ART EXHIBITION
There has been excitement across the school as children in each class are preparing their art works for exhibiting on Thursday 19th September starting at 5.30pm. All the pieces of art will be on sale during the night for $5 each. Each class has made a major work that will be auctioned off on the night. Local artists who have assisted in the classroom will also have their art on sale on the night. There will be light refreshments available on the night for adults only. We are looking forward to a huge night and everyone is most welcome to attend.

SPORTS FINALS
This Friday is the end of the interschool competitions in Netball, Soccer and Rugby League. Both the junior and senior netball teams are in the grand finals – well done and good luck girls. The senior soccer team is also in the grand final – again congratulations to the girls and boys in that team. As there is no point score taken in the weekly rugby league, a free sausage sizzle is available for all the children who have played.

SPELLING SUCCESS
Congratulations to Brooke Band Brianna W who received a credit certificate and Jarvis Farthing who achieved a distinction for the UNSW spelling test. What a fantastic effort!

GOING WIFI
The school is installing a wireless network across the school that will hopefully be operational by the end of this term. This has been made possible due the generosity of the P & C who have donated $5000 to the cost of the installation. Thank You!

ELECTION DAY BBQ
Thank you to the large number of helpers who assisted at the election-day barbecue.

P & C DISCO
The disco was a great success with those children who attended showing great behaviour during the night. I would like to thank those parents and staff who gave up their time on the night to assist.
JUMP ROPE FOR HEART
Next Wednesday 18th September the children will be having their “jump-off”. It has been amazing to see the transformation in their skipping skills over the term.

CAMP GIVEAWAY
As part of Sport and Recreation’s outdoor education week you have the chance to win an adventure-packed family weekend away at a camp. Click on the link, watch the video and answer two easy questions to enter the competition. Good luck.

GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL CAMP
School camp is one of the highlights of childhood, however, it's also true that for some children (and their parents) the thought of staying away overnight can create a little anxiety. Read these tips for school camp confidence.

CREATIVE THINKING
Eleven-year-olds of the world rejoice. It seems MINECRAFT has "the potential to teach kids creative thinking, geometry, and even a little geology". Read the review to help you make an informed choice.
Find out more: http://www.commonsensemedia.org/game-reviews/minecraft

WATER SAFETY TIPS
Beaches, lakes, rivers, creeks and pools are popular spots in summer for people young and old to cool off and have fun. Here are some easy steps you can take to make sure your child stays safe.

SAILING FOR SPORT
An opportunity to participate in sailing for sport in term four this year and term one 2014 is being offered to primary students (3-6) at school. The cost is $100 per student. Students must be a junior sailing member of the 16ft sailing club and a parent or guardian of each student must be a full member of the club. Accredited instructors, boats and safety gear are provided. Attached to this newsletter is an expression of interest form that needs to be completed and returned to school.

SAILING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - Please detach and return to school -------------------------

My child/children ________________________________________________________ are interested in participating in the proposed sailing program for sport in term four 2013.

Signed ________________________________

Thomas Kelly
Principal
The Patch

This week we have been harvesting magnificent heads of broccoli and members of the gardening team have been taking them home to cook up with their evening meals. The report back to me from Koby F this morning was the broccoli was delicious! Unfortunately the cabbage seedlings were all leaf and very little core. That’s gardening. We have dug these into the soil (green manure) to make space for our summer crop of beans, corn, cucumbers, zucchini and tomatoes which we will start on very soon. Our winter crop of broad beans, silver-beet (spinach) and broccoli are all doing well. It will be 6 weeks or so until the broad beans and garlic will be ready for harvest. We are gardening organically and not using any herbicides, insecticides or snail baits so if your child turns up with some garden produce, all you need to do is wash it, cook it and enjoy it.

Gardening Team


Juniors – Kyah S, Jessie-lee F, Ryan H, Caitlin L


John Carey – Gardening Team Coordinator
SNEAK PEAK AT SOME OF OUR YR 6 ART EXHIBITORS
Art Exhibition 2013
Belmont Public School Art Exhibition is being held on Thursday 19th September from 5.30pm-7pm. Our local Federal Member, Mrs Jill Hall will be opening the Exhibition and Class Artworks will be auctioned off. Newcastle Art Society and other local artists will be displaying their personal artworks alongside the students’ work. It will be a night where family, friends and the local community are invited to come into our school to see the wonderful results of our Creative Art Program. The night will also showcase the amazing talents of our students and teachers, we are looking forward to seeing you there!
If you are unable to attend and wish to pre-purchase your child’s artwork, please bring $5.00 to the School Office before the big night.

Shelley Betts
Art Exhibition Coordinator

Canteen Roster:
Wed 11th Sep: Simone, Sam B
Thu 12th Sep: Trish, Janelle, Tracy
Fri 13th Sep: Ian, Helper Needed
Mon 16th Sep: Cassie, Helper Needed
Tue 17th Sep: Maree, Tara
Wed 18th Sep: Christie, Helper Needed
Thu 19th Sep: Kath, Kylie
Fri 20th Sep: Leanne, Rebecca

Mates T20 Cricket Registration:
Grab some mates and come and join the exciting new 20/20 competition in Newcastle. Haven’t played cricket before? Doesn’t matter! Mates T20 is all about maximum fun and participation for all players in batting, bowling and fielding.

Played Wednesday evenings from 5pm at Jesmond and Wallsend.
Game time: Approx. 2hrs Ages 10 to 17
No uniform required or gear required – equipment will be available at the venues.
8 players per team on the field, but you can have more players in your team.
Team or individual registrations welcome
PLEASE NOTE THAT NUMBERS ARE LIMITED SO PLEASE REGISTER EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT. THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE COMPETITION THIS SEASON FROM WEDNESDAY 23RD OF OCTOBER, 2013 UNTIL MID DECEMBER.
For more information or to register and pay online please visit www.newcric.org.au

Yr 6 Election Day Cake Stall
Thank you to all of the Year 6 students and parents for assisting with the Cake Stall on Election Day. Special thanks to Mrs Kathy Price for her donation of 70 cup cakes, they were fabulous!