DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 1st November  
Normal School Day

Tuesday 2nd November  
Melbourne Cup Day Holiday

Thursday 11th November  
Belmore Talent Quest Final

Saturday 13th November  
Bunnings (Box Hill) FOB

Tuesday 16th November  
Volunteers Morning Tea

Wednesday 17th November  
last day for hamper donations

Thursday 11th November 11am  
Belmore Talent Quest Final

Thursday 11th November 11am  
Bunnings (Box Hill) FOB

Friday 16th December  
Last Day Term 4 Students
home 2 hours earlier

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Ultranet update:

Please note that our Webmaster, SponsorEd have added a link on our webpage to the login site for the Ultranet. This is presently not accessible. We will inform all families when access can been obtained.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK......

Term 4 is always a busy term in school, as we think about completing and evaluating the year’s work for students. We are also considering the best ways of sustaining some of our new initiatives, especially the professional learning team structure and the dance therapy program. Dance therapy has been a great success this year. The senior students’ performance was a great hit and we are planning to extend this program to the junior school.

School Times
We provide for and supervise students between the hours 9 am – 3pm, before and after these times teachers and assistants are involved in professional meetings in teams as well as preparation for the delivery in programs. We cannot supervise students before 9am as staff are very busy at this time.

Pam Galbraith
This week we have said goodbye to Pam at a whole school farewell. Pam has been at Belmore for 25 years; a presentation was made to Pam by Lisa Evans on behalf of School Council, several students made informal presentations of their pictures to Pam during the proceedings. Pam is a well loved legend, everyone will miss her.

Building update
Jan, Fiona, Viv and I inspected the building site at the Belmore Rd end of the school this week. The new spaces at ground level are beginning to take shape and our vision is beginning to turn into a very positive reality. Next time you are in Belmore Rd, slow down and have a good look.

The new workshop, Peter Caldow’s domain, is now a pleasant light filled space. It doesn’t look at all like a dungeon anymore. Lots of windows have been installed and a floating floor is in place. There are storerooms and a spot for Sandy’s kiln. In the new staffroom the slab is poured, windows and benches are in place, and it is flooded with northern light. By the end of the month the new classroom will have timber framing and roof trusses. Room 6 now has its own office/storeroom. The brick stair well is continuing.

The construction team, headed up by Lee Johnson, builder from Melbec; Peter Lyall, architect, and Simon Wells, Site Supervisor, are a pleasure to work with. They understand the requirements of Belmore students and make every effort to fit in with our needs and requests. The students in room 5, directly above the construction have coped remarkably well with the extra noise and ventilation. They have scheduled in lots of excursions!

The conversion of the new gym will happen later.

Joan Anson
WHAT IS HAPPENING?

ROOM 4 NEWSLETTER

2010 TERM 3

SO MUCH FUN!
WE WELCOME REBECCA, OUR NEW SPEECH THERAPIST.

LUCAS HAS JOINED ROOM 4 FOR A THREE WEEK PLACEMENT AS A STUDENT TEACHER. HE HAS BEEN A GREAT ASSET TO OUR ROOM.

Everyone loves computers in Room 4

Some Students have been exploring different websites. Some have learnt to put them into their favourites in their own log on.

We hope that you will encourage your children to put them into their favourites on the home computer!

Some students have been improving their keyboarding skills. They have been using Microsoft Word and Read, Write Gold to write about different topics.

The students have also been inserting clipart and formatting their picture to wrap it around their text.

Some children have been creating ‘Playlists’ so that they can press the switch or click on the mouse to move to a song of their choice.

All students have listened to the many stories on the ‘Tarheel Readers’ site.

We might write our own story and publish it on the site!

WWW.FUNBRAIN.COM
WWW.TOPMARKS.CO.UK/
HTTP://TARHEELREADER.ORG/CATEGORY/BOOKS/
WHAT IS HAPPENING?

Room 5 enjoying Dance Therapy
STUDENT AWARDS

**Alicia, Room 5**
For a fantastic music session, she was attentive and responsive to all aspects of her music session, completing all tasks with a smile.

**Riley, Room 5**
For great choice making in his communication session. He created a brilliant sensory art piece from all of his choices.

**Room 4, Students**
For excellent teamwork to write and sing an original song about their room and what they like to do.

**Angela, Room 4**
Angela is now able to participate in the entire lying program with minimal verbal prompts. Her motor planning has really improved this semester as has her ability to listen to the instructions and follow through. She also walks to and from C.E. in her walker. Well done, Angie!
Yooralla is pleased to announce that we have purchased our own iPad.

There are many different ways that students (of all abilities) can use the iPad.

- The Speech Pathologists are very excited about the communication software (proloquo2go) as well as hundreds of literacy applications for fun learning of such things as the alphabet, sentence structure, spelling and reading.
- The Occupational Therapists are eager to trial out some applications for letter tracing and perceptual development.
- Of course the Physiotherapists didn’t want to be left out of the excitement, so will be trialing a Gonimeter (limb measurement) application.

