Road Safety and complying with road rules:
Please be aware that the local Ranger is policing those people who are parking illegally around the school. Also please take note that the staff car park is for staff only. It is not a safe area to drop students off or to turn around in. Also it is illegal to make u turns out the front of the school. Our Road Crossing Officers have been very concerned about some families’ lack of knowledge for the road rules and are concerned that students may be injured if this continues.

Reports:
School reports and work samples will go home on Thursday. Please take the time to discuss your child’s report with them. They are very excited to show their families their work samples from Semester 1. Please return all portfolios with the samples still in them after the holidays. If you have any concerns about your child’s report please contact your child’s class teacher.

Staffing:
I would like to thank Mrs Renay Butler for teaching 4/5H this term. She has put an enormous amount of effort into this class and she will definitely be missed. I would like to welcome back, both Mr Harrison and Mrs Roberts who will be job sharing on 4/5H next term. I will remain Acting Principal for the duration of term 3. Miss Williams will remain on 5/6F. The procedures are underway to advertise for a permanent Principal and this process should be completed by the end of term 3.

Internship Teachers:
Starting next term we will have two University students completing their internship at Belmont Public. Both students will complete 10 weeks working closely with their supervising teachers, Mr Luke Lewin will be working with KY and Mr Jesse Everett will be working with 2/3P. We welcome both of these student teachers into our school.

Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition: Tomorrow Mr Lobston will be hosting the area finals of the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition at our school. Over seven different schools will be participating in this competition. Belmont Public School reps will be Tia Morgan, Ty-James Dates, Maddison Winn and Robbie Gatens. We wish all students participating the very best.

Canberra Excursion:
Please ensure all permission notes and behaviour contracts have been returned to the office. The total amount of $414.00 needs to be finalised by week 3 next term.

Stage 1 Wetlands Excursion:
The Stage 1 excursion for 1M, 1/2L and 2/3P is on Tuesday 19th August. All students need to return their permission note and $19.00 by Friday 15th August.
Starstruck:
Thank you to Kylie Malcolm and Rowena Proudlock for all of their efforts in making the Starstruck costumes. We had the best looking dancers thanks to these creative and clever ladies. I was very proud of all of our dancers who represented the school at Starstruck. We received many positive comments about our students’ organisational skills and overall fantastic behaviour.

School Musical:
There are only a few more weeks before we showcase our wonderful school performance next term on Tuesday, 29th and Wednesday, 30th of July 2014 in the school hall. This year’s whole school performance will take you on a musical journey through time. We will start back in the 1950’s and work our way through the decades to explore love and relationships, animals and dancing! The whole school is involved in the production and all the children have been busy learning two dances with their class, plus a finale. Please try to make arrangements for your child to be at EVERY performance. Tickets go on sale on Tuesday 24th June (Term 2, Week 9). Ticket order forms have already been sent home, so return the form with your name, money and number of tickets in an envelope in the blue box in the front office. A limit of 6 tickets per family, per show will apply. Tickets will be allocated to you and will be sent home with your child in term 3.

High School:
Please ensure that all ghosted enrolment forms are returned directly to your high school of choice. Currently not all year 6 students have enrolled at a high school. Belmont High School will be accepting applications for its 2015 Enrichment Program up to the 25th July 2014. No applications can be accepted after this date. Assessment tests will take place at Belmont High School on Tuesday 5th August 2014 at a cost of $50 per student (non-refundable and paid by parents). We will be nominating students to sit the test however any child can sit the test if parents wish them to.

Netball:
Congratulations to the students who participated in the Gala Day last Wednesday at Charlestown. We have received lots of positive feedback from staff and parents about the students’ positive behaviour. Thank you to all of the parents who assisted with umpiring and managing of the three teams.

Cup Cake Day:
Thank you to the canteen committee, P&C and all of the volunteers who organised our first Cup Cake Decorating Day. It was a fantastic event and all of the students enjoyed themselves immensely. All money raised will go towards funds for the canteen.

Red Nose Day:
Our SRC will be holding a red nose fundraising day on Friday 27th June. Students are encouraged to wear red clothes and bring in a gold coin donation. All money raised will go to SIDS. There will be merchandise for sale all week at the office (red noses $3 and badges $2) and on Friday. The SRC will also be running a chocolate guessing competition during recess this week, 50c a guess.

P&C:
Our P&C meetings will now be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, at 6:30pm. Our next meeting will be on the 15th July. We would like to invite all interested parents to attend. Tea and coffee will be provided from 6:15 pm onwards. Some items to be discussed at the next P&C meeting will be: the infants playground, school disco, fundraising and the P&C High Tea.
Important Dates:
24th June: Year 5 Debating challenge at 2pm in the hall.
25th June: Multicultural Public Speaking Local Area Finals
27th June: Red Nose Day
27th June: last day of term 2. Students return on Tuesday 15th July.
Kate Foley
Acting Principal

Reading Recovery
Last week, after just 14 weeks on the program, three of our students successfully completed their series of lessons. Jakobie, Rhyse and Travis all gained 12 or more reading levels, more than doubled the number of words they are now able to write independently and best of all now love reading and writing.

Our school has had a strong commitment to Reading Recovery over the past ten years and the program is valued by staff, students and their families. These fantastic results show that hard work and persistence equals amazing results.

What is reading Recovery? Reading Recovery is a safety net designed to promote literacy learning and reduce the number of students struggling with reading and writing. The program is a research-based intervention which targets students in year 1. Reading Recovery works alongside the classroom to provide support to students through daily individual instruction in reading and writing. When students have successfully completed their series of lessons they are able to use a range of strategies to independently read and write at an average year 1 level. For more information contact Amy Williamson.

Premier's Debating Challenge
The Belmont Stars displayed a great deal of confidence and energy as they took to the stages of Caves Beach Public School and Jewells Public School on consecutive days last week. Our team took the affirmative position for both debates ‘Parents should ban children from using social media’ and ‘That in Australian circuses the use of animals should be banned’.

Our team were organised and spoke very clearly throughout each debate. Unfortunately the third speakers of the opposing teams delivered knockout rebuttals, which ultimately won them the challenge. We are resilient and look forward to our next debate in term 3.