Belrose Public School

Term 4, WEEK 9

NEWSLETTER DATE: 3 December 2015

Dates

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Monday 7 December  
10.45am Thank you morning tea for volunteers

Tuesday 8 December  
Presentation Evening
Years 5 & 6 6.30pm
Performance Band and Jazz Band

Thursday 10 December  
Presentation
Years 3 & 4
9.30am
Belrose Bunnings—
Performance, Concert & Training Bands

Friday 11 December  
Kindergarten Bush Christmas

Monday 14 December  
Year 6 Luncheon
Stage 1 & 2 - Picnic Day
Carols by Candlelight
6pm all bands playing

Tuesday 15 December  
Kindergarten Graduation 9.30am
Stage 3—Picnic Day
Band instruments must be returned

Wednesday 16 December  
Last day of school
Year 6 Farewell
2.30pm-3pm

Principal’s Message

Well done to those children who received ‘Student of the Week’ awards at our assembly on Monday.

Congratulations to the children from Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 who were recognised for their efforts during the year at the K – 2 presentation yesterday. These children received certificates for Citizenship, Technology, Music or Inquiring Mind. The combined singing of Christmas carols was very entertaining. It was wonderful to see that person in the big, red suit come along and join in the festivities.

Congratulations to Mr Rothwell who has been appointed to St Ives North Public School in 2016. This position was gained through the interview process. I would like to thank Mr Rothwell for his dedication and hard work throughout his stay at Belrose.

Potential school leaders for 2016 will be presenting their speeches to their peers on Friday morning. Voting for 2016 leaders will then take place. The announcement of the leaders for 2016 will take place at the Stage 3 presentation evening.

The Stage 3 presentation evening will take place on Tuesday evening (8th December) commencing at 6.30pm in the school hall.

The Stage 2 presentation will take place on Thursday morning (10th December) commencing at 9.30am in the school hall.

There will be a special ‘Thank You Morning Tea’ next Monday (7th December) for all those parents and friends who have helped in any way during the year. It will be held in the Library and commence at 10.45am.

Requests regarding student placement in classes for the 2016 school year must be made in writing and addressed to the principal. Requests must state valid educational or social concerns. Requests will be given serious consideration but the ultimate decision rests with the principal in consultation with the executive and teaching staff. There is no guarantee that parent requests will be successful.

The class structure for 2016 will probably be as follows thanks to the generosity of the P&C (this may be subject to change.)

2 x Kindergarten, 2 x Year 1, 1 x Year 1/2, 1 x Year 2, 2 x Year 3, 2 x Year 4, 1 x Year 5 (with possibly a group of Year 4), 1 x Year 5/6, 1 by Year 6.

Congratulations to the parents who accepted leadership positions on the P&C last Tuesday evening. Thank you to all who have been involved with the P&C and their efforts this year. A highlight was the ball held at the beginning of Term 4. It was great to see so many parents and friends who attended.

The final school council meeting took place last Monday. Thank you to all members of the school council for their dedication. Thank you to Dani White who has now completed her time as president as she will no longer have children at the school. We appreciate all she has done to contribute to the positive atmosphere of the school.

I made an error last week in the dates for presentation days in 2016. I offer my sincerest apologies. After reviewing the calendar and end of year date (last day for students is Friday December 16), the dates of Presentations are –

Kindergarten - Stage 2 is Thursday December 1, Stage 2 is Tuesday December 6 and Stage 3 is Wednesday December 7.

Kind regards
Barry Chamberlain

MONDAY 7 DECEMBER
PSSA SUMMER SPORT
AWARDS
COMMENCING AT
2.15PM
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Wednesday 16th December - last day of school is mufti - no coin donation is needed. There will also be a free sausage sizzle for all students.

Christmas Gift Appeal

This year Belrose School will be supporting Wiseberry Real Estate at Mona Vale in their Christmas Gift Appeal. Gifts donated will be given to two of our local charities - Stewart House and Bear Cottage. We ask that you help by donating a gift and making someone’s Christmas extra special. Stewart House and Bear Cottage cater for children ranging from 6-15 years with donations especially desired for 10-12 year olds.

Gifts may be brought to school by Years 3-6 on Monday, 7th December, and will be collected at the afternoon assembly.

Gifts donated by Years K-2 will be collected on Wednesday 2nd December at the K-2 Christmas Singalong.

It has been requested that gifts be unwrapped and placed in a gift bag as all gifts need to be checked for suitability. Please also avoid toys that need too many batteries. Only new items are suitable. No food items please.

Thank you to all those families who support this appeal. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Mrs Chapple
PSSA SUMMER COMPETITION

JUNIOR CRICKET
On Friday 27 November the junior cricket team played their last game. Everyone did very well and got lots of runs. Player of the match was Lola for great bowling and batting. The final score was 98-52 to Belrose. Well done Belrose.

By Gemma

T-BALL A
On Friday 29 November, Belrose T-Ball A played against Belrose T-Ball B. It was a great game showing how far the B’s have come in such a short season. The end score was 13-2 to the A’s. Player of the match was Charlie J. This was a great short season. Thanks Mrs Meikle.

By Alex L G

T-BALL B
Cory and I took the kits onto the bus and we went to Terrey Hills oval. We were playing against the A’s. Boyd and I threw the ball to each other to warm up. The A’s chose to bat so we fielded. The score was 2-13. Ishan and Kyle were the only ones who made it home. We were all sad the season finished but I was happy that I caught someone out.

By Cooper

SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR
The Schools Spectacular will be broadcast on Saturday 5 December from 7pm to 10pm on channel 9 and on Saturday 12 December from 12.30pm to 3.30pm on GEM
Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Schools Spectacular last week. It was a huge effort for us all. We had many long days and early starts and we were all still smiling on Saturday night! Thank you to the many parents who assisted in looking after children on the dinner breaks, dropping children at school at the crack of dawn and picking children up late in the afternoons and evenings.

