Dear Parents and Carers,

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

The eight school leaders have been invited to attend the zone leadership camp on Monday 2nd March and Tuesday 3rd March at Narrabeen Sports Centre. The Leadership Camp will give these students the opportunity to talk with students from other schools in regards to their roles and responsibilities and join in activities that require cooperation and teamwork to solve problems.

Congratulations to the Year 6 house captains and vice captains who were presented with their badges at the last assembly.

I would like to thank Callum and Sallie on the presentation of their wonderful speeches at the last two assemblies. It was a pleasure listening to them speak.

Thank you to all the students who attended as well as participated in the swimming carnival on Tuesday. It was great to see so many children having a go and doing their ‘personal best’. Well done to the all the house leaders for inspiring their houses through their chants.

Thank you to all the mums and dads, grandparents and friends of the school for attending and supporting all the children.

Parents are encouraged if they have any concerns regarding any aspect of their child’s education to please contact the class teacher or the office so that a mutually convenient time can be arranged. It is difficult for teachers to speak to parents when they have their class and are taking them into class. Formal interviews will be held in the last week of Term 1.

Have a good week,
Regards
Barry Chamberlain
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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CLASS PARENT— WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?
At the Parent Information Evening sessions teachers will be asking for a class parent. Below is a summary of what it involves.
Being a class parent may include any of the following
For the Teacher
Act as liaison between the teacher & all the class parents.
Organising reading group rosters, maths group rosters, sewing/craft rosters, volunteers for excursions, concert outfits
For the Parents
Create and maintain a class contact list
Inform the parents of any changes to reading/maths groups
Organise parent social functions
Organise teacher collection for Xmas gift / thanks for camps
For the P&C
Act as liaison between the P&C and all the class parents
Attending P&C meetings which are held the second Tuesday of the month at 7.45pm (in the staffroom). This could be shared if there are 2 or more class parents. Although we follow meeting protocols, P&C meetings are conducted in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere.
Forwarding communication of P&C fundraising events
Helping co-ordinate volunteers for P&C events

JUNIOR DANCE GROUP
Wow!! What a turn out to auditions! 78 children out of a total 95 from Stage 2 came along to show me their best moves. I’m very thankful to Mrs Thoroughgood who helped me with the children. 78 children now need to become 24 children on stage. I will be having call backs next Wednesday.
Tracey Wilkinson

PRIMARY CHOIR
Great to see so many old and new faces turn up for choir last Friday. If you are interested in joining the choir and would love to sing come to classroom 2C at 8am on Friday 13 February.
Jane Cohen

WHOOPING COUGH
A case of whooping cough has been reported within the school. If you have any concerns regarding your child please see your local GP or go to www.health.nsw.gov.au/infectious/factsheet.

HEADLICE
Headlice has been reported in the school. Please be vigilant and check your children’s hair regularly.

SCHOOL BADGES
If you rchild is in need of a new school badge these are available from the school office for $6.00

BELROSE 60th ANNIVERSARY BOOKS

We still have a few Belrose 60th Anniversary books available. If you would like one of these collectables for your coffee table please come to the office to pick up.
PSSA SUMMER COMPETITION THIS WEEK

Cricket
Belrose vs Mimosa @ Wyatt Oval

Softball and T-Ball
Belrose vs Mimosa @ Belrose School

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Results from the swimming carnival will be published in next weeks' newsletter
Two beach towels were left at the swimming carnival. If you are missing a towel please come to the office to collect

JAPANESE LESSONS
Last week in Japanese lessons, Year 2 and Year 3 sampled some Japanese food.
First they had a taste test of a food loved by Japanese people – umeboshi (pickled plum). The children weren’t so fond of this food but I was impressed by those that still had a taste despite the smell and appearance!
Next they tasted one of Japan’s favourite snack food – Senbei (rice cracker). This was accepted more willingly and they gobbled these down.
The last food for our taste testing was Pocky (a chocolate covered pretzel). This was definitely a hit with all the students, most asking for another one!
We are fortunate to have a student teacher with us for a few weeks. She tested out their Japanese vocabulary knowledge and their Japanese writing skills (Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 are all learning the Japanese script of hiragana). She was very impressed!!
I hope everyone has settled back into the routine of school life. Personally, it takes me awhile to remember what things are happening on what day. This will probably continue until those wonderful emails from a class parent start popping into my inbox to remind me about something I had probably forgotten. So thankyou in advance to everyone who volunteered to be a class parent, your contribution to our school community is appreciated.

It was lovely to see some new faces at our first P&C meeting. There was a lot of enthusiasm in the room and we look forward to actioning lots of great ideas. It’s going to be an exciting year – stay tuned.

Special message for all the men – don’t miss out on the MAN NIGHT – Friday 6th March
What a perfect opportunity to meet new Dads, have a beer, watch footy, play snooker and eat great food!

If you have any fundraising ideas or an improvement in school facilities, please feel free to email your ideas to me at lindalamb@tpg.com.au or call for a chat 0499 772 488.

Have a great week,

Linda Lamb
P&C President

FUNDRAISING 2015
Hi everyone I’m Elise Cooper the P&C fundraising coordinator. Throughout the year you will see various newsletter articles, notes and emails from me regarding the P&C events and programs - social and/or fundraising.
If you have any great ideas or suggestions regarding fundraising I would love to hear from you!

