Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year.

I extend a warm welcome to everyone returning and to the new families to our school. I hope your stay with us is very enjoyable and rewarding.

I have met a number of very excited kindergarten children who have been visiting the school to complete their Best Start assessments. It will be a very exciting day next Monday for our Kindergarten children. Our focus is on quality teaching and learning, and improving outcomes for our students.

We expect all children to always do their best, wear the correct uniform properly, be respectful and responsible and demonstrate excellent manners at all times.

We have formed 12 classes in 2015. There have been a number of families move from our school who we did not know about. This has meant a reduction of our staffing allocation and adjustments will need to be made to accommodate this.

Classes are KD, KIW, 1S, 1/2MC, 2S, 2C, 3C, 3R, 4J, 4/5H, 5/6M, 6W.

All staff are looking forward to an exciting year where students are developing deep knowledge and understanding within a quality learning environment.

A change in Department of Education and Communities Attendance policy has been made. Families going on holidays during term time or with regular appointments during the day will no longer be able to apply for ‘Exemption from attendance’ These absences will now be marked as ‘Leave’.

Have a good week,
Regards
Barry Chamberlain
KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN 2015
Please note that Kindergarten children will commence at 9am and finish at 2.50pm from Monday 2 February to Friday 27 February. From Monday 2 March Kindergarten will finish at 3.00pm.

SENIOR BOYS DANCE
Auditions for the Senior Boys' Dance Group will be held on Monday 2 February at 8.00am in the hall. Please wear something comfortable to dance in and bring your school uniform. Please note that places are limited due to guidelines set by the Sydney North Dance Festival Committee.

Sam Meikle

SENIOR GIRLS DANCE
Auditions for the Senior Girls Dance Group will be held at lunch time on Friday 6 February in the school hall.

Mark Warren

SCHOOL STAFF 2015
Principal    Barry Chamberlain  KD Jenny de Wilde
Assistant Principal Stage 1  Jenny de Wilde  KIW Tracey Wilkinson & Rochelle Iwakura
Assistant Principal Stage 2  Lyn Chapple  1/2L Lianne Stephens
Assistant Principal Stage 3  Mark Warren  1/2MC Sarah Chambers & Michele Wilson
School Administrative Manager Linda Sinclair  1S Janne Staples
School Administrative Officers Anne Engelen  2S Lianne Stephens
Caroline Rawsthorne  2C Jane Cohen
SSLO Debby Michael  3C Lyn Chapple
School Counsellor Paige Batta  3R Hugh Rothwell
Support Melissa Ord  4J Anna Jarvis
General Assistant Peter Robinson  5H Isabella Hillier
Library Kirsten Wedlock  5/6M Samantha Meikle
6 W  Mark Warren

TERM DATES
Term 1  Wednesday 28 January to Thursday 2 April
Term 2  Tuesday 21 April to Friday 26 June
Term 3  Tuesday 14 July to Friday 18 September
Term 4  Tuesday 6 October to Wednesday 16 December

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
Our school newsletter is published every Thursday. We would prefer to email a copy of the newsletter home. Please advise if your email details have changed over the holiday period. The email details of all new families to the school have been added to our email list. If you would prefer you can collect a paper copy of the newsletter from the office.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL
When your child is ill or unable to attend school please advise the school office by phone on 9451 6203 or send a written note to your class teacher when your child returns to school.

LABEL YOUR CHILD’S BELONGINGS
School life for you and your child will be a whole lot easier if you mark your child’s belongings. You can use a permanent laundry marker to label clothes, hats and shoes, or sew or iron on personalised labels. Go through your child’s bag with them regularly and check that labels haven’t faded with washing. If something doesn’t come home, check the lost property collection which is located inside the Library. All items that are named are returned to your child’s classroom.

NUT FREE SCHOOL
Our school is a “nut free school”. We would like to remind parents that students are not to bring any nut products to school and food is not to be shared. Nut products are not sold in our canteen. Our staff participate in anaphylaxis training and we are up to date with the latest developments.
SUMMER SPORT
PSSA trials for summer sport will be held on Friday 30th January and Friday 6th February. Our first round of competition will be held on Friday 13th February. Students in Year 4, 5 and 6 will be able to trial for:

T-Ball – Girls – Mrs Meikle (coach)
Softball – Girls – Mr Chamberlain (coach)
Cricket – Boys – Mr Rothwell (coach)

In order to reach the selection criteria for these sports, students must attend at least one trial. If your child is going to be absent please notify the coach in writing as soon as possible. Please note that previous involvement in PSSA and participation in these sports outside of school will have no bearing on selection.

