Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back after what was hopefully a restful two weeks holiday! Term 3 is shaping up to be another busy one as usual. Get your diaries out as there are some important dates you will need to mark on your calendar.

BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL
On Wednesday July 17, there will be an information session for parents at Belmont High School between 5.00 – 6.00pm in regards to the Enrichment test for students seeking a place in the ‘A’ stream classes in 2014.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The carnival is ON tomorrow! Unless it absolutely buckets down overnight, the Athletics Carnival for Years 3 – 6 and students in Year 2 who are turning 8, will be held at Baxter Field Thursday July 18. Students are to wear their school hat, sports shorts and a t-shirt or top in the colour of their house if possible. Please ensure all jumpers/jackets/hats have names clearly marked. If parents wish to take their child/ren home from the carnival early, please go to the Officials tent on the day to have names marked off.

HUNTER DANCE FESTIVAL
Miss Foley and a very talented group of 30 students from Kindergarten to Year 2 will be performing as part of the Hunter Schools Dance Festival on Thursday July 25. We wish all the students the very best for this major performance. Parents are reminded that students will be leaving school at 2pm on Thursday for a dress rehearsal at Newcastle Panthers, returning to school by 4.30pm. The night performance, also at Newcastle Panthers, requires the students to meet Miss Foley in the foyer at 6pm.

EDUCATION WEEK
Education Week is celebrated in Week 3, Term 3 each year. On Tuesday July 30 parents are invited into classrooms to participate in teaching and learning activities between 9.20 – 10.00am. At 10.00am there will be a whole school assembly in the hall. After the assembly there will be a sausage sizzle available and parents are invited to join their children for a picnic lunch. Please bring picnic blankets and camp chairs if you’d like! A formal invitation will also be sent home in regards to this event.
SOFTBALL
The Senior Boys softball team will be playing their game against Jewells Primary School on Monday July 22. A set time has yet to be confirmed. We wish the boys the best of luck.

STAFF CHANGES
Mr Kelly will be in the role of Principal at Caves Beach Public School for the first three weeks of this term. Mrs Yeo will be Relieving Principal for the first week, with Miss Foley relieving for the remaining two weeks. Miss Emma Williams will be working with 3/4Y and 5/6F during this time. Mr Harrison is on leave until Monday August 5. During this time Miss Paige Zegiel will be teaching 3/4H. At the end of this week, Belmont Public says farewell to our University students Julie Hunter, Deni North-Weekes, Ellie Woodland and Ally Brain. We would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication whilst working with the students and teachers here at Belmont Public School. For Term 3 we also welcome Ashleigh McNamara to our school. She will be working with Miss Young and KY for the term whilst she completes her internship.

UNIFORM and P&C SURVEY
During recent weeks our school uniform has been discussed at P&C Meetings. It would be appreciated if you could complete the VERY short survey at the end of this newsletter and return it to the school office as soon as possible. This survey also has a question relating to preferred times for P&C meetings to allow as many interested parents/carers to attend.

NAIDOC WEEK CEREMONY
On Friday July 26 there will be a special assembly in honour of NAIDOC Week. Parents are more than welcome to attend. This assembly will commence at 9.30am.

NEW NETBALL UNIFORMS
Thanks to the P&C and Jax Tyres East Maitland, our Junior and Senior Netballers now have fantastic new uniforms to wear when they represent our school. I’m sure you’ll agree that the girls look simply fantastic!
COMPUTER SKILLS COMPETITION
Earlier this year, eight students from Years 3 – 6 took part in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools – Computer Skills. Of these 8 students, 3 received Credit certificates. Congratulations to Kaitlyn Dale, Ryan Baker and Cassie McLennan for this tremendous achievement. It is very much worth noting that our Year 3 and Year 4 students achieved above stage average results. Well done Stage 2!

What’s in a game?
Among teen and preteen gamers, the names of violent video games travel fast. And before you know anything about these games your child wants to play them. How do you make an informed decision about what to buy?
Find out more: http://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/10-most-violent-video-games-and-10-alternatives

Mrs Kirstie Yeo
Principal Relieving

Canteen Roster:
Thu 18th Jul: Trish, Janelle, Tracy
Fri 19th Jul: Ian, Helper needed
Mon 22nd Jul: Cassie, Helper needed
Tue 23rd Jul: Maree, Tara
Wed 24th Jul: Christie, Helper needed
Thu 25th Jul: Kath, Kylie
Fri 26th Jul: Leanne, Rebecca
Mon 29th Jul: Gail, Helper needed
Tue 30th Jul: Katie, Helper needed

UNIFORM and P&C SURVEY

Please circle YES or NO to the following two questions:

1. Are you happy with Belmont Public School’s current school uniform? YES NO
2. Would you attend a uniform forum if one was formed? YES NO

P&C Meetings will be held in Weeks 4 and 8 of each Term on a Tuesday.
What would be your preferred time for this meeting? _____________________
In the holidays I want to see dinosaurs. It was so fun.

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In the holidays I went to the moories to wash the dinosaurs. I played with my mummy.
Early Stage 1 - Writing Sample

In the holidays I went to remicar park and I played with my sister. I fed the birds at the beach. We fed them.

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In the holidays I went sailing. I went to my dad's farm. I went to the shop with my mum.
In the holidays I went to hat hed.
so I play at my friend's cross and leg.
We play games in the back yard.

In the holidays I went on the super duck.
A super duck is a bus that goes on water.