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**URGENTLY NEEDED VOLUNTEERS FOR CROSS COUNTRY TUESDAY 31 MARCH**
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PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
A note has been sent home with your child today with the date and time for parent/teacher interviews. Please check your child’s bag.

WHOOPING COUGH
A person who attends Belrose Public School has been diagnosed with Whooping Cough (pertussis).

What are the symptoms?
Whooping cough usually starts with a runny nose, followed by persistent cough that comes in bouts. Bouts may be followed by vomiting and a whooping sound as the child gasps for air. Whooping cough can cause a severe illness in young children particularly those aged under 6 months.

How is it spread?
Whooping cough is usually spread by direct contact with the droplets from the nose and throat of an infected person produced whilst coughing. People at greatest risk of getting the illness are those who have had a considerable amount of face-to-face contact with a person with the disease. Whooping cough can occur in people previously vaccinated.

What should parents do?
Anyone developing symptoms should consult their local doctor and mention that there has been a case of Whooping cough in the school. Children who are diagnosed with Whooping cough need to stay away from school until they have taken 5 days of a special antibiotic.

For further information please refer to the NSW Health factsheet on whooping cough attached or contact the Northern Sydney Public Health Unit on 9477 9187."

SCHOOL COUNCIL
After 4 years of service, Matt Farrelly has decided to step down from his position on School Council. Your input over the years has been greatly appreciated Matt.

Thank you to the parents who nominated for School Council, we are pleased to announce that we have had two successful applicants - Nicky McInnes and Karen Judson.

The 2015 committee is as follows:
Barry Chamberlain (Principal)
Danielle White (School Council President)
Linda Lamb (P&C President)
Lianne Stephens, Janne Staples and Anna Campey-Jarvis – Teacher representatives
Nick Gooden, Karen Judson and Nicky McInnes – Parent/Community representatives.

Danielle White
School Council President.
A big thank you to everyone who assisted with the organisation and running of our Kindergarten 2016 Open Evening — our wonderful office staff, teachers, parents and of course students in the Performance Band and Primary Choir, Kindergarten children and our Year 6 leaders.
I went to the Animals of the Dreaming Show which was fascinating. Charlie 3C

Col sang some songs. One was about a beautiful frog called Tiddalik. He also sang about Tommy, the termite. Termites are important because they eat the insides of branches to make didgeridoos. Gaby 3C

The animals we were shown were Min, a spotted python, a shingle back lizard, Warnie, a white lipped tree frog, Digby, an echidna, and Wattle, a cute ring-tailed possum and a long-necked turtle. Jasmine 3C

The aboriginal weapons Col showed us were deadly boomerangs, a noisy bull-roarer and a saw fish jaw with sharp teeth attached. He also showed us a coolamon, which is used by the aboriginal women to put all the food they gathered in or they used big ones for babies to lay in with soft bark used as a blanket or mattress. Liam B. 3C

The last thing Col talked about was musical instruments. Six boys tried to play the beautiful didgeridoo and six girls played different clapsticks. Olivia 3C

I found this show fun and exciting. Ella 3C
On the 24th of March there was an incursion in the hall for Stage 2. There was a man and a woman and they came from Taronga Zoo. The man sang Aboriginal songs that were nice and slow and easy to follow. The woman brought live animals. The first animal was a non-poisonous snake. We all got to touch it. It felt scaly. The next one was a lizard which was a close relative of the blue tongue lizard. Again we got to touch it. Next was a frog and later a turtle. After the turtle was an echidna. It was put on the floor and it walked around until the lady picked it up and walked around with it so we could touch it. Last of all was a baby gliding possum which was in a blanket. We had to pat it with two fingers so it felt like its mother’s lick. When I patted it, it stuck its little head out. The last thing we did was try playing the didgeridoo and clapsticks. That’s what we did at Animals of the Dreaming. Elliot – 3R

On Tuesday 24th March we had an incursion called Animals of the Dreaming. We saw an echidna, a possum, a frog and more. We saw a famous Aboriginal person called Col Hardy. He won a Golden Guitar from Tamworth. We sang some songs like Tommy the Termite and got to dance. Some boys got to play the didgeridoo and the girls played clapping sticks. Only 6 boys and 6 girls were chosen. We all loved the singing, dancing and patting the animals. I loved the incursion and would like to thank Taronga Zoo and especially Col and Katherine. Sofija – 3R
All of year four walked into the hall and met Col Hardy and Katherine. We all enjoyed it. Col sang songs and Katherine showed us animals. Some kids also got to play instruments. Then we left, I had the best time.

By Lukas J(4J)

Animals of the Dreaming were so much fun! We listened to the songs and stories about the Rainbow Snake and they showed a python that we got to touch. We then saw a Shingle Back Lizard otherwise known as the two-headed lizard. Afterwards a Turtle came out whilst we sang Timmy the Termite. I liked the frog but I thought the Echidna was very cool. The Echidna walked around and curled into a ball then it peed on Sophie Tannock. The Baby Ring Tail Possum was my favourite it is nocturnal so it napped as it was shown around. Some students then played musical instruments whilst we danced around.

By Tahlia B(4J)

On the 24th March 4H and 4J went to Animals of the Dreaming. There was an Aboriginal person named Col and there was a girl whose name was Katherine and she showed us the animals like an Echidna, Possum, Green Frog, Two-headed Lizard and a Python. Col sang songs about the dreamtime he has even won a Golden Guitar which is really special. We had fun with Col and Katherine learning about the animals.

By Kyle O(4/5H)

On the 24th of March year 4 had an incursion. An Aboriginal person named Col came with a lady named Katherine, together they ran the Zoo Mobile. Firstly Col sang a song and then a snake was brought out to pat. Next a two headed lizard (it really only has one head but it looks as though it has two). She then brought out a Turtle, frog and an Echidna, which was super cute. The last animal was a Possum (the lazy Possum) it was asleep. So we all gave it a pat and that was the end of the visit.

