Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to the children who received 'Student of the Week' awards and the 'Belrose Bus' awards at our last assembly. Well done.

I have had the pleasure of being inundated with some excellent descriptive writing by children from 3C this week. They have been writing factual reports on the Harbour Bridge and their use of descriptive words was fantastic. Keep up the great work.

The eight school leaders represented the school at the Warringah Community of Schools on Monday and Tuesday very admirably. They participated in a number of leadership skill development activities and developed an area of improvement project that they will be able to implement at school using their powers of persuasion and organisation. I congratulate them on their cooperation and readiness to help out especially at meals times.

Searching the School Library from Home.
Children have the ability to search our library for books from the comfort of their own computer. When children log onto the ‘portal’ at the left top of the page besides ‘emails’ is a picture of a book with ‘School Library’ written beside it. By clicking on this link, the ‘Browse Library’ page opens. This page has a number of options on the left hand side. If looking for ‘Premier’s Reading Challenge’ books that are available in the Library, click on ‘Reading Lists’ and the suitable level for your child. There are lots of pages of books. Scroll to the bottom and select ‘show all’ to see all the books on one page. If a book has a ‘0’ beside it, it means that it is unavailable. Happy searching!

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey
The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey will be conducted in the next two weeks with students in Years 4, 5 and 6. Notes were sent home with all children in these years last Thursday. It is an ‘opt out’ survey so parents only need to return notes if they do not want their child to participate. If you need a new note or did not receive one please contact me so I can send an information note home.

Regards

Barry Chamberlain
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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SCHOOL COUNCIL.

Community participation in the education of children has long been a major factor in improving education at all levels of the public system. Belrose Public School's School Council provides a focus for this participation. Through our School Council, the efforts of parents, staff and the community are combined in a genuine partnership in support of school decision making. Along with assisting the Principal with identifying the needs and priorities of the school, the key role of a School Council member is to help promote a positive image of the school in the community.

There is currently a vacancy on the School Council for a parent representative. If you would like more information about what's involved in the position please feel free to contact Danielle White at daniellewhite@optusnet.com.au. If you would like to apply for the position, please collect a School Council Nomination form from the School Office. Nominations close Monday March 16th, 2015.

Danielle White
School Council President.

Our Kindy Open night for 2016 will be held on 19 March.

We are looking for volunteers to deliver flyers to the local community to promote our Open Night. All help greatly appreciated, please contact the office.

Stewart House clothing bags have been sent home. Now is a good time to have that much needed clean out of unwanted clothing which is still in good condition. Please consider bringing in a bag and take to the classroom. Bags to be returned by Friday 6 March.
PSSA SUMMER COMPETITION THIS WEEK

Cricket
Belrose vs Killarney Heights @ Wyatt Oval

Softball and T-Ball
Belrose vs Killarney Heights @ Belrose School

JUNIOR CRICKET
The junior cricket score was 70/5 and Frenchs Forest’s score was 35/9. We took some great wickets and so did Frenchs Forest. The player of the match has to go to Charlie J because he took an awesome catch and two awesome wickets.

Jack A

ZONE SWIMMING
If there are any parents who can assist with timekeeping at the Zone Swimming Carnival please see Mrs Meikle.

Thank You

Literacy Information Talk
Friday, 6th March
9:15—11:00
in the library
Come along and see how we teach Literacy at Belrose
Tea and coffee will be available from 9am.
Peer Support

The Peer Support Program is once again under way. Students from Year 6 have undergone the training needed to become leaders and teach units of work to students from Kindergarten to Year 4. Our Year 5 students will be excellent Co-Leaders and assist our leaders with the delivery of the program.

The training program was held on Monday and Tuesday last week in the school hall and the students learnt about active listening, verbal and non-verbal communication along with strategies to manage a successful group. Mr Warren and Year 6 would like to thank Mrs Michelle Molyneux, Mrs Nicky McInnes and Mrs Jenny Gray for catering the event with awesome food. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Peer Support Australia states...

