Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome
Welcome back to school. It has been a busy and very cold start to term 3. I would like to welcome all of our new students, Ethan, Thomas, Isaiah, Ashton and Chelsea and their families to Belmont Public.

Debating
Congratulations to the Year 5 debating team who won against Hillsborough last week. The team debated extremely well and put forward some great arguments on why we don’t spend too much!

Kindergarten 2016
Enrolments are being taken for Kindergarten next year. If you have a child or know of any children who are coming to Kindergarten next year could they please see the office staff for enrolment forms. Our first orientation evening will be on Monday 17th August at 6pm in the Kindergarten rooms.

NAIDOC Celebrations
We celebrated NAIDOC week last Thursday. Each class participated in a variety of activities that explored and celebrated indigenous cultures. Students ate kangaroo, painted, sung, danced and listened to dreamtime stories.

Staffing
Both our General Assistant and Senior Administration Manager positions will be advertised this week. Two separate panels will convene during this term to fill the positions.
Portfolios
Please return your child’s portfolio with their work samples still in them to their class teacher.

Dance Festival
Yesterday our Junior Dance Group performed at the Hunter Schools Dance Festival at Newcastle Panthers. The students were amazing and represented our school proudly. Special thanks to Kylie Malcolm for making the costumes and to Mrs Mettam and Mrs Lannoy for making the hair accessories.

Australian Champion
Congratulations to Mr Lobston who competed at the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships in QLD last week. Mr Lobston received gold, silver and bronze medals.

Art Show - illuminate
Our biannual art show will be on Thursday 6th August between 6 – 8 pm in our school hall. The theme for the show is “light”. Every student has made a piece of art work to display during the night. The individual art works will be on sale for $5.00 each. These can be purchased on the evening or prior to the show. All sold art works will be sent home the following day. Each class has also created a major art work that will be auctioned off on the evening. We will have local artists displaying their art works and light refreshments available for adults. We hope you can join us at “illuminate”

Austag gala day
Congratulations to our Junior team who won the gala day last term. Thank you to Mr Lobston for managing these teams.

Education Week
We will be celebrating Education Week in week 4 with our art show. Next week our students will be involved in different Education Week activities such as the choir performance at Charlestown square on Thursday 30th July and the Belmont High School Music and art Festival on Wednesday 29th July.
Woolworths earn and learn
Please place all stickers from Woolworths in the “Earn and Learn” box that is set up in our office foyer.

It’s a girl
Congratulations to Mrs Melmeth who gave birth to a healthy baby girl Romaea last Tuesday.

SRC fundraiser
Today the SRC held their term 3 fundraiser. The “big blue party day” raised money for Ronald McDonald House. All money raised from the lolly guessing competition will also be sent to this chosen charity.

P&C meeting
This month the P&C meeting will be on Friday 24th July at 9:15am in g-block. We hope to see you all there.

Important Dates
28th July: ICAS English Test
29th: Belmont High School Music & Art Festival
30th: Choir to perform at Charlestown Square
29th July: Jarrod Mullin Cup
5th August: Soccer Gala Day
6th August: Art Show
11th August: ICAS Mathematics test
12th & 13th August: Zone Athletics Carnival

Kate Foley
Principal

BLUE DAY CELEBRATIONS
Students and staff celebrated “Blue Day” today. We raised $400 for Ronald McDonald House.
Today would have also been Mr Kitches 60th Birthday. Ronald McDonald House was his chosen charity and blue was his favourite colour.