Congratulations to all of the students who have represented our school over the last week. We have had a busy week with many exciting opportunities for our students to shine.

**Zone Public Speaking:** Well done to our eight students who participated in the Lake Macquarie Public Speaking Competition last week. You all spoke amazingly well. Special mention to Jasmine Locock who was awarded a highly commended placing. We have received positive feedback about our students and also special mention about Mr Lobston’s outstanding organisation and running of this event.

**Zone Carnival:** On Wednesday and Thursday last week we had about 30 students each day represent our school at the Zone Athletics Carnival. Students experienced a variety of conditions over the two days. All students tried their hardest and represented the school proudly. Sophia Walton has made it through to the regional carnival in the 100m. Congratulations Sophia! Thank you to the parents who supported and transported the students.

**SRC Leadership:** Last week some of our SRC leaders attended a leadership day hosted by Belmont High School. Our students met Jill Hall and learned how to plan events. Students also met student leaders from other local schools. We have 6 leaders who will be leading sporting games at lunch times and also working in the canteen on Wednesdays at recess times.

**Surveys:** As part of developing our future three year plan, parents have been asked to complete 3 surveys. This information will help shape future directions for our school and students. Could all surveys please be returned to the office.

**New Enrolment forms:** Over the next week we will be sending home new enrolment forms. The Department of Education and Communities has requested some additional information to assist with your child’s education. Please complete the forms and return them to the office. If you require any additional support please feel free to contact the school.

**Canberra Excursion:** Today we departed for Canberra, where we will have four days of exciting and educational activities. Mr Smith, Mrs Williamson and Miss Williams will accompany the students on the excursion. I will spend two days and two nights with our stage 3 students in Canberra before returning on Thursday. The groups is expected back on Friday night at 6:30 pm.

**P&C meeting:** The monthly P&C meeting will be tonight at 6:30 pm in the new location of G block. All families are welcome to attend. Tea and coffee will be served from 6:15 pm.

**PLP meetings:** Thank you to our families who have met with their child’s mentor. The information gathered from these chats has been very beneficial.
Book Week: Thank you for all supporting Book Week 2014. Special thanks to Mrs Williamson for all of her hard work and dedication in organising such a great day. Over $1300 was raised from the cake stall and book sales.

No Friday Sports: Due to the large amount of staff and students on the Canberra excursion there won’t be any soccer or netball games this week.

SNACK SHACK – CANTEEN TO OPEN AT RECESS
Our school canteen will be trialling opening at recess on Wednesdays, beginning 27th August. The canteen will be organised and run by year 6 students who, in consultation with Mrs Norton, have devised a delicious, exclusive recess menu.

After receiving many great ideas, our much loved Mrs Wood’s name THE SNACK SHACK was chosen by the student representative council for this student run initiative. The Snack Shack will be introducing new tasty healthy snacks to tempt your tastebuds, including freshly baked banana bread, apple pastry puffs, yogurt with fresh strawberries and marshmallow fruit kebabs. We look forward to serving you with a smile. Abby, Sebastian, Tayah, Bethany, Robbie and Erin (Year 6)

Whole School Assembly: The next whole school assembly will be on Tuesday 26th August in the hall starting at 9:30 am. 4/5H will be presenting an item at this assembly.

CBCA BOOK WEEK LUNCHEON
On Friday 15th August, eight students from stage 3 travelled to the Central Coast to participate in a writing workshop with Aboriginal author Boori Pryor. He is an amazing storyteller and had everyone laughing out loud as he told stories of his own childhood, growing up in Queensland with seven sisters. His storytelling of ancient aboriginal myths and legends involved everyone in the room dancing, singing and moving to the sounds of the didgeridoo and boomerangs.

We learned stories may be experienced in a variety of ways- told, written, painted or performed. Our school purchased two of Boori’s titles, My Girragundji and The Binna Binna Man, which will be available for students to borrow soon. By Taya and Hayley

Boori Pryor is a very funny storyteller. On Friday Boori taught us to listen with your ears, eyes and heart too. By Claire

We listened to a 30,000 year old story about a flying rainbow (butterfly). A boy was not listening to his teacher and was told to sit ‘over there’ but he couldn’t sit still for long because he saw a beautiful flying rainbow. He thought it was very beautiful unlike him. The teacher took no notice when he tried to tell them so instead he painted himself in all the colours of the rainbow made from the colours of the earth." By Ethan

We did a 3,000 year old spirit dance about a boy who wouldn’t listen and was eaten by a crocodile. By Odin

We performed a spirit dance about brother bees looking for honey. When the brothers found the honey they cut down the tree to get the honey. By Ryan

Enrolments 2015: If you have child that will be coming to school next year could you please approach the office staff to get an enrolment form. Also if you know of any families that have students who are ready to start Kindergarten could you please let them know that we are enrolling now for 2015.
Upcoming events/important dates:
3rd September: Oakvale Farm Kindergarten excursion.
4th September: Fathers Day stall
10th September: Regional Spelling Bee Finals – Hamilton Public School.

PACER: Students from our school are currently undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Miss Kate Foley
Acting Principal

Eastlakes Zone Carnival News:
Miss Montgomery and I escorted our students to the Zone Athletics Carnival last Wed & Thurs at Baxter Oval in Marks Point. Student behaviour was exceptional on the day and we were both very proud of them all. Well done to all students who were involved, especially those who made finals at zone level. Ty-James Dates, Cailene Dow and Sophia Walton all performed well, with special mention of Sophia Walton who qualified for Regionals in the 100 mts. The relay team races both boys and girls were spectacular to watch and the comraderie between students was exceptional. Thank you to the parents who attended, and our interns Mr Lewin and Mr Everett for assisting. Photos of the students from the carnival are below!

Mr M Lobston
Amazing, fabulous and inspiring!!!
The students, staff and community are to be congratulated on their participation during another fantastic week at Belmont Public School.
Our book parade was crazy, colourful and full of character, whilst a visit from talented author Aaron Blabey inspired many students to be creative and confident with their writing and drawing.
Delicious cakes and biscuits were made by wonderful families and sold by our amazing library monitors and generous canteen volunteers. The cake stall and great Book Fair sales have raised over $1300. We now have lots of new books being processed and will be ready for children to borrow in term 4.

Thank you
Amy Williamson
Teacher Librarian