Dear Parents and Caregivers,

WELCOME TO 2013
I would like to welcome everyone to Belmont Public School for 2013. Whether you are returning for another year or starting your association with our school I am sure that it will be a rewarding year for all concerned.

CLASSES FOR 2013
This year we have formed 11 classes. We are reasonably confident that these class structures will be in place for the year. The classes and teachers are as follows:-

KY – Miss Young
1D – Mrs Donald (Assistant Principal)/Mr Carey
2R – Mrs Roberts
3/4S – Mrs Spicer
5/6F – Mrs Foley (Assistant Principal)
5/6S – Mr Smith
Reading Recovery/Library – Mrs Williamson
Learning and Support Teachers – Mrs Tong/Mrs Thacker
School Counsellor – Mrs Pitkin
Release from face to face – Mr Carey & Mrs Denz

RESOURCE PACKS
Each year we ask our parents to buy a resource pack for each of the children who attend our school. The resource pack costs $40 per student with a maximum of $100 per family. The purchase of the resource packs will allow your child to come to school for the whole year and not need to bring any resources with them. The resource pack also gives each child access to “Mathletics” which is an on-line mathematics program that can be accessed from both school and home. A sample pack is on display in the foyer.
A quick comparison with other local schools will show that this is indeed the best value offered. Our school does not ask for voluntary contributions (school fees) from parents either.

OOSH
This year we have been lucky to have out of school hours operating again based at school. It is important that parents who need this service take advantage of the facility at school to ensure that it remains a viable concern for the operators and a valuable resource for a parent community.

LEADERS INDUCTION
The school leaders for 2013 will be sworn in next Tuesday 12th February at 9.30am in the school hall. All parents are invited to all of our assemblies throughout the year.
SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Our annual swimming carnival takes place next Monday 11th February at Swansea Pool. All primary students are expected to attend and any year two student who turns eight this year AND can swim 50 metres. There will be novelty events for non-swimmers.

FOCUS ON READING
Teachers in the primary classes will be undertaking extensive training in program that targets the teaching of reading. The program is called “Focus on Reading”. The explicit teaching and learning program is aimed at maintaining the momentum that the children develop during the first years at school.

NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE
At the end of last year the school moved to a new website. This website is a work in progress as teachers become familiar with its functions and start to add more content. This afternoon the staff will be learning how to add content into their class pages. These pages will start to develop content which will contain important information about classroom happenings and requirements.

P & C MEETING
The first P & C meeting for 2013 is on Tuesday 19th February at 5.30pm in the school staff room. This meeting will incorporate the annual general meeting which will seek to fill the executive positions. It would be wonderful to see lots of parents attending this meeting.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS
This term will see the opportunity to meet twice with school staff. The first opportunity will be information sessions during week five. Each stage will organise an afternoon session to inform parents about the requirements for students in that stage and information about topics that will be covered throughout the year and information on excursions. The parent teacher meetings that take place later during the term gives parents a chance to discuss the progress of their children individually with the teacher. This year the parent teacher interviews will be able to be booked “on-line”. There will be more information about this later this term.

Thomas Kelly
Principal

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**Entertainment Books Are Coming!**
This year’s Entertainment Books will be available from the School Office in a few weeks, but you can reserve a copy by returning the early bird form sent home with the newsletter to the Office. Books are $60.00 each and have vouchers, special deals etc not just in our region but nationally and internationally as well, they are a great way to grab a bargain and at the same time help raise funds to purchase special resources for our children!

**Class Kit Sample**
A sample of the class kit (stage 2 on display) is in the Office for any parents wishing to see what the $40 kit supplies to your children. Stage 3 and the Stage 1 kits may have minor variations to their make-up.

**Your Manufacturing Jeweller Fundraising Opportunity.**
The proprietor of the new Jewellers in Thomas St Belmont has offered to donate 5% of all sales generated (excl GST) by our school community to Belmont Public School. All you have to do is bring your receipts into the Office so we can copy them to verify sales amounts to the jeweller, and each month the school will receive a donation.