a lot going on at this busy time of the year. Please get involved. Things too often get left to just a few, and we need to even out the workload.

Call me with questions or comments

Kelly
0425 739 307  Kelly.lloyd@optusnet.com.au

This term we are having 2 social dinners.

The first on Wednesday 10th November at 7.30pm
at the Coach and Horses, Maroondah Highway, Ringwood

The second on Friday 3rd December at 7.30pm
at the Cherry Hill Tavern, Reynolds Road, East Doncaster

RSVP to Eron Layfield on 04348252000 or a note via Sarah in Room 5.

Hope to see you all at one or both.
PENDLE STREET ADVISORY GROUP

In an effort to improve the service, Yooralla’s Pendle Street Respite House invites parents/carers of those who stay at the house to give feedback about their experiences. Respite is a really important part of my life and particularly this type of respite. I want Respite to be of a high standard and to be a positive experience for all involved which is why I’m involved.

Next Meeting - 10am, 10th November at 6 Ellingworth Parade, Box Hill.
ALL WELCOME.

I recently spoke at a Pendle Street Staff Meeting about some of the issues raised at our Meetings and on a personal note what I get from Respite that I would otherwise miss out on. I think it is important the staff know what a valuable and important job they do.

If there are any issues you would like me to take to the Meeting I would be happy to do so. Karen Jeffery - 9898 1019, 0432 325080, kazjef@optusnet.com.au

“Do a little each day to get to your goals and over time you’ll get there.”
By: Robin Shama

If you would like to join the email list to receive this Newsletter electronically, please contact allen.fiona.a@edumail.vic.gov.au
Bunnings BBQ Roster

Saturday 13th November  8.30am to 5pm

We need volunteers for our BBQ at Box Hill Bunnings, to be held on Saturday 13th November from 8.30am to 5pm.

Please call, email, or return this sheet to school with your preferred times to work. Return to Belmore by Monday 8th November.

We need lots of people to help, so please if you can spare a couple of hours on Saturday 13th sign up!

We will need another 2 big eskies, let me know if you can supply one.

Thank-you, (in anticipation),

Kelly Lloyd M: 0425 739 307   E: kelly.lloyd@optusnet.com.au

Remember to wear old clothes or bring an apron.

I am available for the Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 13th November

My preferred time is:

8.30-11am  [ ]
11-1pm  [ ]
1-3pm  [ ]
3-5pm  [ ]

Name________________________________________

Phone_____________________________________

Return to school Monday 8th November