**Term 4 Week 5**

**Belmont Public School Newsletter**

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**Book packs:** There are still families who have not yet paid for their child’s book pack for this year. The book packs incorporate school fees, all resources for students including books, pencils, pens, textas, art materials, Student Portfolios, Mathletics and Reading Eggs subscriptions. Book packs are $40 per child or $100 per family (3 or more students).

**Portfolios:** Could all students please return their Semester 1 portfolios. Please leave all work in the portfolios. Students Semester 2 samples will be put into the portfolios and they will be sent home with your child’s school report in December.

**Fitness a thon:** Congratulations to everyone involved in Friday Fluro Fitness a thon, it was a huge community effort! Special thanks to Miss Young and Katie Walkerden for their organisation of the day. To all of the volunteers who worked in the canteen or helped out at different activities thank you very much. The P&C have raised over $5900. This money will be spent on resources and equipment for the school and students. We received overwhelming support from the community and organisations. Dave and Grace Wrixon not only organised and ran the softball activities and Tom Wrixon’s business Hunter Valley Concreting donated new waffle balls and a softball tee to the school. Dave also gave each of the students’ softball wrist bands. Thank you to Bryce Donovan from the Newcastle Knights, Karen Bradley for helping to organise the Jets team - Emily, Tori, Cassidy and Nyssa. Karen and Keith for leading the karate, Shaun for teaching the students about basketball, Shelli, Uni and Sally for leading the Aerobics, Bianca for the relaxing yoga, Keith and Reece leading tennis and the powerful commando, Todd! What an amazing group of community members who gave up their own time to provide a fantastic day for our students. Thank you to the companies and organisations for their sponsorship.
Fun at the fitness a thon 2014
**Kindergarten Early Birds session:** Our First Early Bird session was today. We had many excited preschool students who spent time in the Kindergarten rooms with their buddies. Our following Early Bird Sessions will be on 11th, 18th and 25th November between 12:15 – 1:30pm. We are extremely happy with the enrolments for next year.

**Choralfest:** Congratulations to Mrs Denz and the Senior Choir who performed at Choralfest 2014. The choir were beautifully behaved and represented the school proudly. Our Choir placed second overall with a highly commended award. Congratulations to everyone involved.

**Selective high schools:** Online application for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2016 closes 17 November. Find out more: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k6assessments/shsplacement/index.php

**Intensive Swimming:** The Department of Education and Communities School Swimming Scheme is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The Scheme is conducted over five days. Students who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills, and are unable to swim 25m confidently unaided in deep water, are eligible to participate in the School Swimming Scheme. The Scheme focuses on weak swimmers in Year 2 to 3. Instruction will take place at Swansea Public pool. The Scheme will continue daily for one week from Monday 17th November-Friday 21st November. There will be no charge for instruction. There are no refunds if your child is unable to attend. The total cost for the 5 day scheme including transport and pool entry will be $40.00 Miss Foley, Miss Young and Mr Lobston will be instructors for this program. We have a limit of 40 places. If you would like your child to be part of this valuable program please return the permission note and money to the office. If you require assistance paying for this activity please feel free to contact me.

**Year 6 magic show:** Year 6 had the opportunity to attend a free magic show at Belmont Library yesterday. The students had a fantastic time celebrating 75 years of public libraries.

**Smoking in Cars:** Parents need to be aware that it is illegal to smoke in any car that carries children 12 years old or under. This rule is to protect the health of our children.

**High School Note:** The High School will be running a program for students as part of its Yr 6-7 transition program for 5 weeks this term each Monday from 3rd Nov till 1st Dec inclusive from 9.30am-11.00am. Parents will have received a letter from the High School if their children are involved.

**Kate Foley**  
Principal

**Important dates:**  
4th 11th 18th 25th November: Kindergarten Early Bird Sessions 12:15 – 1:30pm  
5th November: High school teachers visit for year 6 students at school 1:30pm  
11th November: Whole School Assembly  
17th – 21st November: Intensive swimming lessons

**Canteen Roster:**

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