Coaches will be selecting teams based on the following criteria:

- Sportsmanship
- Behaviour
- Cooperation, attitude and listening skills
- Skill level and ability
- Commitment to training sessions and the team

If your child is selected to represent our school at PSSA please be aware that there is a cost involved for transport and a strict uniform code. Protective gear will also need to be provided by the students selected to play T-Ball or Softball.

Students who do not wish to participate in PSSA, or who are not selected in PSSA, may choose to play tennis or be part of our home school program.

Good luck to all students during their trial sessions.

Samantha Meikle
Sport Coordinator

SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The school swimming carnival will be held on Tuesday 10th February. I am seeking parent volunteers to assist with timekeeping. If you are available to help out please contact the office or Mrs Meikle by Friday 6th February. Your assistance would be very much appreciated.

Samantha Meikle
Sport Coordinator
Cheers & Tears 2015

Come meet your fellow kindy parents to celebrate this special day

Monday Feb 2nd after drop-off
2 Baringa Close, Belrose

All Welcome
Bring a bottle, tissues and/or share plate
No need to RSVP

Paula Whelan and Michelle Clarke
2015 Belrose Public School Man Night

**Date:** Friday 6th March 2015.

**Time:** From 6.30PM

**Location:** Belrose Bowling Club.

**Cost:** $30 for Man food. ($20 is a donation to school P&C to raise money for our school)

**Evening Itinerary:** drink beer, eat food, talk about man stuff, meet new school dads and watch Manly play Parramatta.

**RSVP:** 1st March. Please return payment slip to school office with payment in box in envelope.

**Enquiries to Cameron:** cameronandchristie@bigpond.com

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Man night payment slip with $30 in envelope.

Name of Dad:

Class:

Email:

Insert $30 as payment
The Canteen will reopen on the 4 February. A new menu will be out shortly, but in the interim please use last year's menu. Please note that Bento Boxes will not be available. We are still seeking volunteers to help out in the Canteen on Wednesdays and Fridays. All help is much appreciated. Please fill out the volunteer form in this newsletter and return to the canteen box in the office ASAP.

### Bellrose Public School
### Canteen Volunteer Form 2015

Volunteering your time to help in the Canteen is a wonderful way of helping our school and becoming involved. If you have any questions regarding our Canteen please feel free to call in or leave a message in the office.

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A very warm welcome to all returning and new families. Our first P&C meeting will be Tuesday 10th February at 7.45pm in the staff room. All the formal positions have been filled and we look forward to working with everyone during the 2015 school year. A famous person once said ‘the best way to have a good idea is to have lots of ideas’ so please come along and share your thoughts on how we can make our school even better. Last year a playground conversation between a parent and Mr Chamberlain resulted new bubblers being installed. 2015 is a blank page. Whether it’s a fundraising idea or an improvement in school facilities, we’d love to hear from you. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please feel free to email ideas to me at lindalamb@tpg.com.au or call for a chat 0499 772 488.

Linda Lamb
P&C President

BAND
Happy New Year and welcome back to Band for 2015. We are looking forward to another exciting year full of wonderful music. Rehearsals will commence next week, (Week 2). Performance Band Monday lunch time and Tuesday morning. Concert Band Tuesday Lunch and Wednesday morning. Jazz Band will start in Week 3 once Mr Hill has spoken to all members. Training Band Instrument allocation will be in the coming weeks. Year 3 parents please keep an eye on the newsletter for further information.

The first Band Committee meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Monday 9th February at the Belrose Hotel. The committee meet once a term over dinner to discuss matters concerning the bands and to plan fundraising activities. Being part of the committee is a fantastic way of learning more about the Band Program and to meet other families in the school. All office bearing positions of the Band Committee are filled for this year with myself as Band President, Kate Johnson as Treasurer and Jenny Gray as Secretary. We look forward to seeing some new and old faces at the Belrose Hotel.

If you have any questions or concerns during the year in relation to band please send an email to belroseband@hotmail.com

Andrew Fairclough - Band President
Rugbytots comes to Belrose Public School on Saturday mornings

Are you looking for a NEW fun, energetic, safe and structured sports program for your child? Rugbytots is a weekly play program for girls and boys aged 2 to 7 years. With an emphasis on having fun, our program utilises rugby specific skills to enhance your child's social and physical development. They will learn to catch, pass, kick and run with a ball. Classes start at Belrose Public School in term 1, commencing on Saturday 31 January. Come along for a free taster class on the synthetic netball court; 9.00am for 2-3.5 year olds, 9.45am for 3.5-5 year olds & 10.35am for 5-7 year olds. For bookings, contact us on 0417 235 908, northshore@rugbytots.com.au, www.rugbytots.com.au or www.facebook.com/RugbytotsNorthshore. The first 50 children to sign up for the term will receive a FREE Rugbytots uniform (worth $24.95).