FOCUS ON READING
Mrs Yeo and Miss Foley attended the first of a series of training sessions for a program that will be introduced across the school called “Focus on Reading”. The program aims in the first place to develop the comprehension skills of the children by building the teaching practices of our teachers. All staff will be involved in this intensive training over the next two years.

PARENT/TEACHER INFORMATION SESSIONS
It was refreshing to see the number of parents who attended the information sessions last Wednesday. I believe this was the best turnout that I have seen in my six years at Belmont Public School. I am sure that you went away with a greater knowledge of what will be happening this year.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
The school photographs will be taken next Tuesday 12th March. The photographs usually take all day to complete so it would be good to see all children at school on time.

ABSENCES
Over the next week I will be making contact with parents whose children have fallen behind the 85% attendance rate. It is important both educationally and socially that the children are at school whenever they are well enough to attend. One particular aspect that I will be looking at is those children who are continually late getting to school. It is the most important time, it covers the day’s routine and usually literacy sessions.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Notes have been sent home in regards to the parent teachers interviews that will be taking place for children in kindergarten. The interview times are to be booked on line and the note points out some ways to book the interview time. Interviews for the rest of the school will take place during the last week of term one with information about the times and dates to be sent home soon.

P & C MEETING
The next P & C meeting will be the Annual General Meeting where the positions on the executive will be decided. Please consider running for one of these positions (president, secretary, treasurer etc.) as all positions will be declared vacant at the meeting.

SCHOOL WEBSITE
Our website is continually being updated with new facts, photographs, dates and class information. If you are unsure of when something is on it may be listed in the calendar section of the website.
SMOKING BAN
From 7th January 2013 smoking was banned from the entrance of public buildings. Public buildings, of course, include schools so I would like to thank parents who already comply with this new law. You must be at least 4 metres from the pedestrian entrance of the school if you are smoking.

GOOD NUMBER SENSE
Maths is a numbers game but for some students - and parents - the figures don’t add up. Here are some strategies to help kids to work out sums in their heads in a way that makes sense to them.

ESSAY PLANNING
Kids often rush headlong into essay writing tasks without thinking through what is required. Effective essay planning can involve brainstorming, mind-mapping, and organising notes depending on the question and type of response required. These factsheets explain everything.

READING WITH YOUR CHILD AT HOME
When your kids see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help your kids with reading.

REMOVING HEAD LICE AND NITS
Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they're not dangerous. Here's everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits.

Thomas Kelly
Principal

SPORTS NEWS:
Swimming Champions 2013
Junior Girl: Cassie Mc
Junior Boy: Kyle M
11Yr Girl: Chelsea B
11Yr Boy: Kyle C
Senior Girl: Caitlan J
Senior Boy: Liam S
Sports House Shield: PINTABU

Class Resource Kits
Thank you to those parents who have paid for their children’s class resource kits and also those who are paying by instalments it has been much appreciated. A sample kit (with Year 3/4 supplies) is on display in the School Office showing what $40 provides for each child, including pens, pencils, books, paper, tissues, Mathletics and more!
Belmont Community Out Of School Hours

We are looking for more children to come and have fun with us, we are located at Belmont Public School. We 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.

The maximum fee you will pay is $6 Before School Care including Breakfast and $8 After School Care including Afternoon tea.

Call Jen on 0432275278 or see us at Belmont Public for more information about the service.

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### Canteen Roster

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If you can spare anytime to become a canteen helper please contact Janelle on 49454858