The Peer Support Program:

- is a peer led, skills based, learning program
- empowers young people to support each other and contribute positively to society
- provides students with a supportive learning environment in which to develop the skills, understandings, attitudes and strategies to improve their mental, social and emotional wellbeing
- develops key skills in resilience, assertiveness, decision making, problem solving and leadership
- utilises a whole school approach to support positive cultural change
- provides authentic leadership opportunities for Peer Leaders

For Further Information please visit: http://peersupport.edu.au/the-program/overview/

This year our focus will be on the unit of Keeping Friends – A module which focuses on relationships. The rationale behind this unit of work is to develop the skills in: critical thinking, empathy, conflict resolution, assertiveness and relationship building. This unit integrates with our focus for providing a safe and happy work environment for all students. It also covers units form the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education syllabus. The half hour lessons will run for 8 weeks starting this Friday.

Mark Warren
Assistant Principal/Peer Support Coordinator
At the beginning of each year the P&C meetings are usually filled with discussions about what are the priorities for how the family contributions and fundraising will be spent. The school provides a wish list of items they would like funded, and we also consider suggestions from the parent community. Some of last year's funds were used for the installation of bubblers, 6 pop-up gazebos to provide shade on the oval and an extensive clean of the toilet blocks. This year we have already provided funds for the replacement of two air conditioning units. At our next meeting we will discuss the commitment to provide funds for learning support in classrooms, library resources, bistro blinds for the cola near the hall and maintenance of the netball court. Everyone is welcome to come along to the staffroom on Tuesday 10th March at 7.45pm and contribute ideas.

On Monday night the hall was buzzing with all things Band! The amazing new band website www.belroseband.com.au was revealed and then the level of excitement increased as each child joining the band programme was allocated their instrument. I’m sure there are some weird and wonderful ‘noises’ being heard at home. Just wait for the look of joy when the noises become music! The band programme is available for all children in years 3 to 6. Children can join at any point in time, it doesn’t have to be at the beginning of year 3. Come along to the Welcome BBQ and speak with Andrew Fairclough if you would like more information.

Did you wonder why the canteen was open last Friday afternoon? Afternoon snacks @ the canteen makes it convenient for you to buy an ice-block or snack on your way home. All funds raised will go towards canteen facilities, maybe a few stools for volunteers to sit on between the rush times or even a coffee machine!

We love hearing your suggestions and can be contacted at belrosepandc@outlook.com or you can always call me for a chat.

Linda Lamb
P&C President

ELECTION DAY CAKE STALL AND BBQ
We have a state election on Saturday 28 March which means a great opportunity to make some money for our school!! We are calling for volunteers to help out on the day in shifts on the cake stall or on the BBQ. Also, we need your baking skills to whip up some tasty treats for sale on the day. We have cake boxes available to pick up from the office or please just pop your baked goods on a disposable plate. Items can be dropped to the canteen on the Friday 27 March or on the morning of the election from 7:30am. There is further information and a volunteer form included in this newsletter.

Many thanks,

Elise Cooper
the.cooperfamily@bigpond.com

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Issue 2 of Scholastic book club has arrived. Take some time to check out the great items on offer, orders don't close until Friday 13th March. Payment can be made via credit card using the new LOOP system, 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. If you would like to discreetly collect your order from the office (so it's a surprise for the recipient) just pop a note into the book club mail box, marked “office hold” with the child's name and class or contact the office staff.

Pamela Macri
BAND NEWS
Thank you to all the parents and students who attended the band meeting on Monday evening. I have received some lovely feedback. Congratulations to the Training Band on receiving your instruments, your excited faces were priceless. I hope everyone has been able to find a tutor, please let me know if you’d like help or if you would like a copy of the tutor list. It’s true, we do have a website. Please visit www.belroseband.com.au. All the notes handed out on Monday are now on the website. If you haven’t already, please print and return to Mr Hill as soon as you can.

Thank you to the very diligent parents that have already emailed their details, if you haven’t already please send an email to the band with child’s name, which ensemble they are in and their tutors name.

The young ladies in the Uniform Shop have kindly ordered the red folder bags for band members. Training band will receive theirs shortly and are available for purchase for Performance and Concert Bands should you choose to do so.

