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Expressions of Interest for Enrolment in Government High Schools for 2016 are due tomorrow. Even if your child will not be attending a government school the forms still need to be returned so that I can complete the data entry and complete the next steps in the process.

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Barry Chamberlain

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**Term 2 2015**

| Monday 20 April              | Staff Development Day                                                                |
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| Have a good week             | Barry Chamberlain                                                                     |
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**TERM ACCOUNTS**
Reminders for term one accounts have been sent home today with your child. Accounts can be paid by cash/cheque or credit card (preferably in the morning). Parents may pay by instalments.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Premier's Reading Challenge**
The Premier's Reading Challenge is now open for registration. The Premier's Reading Challenge is open to all students in Kindergarten to Year 9 and aims to develop a love of reading through quality literature.

Our school participates in the Premier's Reading Challenge which finishes on the 1 September. Children can start reading now. Kindergarten children need to read 30 books. All books are recorded online. Children receive a certificate towards the end of the year.

Books that are available in our library can be found online by using the ‘Our Library’ link in the student portal.

Details regarding this year’s challenge will be available on the website [https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html](https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html)

K-2 Children have since read ‘Rosie’s Walk’ by Pat Hutchins PRC ID 12119, ‘Mr Archimedes’ Bath’ by Pamela Allen PRC ID 9627 and ‘Our Granny’ by Margaret Wild PRC ID 12091.

These books can be added to their lists.

“You’re never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child ” Dr Seuss.

**SCHOOL BANKING**

What a fabulous 2 weeks of banking we have had. Today we banked for 114 students and look forward to seeing you each week. The earlier you come, the quicker you can enjoy playing with your friends. Note to parents; could you please check the banking books to ensure all slips have been removed. If they have not been removed please bring to banking next week. Happy banking.

Amy, Lisa, Kelly and Sarah
Dear Parents,

At our school we aim to create a safe and supportive school community for everyone.

Sometimes, it can be difficult for parents or carers to know what to do when their child talks to them about bullying.

You are an important part of our work to prevent bullying and to respond effectively if it happens. Stopping bullying involves everyone.

If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. **Listen** calmly and get the full story. Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation. After they've told you their story, ask questions to get more details if you need to: who, what, where, when. Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child's experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress to your child.

2. **Reassure** your child they are not to blame. Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse. You could say things like, ‘That sounds really hard to deal with. No one should have to put up with that.’ or ‘I'm so glad you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school, that's not fair at all.’

3. **Ask** your child what they want to do and what they want you to do. A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem. While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.

4. **Visit** [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au) to find some strategies. The website has tips and ideas for different bullying situations. One idea is to practise strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.

5. **Contact** the school. Your child may be reluctant for you to do this, so discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help. Make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher and, if you need to, ask to talk with the principal. Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child's safety.

6. **Check in regularly** with your child. Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check in regularly with your child about their experiences and their feelings. Your ongoing support is important.

This term all students have been engaging in learning activities based on the anti-bullying unit from the Bounce Back program.

To reinforce and strengthen our everyday message that bullying at Belrose Public School is **never** okay, our school is taking part in the 2015 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence on Friday 20 March.

Thank you for your support to make our school a happy and safe school for everyone.

Jenny de Vlind
Welfare Committee Coordinator

Barry Chamberlain
Principal
KINDERGARTEN 2016 INFORMATION EVENING
Thursday, 19th March
5.30pm for 6.00pm

• School Tour
• Choir
• Band
• 2015 Kindergarten item
• Sausage sizzle
• Tea/coffee
• Addresses by School Captains, Parents, Principal,
  Assistant Principal (Stage 1)
• Siblings Welcome

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE THIS EVENING
PSSA SUMMER COMPETITION THIS WEEK

Cricket
Belrose vs Bye

Softball and T-Ball
Belrose vs Bye

Last Friday 13 March all PSSA and sport was cancelled due to wet weather.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
The school Cross Country will be held on Tuesday 31st March 2015 at 9:15am. I would appreciate parent volunteers to line the course as the children run around the perimeter of the school. There are several trees and poles along the course, as well as the possibility of traffic in Nursery Place. I also need parents to help distribute coloured bands as lap markers. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Samantha Meikle
Sport Coordinator

Congratulations to Magali on her outstanding achievement at the Sydney North Regional Swimming Carnival on Tuesday. Magali placed 3rd in the 50m Backstroke and will now compete at the State Swimming Carnival in Week 9. We wish Magali the very best of luck. We are incredibly proud of you.

Samantha Meikle
Sport Coordinator

Easter Hat Parade and Walkathon
Thursday 2 April
Parade starts 1.15pm in the hall
Students get your creative caps on to design, make and decorate a hat in Easter theme.
No Chocolate
Walkathon starts 1.45pm
Vanuatu Appeal

After the devastation of Cyclone Pam in Vanuatu, Belrose Public School is doing a fundraiser to help those in need in Vanuatu.

