Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to school. We hope that you and your families had a great Christmas. I would like to welcome all new students and their families to our fantastic school.

Staff
We have had many changes during the holiday period. Our new school counsellor has been appointed. Ms Lisa Bailey comes to us from Sydney and she has a wealth of experience that our school will benefit from. Miss Gabrielle Bertoss will be our new Special Needs teacher. We will have three students in this support class. These students are from other schools and they will attend our school Monday – Thursday. Mrs Jo Lovett will be the aide in this class. Both of these teachers have experience in supporting students with additional needs. Miss Williams has accepted a position at Edgeworth Public school. I would like to thank Miss Williams for all of her hard work over the past three years. Miss Amber Molloy will fill a temporary position until Mrs Donald retires later this year.

2016 Classes
Classes won’t be formed until late week 2. This is to ensure that we have our final numbers and save disruption later on during the term. Students will remain with their teacher that they had last year until the end of week 2.

Kindy
Kindergarten will commence officially on Tuesday 2nd Feb. We have two classes this year the Kindy Bees and the Kindy Meerkats. We are very excited about them starting their formal education with us at Belmont Public. Kindergarten will finish at 3:00pm each day for term 1.

Uniform shop
Our fantastic P&C have had the uniform shop open on Thursday 28th and Friday 29th from 8:45 – 10am. Thank you to our volunteers for running this important service.

Swimming Carnival
Our primary swimming carnival will be on Tuesday 9th February at Swansea pool. All primary students can attend. If students don’t want to participate they can stay at school on this day. Only strong year 2 swimmers who turn 8 this year may be invited to participate. The cost for the carnival including pool entry and the bus fare is $10.00. Please complete the permission note ASAP and return it with $10.00 to the office. Sensible clothing is to be worn, no singlets etc. Sun-cream and hats are essential as well as a towel. Students will depart school at 9:20 by bus and the carnival will commence at 10:00am.
Book Packs
Book packs are $40 this year. This $40 covers your child's Mathletics and Reading Eggs subscriptions, all books, portfolios, pencils, textas, pens, rulers, glue sticks, and other essential items that your child needs for the year. Please see the office staff to pay for your child’s book pack.

Updated Information
Please let the office know if your address, phone numbers and emergency contacts have changed. We will be sending home information forms next week. If these could be returned ASAP that would be greatly appreciated.

Leaders Induction
Our 6 school leaders will be inducted into their roles next Tuesday morning at 10:00am in the hall. As part of the week 4 whole school assembly, the Sports House Captains and the SRC Ministers will also be inducted into their positions.

Fitness Program
Our fitness program will continue this term with Mr Todd Ennis facilitating this great program. All students will get to learn about health life styles, fitness, coordination skills, positive benefits from physical activity and most of all how to have fun.

Important Dates
2nd Feb: Kindergarten start school
2nd Feb: Leaders Induction Assembly 10am
3rd Feb: Kindergarten Photos (Complimentary)
9th Feb: Primary Swimming Carnival
16th Feb: Whole school Assembly
22nd & 24th Feb: Zone Swimming Carnival
23rd March: Whole School Athletics Carnival
30th March: School Photos

Kate Foley
Principal