Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The **Tell Them From Me** student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the **Tell Them From Me** student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the **Tell Them From Me** survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form that was sent home last week, to the office. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

**LMBR**

Ten years after NSW Education signed off Learning Management and Business Reform (LMBR), the training for the office staff and myself has started. In the coming months the LMBR will be introduced to our school and other Hunter Central Coast schools. It is a significant project for the Department of Education, with its new services replacing many of the existing ones. It will see a major overhaul of how we manage finances, students and families details, payments, student wellbeing and how our schools will be run.

With the introduction of the new finance system it will be timely for our school to update our existing handling procedures. To make things easier for our families we are looking to introduce Thursdays as the known day for monies to be due by. Parents will continue to be given at least 2 weeks notice of any costing of money. Notes pertaining to a paid event will continue to be identified. Hopefully, it will then be helpful for parents to think its Thursday……do I have anything due? Of course you can pay of anytime up to and including the Thursday (date will be stipulated) however, close of business Thursday afternoon will be the cut-off for payment for the nominated activity. As always the school will continue to provide financial assistance to our families in need. Please ensure that if you need assistance you approach the office before the due date.
Staff Development Day
The Staff Development Day for term 2 has been moved to the end of this term 8th April (last day of term 1) in place of Term 2 so this means that the students all return on Tuesday 26th April the same day as the teachers. This is so all of our staff can be trained in the next phase of the Aboriginal 8ways of learning. All of the LMG schools (Belmont North, Floraville, Jewells and Belmont High will be trained)

Parent teacher interviews
Parent teacher interviews will be held in week 8. These are important interviews and we aim to see each child’s parent/guardian. Teachers will be sending home interview schedule sheets this week. If you are unable to attend an interview at school your child’s class teacher can arrange a telephone interview for you.

Swimming carnival results
Congratulations to Pintabu who were the winning house. The swimming champions for 2016 are:
Jnr Girl Champion: Hannah Jarvis  Jnr Boy Champion: Tye Worell
11yrs girl Champion: Tamika Williams  11yrs Boys Champion: Ty-James Davis
Snr Girl Champion: Osha Worell  Snr Boys Champion: Zach Price

Zone Swimming Carnival
Good luck to our Zone Swimming team who will be racing today and Wednesday. Mr Lobston and Miss Montgomery will be at the pool both days with our students. Please ensure that if your child is competing that you have returned the permission note and money to the office. Competitors will still need to pay $3.50 entry when they arrive at the pool. Private transport is required.

Allergies & Asthma
If your child has any allergies or asthmas please see the office staff for an action plan that needs to be completed by your doctor. These plans are very important in keeping your child safe. Please remember that we have students who are highly allergic to nutella and peanuts so we ask that you don’t pack these foods in your child’s lunch box.

Belmont High 2017 Parent info session
Students and their families are invited to attend an information session at Belmont High School on the 2nd March starting at 5:30pm. The information session is in regards to Year 7 2017.

Drop offs and pick ups
We ask that parents leave when the 9:10 am bell rings as it can be unsettling for some students and can be disruptive during our quick morning assemblies when student messages are been given for the day. When collecting your child in the afternoon we ask that you wait in the COLA or 50 cent covered area and not at your child’s room. Thank you for your cooperation.

Clean Up Australia Day
We will be cleaning up our school grounds on Friday 4th March. Could students please bring in gloves to wear for this activity. Mrs Kuba will be working with the students to create a more sustainable environment with the introduction and education of recycling bins.

Important Dates
22nd & 24th Feb: Zone Swimming Carnival
1st March: Whole School Assembly
2nd March: Belmont High Parent Information evening
4th March: Clean Up Australia Day
15th March: Whole School Assembly
23rd March: Athletics Carnival

Kate Foley
Principal
## ATTENDANCE AT BELMONT

### EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn’t seem like much, but...

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Give your child every chance to flourish...  

Every day counts!
3/4M: Change your ‘MINDSET’

Our class have been working on changing our mindset and using positive thinking. Here a few thought from the class.

I will just jump back and try again.

This may take time and effort.

I don't get this YET...!

This may take some time but I will work on it.

I think I've got the hang of this.

I will try my best.

I'll ask for help.

I need to figure out what I did wrong and get some help.
P&C UPDATE!
Belmont 16’ Sailing Club Fundraising Raffles

Our P&C Association will be hosting the Community Raffles at the Belmont 16’ Sailing Club this week! You will see members of the P&C and other members from our school community selling raffle tickets on the following days:

- **Thursday 25th February 2016 at 5.00-7.30pm**
- **Friday 26th February 2016 at 5.00-7.30pm**

Take a night off from cooking, bring your family & friends and purchase some raffle tickets!! Great prizes to be won AND we raise some much needed funds for our school!

See you there!
From the P&C Association
(If you can help sell tickets on either night, please see a P&C Association executive member)

P&C AGM WILL BE ON FRIDAY 18TH MARCH AT 1:30 PM IN “G” BLOCK
AN INVITATION

Year 6 Parent Information Evening
Belmont High School

Wednesday 2nd March 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to extend an invitation to an information evening where you can meet the staff of Belmont High School. It is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the enrolment process, the scope and depth of Belmont High’s curriculum, welfare programs and ask any questions you may have.

Starting Time: 5:30 pm
Location: Belmont High School Hall – near front office
Finish time: 6:30 pm

The presentation will include:

- Student performance
- An address from 2016 Year 7 parent and student
- Enrolment processes (in zone/out of zone) and class structure
- Academic achievement and enrichment – A stream testing
- Extra-curricular programs
- Technology and BYOD
- Transition programs with partner primary schools
- Student support and wellbeing
- Uniforms, fees and other items
- Meet staff and ask questions.

We hope you accept this invitation. Light refreshments will be served.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Jim Brown
HT Wellbeing

Mr Mike Allenby
Deputy Principal Year 7 2017