These are some ideas of things you can donate:

- Old and new thongs and shoes that are not broken, (all sizes and genders)
- Old and new toys, (not broken, teddy bears etc, all genders)
- Old and new clothes, (all sizes and all genders)
- Old and new books, (for boys, girls and adults)
- Balls and sporting equipment, (bouncy balls, hand balls etc)
- Colouring books, (boys and girls), Pencils, textas and stationery items
- Pots and pans, any kitchen utensils

And any other items you think that may be worth donating.

Please drop these items off to the office as this will be greatly appreciated by the children (Picaninny), and other people of Vanuatu. Please make sure that any items that you donate are not broken, dirty or damaged.

Thanks

Magali and Samantha
Starting Term 2

Thursday: 8.30am to 9.00am

Volunteers Needed.

If you have a green thumb please fill in the form below and place it in the box at the front office.

We would love to have you join us

Parent Name .................................................................................

Child Name ....................................................................................

Class ........................................
Canteen News

Friday 20 March
Shinobu Layt
Johanna Blair
Irenenee Jenkins (9-11.30am)

Monday 23 March
Mel Ogilvie (9-11.00am)
Zoe Heaton
Jenny Frangoples

Wednesday 25 March
Lucy Osborne (9-11.30am)
Gitta Johnson (9-11.30am)
Louise Vanderfield (11-2pm)

P&C
THANKYOU to Andrew and the band committee for hosting a wonderful welcome BBQ. The cloudy skies did not stop anyone from enjoying the evening. The bands were brilliant. It was a fantastic to see so many parents take the opportunity to socialise while the children bounced on the jumping castle or played on the netball court. We look forward to many more family BBQ’s.

Saturday 28th March – Election Day. Calling all home cooks! We’d love you to bake your favourite cake, biscuits or slice to sell at our Election Day cake stall. If baking is not your thing, perhaps you could spare some time to help on the day. Just an hour would be hugely appreciated. Please refer to the attached flyer for more information.

Thursday 2nd April – Easter Hat Parade and Walkathon. All aspiring hat designers this is your time to shine, so fire up the hot glue gun and let your creative talents go crazy!

The Walkathon follows the Easter hat parade and is a one of our major fundraising activities.

Top 5 fundraisers from K – 2 each receive a $20 voucher
Top 5 fundraisers from 3 – 6 each receive a $20 voucher
Top 30 fundraisers overall receive a pizza lunch

An information flyer and sponsorship form will be sent home with your child. Or contact us at belrosepandc@outlook.com for more information.

Have a great week!

Linda Lamb
P&C President

Band News
Thank you to all the Parents and Students who braved the wet weather on Friday evening and came and enjoyed the BBQ. The Jumping Castle was a huge hit in the hall especially with Gary and the Energise Team encouraging everyone to squeal. Jazz Band were very cool showing Brass Baton how it should be done. Brass Baton were simply brilliant. Thank you to all the parents that helped throughout the event, the Boss has asked us to do it again next year.
Concert Band are playing at the term 1 Awards Assembly next Thursday, please check the website for details.
Mr Hill had the honour of welcoming Training Band to their first rehearsal today at lunchtime. I’m looking forward to hearing all the stories.
Photos from Friday night are up on the website thanks to Dougal’s House of Photography. Please send in photos of your children practicing their instruments at home to add to the website.

Andrew Fairclough (Band President) belroseband@hotmail.com

Uniform Shop
Do you have spare coat hangers at home? The uniform shop would love them for our second hand stock. With the weather getting a little cooler, I’ve had a lot of people asking about winter uniforms. The winter uniform is optional from Term 2, however it is compulsory after the June long weekend. The winter stock will be displayed for trying on next week and is available for purchase any time. Whether you child chooses to wear winter or summer uniform from Term 2, it must be worn in its entirety. No mix or match.

Nicky McInnes
Belrose Public School
Election Day
Cake Stall & BBQ
Saturday 28\textsuperscript{th} 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 27\textsuperscript{th} 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: ____________________________
PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday 31st March and Wednesday 1st April.

Six classes will hold interviews on Tuesday and six on Wednesday.

Interviews will commence at 1.00 pm and be of ten minutes duration with last interviews being at 5.30 pm. If you need longer to discuss your child you can arrange an interview for another time.

If you cannot make these scheduled interviews, you can arrange an alternative date with your child’s teacher for a mutual time in Term 2.

Time allocation will be on first in basis. You will need to nominate more than one time on your return sheet. If no times that you submit are available the teacher will try and allocate you one as close as possible to your chosen times.

Class interviews for Tuesday 31st March – KD, 1S, 12MC (Mrs Wilson), 3C, 4I, 56M

Class interviews for Wednesday 1st April – KIW, 2S, 2C, 12MC (Mrs Chambers), 3R, 45H, 6W

Please complete the time nomination sheet below and return it to the office.

Barry Chamberlain
Principal

Class teacher _______________________________________
Child’s name _______________________________________
Preferred times __________, __________, __________, __________

Signed __________________________________________ Parent/Carer

Points you would like to discuss

____________________________________________________
____________________________________________________
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9.00 – 3.00

**When:**
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**Cost includes all materials**
BYO drink, snack & lunch

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