Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the Kindergarten children and their families. It was wonderful to see their eager faces last Monday when they commenced their schooling. The children are settling into the routine of school. I would like to express my thanks to the Year 6 Buddies who are doing a fantastic job in helping the kindergarten children.

Congratulations to the boys and girls in Year 6 who have been elected as House Captains and Vice-Captains. Their first opportunity to lead will be at the swimming carnival next Tuesday. Presentation of badges will be held at the school assembly next Monday.

Swimming squad training commenced last Wednesday. Thank you to Mr Rothwell for giving his time on Wednesday mornings to conduct the training.

The first P&C meeting for the year is next Tuesday evening in the staffroom at 7.45pm. All parents are very welcome to attend.

Parent Information evenings will be held next week. The schedule is below. All information sessions will be held in the class teacher’s room.

Choir trials commence for children in Years 3 to 6 this Friday morning at 8.00am in Mrs Cohen’s room. Those boys and girls who are interested will need to attend this Friday. The choir will be a combined choir this year. Mrs Cohen will be the teacher in charge of the choir. Mrs Gibson and Mrs Stracey will be helping with the choir.

The school website is currently being updated. All current permission notes and information notes I have received have been uploaded. These will be removed once the event has been completed. If you have misplaced a note or did not receive one you can get a copy from the ‘Permission notes and information’ section. School swimming records can be located on the PSSA page.

All Year 6 students have been given a ‘Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2016’ expression of interest. These forms must be returned to the office no later than 20th March 2015. The local designated high school has been allocated from the student address that is currently on school records.

Sections A needs to be completed by all parents. Section B needs to be completed if your child will be attending the designated high school indicated. Section C needs to be completed if you wish to send your child to another public high school that is not the designated high school. If your child is attending a private school in 2016 Section E ‘Placement not Required’ needs to be completed.

Have a good week,

Regards., Barry Chamberlain
JUNIOR DANCE AUDITIONS
Junior Dance auditions- Lunch time Wednesday, 11th February. Please meet outside of the hall after eating time if you are in year three or four and would like to try out for the Junior Dance group.

Mrs Wilkinson

PRIMARY CHOIR 2015
Calling all Year 3-6 students who love to sing!!
In 2015 we will be starting a combined 3-6 choir. Meeting each Friday morning at 8.00am in 2C (Mrs Cohens classroom).
Mrs Jane Cohen and Mrs Rebecca Gibson will be leading. Primary choir with Mrs Debbie Stacey supporting.
All interested students are welcome to meet this Friday. Come and try out choir and let’s have some fun singing.

Mrs Cohen and Mrs Gibson

SENIOR BOYS DANCE CALL BACK ONLY
Call back auditions for the Senior Boys’ Dance Group will be held on Monday 9 February at 8.00am in the hall. Please wear something comfortable to dance in and bring your school uniform.

Sam Meikle

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT
The Statement of Account with the Term 1 fees and charges will be sent home next week. Please make payment direct to the office. Payment can be made by credit card, eftpos and cheques made payable to Belrose Public School or cash. Please note that if you are paying by cash (correct money appreciated) it must be handed directly to a member of the office staff. Payment can be made by family.

STUDENT EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS
It is very important that the office have your correct telephone contact details in case of an emergency. We also require the telephone contact details of an “emergency contact” in case we cannot contact you. If your details have changed since 2014 please let us know in the office.

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Jenny Nolan
SUMMER SPORT

PSSA trials for summer sport will be held 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

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the following Year 6 students elected as House Captains & Vice Captains. Badges will be presented at assembly on Monday 9th February 2015.

BRADMAN
- Captain: Samantha P & Lachie M
- Vice Captain: Hannah B, Tayne M & Jai S

FREEMAN
- Captain: Eliza L & Oscar L
- Vice Captain: Lelah W & Luke F

FRASER
- Captain: Hanna J & Zac B
- Vice Captain: Lucy M & Charlie F

THORPE
- Captain: Jess G & Adam K
- Vice Captain: Meagan P & Hurshwin S
BAND NEWS
Both the Performance Band and Concert Band commenced rehearsals this week. It is great to see all the smiling kids again—ready for another great year.

Concert Band Rehearsals
Due to swimming squads the Wednesday morning rehearsal will be moved to Wednesday lunch. Once squads are finished rehearsals will be moved back to Wednesday mornings.

Band Committee Meeting
Monday 9 February at Beilrose Hotel at 6.30pm. New members are most welcome!

