Dear Parents/Caregivers,

NAIDOC Week:
Thank you to Jodie Stewart for all of her hard work over the last few weeks. Jodie created some beautiful pieces of art with all classes. The art works were part of our NAIDOC week assembly. We were also lucky enough to have the Minimbah Dancers from Hunter Sports High perform for us. Thank you to Shaun from the local AECG for speaking to the assembly about the importance of NAIDOC week.

EDUCATION WEEK:
Everyone is invited to help celebrate Education Week this Tuesday. Classrooms will be open from 9:15 – 10:00 for you to visit and participate in lessons with your children. At 10:15 we will have a whole school assembly. Following the assembly will be a family BBQ and picnic lunch. Please bring along a picnic blanket or fold up chairs and enjoy lunch with your children. The canteen will also be selling tea/coffee, cake and snacks. Tokens for the BBQ will be given to the youngest in each family and classes will be sent for to get their lunch starting with Kinder.

UPDATE ON POLICIES:
Any parent/guardian who transports students to sporting or any school activities are required to show the office staff their current registration papers and licence. Please check at the office to see if your working with children check is up to date. This check is for anyone who volunteers in the canteen, classrooms, excursions or at sporting events. Thank you for your cooperation.
JUNIOR DANCE GROUP:
Well done to the Junior Dance Group who performed last Thursday at the Hunter Schools Dance Festival. You were all amazing and represented our school proudly. Thank you to the parents for supporting this event.

UNIFORM and P&C SURVEY:
Only 5 replies received so far! 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.

HEADLICE:
Upon our return to school over the past two weeks, it has come to our attention that numerous classes have outbreaks of head lice. Please ensure that you are regularly checking your child’s hair each and every week so that we can get on top of these little nasties.

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?

2. Would you attend a uniform forum if one was formed?

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? ________________

YES  NO
YES  NO
SPORT
Congratulations to Liam who has been selected in the NSW PSSA Touch football team. Liam was part of the Hunter team that competed last week in Coffs Harbour. This Hunter team was undefeated and won the entire competition. Liam will be off to Darwin in October to compete in the National Touch football Championships. We wish Liam all the best.

Netball Gala Day:
Miss Foley and Mr Lobston will be taking four teams to the gala day this Wednesday 31st July. All players will travel to and from the gala day by bus. The bus will depart at 9:15 am and will return by 3:00 pm. Please return all permission notes and money to the Office by Wednesday.

School Hours:
Please be aware that supervision before school starts at 8:40 am. If your child needs to be at school before this time please make arrangements with the OOSH. For this term they are conducting the before school session at Floraville Public School as there were only a couple of children of a morning needing care at Belmont Public School.

Miss Kate Foley
Principal (Relieving)
Athletics Carnival:
We were finally able to hold our School Athletics Carnival after a number of attempts trying. Well done to all the boys and girls who participated in the Track and Field events on the day. Your efforts and behaviour were both fantastic! Thank you very much to all the parents who once again helped out on the day.

Congratulations to the following athletes who are the Age Champions for 2013!

Junior Boy: Kyle M
Junior Girl: Cassie M
11 YR Boy: Kyle C
11 YR Girl: Chelsea B
Senior Boy: Liam S
Senior Girl: Brodi L and Caitlan J

Winning House: ARUNTA

Zone Athletics: The Zone Athletics Carnival will be held at Baxter Field on Wednesday 7th August and Thursday 8th August. All athletes who qualified for Zone will be notified by Tuesday 30th July

Cameron Smith
Sports Organiser

Art Exhibition
To celebrate Visual Arts at Belmont Public school we are presenting an art exhibition on Thursday 19th September from 5:30 pm-7:00 pm. Our local Federal MP Jill Hall will be opening the ceremony. Parents, grandparents and the wider community are invited to attend and view the amazing pieces of art created by all of the Belmont PS students. Every student will be creating an individual art work that will be available to purchase for a small fee. Every class will be designing and creating a large masterpiece that will be auctioned off at 6.15pm. We are using a variety of mediums and techniques to produce unique pieces in conjunction with local artists which we hope will look AMAZING! Artists from the area are also displaying their artwork for the community to see. So come one, come all to Belmont PS’s INCREDIBLE art exhibition!

Mrs Shelley Betts
Art Exhibition Co-Ordinator

Belmont Community Out Of School Hours
OOSH are looking for more children to come have fun with us, we are located at Belmont Primary & pickup & drop off to Saint Frances Xavier & Belmont North Primary’s daily.

- Arts, crafts, games, sports, music and so much more.
- Qualified, friendly staff.
- Healthy Brekky & afternoon tea.

The maximum fee you will pay is
$6 Before School Care including Brekky (Held at Floraville Public for Term 3 due to low numbers)
$8 After School Care including Afternoon tea

Call Jen on 0432275278 or see us at Belmont P S for more information about the service.
A tsunami happens when there is an earthquake under the water. The earthquake then forms a big wave called a tidal wave. Then the tidal waves come in as one big tsunami. In a tsunami there is more than one wave but the time between the waves can vary. They usually come in after the previous wave from about five minutes to about two hours. A tsunami can be either long or short period of time. A tsunami can cause a lot of depression, tsunami’s can destroy peoples homes and buildings and it can also kill a lot of people. Tsuamis can be very destructive.

By Paige H
5/6S

Netball

Some people say that netball is a non-contact sport, they are wrong. I see people all the time coming off the court injured.

One netball team usually has 9 or 8 players. There is a G5 and a GA who shoot the goals, a GD, GK who defend the shot, a C, WA who usually start the game and the WD. The WD is the most important position. The WD has to stop the ball entering the circle. You also have either 2 or 1 reserves just incase someone gets hurt.

To defend you have to be more than 3 ft, you also can’t move your feet when receiving the ball. The rest is simple.
How to play Netball

Netball is a non-contact sport which involves 2 teams. Each team has to have 7 players on the court in different positions. These positions are Goal Keeper (GK), Goal Defence (GD), Centre (C), Wing Attack (WA), Wing Defence (WD), Goal Attack (GA), and Goal Shooter (GS). There are 4 quarters in 1 game. I play netball on the weekend for Belmont Sporties. I also play for our school. Netball is a great sport and I enjoy playing with my friend. So as you can see I ❤️ Netball!! By Olivia 5/6S

How to play Baseball

Baseball is a hard game to play. It is an American sport. You need 10 or 11 people on a team. You need a catcher, pitcher, first base, second base, third base, right field, center field, and left field. You also need three people on the bench. The other team gets to bat first and when you get three people out then it is your turn to bat. When you get three strikes then you are out but when you get four balls you get a walk. That means you get to go to first base. If you get more runs then the other team you win the game.

By Dean Clark 5/6S