GELATO DAY
Our first fundraising event is a favourite - Gelato Day on Thursday 19 February. Delicious gelato will be on sale for $3 a cone (or cup if needed!) at morning tea. Any leftover will be sold after school from the canteen.
Flavours are Chocolate, Mint Choc Chip, Vanilla, Caramel, Mango (dairy free) and Strawberry (dairy free). All flavours are nut free but are produced on a production line with other nut flavours so cannot guarantee. Yummo!!!

Elise Cooper
the.cooperfamily@bigpond.com

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Orders close tomorrow Friday 13th February. Please place orders in the book club mail box in the office foyer. Extra catalogues are available at the office, please ask the office staff. All ordering and payment instructions can be found on the back of the catalogue. If you have ordered and paid using the new LOOP system, there is no need to return any paperwork to the school as the order will be fully processed on line.

Pamela Macri

UNIFORM SHOP
Well it has been a busy start to the year in the Uniform Shop.
For the families who are waiting on sport shorts, I have been assured that they will be out to us within the week so the pre-ordered shorts will be delivered to your child’s class shortly. Keep an eye out for them if you are expecting them.
Louise, our fabulous sewer of chair bags has been very busy and some lovely designs are now available as stocks were low.
We also have some larger chair bags for the larger chairs for the children in Stage 2.
The Uniform Shop is open on Wednesday and Friday mornings. If these times are inconvenient, place an order form in the uniform box in the office and your order will be delivered to your child. You can print off an order form from the Belrose School website. Thank you

Nicky McInnes
BAND
Thank you to the parents that attended the first band meeting for the year on Monday evening.
A few dates for the diary,
Monday 16th February - Instrument re-allocation. Mr Hill would like all hired instruments (both Performance Band and Concert Band) to be left in the band room before school on Monday morning. The instruments will be checked and ready for collection at lunch time.
Monday 2nd March 7pm - Band Meeting. All parents with students currently in band plus students entering training band are asked to attend a meeting in the hall. We have some very exciting news and would like to discuss the band program for 2015. This is a time to ask any question you may have.
Friday 13th March. Welcome to Belrose evening. This is a whole school event. More details to come

CANTEEN NEWS
Friday 13 February  Jenny Frangoples  Monday 16 February  Jenny Frangoples  Wednesday 18 February  Jenny Frangoples

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.

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.

Name:  
Contact Number (home):  
Contact Number (mobile):  
I do / do not consent to my details being added to a Canteen contact list.  
Signed:

I am available to help out on a:  
Monday  
Wednesday  
Friday

I can stay for:

Basket collection (9:00am - 10:00am)  
½ Day (9am - 11.30am)  
½ Day (11.30am - 2pm)  
Full Day (9:00am - 2:00pm)

I can come in:

Once a week  
Once a month  
Once a term

I would like to be in a group with:
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

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 Forrest 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.

Year 7 Academic Placement Test 2016 Intake
Placement in the Year 7 Academic classes at NBSC Balgowlah Boys, NBSC Cromer Campus and at Mackellar Girls Campus’ is based on supporting evidence of eligibility including the results achieved in the NBSC Academic Placement Test.

Application Forms
Application forms can be downloaded from The Northern Beaches Secondary College website as well as the campus’ websites.

Closing Dates for Applications for 2016 Intake
- NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus - 3rd March 2015 by 4 pm.
- NBSC Cromer Campus - 3rd March 2015 by 4 pm.
- NBSC Mackellar Girls Campus - 27th February 2015 by 4 pm.

Students will sit the test at the Campus they wish to attend in 2016.

Test Date
Thursday 19th March 2015 at 9 am

Contacts
NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus: Lorna Curtis 9939 6942
NBSC Cromer Campus: Lorna Curtis 9939 6942
NBSC Mackellar Girls Campus: Wendy Mailey 9949 2083

WILLOUGHBY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL
A Leader in Girls Education

Please join us for
OPEN NIGHT
Wednesday 11 March 2015
5.00 – 7.30 pm
School Hall
Principal: Ms Elizabeth Diprose
Phone: 9958 4141
Fax: 9967 2174

ENROL NOW!!
PAY-AS-YOU-GO
No Direct Debit
No Contracts

Kambora Public School
Woolrych Cres, Davidson
TUES Juniors: 4:00pm

Terrey Hills Community Centre
Yulong Road, Terrey Hills
TUES Juniors: 6:00pm

Forestville Senior Citizens Centre
Cnr Warringah Rd and Starkey St
WED Juniors: 5:00pm

Phone: 04 1300 4094
www.tkma.com.au

Learn Music on the keyboard at Belrose Public School
Enrol now for Term 1
Great songs! Musical games!
Cool music knowledge!

Smart kids LOVE Music!
🎵 Convenient at-school venue 🎵
🎵 Small group - 45 min weekly lesson 🎵
🎵 Competitive rate - $27 per session 🎵
(GST incl. Please do not forward payment to the school office.)
🎵 Instrument not required initially 🎵
🎵 Music material provided 🎵

Please call 9411 3122 to enrol
Violin incl. Piano AVID Music cent. 1984 - cf: 9411 3122 (during school term)