Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to a new school year. We are all looking forward to a very exciting and rewarding year.

**Staffing:** I would like to welcome Mrs Melmeth to our teaching staff, and also welcome back Mrs Kuba from maternity leave. Miss Edwards has also returned in a full time capacity.

**Year 6 Gift:** Thank you to the 2014 Yr 6 students for purchasing the school a new notice board for the back gate area.

**Swimming Carnival:** The Primary Swimming Carnival is on Monday 9th February at Swansea pool. Notes have been sent home to all primary students and to some year 2 students who are turning 8 this year and are competent swimmers. Please note that this year there won’t be any novelty events for non-participants. This is due to DEC water safety regulations, lack of available small pools, staff ratios and safety for all students. We strongly encourage all students who can swim to nominate to compete in the race/s of their choice. Students who are not wanting to compete may still attend or stay at school. **Permission notes and money are to be returned by Thursday 5th February.** Parents and family members are more than welcome to attend. Students may wear their house colours and must bring sun-cream and a school hat. No singlets or thongs are permitted.

**Sailing:** Sailing for Friday sport in term 1 will commence on Friday 6th February. There are limited places for sailing so the first 20 students who return their note and $100 will be eligible to attend. Students do need to be able to swim to attend this activity. Please note private transport is required to and from sailing. We will depart school at 12:05pm and return by 3:00pm. Notes with more details have been handed out to interested students. If you require a note they are available from the office.

**2015 Starting dates:** Kindergarten students have had their best Start Assessments this Wednesday – Friday during an allocated time. Kindergarten will commence full time on Monday 2nd February. This year we will have two Kindergarten classes the Kindy Monkey’s and the Kindy Elephants.

**Classes 2015:** We are aiming to form classes on Monday 2nd February. At this stage we have had 15 new students come to Belmont. I would like to welcome all of these students and their families. As in previous years we have also had some students move to other areas. If all Kindergarten students commence on Monday we are hopeful to form 11 classes.
Leaders Induction Assembly: The Induction assembly will be on Tuesday 10th February starting at 9:30am in the hall. If your child has received a leadership position (Captain, Vice-Captain, Prefect, SRC Ministers and House Captains) you will receive an invitation early next week. We hope to see you there as parents/family members will be asked to nominate one representative to pin on their child's badge. If you are unable to attend I will take on this role.

Kate Foley
Principal

Seasons For Growth
A wonderful program is being offered at our school this year. Seasons for Growth is a small peer support program developed to help students understand and know what to do, when they have experienced loss and or grief. This could mean changes in the family, loss of loved ones, changes through divorce/separation or even moving house and schools. Some changes can be difficult for children and this program can help them understand their feelings and give them ways to cope. Please see Mrs Roberts or Miss Foley for more information if you think program would benefit your child or children.