I would also like to say huge thank you to Mrs Rebecca Gibson and Mrs Debbie Stracey who have both assisted enormously in the preparation and rehearsals for our participation in the performance. They have both faithfully joined me and the Primary Choir each Friday giving their time, skills, talent and enthusiasm to encourage us all in singing as a choir.

The Schools Spectacular will be broadcast this coming Saturday 5th December 7-10pm on Channel 9

Jane Cohen
Year 6 Fete 2015

A huge thank you to all students, teachers and parents for supporting our annual Year 6 Fete. It was a great success and we raised $2255. The students of Year 6 wish to thank David Brand from St George for his kind donation of popcorn, slushies, money boxes and stuffed toys which were all sold at the fete as well as a $200 cheque donation. We thank St George and David for their kind generosity and support to Belrose Public.

Now Year 6 have the hard task of deciding what they would like to give to the school. This will be announced at the Stage 3 Presentation Night and in next week’s newsletter.

Mark Warren
Assistant Principal
Thank You
Morning Tea

A warm invitation is extended to our wonderful Parent Helpers who help to make Belrose a special school.

Date: Monday, 7 December 2015
Time: 10.45 am
Place: The Library
All Welcome
Many of our ‘long-time’ volunteers are leaving the school as their youngest child is completing Year 6. We can’t thank you enough for all you have done over the years. We love seeing past parents continue their involvement in the school, so we look forward to seeing a couple of you again next year.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered during the year. We simply cannot do what we do without your involvement. Whether it’s 1 hour or 100. Every minute is valued. We are so lucky to have a vibrant, supportive team of parents and staff working together for our children.

Thanks to everyone who attended out final P&C meeting for 2015. What a great celebration and fantastic way to end the year. The entire team is fantastic and do amazing things all year, thankyou! A couple of special mentions; thankyou Sally Jennings, who has completed her 3 year tenure as Secretary, you have diligently recorded minutes and reminded us of our to-do lists.

Kate Gresswell, thankyou for your contribution as Vice-President this year. To the fabulous Elise Cooper, thank you for coordinating and communicating the fundraising activities over the past 3 years. Also thankyou to the organised Sinead Mayer and Sharon Lacey for keeping our canteen suppliers happy and paid on time.

It was lovely to see so many children, parents and grandparents master their gingerbread house making skills on Monday evening. With Christmas carols playing and lollies a plenty, it was easy to get into the festive spirit. There were some amazing houses, some with their own Christmas lights. We had a couple of houses where Santa got a bit zealous, crash landed and caused a collapsed roof, but were quickly fixed by the renovation rescue team. Thank you to Jo and team for organising another fantastic event.

One last date for your 2015 diary – Carols with the Big Band on Monday 14th December, 6pm. EVERYONE is welcome to come along for a relaxed evening listening and singing along to the Big Belrose Band. Bring a picnic or purchase a sausage sizzle, sit back and enjoy.

Enjoy all the wonderful end of year celebrations this week!

Linda Lamb
P&C President

Farewell and Thankyou to Dani White, School Council President. At our final School Council meeting on Monday we thanked and farewelled Dani White. Dani has been a parent at our school for the past 11 years. She’s been pretty busy for the last 10 years, with 5 years involvement on the P&C as Vice-President and Canteen Coordinator before moving onto School Council for the last 5 years, 4 of which were as President.

Dani, you have gone above and beyond and we say a HUGE Thankyou!
SCHOOL COUNCIL
I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you and goodbye as my time at Belrose Public School has now sadly come to an end.
A big thank you to Mr Barry Chamberlain, Mrs Linda Lamb and my fellow School Council members (both past and present) for all your support over the years, it has been greatly appreciated.
The community spirit at Belrose is second to none, and we are so fortunate to have such a hardworking and dedicated team of parents on hand to support the school.
I would like to wish the 2016 P&C and School Council committees every success for the future, and on behalf of the 2015 School Council, I would like to wish all the Belrose families a wonderful Christmas and a safe, happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Dani White.
School Council President.

BAND NEWS
Last Sunday the Performance, Concert and Jazz Bands all performed at the Narrabeen Lakes Festival. Congratulations to all our musicians, you looked and sounded amazing. A number of the audience commented that from a distance they thought the music was coming from a high school band. Thank you Mrs Stephens for organising the festival and inviting Belrose to perform. You are remarkable in all that you do for our school and community. Photos from Sunday are ready for viewing on our Flickr account. If you have any shots you would like to share please let me know. We have had a request from a lovely gentleman for more Taylor Swift numbers next year.
Don’t forget on Thursday 10th December Training, Concert and Performance Bands are playing at Bunnings Belrose. Please arrive at 5:30pm for a 6pm start. Food will be available. I can’t wait to see if Mr Hill plays “with” or “without” the Training Band.
Keep smiling

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Belrose Public School P&C welcomes everyone to

Carols with the Big Band

Monday 14 December
6:00 pm

Our Belrose bands have combined to form one Big Band. With a little help from past Belrose students and tutors they will perform a variety of Carols.

All our children are looking forward to singing with the Big Band. We hope you will too!

Bring your own chair, picnic rug and food or you can buy Sausage sizzle and snacks.
POSITION VACANT

We are a local bookkeeping business looking for a bookkeeping/admin assistant to work one or possibly two short days a week (school hours) to assist with our fast growing customer base. MYOB and/or XERO experience required and possibly Cert IV in bookkeeping or working towards it. Interesting and varied role. Fairly flexible times and days available. Own ABN needed, rate negotiable. Please email resume, etc to coralie@nbbsolutions.com.au