Dear Parents/Caregivers,

P & C MEETING
The P & C meeting is on Tuesday 29th October at 6.00pm in the staff room.

CONGRATULATIONS MRS YEO
Mrs Yeo has been successful through the merit selection process in being appointed to Elemore Vale Public School in 2014. This has meant there is now a vacancy for an Assistant Principal here and the position will be advertised very soon. Mrs Yeo will be sadly missed as she has brought a lot of expertise across many aspects of school life and her inspired teaching has been enjoyed by those children lucky enough to be in her class.

SAD NEWS
Mrs Avril Kavanagh, who was a member of our staff at BPS for many years passed away on Sunday. Mrs Kavanagh will always have a special place in our memories at Belmont Public School, especially through her magnificent musical productions, which highlighted her wonderful talents as well as the talents of our children. Our thoughts go out to her children and family. Mrs Kavanagh’s funeral will be at Palmdale at 1.30pm on Monday 4th November.

STAGE THREE EXCURSION – POSTPONED
The decision was made yesterday to postpone the stage three excursion due to the fire conditions in the Blue Mountains and the uncertainty of what impact this may have on the safety of children and staff. The excursion will now take place on the 20th November – 22nd November.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION
The Early Birds program starts this Wednesday between 12.15pm and 1.30pm. Parents and children participate in a variety of fun activities with the Kindergarten teachers. Be sure to bring a drink and a small snack for recess.

SAILING FOR SPORT
The quota for sailing quickly filled up and unfortunately there were a number of disappointed children who missed out. We are hoping that sailing is again an option for sport in 2014 which will give some children who missed out an opportunity to sail in 2014.

INTENSIVE SWIMMING
The intensive swimming course commences on Monday 4th November. This year’s swimming has had a change in focus with us targeting those children who are non-swimmers or poor swimmers. At this stage the course has filled up and a reserve list has been created.
INFANTS’ SPORTS CARNIVAL
Again, due to severe conditions, the annual infant’s sports carnival has had to be cancelled. With so many activities happening between now and the end of the year, it was impossible to reschedule. The good news however is the athletics carnival for next year will involve all children from kindergarten to year six.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT SHOES
School shoes may all look the same but the cost can vary from about $30 to $120 and beyond. Does a more expensive shoe mean a better shoe? Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes

NSW PUBLIC SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS

JARGON EXPLAINED
If your child's teacher mentions G&T in the COLA, she’s actually talking about gifted and talented classes being held in the covered outdoor learning area. More school jargon explained: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/school-jargon-busters

HOME SAFETY
About 50 children fall out of windows or balconies in Australia each year. Spring is a good time to install a window lock to limit how far it opens. It's this easy: http://bit.ly/1dRpQw5

WHERE’S THE OCTOPUS
Wow - it’s videos like this that show kids how cool studying science can be. Watch it with them: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoCzZHcwKxl&feature=youtu.be

Thomas Kelly
Principal

Alex G: Good luck to Alex who is competing in the Regional Girls Cricket competition this week at Nowra. We are sure that she will have a great time and represent our school and Hunter proudly.

Year 6 Mini Fete/Fun Day: This year, Year 6 will be running a Fun Day for all of the students to participate in. It will be similar to the mini fetes that have been held previously. The Fun Day will be on the 28th November. All tickets are $1.00 and will be available for purchase from the office. A maximum of $10.00 per child will be allowed. The Year 6 students will run 9 stalls: jumping castle, ice creams, face painting, hair spray and design, nail art and tattoos, chocolate eating competition, jewellery making, sponge throwing and mask painting. All money raised will go towards the farewell gift that Year 6 will purchase for the school.

iPads: This week we purchased 11 ipads to be used across the school. Students in all stages will be able to utilise this technology and enhance their learning through using specific programs and apps. The school now has 12 ipads that can be used with our wifi. Thank you to the P&C for their donation, which has allowed us to have wifi throughout the school.

Kate Foley
Assistant Principal
CONGRATULATIONS LIAM
Liam representing N.S.W at the National Touch Football Championships in Darwin. N.S.W finished 2nd overall and Liam was awarded the highest try scorer and player of the series by his coach and manager (pictured below).
Canteen Roster
Wed 23rd Oct: Helpers needed
Thu 24th Oct: Janice, Janet
Fri 25th Oct: Patrice, Janet
Mon 28th Oct: Kath, Lisa
Tue 29th Oct: Rebecca, Tim
Wed 30th Oct: Allison, Jodie
Thu 31st Oct: Cassie, Helper needed
Fri 1st Nov: Tammy, Janet
Mon 4th Nov: Linda, Bev
Tue 5th Nov: Maree

If you can help in the Canteen at all on any day during Term 4 please contact Janelle the Canteen Supervisor on 49454858.

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