Dear Parents and Caregivers,

FAREWELL MISS PEACE
Every now and then a school is lucky to find an exceptional casual teacher. That happened at our school a couple of years ago when Miss Peace came to do a couple of casual teaching days that turned into a couple of years’ work. Miss Peace has been an absolute pleasure to have on the staff at Belmont Public School. Her dedication, commitment and empathy towards our students have been outstanding. I wish Miss Peace all the best next year as she starts a new chapter of her career and hope that one day she may return as a permanent member of our staff.

2013
We are currently working on class formation for next year. As with every year we cannot make a final decision on class structures until early in the New Year. One way of making our task easier is to know of any families who may be moving out of area during the holidays or conversely if we know of any families that may be moving into our area. I ask that if you fall into this category that you complete the slip attached to this newsletter and return it early next week.

CHRISTMAS WISHES
On behalf of the school staff I would like to wish all our families a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to greeting you again in the New Year. I would like thank everyone who has assisted us throughout the year in the many ways that members of our school community help. I look forward to an even more rewarding year in 2013. If your circumstances change through the holidays, please drop us a line via our school email address that is available through our school website.

DESTINATION SUCCESS
Throughout the year children at school strive to make it to the level of “Destination Success” by collecting awards for being persistent, confident, organised, and resilient and having the ability to get along with others. Those children who have arrived at the “destination” will be treated to a free sausage sizzle next Monday in the “Wetlands” area. Those children have received information about this event. I would like to congratulate all the children who will join me on Monday.

OOSH IS COMING
I would like to remind parents that our own school based OOSH service will commence in 2013. The OOSH has been re-established due to parent demand so it is important that this facility is supported by all parents who need this service.

SEMESTER TWO REPORTS
The reports for semester two will be distributed on Friday 14th December.
HOLIDAY DATES
School holidays commence on Wednesday 19th December. School resumes for children in Yr 1 to Yr 6 on Wednesday January 30th 2013. Kindergarten children will complete their best start assessments prior to their commencement on Monday 4th February.

PRESENTATION DAY
The presentation day assembly was well attended by our parent community. Many children were recognised for their endeavours in the academic, cultural and sporting areas. Well done, boys and girls. I would like to thank our patrons and special guests who made this ceremony so special for the students.

CHOIR NIGHT
It was a wonderful way for our choir to finish the year by entertaining the children's parents, relatives and friends on Wednesday night. The children sang beautifully and were a credit and reflection of the hard work that both they and Mrs Denz put in during the year. The night highlighted what wonderful talent that we have within our school.

SCHOOL BAND
Our little band is having their wrap up this Monday. The children will be performing for their parents in the art room starting at 6.00pm.

PRIMARY CLASS PARTIES
Children in primary classes will be having their class parties this Friday 14th December. Children involved have already been given the relevant information.

INFANTS PARTY
The infants will have their end of year fun day on Wednesday 19th December. They will be assisted on the day by some worthy year six students.

2013 HOMEWORK PLANNER
Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan - so print out School A to Z's 2013 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.

HUNDREDS OF HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES
There's no time to be bored these school holidays when you have Go Play's list of family and budget-friendly activities at your fingertips. Take a look at the calendar of events, or download the free Go Play app for ideas in an instant.

HELPING YOUR CHILD CHOOSE RIGHT FROM WRONG
In a fascinating podcast broadcaster James O’Loghlin talks to Dr Simon Longstaff from the St James Ethics Centre about how to raise ethically aware kids. Ideas discussed include getting involved with your child’s school, providing some well-defined boundaries, knowing how to talk to your child and being a role model at home.

Thomas Kelly
Principal

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What an incredible year of sport we have had. It is an absolute privilege being involved with
great children doing great things on the sporting fields. In 2012 we had our sports carnivals.
Swimming, x-country, and athletics. We have had state knockout days, gala days. Friday
netball, Macquarie cup soccer and Windale Rugby. We also had our school sport for Stages
2 and 3 where children tried out a variety of sports including Oz tag, cricket, volleyball,
netball and benchball which is an imported game that someone introduced last year. A big
thankyou must go to the parents who come out of the woodwork to help with all our
sporting events.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Our sporting year started with the swimming carnival. From our swimming carnival we had a
great team participating at the zone carnival. It is great to see so many juniors coming
through and making it to zone level.

X-COUNTRY CARNIVAL
Our next carnival was our x-country carnival where juniors run 2km and seniors run 3km.
Just making it to the end is a great achievement in itself. Congratulations to Jacob Campbell
for gaining 6th place at zone. He then participated at the regional carnival where he came a
very creditable 17th place. Well done Jacob.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Next was our athletics carnival. It is always great to see so many girls and boys trying both
track and field events. We looked great as a team and once again it was a great experience
for the Belmont children at the zone carnival. Liam Squires and Koby Kickling-Cubby qualified
for the Regional carnival. Liam qualified for 100m, discus and Highjump. He came 3rd in the
final of the 100m and 3rd in the highjump at regional. Koby came 2nd in the final of the
200m. Both boys represented the Hunter team at the state championships at Sydney. Both
boys finished in the top 20 in the state. Liam for 100m and Highjump and Koby in the 200m.

RUGBY LEAGUE
What a great year Belmont has had in rugby league. The team had many successes
culminating in being crowned state champions in the all-schools state KO competition.
It has been 32 years since that level of success was achieved by Belmont school team.

