Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Whooping cough
Whooping cough is still very present within our school. We have had more confirmed cases this week. Thank you to everyone who has had their child tested and kept them home whilst they have commenced the first 5 days of antibiotics.

Intensive Swimming
Our Intensive Swimming program started yesterday. This program will run for the entire week. Students leave school at 12:00 and return by 3:10 pm. Students need to pack their swimmers, towel, sun shirt, sun cream and recess in a bag each day.

2016 Classes
We won’t be forming classes until next year. Our numbers for 2016 are fluctuating daily. We may have 10 classes next year.

Year 6 Fun Day
Year 6 students will be hosting a fun day for all students on the 27th November. There will be 8 fun activities for the students to participate in. Tickets for each stall/activity will be $1.00, a maximum of 10 tickets per child will be allowed. The tickets need to be purchased from the office this week.

Class Party Days
K-2 party day will be at the movies and Speers Point Park. The 3-6 students will be going to Mingara Indoor pool. The cost for each of the party days is $20 per student.

Presentation Day
Our annual presentation day will be on the 1st December in our hall commencing at 9:30 am. Parents, guardians and family members are invited to attend.

Year 6 Farewell
The year 6 farewell will be held at school on the 8th December. The evening will commence at 6pm for photos. Families are invited to attend for the photo session. Parents/Guardians are then invited back to school for the parent – student dance at 8:45 pm. The cost for the evening is $12.00. This can be paid to the office.

School Reports
All teachers are busy finalising your child’s semester 2 report. The reports will be sent home on Friday 11th December. Your child will also bring home their portfolio/work samples. Please return your child’s portfolio from semester 1 to their class teacher.
**Helpers Breakfast**
We will be having a breakfast to say thank you to our helpers and volunteers for all of their wonderful help throughout the year. There will be an assortment of food including a barbeque breakfast, muffins, tea and coffee. Invitations for the breakfast have been sent home this week with the students. The breakfast will be held at Belmont Public School, 4th December, from 7:30-9:00am. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Library Update**
Please return all borrowed library books as soon as possible. Unfortunately there will not be any more borrowing until next year when our new library teacher starts.

**Important Dates**
- **16th – 20th November**: Intensive swimming
- **27th November**: Yr 6 Fun Day - Mini Fete
- **1st December**: Presentation Day
- **2nd December**: P&C Disco
- **4th December**: Parent Helpers breakfast
- **8th December**: Year 6 Farewell
- **9th December**: K-2 party day
- **10th December**: 3-6 party day
- **11th December**: Reports go home

**Kate Foley**
Principal

**Canteen Roster:**
- **18 November**: Ruth, Mark
- **19 November**: Christie, Jude
- **20 November**: Mark, Helen
- **23 November**: Christie A
- **24 November**: Jude, Helen
- **25 November**: Christie C, Sally
- **26 November**: Christie C, Liz C
- **27 November**: Lisa, Kylie
- **30 November**: Fiona, Lisa, Holly

**Roster**
We are in the process of compiling the roster for next year and we really need your help. Can you spare 1 day per month/term? If so, we would love to hear from you. Grandparents, aunties, uncles, siblings over 16yrs looking for some work experience (unpaid) are all welcome. Working with Children checks apply. Just text your details to Janelle on 0428 715 621 or pop into the canteen.

A huge thank you to our current volunteers – without you we could not run the canteen and provide the service to our families that we currently do.

**End of year lunch**
Our volunteers’ end of year lunch will be at Swansea Workers club at 1pm on Thursday, December 10. Please RSVP to Janelle or Tammy as soon as you can so we can make a booking.

**Chocolate boxes**
Thank you for your support in selling these boxes. There are still a few boxes outstanding. Please return these sold or unsold to the canteen as soon as possible. Thank you. We will advise in the next newsletter how much was raised and what the funds will be used for.
3/4M Sublime Similes

3/4M has been working on creating and identifying similes. As part of our English unit, the students have studied the book ‘Old Ridley’ by Shaun Tan. Below are some ‘sublime similes’ that students created about the characters and story. We hope you enjoyed our creativity!!! 3/4M students.

- The chimneys were as twisted as liquorice.
- His inventions smell like rotten eggs.
- Old Ridley was as cool as a cucumber.
- The ground was as dry as a desert.
- His inventions were as weird as a platypus.
- The house is dusty as an attic.
- The branches were reaching out like a skeleton.
- Old Ridley’s house was as big and as mysterious as the universe.
- Old Ridley’s house is as creepy as a ghost town.
- The air was as thin as a ghost.
- Old Ridley’s house is as unique as a grandfather clock.
- Old Ridley is as curious as dawn.
- His inventions were as wild as Africa.
- Old Ridley is as old as a turtle.
- It’s as gloomy as Ridley’s house.
- His hat is dark like the night sky.
- The girl was as majestic as a swan.
- Old Ridley is as mischievous as a monkey.
- The air smelt like a smelly old shoe.
- The chimneys were as twisted as twisties.
- The tell-tale shadow was as dark and as gloomy as the night sky.
P&C UPDATE!

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 17**\(^{th} \) **November 2015 at 6.00pm SHARP**, due to surfing on Friday mornings for the next few weeks. Come and have a coffee from 5:45pm!

We’ll be discussing:

- Winter Uniform
- Christmas Disco final details & volunteers
- Facebook updates – what do you want to see on our Facebook page?

We have had a HUGE donation of lollies for our Christmas Disco! Thank you so much for your ongoing support! **If you can volunteer an hour or two to help us put together lolly bags, please let one of the committee members know.** We’ll be setting a date for the next week or two. **Belmont McDonalds are having a special fundraiser on the 2\(^{nd}\) of December (the disco night) with a portion of all sales going to our school. Make sure you pop in for tea before the disco. The disco will start at 6:00pm and conclude at 8:00pm.**

Don’t forget to pick up your Disco tickets from the canteen. **Tickets are $4 per child or $10 per family.** It’s our last big fundraiser for the year and it’s going to be an awesome night!

If you have some ideas to share, would like to know more about what we do or discuss important items about our school, come along & have a coffee, meet the P&C committee members and help us to grow our school.

Vicki Mettam
P & C Secretary