By Jessie T(4/5H)

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
NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY  
23 March 2015

On Monday, the elected leaders had the privilege of going with Mr Chamberlain to the National Young Leaders Day at Qantas Credit Union Arena. There were 5 speakers—Mike Martin, the Executive Director of the Halogen Foundation, Premier Mike Baird, Bindi Irwin who is a Wildlife Warrior, and Rachael Leahcar who came 3rd in the first series of The Voice, and who is also 90% legally blind. The other two speakers were James Norton and Dylan Parker, who were the inspiration for the movie Paper Planes. We were 8 leaders in a group of 6000 primary school leaders from around the State. I learnt so much and I know the other leaders did too. We learnt to have courage and that badges mean nothing, it’s what you do that makes you look like a good leader.

By Sallie

On Monday the captains and prefects were lucky enough to go to the National Young Leaders Day at the Qantas Credit Union in the city.
We learnt about what good qualities you could find in a leader and that not all leaders are good.
We listened to some very interesting speakers like Mike Martin, the NSW Premier, Mike Baird, Bindi Irwin, Rachel Leahcar and the makers of the movie Paper Planes, Dylan Parker and James Norton.
I really enjoyed the day, especially when 6000 paper planes flew through the air.
Thank you Mr Chamberlain and Mrs Molyneux for taking us on this great day out.

By Callum W

SYDNEY NORTH DANCE WORKSHOP  
19 & 20 March 2015

Last Thursday and Friday, Charleigh and I went to Sydney Dance Company for a dance workshop with other students from lots of different primary schools. We did many styles of dance including Jazz Funk, Hip Hop, Lyrical, Theatre Jazz and Aboriginal Cultural dance. We had 6 fantastic teachers who all taught me something new. I made new friends and had lots of fun, but I was exhausted at the end.

By Sallie

On the 19 and 20 March Sallie and I were chosen to dance and learn new styles of dance for 2 days at the Sydney North Dance Camp. We were split into groups (yellow and orange). There were about 60 girls from different schools. I learnt a lot of new styles and so did everyone else.

By Charleigh

Do you want to make a difference in the life of a child?

Local foster carers needed

Family and Community Services are seeking people in the local area to provide short term and crisis foster care for children and young people 0–18 years that are unable to live with their own families.

Individuals, couples and families from varied backgrounds and cultural groups are required. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.
All carers receive training, ongoing support and financial assistance.
If you are interested in making a difference and helping children reach their full potential, please call 9765 5000 or email fosteringwithfac@facs.nsw.gov.au

[Image of foster carers]
PSSA SUMMER COMPETITION THIS WEEK

No PSSA this week.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

The school Cross Country will be held on Tuesday 31st March 2015 at 9:15am. Students who are 8, 9 or 10 run a 2km course and students who are 11 or 12 run a 3km course. 8 year olds will be competing against 9 year olds. Please explain to your child that 2km is 2 wrist bands. 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. Please let the office know if you are available to help out.

Samantha Meikle, Cross Country Organiser

SPORT

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to trial for the Sydney North Regional Teams; Alani (Softball), Callum W and Sammy (AFL). We wish you good luck at the upcoming trials. Well done to Gemma, who was selected to attend the Combined Zone trials for soccer recently.

Samantha Meikle
Sport Coordinator
P&C News

CANTEEN NEWS

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P&C

We look forward to receiving lots of yummy cakes, slices or biscuits to sell at the Election Day Cake Stall on Saturday. Your culinary creations can be dropped off to the canteen on Friday morning or afterschool, or you can bring them to school on Saturday. There are cake boxes available at the office, otherwise please place your donation on a disposable plate. If possible, please label your item with ingredients. THANKYOU!

We would love some more volunteers to help at the cake stall or sausage sizzle. Just 1 hour of your time would be greatly appreciated. Please be mindful that young children are not allowed near the BBQ or in the canteen due to OH&S safety compliance. Please contact us at belrosepandc@outlook.com if you are able to help.

Don’t forget FRIDAY AFTERSCHOOL SNACKS will be serving slushies and iceblocks – drop off your cake and pick up a snack!

BAND NEWS

Well it would appear that our friends at Energise Fitness have proven me wrong. Please visit the “Free Stuff” page on the website belroseband.com.au it may help explain why Mr Hill has been seen around the school wearing bike shorts.

The next Band Committee meeting will be held on Monday 27th April 7pm at the Belrose Hotel. If nothing else it's a good excuse to get out of helping with homework. All welcome.

Don't forget X Factor is on 5th May. I hope all our musicians are working on their act for the evening. Stay tuned for more info.

Andrew Fairclough (Band President) belroseband@hotmail.com
Thank you for having us at your recent Open Night!

At Energize, we value our local community as well as good health so as a gesture of our appreciation for inviting us to your Open Night on March 13, we would like to offer parents and staff of Belrose Public School a Free 10 Day Membership to our Club to use at your convenience.

For more information on how to activate your offer, please call Dan at Energize on 9452 2286 or email dan@energizehealthclub.com.au

Kind regards

Dan Norris
Community Health Club Manager
Energize Health Club
The Australian Red Cross Mobile Blood Service is visiting Bunnings Belrose
Wednesday 1 April, 9.00am – 2.30pm 55 more donors needed
If you haven’t already made an appointment to give blood, you can make an appointment online or call us on 13 14 95.
1 in 3 Australians will need blood, but only 1 in 30 donates. Donated blood helps cancer patients, people with blood disorders, mothers-to-be and newborn babies, as well as trauma and surgical patients.
We look forward to seeing you again soon.