The Band Program at Belrose is open to all students in years 3 to 6. If your child is feeling left out or is a bit grumpy because they dropped out of band prior to hearing about the tour and all the other fun things band are doing this year, then not a lot of grovelling is required to return. Speak with Mr Hill, I’m sure he would be delighted.

Don't forget the Welcome to Belrose BBQ, Friday 13th March. Come and listen to Brass Baton. Brass Baton is a special band run by Mr Hill that is made up predominantly of ex Belrose Students. Lots of our fabulous tutors will be featured.

Training Band are reminded they are required to have 2 lessons with their tutor before rehearsals commence on Thursday 19th March at lunchtime.

Most visited page on the website this week, "Freestuff", no surprise there!

Andrew Fairclough (Band President) belroseband@hotmail.com
Belrose Public School
Election Day
Cake Stall & BBQ
Saturday 28th March

We are looking for volunteers to help man the stalls over the day – the cake stall and the sausage sizzle. Just 1 hour of your time would be greatly appreciated. Please fill in the volunteer form (either attached here or available in the office) and return to the office ASAP. Please be mindful that young children are not allowed in canteen area or near BBQ due to OH&S safety compliance.

Donations of cakes, biscuits and slices will be accepted from the Friday 27th March in the canteen. If possible please label your donation with ingredients. Cake boxes will be available to pick up from office otherwise please place your donation on a disposable plate. Thanking you all in advance!
Volunteer form

I am able to help out on Election Day ... please circle.

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Email address: ____________________________________

Contact number: ____________________________________
Come along to the Belrose Public School Welcome BBQ!
Friday 13 March, 5.30pm
A wonderful night to meet new Belrose families and catch up with those that you haven’t seen for a while.

Bring your own picnic (**no alcohol permitted**), enjoy the BBQ skills of our Dad volunteers (sausage sandwiches for sale)...OR there will be dumplings & green tea for sale, hmmmm—

Thank you to Cafe Bell!

Thank you to Energise Fitness for donating the jumping castle for the evening - a gold coin is required, for School fundraising!!!

For catering purposes please RSVP to belroseband@hotmail.com
on or before
Friday 6 March

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......to achievement at Davidson HIGH SCHOOL

Apply to have the opportunity to participate in our Year 7 extension/enrichment class for 2016.
The focus is critical and creative thinking with a personalised learning time called Genius Hour.

20th April 2015 (9.00-11.30am)   GATEway entrance test
$30 registration fee required by 20th March

31st July 2015     Submit portfolio of work

Please contact the school for more information and an application form on 9451 0022 or www.davidson-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
This is a special time, your child has just started school! The evening will give you an opportunity to meet other Kindergarten parents.

**Date:**  Friday 27th March 2015

**Time:**  From 7:30pm

**Location:**  Belrose Hotel

**Cost:**  $35 per head.

A selection of hot and cold stand-up food will be provided. Drinks can be purchased at the bar at your own cost.

If you have any questions please contact:
- Theresa Amos (class parent KD) - 0414 680 316
- Jo Blair (class parent KD) - 0434 850 304
- Katie Anderson (class parent KIW) - 0412 996 872
- Kirralee Baker (class parent KIW) - 0412 042 988

**RSVP:**  Friday 20 March.
Please return slip below with money in an envelope to the locked box in the school office foyer.

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**Welcoming Night for Kindergarten Parents 2015**

Name(s) of parents: __________________________

Number of adults attending: __________

Name of kindergarten child: __________________________ Class: __________

Will be attending the Welcoming Night on Friday 27 March (please circle): YES / NO

Dietary requirements (please specify): __________________________

Total amount enclosed (cash only please): __________________________
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
**MENTION THIS AD TO RECEIVE $15 OFF!**

GO INTO THE DRAW TO WIN A 4 NIGHT STAY IN YOUR JULY BREAK!

GOING DROPPING THE DUBSTEP!

TIME:
9.00 – 3.00

WHEN:
Tues 7 & Wed 8 April

MOSMAN

Wed 15 & Thurs 16 April

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$65/day

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