SOCCER
The school soccer team had their fair share of success this year. Both the junior and senior
soccer team played every Friday at Speers point in the Macquarie cup for term 2 and 3 and
making it to the third round of the state KO Competition.

NETBALL
Congratulations to the school netball teams for their efforts throughout the year. The
netball team were involved in both the PSSA state knockout and Friday Macquarie cup at
Charlestown netball courts. The girls made it to round 2 in the state KO Competition.

HUNTER REGION REPRESENTATIVES
This year Belmont primary school has had 5 children represent the Hunter region.
Grace Wrixon was selected for softball in the girls zone softball team then selected in the
regional team that travelled to Sydney for the state championships. Remembering grace is
still in year 5. Congratulations Grace on a great achievement.

Liam Squires- Athletics
Reach qualifying times at school level. Zone level and regional level to represent Hunter at
the state carnival. Liam has improved his ranking from last year. He prefers the shorter
distances. He can run 100m in 13.80sec and his pb in highjump is 1.33 m. An outstanding effort.

**Koby Hickling**—Cubby-Athletics/ Rugby league
Koby made the Hunter team for both football and athletics great achievement in itself. Kobys pet events in athletics are 200m. 100m and longjump
Koby was in integral part of this year’s footy team. From what I’ve been told he is very difficult to catch and just as difficult to tackle. Good ball skills and a great unload to Nash inside to win the final in Sydney. Congratulations Koby

**Nash Lofberg**— Football
Nash’s efforts this year in rugby league are to be commended. Played half back for the school team. Nash possesses excellent ball skills, great attack and defence. He can read and organise the play
Played centre for the hunter team so obviously a very versatile player

**Jacob Campbell**— soccer
Made it into the zone team. After representing zone there was then 2 more trials of possible and probables for regional tryouts. He got through those trials as well. The hunter team was the only team to beat the eventual winners
Jacob is the only yr5 boy to make it to the Boys hunter soccer team
Congratulations to our 5 Hunter representatives this year
I would like to mention a sport that doesn’t get mentioned a great deal if ever at Belmont-Lawn Bowls. We have a student here who fits the category of a star now and in the future. **Jamie Dow**. Jamie bowls for the Redhead club and he is the state u18 fours champion.
Remembering Jamie is only 12 Congratulations Jamie. Fantastic effort

**SHIELDS**
Swimming-Pintabu
Athletics- Arunta
X-country- Arunta

**SPORTS BLUES**
Sports blues are rightly held in very high esteem. They are given to athletes who have excelled in their chosen sport. These sports award recipients have shown consistently high achievement, sportsmanship and effort throughout the year in their chosen sports. Not only have they developed outstanding skills but play fairly and and work extremely well as part of a team. It is with great pleasure that i announce the Sports blues for 2012

Lauren Harrison-Netball
Koby Hickling—Cubby-Football
Nash Lofberg—Football

**SPORT BOY AND GIRL OF THE YEAR**

Koby Hickling—Cubby

Odette Fillingham
NOTICE OF EVENTS

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Belmont FC Registration Dates 2013
Saturday 2nd February 2013 9am-1pm
Wednesday 6th February 2013 6.30pm-9pm
Sunday 10th February 2013 9am-1pm
At Belmont 16 Footers Club
New Members Welcome.

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Ring NOW to express your interest for 2013 courses.

SEMESTER ONE ENROLMENTS ON 24 JANUARY
INFORMATION SESSIONS WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 24 JANUARY 2013 AT 10.00 AM

For further information, please give us a call on 4979 6230 or check our website at www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au

Please detach and return

Our family will be moving away from Belmont Public School at the end of 2012.
Our children's names are

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Kidz activities

Our school holiday sports and activities camp will be running on 21st, 22nd and 23rd of January 2013.

Run in the grounds of Whitebridge high by a qualified p.e. Teacher.

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Saturday 09/02/2013 – Belmont Sporties Club – 10.00am till 3.00pm
Saturday 16/02/2013 – Belmont Sporties Club – 10.00am till 3.00pm
Costs
$45 includes registration fee & club shirt for U/6’s to U/9’s
$85 includes registration fee & club shirt for U/10’s to U/15’s
$20 for shorts
$10 for socks

Any further enquiries please contact Club Secretary Troy Scott on 4946 6801 or 0414 458 945.

Fun, fast and exciting is how the kids are describing the local T20 cricket competition! Grab some mates and come and join the exciting new 20/20 competition. Haven’t played cricket before? Doesn’t matter! Mates T20 is all about maximum fun and participation for all players in batting, bowling and fielding.

Played Wednesday evenings from 5pm at Barton Oval, Belmont
Game time: Approx. 2hrs
No uniform required - all cricket gear supplied at the venue
Ages 9 to 17
8 players per team on the field, but you can have more players in your team.
Team or individual registrations welcome
Starts second week in February.
Cost - New players $50, returning players $20
For registrations or further information please call Sharyn Beck on 0400 724491 or email administrator@newcric.org.au

Belmont TAFE – Courses for 2013

FREE COURSES IN...
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TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER!

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2013 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Japan, the U.S.A and Canada will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

Call your local coordinator, Dianne Axam on: 0429 406 126 for more information.
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