Diary Dates

Thursday 24 March    Whole School Assembly—2.00pm
Thursday 24 March    End Term 1—2.30pm finish
Friday 25 March      Good Friday
Monday 11 April      Term 2 Commences
Monday 25 April      ANZAC Day
Tuesday 10 May       Footy Day, with special visitors!!!
Wednesday 20 July    Reporting to Parents Day
                      (student free day)
Monday 29 August     Communication Conference
                      (student free day)
Tuesday 30 August    Communication Conference
                      (student free day)

We want to say a big thankyou to Bouchiers of Balwyn for their help with sausages for our bbq at Family night.

The Belmore “Community” Jigsaw Puzzle

Supporting students with physical disabilities and/or health impairments to learn since 1962
Principal’s Desk

End of Term 1
I cannot believe that the end of Term 1 is here upon us. While it has been a short term, it has been a very productive one. I would like to thank the entire Belmore School community for their support this term as we welcomed new staff to our team, commenced the transfer to the new Victorian Curriculum and launched our new Secondary Learning Centre Core+ Program. All our students have put in a fabulous effort to achieve their very best every day and our staff have put in much time and hard work to provide high quality educational programs designed to support learning in an actively engaging classroom environment.

Proloquo2go
I am very excited to inform you that following the success of our trial of the Belmore School Communication System over the last six months, the complete program will be launched throughout the school during Term 2. The communication app Proloquo2go forms the basis of our Belmore School Communication System and I have been informed by AssistiveWare that the Proloquo2go app will be reduced by 50% on Saturday 2nd, Sunday 3rd and Monday 4th April. This 50% reduction brings the cost down from $399.00 to $199.50. I purchased Proloquo2go when it was reduced at this time last year and made it even cheaper by making the purchase using iTunes cards which I bought at 20% discount – bringing the overall total of the app down to $160.

3-DAY DISCOUNT April 2,3,4

If you are considering the purchase of Proloquo2go for your child to use, now is the time to do it as this is a genuine discount. More information will be provided on our Belmore School Communication Program next term, but I can inform you that Proloquo2go will be used extensively throughout the school and I would strongly recommend that this communication tool is utilised in the home setting as well to ensure your child is constantly surrounded in a communication rich environment.

Staffing Update
Anet and I are pleased to announce that Claire Dowling is the successful applicant for the role of Physiotherapist. Claire brings to this role a wealth of knowledge and expertise as a paediatric and adult physiotherapist. She has worked mainly in disability and specialist school settings in Ireland and more recently in a private practice capacity in Melbourne. Claire will commence her role on Monday 4th April 2016 and will be working on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. I know you will join us in welcoming Claire to the Belmore School community.
School Events
This week has been a particularly busy and enjoyable time for all our students and staff.

On Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon we were visited by the North Balwyn Metropolitan Fire Brigade officers who provided all our students with the opportunity to learn about fire safety along with an interactive experience with the fire engine – lights, sirens and a spray of the fire hose.

On Wednesday we all wore our pyjamas to school to raise money for the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Our wonderful school community raised $266.00, which is a small way of thanking them for the magnificent support they provide to so many of our students.

On Thursday morning we celebrated the culmination or our integrated unit on ‘Community’. Our Belmore School community came together to form a giant jigsaw puzzle which recognises the diversity of our classes, students and staff. Now complete, the jigsaw will be displayed in the school entry foyer.

And on Thursday afternoon we all came together for our final whole school assembly where we celebrated our students’ achievements, thanked our staff and recognised the efforts of our bus drivers and chaperones who are another important component of our school community.

I would like to thank everyone at Belmore School for getting into the spirit, joining in the activities and creating wonderful learning opportunities for us all this week.

Happy Easter and Happy Holidays
I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy Easter celebrated with family and friends and I am sure, a visit from the Easter Bunny, followed by a safe and enjoyable two week school holiday break. I look forward to welcoming all students and staff back to school on Monday 11th April.

Take care... Karen
Fire Brigade visit
24 March 2016

Proloquo2Go

3-DAY DISCOUNT April 2, 3, 4

50% OFF!

50% Discount on Proloquo2Go and Proloquo4Text to celebrate Autism Acceptance Day!

Here at AssistiveWare, we are passionate about supporting our diverse user community and April is the perfect time to recognize the valuable contributions autistic people make in our world. This year, like last year, we have made the decision to recognize April as Autism Acceptance Month and April 2nd as Autism Acceptance Day.

To celebrate, we’re offering a discount… not just on one product, but two. Both our symbol- and text-based communication apps — Proloquo2Go and Proloquo4Text — will be offered at a 50% discount. An incredible value!

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