North News

Belmore North Public
Building on Strengths-Focused on the Future

COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION IN A SAFE AND CARING ENVIRONMENT TO DEVELOP THE WHOLE CHILD 2016 ISSUE 3 TERM 1 WEEK 7

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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<td>Support Unit swimming program commences (all week)</td>
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<td>K-2 Assembly 10.30am 3-6 Assembly 11.30am PSSA summer sport</td>
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Principal’s Report

Air-conditioning Project
At a meeting with the P&C there was strong agreement and support for our school community to work together to get air-conditioning for every classroom. In 2015 and also this year our school is participating in a project with Campsie RSL club for ANZAC day. In 2015 we received a donation of $5,000.00 from Campsie RSL and we will receive another donation of $5,000.00 this year. The school now has $10,000.00 to put towards the air-conditioning project. I encourage all families to get behind our fund-raising efforts and also pay their school contributions so that we can build up funds for this project.

Positive Behaviour for Learning
The focus for Week 6 and Week 7 is keep your hands and feet to yourself. Teachers are actively teaching lessons in class about this important school rule. Students should also seek a teacher’s help whenever there is problem in the playground or classroom. Please encourage your child to follow these important behaviour expectations.

School Contributions
To make it easier for parents, the school is asking parents to pay contributions in 2 halves. Half payment for Term 1 and Term 2 and half payment to cover Term 3 and Term 4. A letter will be sent home soon to each family requesting contributions be paid.

Sincerely,
Janet Burling

RESPECT; CREATIVITY; COMMUNITY; EXCELLENCE; OPPORTUNITY
Parents Legal Duty
Parents are responsible for bringing their child to school and ensuring that the child is collected at the end of the school day. All students are required to leave the school premises promptly at the end of the school day. School supervision after school is limited to ensuring that students safely commence their journey home. School staff are required to monitor the welfare of all students and may need to act if they become aware that a child is regularly being left by the parent at school without supervision.

Canterbury Council Reports Unsafe Crossing at Lights
Canterbury Council recently contacted our school to say that rangers have seen parents and children crossing unsafely at the pedestrian crossing. Parents are a child’s first teacher and children will copy their parent’s behaviour. For the safety of your and other people’s children please set a good example when you are crossing the road. The Council also sent us some reminders about parking rules.

Evacuation Drill
Last week we had our first evacuation drill for the year. All classes and staff evacuated to our safe zone in under three and a half minutes. Later this term we will be having a lock-down drill. We will let you know via our Facebook page on the day the drill is happening.

Parent/Teacher Meeting
Parent teacher meetings will be coming up later this term. The meeting provides time for you to talk to your child’s teacher about any concerns you may have and to find out from the teacher how your child is progressing this year. A separate note will be sent home soon.

P&C
What is the P&C? The P&C is a friendly group of parents and carers who work with the school to raise funds. The P&C members meet to arrange fund-raising events such as the Mufti for St Patrick’s Day fund raising which is coming up on Thursday 17th March. If you would like to be involved please leave your number at the school office and someone from the P&C will contact you.

Reminders
All students are to wear a Belmore North school hat or plain navy hat.
Not acceptable:
Girls are not to wear leggings under their school dress, or culottes (skort).
Girls are not to wear body-hugging leggings for sport.
The acceptable uniform is navy school shorts or skorts.

School Photos
Children’s school photos will be taken this week on Wednesday 9 March. Please make sure that you have the correct money in the envelope as the school nor the canteen can give change.
All students are required to wear their full summer uniform, including black shoes.
Family photo envelopes are available from the school office.

Has your phone number changed?
In case of emergencies we must have your correct phone number. You can update your contact details at our school office.

Contacting Us
Parents did you know that for important matters you can contact us via the school’s email account: belmorenth-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.
Put the name of the person you wish to contact in the subject line and we will forward the email.

Are you Looking for a few extra dollars?
The Australian Bureau of Statistics is looking for workers for this year’s census. See the advertisement following.
The City of Canterbury School Safety

You need to take extra care when driving and parking in school zones. Please ensure that you understand the road rules and that your child understands how to behave safely around school zones. Please be a good role model for your child’s pedestrian and future driving behaviour.

If you break the traffic rules in a school zone you are putting children at risk.

Safety tips for drivers around school zones.
* You must stop for pedestrians at a pedestrian crossing.
* Always drop-off or pick-up your child from suitable and legal parking spots, even if this means walking further away from the school.
* Never double park.
* Never park across a pedestrian crossing.
* Never perform a U-turn in close proximity to the school, or over double lines, or on the pedestrian crossing.
* Make sure all children in the car use the footpath-side door (safety door) when getting in and out of a car.
* Always ensure children are secured in their appropriate for age child restraint. Preferably seat children in the back seat of a car for safety. Penalty: Unrestrained child $319 & 3 demerit points
* Make sure the hand brake is applied when the vehicle is stationary.
* Make sure everything is organised before coming to school so that the drop off is as fast as safely possible.
* Ensure items in the car are safely in the boot or on the floor
Join our team – we’re hiring!

August 9 is Census night and the Australian Bureau of Statistics is looking for 2,500 motivated and community minded Area Supervisors to join our team across Australia.

Area Supervisors:
- Are temporary casual jobs, with flexible working hours
- Will recruit, train and lead a small team of field staff to help deliver the 2016 Census
- Will earn $34.76 per hour (inclusive of 25% loading).

Applications open 1 February 2016. Apply online at abs.gov.au/careers
Make a difference in your community and help shape its future.