Dear Parents/Caregivers,

**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).

**Leadership roles:**
Year 6 leadership positions have been finalised and will be announced at next Tuesday’s whole school assembly. The students will find out at the same time as the rest of the school. Parents will be informed if their child has received a leadership position prior to the assembly. At presentation day we will announce the new leaders for 2015. The incoming Captains will have a role during Presentation Day. The leadership induction assembly will be early next year.

**Classroom teacher position:**
The classroom teacher position has been filled. Mrs Kate Melmeth will commence at Belmont Public School at the start of next year.

**Intensive swimming:**
Intensive swimming is well underway with three teachers from school and an instructor from the pool delivering the lessons. All students have been very well behaved and it has been an enjoyable 3 days so far. All students throughout the school will be taught surf life-saving skills and CPR from Mr Lobston next week at school.

**Enrichment opportunities year 5:**
Year 5 students have been involved in a variety of enrichment programs at Belmont High School during the year. These programs are designed to encourage children to meet new friends, experience a specific subject that high school offers and to learn new skills. It has been very pleasing to see the excitement from the students involved.
**Bike racks:** As of today, the bike racks have been moved away from the flag pole area. We are concerned with the amount of students riding their bikes and scooters when they are leaving school. There have been parents and small children hit by students carelessly riding their bikes out of the gate area. Please remind your child that they need to walk the bikes or scooters when they are inside the school grounds. The bike racks will be relocated closer to the main gate. Children are responsible for locking their own bikes each day.

**Aboriginal Art work:** As part of updating our grounds the Aboriginal Art work that is along the Colin Swan memory wall near the office and flag pole area will be replaced. All classes next year will have the opportunity to work with an Aboriginal artist in designing and painting the new artworks to go along the memory wall.

**Presentation Day:** Presentation day is on Tuesday 9th December commencing at 9:30am in the hall. Parents and family members are invited to attend this special day.

**Year 6 Mini Fete Fun Day:** Year 6 will be hosting their Mini Fete on Thursday 27th November. All tickets are available for purchase from the office for $1.00. **A maximum amount of $10.00 / 10 tickets per child is allowed.** Each stall item/activity will be $1.00. Activities include:
- Jumping castle
- Chocolate eating
- Cake Stall
- Ice creams
- Sponge throwing
- Hair design spray
- Face painting
- Nail art & tattoos
- Obstacle course

**Year 6 farewell:** The farewell will be on Wednesday 3rd December at 6:00pm at the school. Year 6 students will need to pay $12 to the office before this date. Photos will be taken outside between 6:00 – 6:30 pm. Parents are invited back for the parent dance, presentation of graduation certificates and the power-point slide show.

**Class Party Day:** Thursday 11th December years 3-6 students will have the opportunity to attend the end of year party day at Mingara Indoor Pool. The cost for the day will be $20. Transport will be by bus and we will depart at 9:30am. The buses will return by 3:30pm. Please note this is after school finishes and also after the school bus picks up. Please note that it is a privilege to attend this day and students who have not displayed acceptable behaviour may not be invited to attend. Infants’ students will have a water party day at school on the same day.

**Parent Helpers Breakfast:** Our parent helpers will be treated to a BBQ breakfast on Wednesday 10th December 7:30 – 9:00am. Any parents, grandparents, family and friends who help out at the School are welcome to attend this function.

**Performing Arts Day:** On Tuesday, 2nd December our school is holding our inaugural performing arts day. This year we are combining “Belmont’s Got Talent” and the “Performing Arts Night” and calling it “Belmont Showcase”. “Showcase” will be held in the hall from 9:30am. This will be a day dedicated to the talented students in the area of performing arts at Belmont Public school and will involve performances from the choir, vocalists, soloists, the stage two dance group, the stage two drama group and guitar groups. The talent quest finalists from each stage will perform on this day. These students will have been notified of their success in the talent quest once they have had their try outs with their stage. We are encouraging parents, grandparents, friends and family to support the performing arts at Belmont Public School by coming along to watch our talented students. A large audience will assist in a better performance! If you decide to stay and have lunch with us, please make sure all orders are with the Canteen by **10.00am on Tuesday 2nd December.**

**Mrs Denz**
Performing Arts Coordinator
ThinkUKnow Internet Safety:
Just a reminder that our school is hosting an internet safety presentation to raise awareness of the issues our young people face online and whilst using mobile phones. The session starts promptly at 4.00pm today in the connected classroom which is the room closest to the oval in the Stage 2 block.

2/3P Nursing Home Visit: 5th December:
Our students who are visiting the local nursing home will be going on the 5th December, a new note will go home this week. The children are busy making Christmas decorations to present as gifts, and they are busy practising their Christmas carol singing to entertain them all.

Library Books:
All library books must be returned as soon as possible to the Library for Mrs Williamson to be able to do the annual library stocktake. Parents will be required to pay for books not returned by the 27th November. Stocktake begins 2nd December.

Kinder 2015 Early Birds:
Our last early bird session will be held on Tuesday 25th November from 12:15pm-1.30pm.

YOU CAN DO IT!

This term we are teaching the children all about the Foundation of Emotional Resilience. The character “Ricky Resilience” has been introduced to help your child learn that resilience means:

- when they become very upset, he/she is able to control his/her behaviour (not fighting, returning to work or play within a reasonable time) being able to calm down after they have been extremely upset

Some ideas we would like for you to discuss with your child that help develop emotional Resilience are:

1. **When I have a problem, it is good to find someone to talk to**
2. **When I am upset, it is good to find something fun to do, and**
3. **When I am upset, it is smart to think “calm down” and to take three big breaths.**

Discuss with your child it is “okay” to have negative feelings (being angry, feeling hurt, and/or worried) but it is good to learn how to calm down.

When you catch your child being calm and controlling his/her behaviour by not fighting or returning to play or work after having been very upset, give lots of praise,

“You kept calm,”

“I can see that even though you are nervous, you are going to try to do it anyway” and “Even though you were very angry, you didn’t fight. You are becoming resilient.”

Important Dates:

- **26th November:** CPR training for all the students by Mr Lobston
- **27th November:** Year 6 Fun Day, Sports uniform to be worn.
- **2nd December:** Belmont Showcase (combined Talent Quest Finals/Performing Arts Event)
- **3rd December:** Year 6 Graduation Dinner at 6.00pm
- **5th December:** Nursing Home visit
- **9th December:** Presentation Day 9.30am-11.00am
- **11th December:** Primary Party day at Mingara
- **11th December:** Water Party day for Infants at School
- **17th December:** LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2014
### Canteen Roster:

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### Canteen News:

The roster for 2015 is now being compiled. There are still a number of vacancies and the Canteen needs volunteers to operate. Volunteering is flexible and can be done weekly, fortnightly, monthly or once a term or as a special once off for days such as your child’s birthday. Hours are from 8:45am – 12:15pm. Please consider volunteering as it is a wonderful way to be involved with your child’s schooling.

**Thank you!** A big thank you to Mark J and Mark S for your recent help and kind donations. We really appreciated your thoughtfulness.

- Caesar Salads will be available in a smaller tub for $3.50
- Popcorn and Rocket ice blocks are no longer available on the canteen menu