Belrose Public School

Principal’s Message

Congratulations to the students who were awarded ‘Student of the Week’ certificates at our last assembly. Congratulations to the children who were acknowledged for ‘Respect’ and received the ‘Belrose Bus awards’

Congratulations to the children who received ‘Best and Fairest’ and ‘Coach’s Awards’ for Winter PSSA this year. Well done.

Two dates for your diary –

- The Awards Morning for Term 3 will be held on Monday 14th September commencing at 9.30 am.
- The K – 2 concert for parents will be held on Thursday 17th September commencing at 9.30 am.

Good luck to those children attending the Sydney North Athletics Carnival at Homebush next Monday. Eight students will be attending from Belrose Public School to represent the Warringah Zone.

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 received a permission note and an explanation for parents of the next ‘Tell Them from Me’ survey. Children will complete the survey next week. If you do not want your child to participate in the survey you will need to complete the note that was sent home in Week 6 and return it to school.

The ‘Tell Them From Me: ‘Partners in Learning’ login is also now available. If you wish to participate in this survey you can login in:

https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com

Parent Username: parent17754
Parent Password: Bel3748

This information is also on a flyer in this newsletter. The survey closes on 16th October 2015.

It has been brought to my attention that there were a number of older boys in the playground last weekend lighting fires near the bush. Unfortunately some of these boys are ex-students and some have siblings still at the school. The school is Private Property. Only those persons who have the permission of the principal are able to be on school grounds out of school hours.

Have a great week!

Regards
Barry Chamberlain

Term 3 2015

Friday 4 September
- PSSA Trials
- Fathers Day Breakfast
- Swim School Yr2 Ends

Monday 7 September
- Sydney North Athletics Carnival

Monday 14 September
- Awards Morning 9.30am—11am

Thursday 17 September
- K-2 Concert

Friday 18 September
- Last day of Term
- Summer PSSA Starts

Term 4 2015

Monday 5 October
- Public Holiday

Tuesday 6 October
- Students Return

Thursday 8 October
- Kindy excursion—Field of Mars
- Sport Photos Yrs 2-6

Saturday 10 October
- School Ball at Miramare Gardens

Monday 12 October
- Band Tour

Tuesday 13 October
- Band Tour

Wednesday 14 October
- NSW PSSA Athletics Carnival

Thursday 15 October
- NSW PSSA Athletics Carnival

Tuesday 20 October to Friday 23 October
- Life Education

Monday 26 October
- Life Education

Tuesday 27 October
- Kindy 2016 Orientation
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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UNSW WRITING COMPETITION

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved a high standard in the recent University of NSW International Competition in the following areas.

Mrs Hillier
G & T Coordinator
Writing

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PRIMARY CHOIR NEWS

- A reminder that there will be **NO Primary Choir tomorrow** Friday 4th September as we will all be at the Father’s Day breakfast.
- Congratulations to all those year 4, 5 and 6 students who auditioned to represent our school at the 2015 School’s Spectacular. Letters of invitation and permission notes were sent home with student’s yesterday. Please make sure that both forms are signed and completed and returned by next Wednesday, 9th September.

Mrs Jane Cohen and Mrs Rebecca Gibson

BOYS DANCE
Will be held on Wednesdays in
Weeks 9 and 10
Please be there by 8am
Tell Them From Me: Partners in Learning survey

You’re invited to participate in the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey designed for parents and carers. This survey complements the TTFM student and teacher surveys, which focus on student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices. All Department of Education schools have the opportunity to participate if they choose.

Why should I participate?
Parents and carers are an important and valued part of the school community. Schools can use survey feedback to make practical improvements and inform school planning.

What does it involve?
This online survey takes about 15 minutes to complete. It is anonymous and voluntary. If you have more than one child at this school, and feel that your children’s experiences differ, you can complete the survey more than once.

How can I participate?
You can access the survey in your own time, between 17 August and 16 October 2015. Follow the link below on your computer or tablet:

1. Login in: https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com
2. Your School’s Parent Username = parent17754
3. Your School’s Parent Password = Bel3748

More information on the Partners in Learning survey can be found on the NSW Department of Educations’ TTFM website: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/
Tell Them From Me parent survey

Frequently Asked Questions (parents and carers)

Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

1. What is the Partners in Learning parent survey?

The Partners in Learning parent survey is part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys on student engagement. The parent survey helps to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between parent and school.

The survey is designed to measure, assess and report insights at the school and system levels. The focus of this NSW survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

2. What kind of questions will the survey ask?

The survey questions aim at understanding parents’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school, including teaching, communication, activities and practices at home and the school’s support of learning and behaviour.

The survey will ask parents questions about:

- Parental feelings of welcome
- Parental support for learning at home
- School support for positive behaviour
- Safety
- Inclusion
- School supports learning
- Parental participation at school

3. How have schools been selected to take part?

The survey is open for all NSW government schools to participate in at no cost to them. Your school has taken up this offer.

4. How will taking part in this survey benefit my child’s school?

The parent survey provides school principals and school leaders with parents’ perspective on their school as well as learning at home. Communication between parents and staff, activities and practices at home, and parent views on the school’s support of learning and behaviour all help build an accurate and timely picture that schools can use for practical improvements.

Data collected from the survey responses are quickly compiled into reports for school leaders. Principals can then use this information to help them identify emerging issues and plan for school improvement.