The iPad offers many interactive applications such as reading books, popping bubbles and creating fireworks, all of which do not require the student being able to use a mouse or switch. All the student is required to do is touch the screen to interact with some amazing lights, colours and sounds.

Please feel free to contact your therapist to discuss what applications may be appropriate for your child.
What’s coming up!

**Xmas Raffle**

We plan to make this a big one! We have many potential ticket buyers, in the form of voters on election day. We will basically have the same format as previous years, making up hampers of goods. The first prize will be a hamper comprising of goods worth a certain amount, second prize a smaller amount and so on. We will need to receive all donations by Wednesday 17th November.

So, we need your help. The Belmore community is famous for the fantastic and generous contributions to the Christmas raffle, and this year we need you to do it again and if possible, bigger and better.

It would be fantastic to be able to receive the following:

- Electronic gadgets (phones, ipods, cameras, game consoles, etc)
- Wine etc, Gourmet foods- oils, vinegars, jams, chutneys, chocolate, etc
- Cosmetics, perfume, accessories, Shopping Vouchers
- Christmas related items- decorations for tree or table, puddings, cakes, etc

Anything else you can think of!

Goods can be brought/sent in with the children or taken to the meeting room. Please no perishable goods. The hampers will be made up in the week before the stall, and prizes will be announced. Please use your contacts for donations, the proceeds go to the worthiest of causes- our children.

**State Election Day 27th November**

The cake stall on Federal Election day was exceptionally popular, due no doubt, to the tempting goods on offer. So we will have another cake stall for the State Election, with cakes available to buy to take home or eat there (these proved very popular last time especially with children). In addition we will sell craft items, plants etc. Sharon F. is co-ordinating the stall, and will send home the cake kits soon. There was a fabulous response last time, and we ask you to once more to bake some lovely treats. Remember to ask family, friends and neighbours to help.

**Bunnings BBQ**

Lastly, we have a Bunnings BBQ booked at the Box Hill store for Saturday November 13th. We need donations of bread, sausages, onions and sauce. These BBQs are great fun to get involved in, look out for the sign up roster, that will be sent home soon. Andrew, Riley’s Dad works there, and is encouraging all the staff to buy their lunch from us!

Any questions or comments about any of the above, please call Kelly 0425 739 307

E: kelly_lloyd@optusnet.com.au
NOTICE BOARD

SURVIVING PARENTHOOD!

Do you wonder why they aren’t listening to you or how to deal with their anger?
Do you want to maintain a connection with them?
Do you find living with kids exhausting?
Are they just driving you completely batty?
Come share your ideas, skills, solutions and frustrations and get some new strategies to help!

Who: Dads, mums & carers of children under 12 years
When: 7.00 – 9.00 pm, 19th, 26th October & 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd November
Where: Emerald Community House, 534 Main Street, Emerald
Cost: Free (bookings essential)
Contact: Helena at Parentzone on 5991 2225 or 0488 550 410

CHILDREN, CHALLENGES & CHOICES

Do you wonder why they aren’t listening to you or how to deal with their anger?
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Who: Dads, mums & carers of children under 12 years
When: 7.00-9.00pm
21st & 28th Oct, 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th November
Where: Yarrunga Community Centre, 74-84 Croydon Rd, Croydon Hills
Cost: $12.00 (bookings essential)
Contact: Helena at Parentzone on 9721 3643 or 0488 550 410

DADS MATTER
For Fathers and Their Partners

After conducting the course “Dads Matter: What Kids Really Need From Their Dad” seven times since August 2009, I have decided to offer a course for both fathers and their partners as requested by many dads who attended. This course will continue the relaxed style of the program and will give dads and their partners the opportunity to explore the father role and other parenting issues. It is anticipated that this will lead to:

- A mutual understanding of the important role fathers play in a child’s life.
- A greater ability to support and complement each other’s parenting and work together as a team.
- Better problem solving and conflict resolution.
- Better understanding of everyday family experiences and children’s behaviour.

Due to funding restraints, this course will be facilitated by Ingrid only, Ingrid is a single parent educator and a partner with Parentzone.

Bookings Essential - Phone 9721 3643 ASAP

DADS MATTER
What Kids Really Need From Their Dad

- Would you like to have, and keep, a strong positive connection with your kids?
- Would you like to know just how important you are in your child’s life?
- Are you interested to find out more about what your kids need from you and how you can best help them?
- Would you like to better understand and handle feelings?
- Do you want to learn positive parenting skills and discipline strategies?

This will be the 7th “Dads Matter” course. Fathers tell us they enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and value the opportunity to share experiences and ideas about fatherhood with other fathers, learn from each other and hear from experienced parent educators. Come and join in for a stimulating and interactive session.

Facilitated by John, parent and grandad, who works in various roles with men, and Ingrid, parent educator, and parent educator with Parentzone.