James Hill

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
The children will be bringing home the 1st issue of Scholastic book club for 2015 this week. Scholastic have made ordering easier by offering a better selection of age appropriate items all in just one catalogue. Payment can be made via credit card using the new LOOP system (linked online ordering & payment) or by phone or online, as well as cash or cheque. All payment instructions are on the back of the student order form. Orders need to be returned to the book club mail box in the office foyer by Friday 13th February.

Pamela Macri

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2015 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

SECTION A: EVENTS REQUIRING HEATS

1. All age Freestyle  Boys  100 metres
2. All age Freestyle  Girls  100 metres
3. 8 years Freestyle  Boys  50 metres
4. 8 years Freestyle  Girls  50 metres
5. 9 years Freestyle  Boys  50 metres
6. 9 years Freestyle  Girls  50 metres
7. 10 years Freestyle  Boys  50 metres
8. 10 years Freestyle  Girls  50 metres
9. 11 years Freestyle  Boys  50 metres
10. 11 years Freestyle  Girls  50 metres
11. 12 years Freestyle  Boys  50 metres
12. 12 years Freestyle  Girls  50 metres
13. Junior Breaststroke  Boys  50 metres
14. Junior Breaststroke  Girls  50 metres
15. 11 years Breaststroke  Boys  50 metres
16. 11 years Breaststroke  Girls  50 metres
17. 12/13 years Breaststroke  Boys  50 metres
18. 12/13 years Breaststroke  Girls  50 metres
19. Junior Backstroke  Boys  50 metres
20. Junior Backstroke  Girls  50 metres
21. 11 years Backstroke  Boys  50 metres
22. 11 years Backstroke  Girls  50 metres
23. 12/13 years Backstroke  Boys  50 metres
24. 12/13 years Backstroke  Girls  50 metres
25. Junior Butterfly  Boys  50 metres
26. Junior Butterfly  Girls  50 metres
27. 11 years Butterfly  Boys  50 metres
28. 11 years Butterfly  Girls  50 metres
29. 12/13 years Butterfly  Boys  50 metres
30. 12/13 years Butterfly  Girls  50 metres

SECTION B: FINALS

- Finals of 50 metre Freestyle age races only (time permitting)
- Junior 200 metre Individual Medley
- Senior 200 metre Individual Medley

Please note that all Breaststroke, Backstroke, Butterfly and Individual Medley races are timed finals.
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.

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Belrose Public School
Canteen Volunteer Form 2015

Volunteering your time to help on 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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I can come in:

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I would like to be in a group with:
2015 Belrose Public School Man Night

**Date:** Friday 6\textsuperscript{th} 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:** 1\textsuperscript{st} March. Please return payment slip to school office with payment in box in envelope.

Enquiries to Cameron- cameronandchristie@bigpond.com

Man night payment slip with $30 in envelope.

Name of Dad:

Class:

Email:

Insert $30 as payment
Can you Help with Reading?

Volunteer Reading Program
at Belrose Public School

Contact: Melissa Ord
Learning & Support Teacher

Venue: Belrose Public School  9451 6203

If you have watched a child learn to read you have witnessed a small miracle. While learning to talk comes naturally for most, reading is a very different matter. Learning to read is one of the most important skills a child can have as it is a key to all future academic success. But some children find learning to read especially difficult and need assistance in order to find success.

Children who have failed to learn to read in the first few years of schooling need intensive, systematic reading instruction so they do not fall further behind, or even become complete non-readers.

The Volunteer Reading Program is specifically designed for teaching students in Year 2 and above who are reading at a level considerably below what might be expected for their age. However, this intensive, one-to-one program of instruction in reading skills is effective regardless of age.

As a volunteer in the Forest Reading Program at Belrose Public School, your commitment would include:

- 1—1 1/2 hours per week
- Working with one student at a time for 20 mins on reading skills such as...

  'phonics’ or word attack skills
  sight words recognition
  vocabulary development; and
  supported book reading

Volunteers will be given clear, simple instructions on how to assist each student and will be supported.

At Belrose, we are hoping to run this program for selected students every day. We need as many regular volunteers as possible to make the program work effectively.

So if you can give us an hour of your time each week, you could change the learning of a student forever!

If you can assist, please contact the school with your details or ask for a note.

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🎵 Music material provided 🎵

Please call 9411 3122 to enrol

Belrose Netball Club
Belrose Netball Club Registration Day will be held at Lionel Watts Sports Hall this Friday 6th February 2015 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm.
Registration forms are available on the website or you can click on this link to take you to the page where you can download a Belrose Netball Club registration form and a NSW registration form.

http://www.belrosenetball.asn.au/#! registration

Sample uniform sizes will be available to try on and order on Registration Day.
Look forward to seeing you on Registration Day this Friday.