Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Thank you for the overwhelming support and kind messages on my appointment as Principal. It is a pleasure working with the community, staff and students. I look forward to working with you all to continually improve opportunities and outcomes for our students. Miss Emma Williams will remain on 5/6F for the remainder of the year.

**Assistant Principal and classroom teacher positions:** We will have the opportunity to go to advertisement to fill the vacancies we have for the positions of Assistant Principal and classroom teacher. This process will be finalised next term. Both positions will commence at the start of 2015.

**Classroom position:** Mrs Spicer has retired from teaching as of this term. We wish her all the best in her retirement. Her position will go to advertisement next term. This means that we will have a new permanent teacher starting at the beginning of next year. Miss Montgomery will remain teaching 3/4S for the rest of the term.

**NAPLAN:** All year 3 and 5 students received their NAPLAN results last Friday. Overall our school averages are very similar to the state averages. If you have any questions about your child’s results please see your child’s class teacher.

**State Dance Festival:** We wish Chelsea and Hannah all the best for their performance this week at the State Dance Festival in Sydney. It is a huge honour to be selected for such a prestigious event.

**Oakvale Farm:** The Kindergarten excursion had to be changed to this Friday 19th September, due to the wet weather. If you have not yet paid please do so ASAP. Please see Miss Young if you are a parent helper who can no longer attend the new excursion date.

**Netball:** Congratulations to both the junior and senior netball teams who played in their grand-finals last Friday. The junior team won, and the senior team were runners up. The girls should all be commended on their sportsmanship and positive attitudes. It has been a pleasure coaching the girls this season. A huge thank you to all of the parents and families for supporting the teams and helping with umpiring, managing and transporting the girls each week.
**Soccer:** Well done to the junior and senior soccer teams who played in their semi-finals last week. Unfortunately neither team progressed to the grand-finals. Both teams should be congratulated for their efforts over the past two terms.

**Sailing:** Sailing will be offered next term to 21 students (year 3-6). It is $100 for the term. Students sail each Friday afternoon. An expression of interest form was sent home in the last newsletter. Please see the office if your child is interested in sailing. All money will be required to be paid prior to the commencement of sailing next term.

**School Concert DVD:** Mrs Williamson has been working very hard to produce the 2014 concert DVD. The DVD’s are currently on sale for $5.00. At this stage we have made enough for one per family. More will be available after the holidays if you wish to purchase more.

**Premiers Spelling Bee Finals:** Congratulations to Ellie, Hannah, Jarvis and Tahlia for their amazing efforts at the Premiers Spelling Bee Regional Finals. Both Ellie and Jarvis made it through to round 2, Hannah to round 5 and Tali finished 4th overall.

**SRC Clown Day:** The SRC are holding a fundraiser for Ronald McDonald House on Thursday 18th September. Students are asked to come dressed in bright colours and to bring in a gold coin donation. There will also be ice-creams in a cone for sale at lunch time for $1.00. Students may like to wear a red nose, clown wigs etc. Sensible clothing, school hats and shoes are still required.

**Kate Foley**
Principal

Congratulations to Tayah Cheers, Abby Price, Annalise Thornhill, Georgia Atkins, Nyah Bradley and Brianna Walsh who have been selected to participate in the Hunter Public Schools NSW art competition. They have created an artwork that reflects the theme ‘Face in an Urban Landscape’. Their fabulous artworks were submitted last week and are ready to be judged. If successful their artwork will be included in a three week exhibition at the studios Art Gallery in Newcastle.

**Jillian Peace**
Art Coordinator
LIBRARY
We are almost finished processing the many books we have been able to purchase following Book Week fundraising. These books will be available for preview week 1 of term 4. Please ensure your child/ren have returned all books in order to borrow these fantastic new titles in week 2.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE
The following amazing students have read 20 books and recorded titles independently in order to complete the PRC 2014: Abby Price, Robbie Gatens, Sophie Squires, Brianna Williams, Sophie Harrison, Jett Flanagan, Kaitlyn Dale and Charlotte Mettam. The PRC is just one way Belmont Public School encourages regular reading of a variety of literature. The 2015 Challenge has already begun, so start recording all books you are reading now and into next year. You can do it!!!

Reading Recovery A story of commitment, hard work and self-belief.
After 20 weeks on the Reading Recovery program Flynn Johnson has gained 13 levels in reading and more than doubled the number of words he can write independently. With the help of his family, Flynn has developed a solid regular reading routine at home. Flynn has gained confidence in his abilities and willing to participate more in class. These fantastic results show that continued hard work over time equals amazing results.

If you would like more information about this program contact Amy Williamson.

SRC Term 3 Fundraising Event
Recipient: Ronald McDonald House Charity
On Thursday 18th September
Belmont Public School children are invited to participate in Colourful Clown Day
Come dressed as a clown or in brightly coloured clothes.
All gold coin donations as well as money raised through sales of ice-cream cones for $1, will be donated to RMHC. Please join in this crazy colourful fun and support seriously sick children and their families. RMHC is an independent, non-profit organisation that helps seriously ill children and their families when they need it most. Since opening in 1981 RMHC have helped over 100,000 families through a variety of programs that provide vital support for families with a sick child.
Important Dates:
18th September: Out of uniform and ice cream day
19th September: Kindergarten excursion
19th September: Last day of term

Canteen Roster:
Tuesday 7th October: Rebecca, Tim
Thursday 9th October: Janelle, Cheryl
Friday 10th October: Patrice
Monday 13th October: Tammy, Rachel
Tuesday 14th October: Maree, Tara
Wednesday 15th October: Alison
Thursday 16th October: Christie, Liz

If you are unable to attend on your rostered day please notify Janelle, the Canteen Supervisor on 4945 4858 as soon as possible.

P & C Reminder

Our monthly P & C meeting will be held tonight, Tuesday 16th September, at 6.30pm in G Block. We will be discussing the following topics:

- Infants Playground Update
- Fitness-a-thon Update
- First Aid Certification
- Breakfast Club
- Uniform and Forum Update
- Canteen Signage

If you have some ideas to share about these items, come along & have a coffee, meet the P&C committee members and help us to grow our school.

Vicki Mettam
P & C Secretary

- Coffee, tea and a chat from 6.15pm

The following work samples for this Newsletter are provided by KK.