Bookings Essential - Phone 9721 3643 ASAP

Anglicare, Parentzone
664 Main Rd, Berwick
Thursdays Oct 7th – November 11th 2010 (4 sessions)
7.15 pm – 9.30 pm (4th session starts at 7.00pm)
$40 per person, $50 Concession or BY NEGOTIATION

No Place given at 7.00pm for the first session

PLEASE GIVE THE APPLICABLE CATEGORIES AND SEND PAYMENT TO Anglicare Victoria

Dads Matter - Registration
1045 Main Rd, Berwick
Please ensure your payment is received prior to the course date.

21/10/2010
Monash University Research Project- ‘Effectiveness of adaptive seating systems for children with neuromotor disorders’.

This information was distributed last year but the researchers are still looking for participants. It is a great opportunity to be involved and contribute to research in this field.

The researchers are doing a final push to recruit children who use wheelchairs/adaptive seating systems for our project. The project has been interrupted for a while whilst the chief investigator had a period of maternity leave, but we are up and running again!

The project involves children between the ages of 5 and 15 who use adaptive seating systems every day and have a neuromotor problem - such as cerebral palsy. We are interested in all ability ranges, and come to the child's school or home to collect the data. The data collection takes about 45 minutes. We are also happy to come and present the project to small groups of people, come and talk with therapists individually, or present to staff meetings.
Children with Disability Australia is organising an event to celebrate International Day of People with Disability on 3 December, 2010. CDA is working in collaboration with a local community to raise awareness and acknowledge the contribution that children with disability make to the community. This celebratory event will involve a primary school, local retailers and businesses who will wear CDA promotional t-shirts on the day. Local businesses and residents in the block surrounding the school will also be given the opportunity to participate by displaying green CDA balloons. A range of other promotional activities will also take place during the day.

CDA promotional t-shirts can be purchased from our organisation for $15 (GST inclusive). If you would like to support us on the day, we ask that you contribute by wearing your t-shirt on 3 December, 2010. Please find attached an order form. Orders need to be received by Thursday 21/10/10.

Thanks for your support.

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Please add postage and handling $5.00 per order

Payment by direct deposit: Bendigo Bank BSB 633 000 Account 13567928
Children with Disability Australia

Credit card: □ Visa □ Mastercard Amount $____________________

Name on card: ____________________________________________

Credit card number: ___________________________ Expiry date __/___

Please return to:
Children with Disability Australia
Suite 2/88 Morang Road
Hawthorn VIC 3122
Tel: (03) 9815 1094  Fax: (03) 9818 1999  Email: info@cda.org.au
ABN 42 140 529 273

All donations over $2 are tax deductible.
Eastern Health Child, Youth & Family Mental Health Service
2010 Community Seminar Series

UNDERSTANDING AND MANAGING DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOURS

Presented by Kristy Young and the Kool Kids Positive Parents (KKPP) team

Challenging behaviours in childhood are fairly common and often developmentally normal. However, when difficult behaviours are ongoing and significant in severity they are likely to have a substantial impact on the child’s academic, social and/or emotional development and the child may be at risk of developing clinically significant behavioural disorders.

This community seminar will outline a framework in which challenging behaviours can be understood. Specific strategies and methods known to be effective in the management of difficult behaviours will be discussed.

This seminar is primarily targeted at primary aged children, but the concepts and strategies presented may be adapted for use with adolescents.

Please note there are limited places available and registrations may not be accepted on the day.

Where: Federation Estate, 32 Greenwood Ave, Ringwood 3134
Melway Ref: 49 H10

When: Tuesday 16th November 2010

Time: 9.15am Registration. 9.30am–12.30pm

Cost: $60 (includes GST, Seminar Notes and Morning Tea)

Bookings: Complete the separate Registration Form and return to Jenni Campbell, Eastern Health Child, Youth & Family Mental Health Service, PO Box 94, Box Hill 3128 or fax to 03 9895 4073

Contact: For further Information—Julie Blacker
T 0419 571 342 or 03 9895 4069
E julie.blacker@easternhealth.org.au

All prices and dates quoted are subject to change by the Community Engagement Team. Seminar fees are kept as low as possible. Enrolled participants will be notified of any changes to advertised programs when necessary. Participants are not entitled to a refund once a course has commenced unless written cancellation is received at least 24 hours prior to the event. The Community Engagement Team reserves the right to cancel any scheduled programs when necessary & course fees will be refunded if the course is cancelled by the Program.
# Eastern Health Child, Youth & Family Mental Health Service

## 2010 Community Seminar Series

**REGISTRATION FORM**

This is not a tax invoice. Please do not attach payment. Upon registration an email confirming registration will be sent and a tax invoice will be issued. Following payment of invoice a receipt will be issued.

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LAST MINUTE NEWS

Would any parent or carer who wishes to take their child to the Variety Club Christmas Party on Thursday, December 2nd please contact Jan Welsh for information. Only children with disabilities may attend; only 1 parent/carer per child; booking must be made through the school, although the school is not taking students.

FOR SALE

1989 Toyota HiAce Van.
Modified for wheelchair use and fitted with a Norden Hoist, dual air-conditioning, tinted windows, 220,000k on clock, well maintained and in good condition. Can take 2 wheelchairs or seat a family. $2000 or nearest offer
Contact Vicky Silcock on 9876.6248 or 0412238692

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