Dear Parents/Caregivers,

**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.

**Staffing**
Congratulations to Mrs Amy Williamson who was successful in her application and interview process to be appointed as Librarian at New Lambton Public School. This is a full time library position. We will definitely miss Mrs Williamson and everything she does for our school and the community. I would like to thank Mrs Williamson for all of her dedication and hard work. Mrs Williamson will leave us at the end of this term. Mrs Kuba will return in term 4 in a full time role on 1/2KW. Our library position will be filled by staffing.

**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”.

**Woolworths earn and learn**
Please place all stickers from Woolworths in the earn and learn box that is set up in our office foyer.

**P&C**
Thank you to Mrs Cheryl Cheers for her hard work, dedication, passion and organisation whilst being our P&C President. This position is now vacant and will be filled at the next P&C meeting. All nominations for P&C President need to be forwarded to the Secretary- Mrs Mettam (see attached information).

**Stage 2 & 3 Camps**
Please ensure that you have paid for your child’s camp excursion for next term. Permission & medical notes should already have been returned.
Choir
Congratulations to Mrs Denz and the Senior Choir for their amazing performances last week at Belmont High School and Charlestown Square. The students sounded amazing and were very well behaved.

Homework Hub
Homework hub is a new initiative for Belmont Primary that gives students the opportunity to seek help with homework, home reading or assessment tasks during their school week. Homework Hub will run on Wednesdays at lunch 1 in the library. There you will find Mrs Hocking and Miss Williams, resources and computers to help students develop independent working habits and organisational skills. This initiative is for students who are finding it difficult to get through a week’s homework in their own time or need help on occasion with extra tasks. Students must bring relevant paper work and a positive attitude. Mrs Hocking and Miss Williams look forward to working with BPS students.

Debating
Congratulations to the Premiers Debating team who won their final debate yesterday against Redhead Public School.

Soccer Gala Day
Good luck to the senior mixed soccer team who are playing in a gala day on Wednesday 5th August. Mr Lobston and Mr Pink will accompany the team.

Friday Sport
Thank you to all of the parents who were able to assist with the transportation of students to and from netball and soccer. Without your support the teams won’t be able to continue to play each Friday.

BOOK WEEK 24th-28th August
‘Books Light Up Our World’
Celebrating books and making special connections with stories that inspire and build the imagination is this year’s theme. The children have been asked to dress as a character from their favourite book. We encourage creative costumes and welcome community members, young or not so young, to dress-up and join in the festivities. Book Parade will begin @ 10:30 on Wednesday 26th August
Theme: Select a character from your favourite book
Book Fair: Monday 24th –Wednesday 26th August
Premier’s Reading Challenge
Congratulations Tamika! The first, Belmont Public School, primary student to independently complete the challenge and log her efforts online. All K-2 students are completing the challenge in their classrooms. With just 3 weeks until the challenge closes many primary students are getting organised, recording and logging their books. Please ask your child about their progress and offer encouragement, there is still time. Most importantly participating in the challenge develops regular reading habits and guides students towards quality literature. Competition closes Friday 21st August. Reward day during Book Week.

Important Dates
5th August Soccer Gala Day
6th August Art Show “Illuminate”
10th August Public Speaking Finals week
11th August ICAS Mathematics test
12th – 13th August Zone Athletics Carnival

Canteen Roster
5th August - Allison B
6th August - Janet/Janice
7th August - Leanne/Kale M
10th August - Amanda/Dianne
11th August - Mark w
12th August - Margaret
13th August - Kath W/Christie A
14th August - Victoria/Jody
17th August - Ian
18th August - Help needed

Kate Foley
Principal