A GREAT START
I want to congratulate the children who have started the year so well. As I walk around the school and visit classrooms, I observe children who are actively engaged in the learning process. There is a really positive tone to the school which is evident to all.

PARENT/TEACHER INFORMATION SESSIONS
Next Wednesday 27th February we will be holding parent information sessions for each stage.
Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2) will commence at 4.30pm and finish at 5.15pm.
Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) will commence at 5.15pm and finish at 6.00pm.
Stage 3 (Year 5 & 6) will commence at 6.00pm and finish at 6.45pm.
I encourage all parents to take the opportunity to come and meet your children’s teachers and find out what has been planned for 2013.

P & C MEETING
It was wonderful to see so many parents attend the first meeting of the school year. We have a great school which is only made better by parental involvement. The next meeting is on Tuesday 19th March and this is the Annual General Meeting.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Last week saw the running of the school swimming carnival. Following the carnival 27 students have qualified to represent the school at the zone swimming carnival over two days next week. I would like to thank the many parents who assisted last Monday as both carnival officials and spectators. Mr Smith is to be congratulated for his organisation of the day.

CRUNCH & SIP
This year we are supporting “Crunch & Sip” across the school. Crunch and Sip replaces fruit break which parents should be familiar with. Crunch and Sip encourages not only the eating of fruit but also vegetables during the morning session as well as drinking water. There will be a number of school based initiatives that recognise those children who bring a healthy lunch box to school. Snippets on the topic will be included in each newsletter. There is a link to the Crunch & Sip website on the school website.

ZONE TRIALS
This term will see children given the opportunity to try out for a number of different sporting teams at zone level. Those children who have been identified at school level in different sports will be given further information.
HATS
We are encouraging all children to wear wide brimmed hats to school. The uniform shop no longer stocks caps and the wide brim hats provide far better protection for the children’s skin from the sun. We are a sun safe school and have a number of practices in place to look after the children’s health and safety in this respect.

YEAR SIX TO YEAR SEVEN
Children in year six have been given enrolment forms for their move into high school next year. Miss Foley is coordinating this process and any inquiries should be sent her way. It is very important that the forms are in early to ensure your child’s place is secured at high school for 2014.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
Each year the Premier’s Reading Challenge runs in schools. We would really like to see more children complete the challenge in the primary grades. A link is supplied in this newsletter (below) that gives more information about the challenge. Children who complete the challenge receive a certificate but more importantly further develop their reading skills. There is a list of books that of which children in the primary grade must read 15 as well as five books of their choice. The challenge runs from February 1 to September 1 so there is plenty of time to complete the challenge.

Thomas Kelly
Principal

NOTICE OF EVENTS

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Canteen Roster:
Thurs 21st Feb: Cassie, Natalie
Fri 22nd Feb: Cassie T, Tammy
Mon 25th Feb: HELPERS NEEDED
Tues 26th Feb: HELPERS NEEDED
Wed 27th Feb: Simone, Di
Thurs 28th Feb: Trish Winn, Janelle Stock, Tracy Smith
Fri 1st Mar: HELPERS NEEDED!!!!!!
Mon 4th Mar: Cassie, Krystal
Tues 5th Mar: Maree, Tara
**Belmont Community Out Of School Hours**
We have positions available for your children to attend; we are located at Belmont Primary & pickup & drop off to, Saint Frances Xavier & Belmont North Primary Schools daily.
- Arts, crafts, games, sports, music and so much more.
- Qualified, friendly staff.
- Healthy breakfast & afternoon tea.
- Fees starting from $2.60 per day!
- Call Jen on 0432275278 for more information about the service.

**Belmont North junior Rugby League Football Club**
Players required in the following age groups
- U/9’s – 6 – 8 players
- U/10’s – 3 – 4 players
- U/13’s – 4 players
- U/14’s – 6 players
Any enquiries please call Troy Scott Secretary BNJRLFC on 4946 6801 or 0414 458 945

**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.