5. How does the parent survey relate to the student survey?

The parent survey is complementary to the Tell Them From Me student survey that your child may have been asked to participate in. These surveys are offered (along with a teacher survey) to ensure schools can capture the views of students, teachers and parents.

For more detail on each of the surveys, see the survey website: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/

6. What do I need to do to participate in the survey?

The survey typically takes 15 minutes and is conducted entirely online through a secure website operated by the survey developers, The Learning Bar. You will be provided with a link to complete the survey at home or your school may make computers available so that you can complete the survey during school hours.

7. Do I need to participate?

No, participation in the survey is optional. Whilst your responses are very much appreciated, if during the survey, you feel uncomfortable, you can stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped.
8. Will the school be able to identify me or my child from my responses?

Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual parents or students from parent responses. To ensure confidentiality, schools will be provided with a single username and password for all survey users. Where fewer than five parents respond to a question, the results will not be made available.

9. What sort of analysis will be done on the survey data?

Once the surveys are completed, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days. School leaders may use the data to better understand the experiences and views of parents at their school.

CESE will undertake state-wide analysis of the survey data in conjunction with existing student data held by the Department, including performance data. The results will help all schools better understand the relationship between parents and student’s engagement and wellbeing, effective teaching and student learning. Results from CESE’s analysis of this data will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes. This supports the Department’s continuing focus on quality teaching and leadership. The data will be retained for future analysis to help us better understand the nature of student engagement and wellbeing over time.

10. When will the Partners in Learning survey happen?

The surveys will be conducted in all participating schools between Monday 17th August (Week 6, Term 3) and Friday 16th October 2015 (Week 2, Term 4).

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What is CESE?

The Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE) is part of the Department of Education and Communities, within the Office of Education.

CESE has been established to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and accountability of education in New South Wales. CESE will identify and share what works, creating new opportunities to improve teaching and learning across all of education.

More information about CESE is available at: www.cese.nsw.gov.au

What is The Learning Bar? What

The Learning Bar is a Canadian education company that specialises in school surveys for both primary and secondary students. Its survey, Tell Them From Me, is the largest national school survey in Canada, used in nine of Canada’s ten provinces. More than 2,600 schools and 1.7 million Canadian students have participated in the survey over the last nine years.

The Learning Bar is led by Dr J Douglas Willms. Dr Willms is a Professor and Director of the Canadian Research Institute for Social Policy at the University of New Brunswick, and holds the Canada Research Chair in Literacy and Human Development. Dr Willms led the development of questions on student engagement for the OECD’s Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA).

More information about The Learning Bar is available at: www.thelearningbar.com

If you have any questions about the parent survey, please contact CESE via email: TTFM@det.nsw.edu.au or by telephone: 9561 8688/9561 8331/9561 8370.
Lessons Afloat Excursion 4J

A HUGE thank you to Mrs Billing for coming along and helping.

From 4J
Keep this date free

Thursday 17\textsuperscript{th} September

9.30 am

The cast of K-2
Performing Arts Team
brings you

The Magic Belrose School Bus
Manly Sea Eagles
Game 23.8.15

Four very lucky class members of 4J where randomly selected to attend a Sea Eagles game to watch their Reading Captain Blake Leary play. These students represented Belrose with Courtesy and Respect. Even though it rained the entire time it did not dare dampen their spirits. Thank you James, Jamie, Sophie and Jessica.
SUMMER SPORT

PSSA trials for summer sport will be held on Friday 4th September. Our first round of competition will be held on Friday 18th September. Students in Year 4, 5 and 6 will be able to trial for:

- T-Ball – Boys – Mrs Meikle (coach)
- Softball – Boys – Mr Chamberlain (coach)
- Cricket – Girls – 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

WHOOPING COUGH

A few students who attend Belrose Public School have 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 (available from http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/Pertussis.aspx) or contact the Northern Sydney Public Health Unit on 9477 9187.
P&C News

Canteen News
Friday 4 September
Jenny Frangoples

Monday 7 September
Jenny Frangoples
Zoe Heaton
Mel Ogilvie (9am—10am)

Wednesday 9 September
Lucy Osbourne (9am—11.30am)
Gitta Johnson (9am—11.30am)
Louise Vanderfield (11am—2pm)

P&C
WOW, the hall was rockin’ last night with brilliant performances from students, past students and a very special mention to Mr Hill! Who knew he could sing?

Congratulations to all the students who practiced and planned their performance. Your performances were outstanding! Mr Hill and Mr Polovineo have no involvement in preparing the students for X Factor. The students choose the music they would like to perform and also decide whether they perform solo or in a group. We are very fortunate to have a lively and passionate group of students who are proud to perform for their friends and families. Thankyou to Andrew Fairclough and all the volunteers who helped last night, without your enthusiasm events like X Factor would not happen.

Don’t forget – Father’s Day breakfast is tomorrow. So much fun for everyone! Please remember to bring some gold coins so you can participate in the games and activities.

The gift stall has lots of fantastic father’s day gifts. If there are any left over, they will be available for sale at 3pm in the COLA outside the canteen. Gifts are $8 each.

We look forward to seeing you bright and early.

Have a great week!

Linda Lamb
P&C President
BAND NEWS
Wow, wow, wow. X Factor was amazing. All our performers were incredible, you should be very proud of the way you organised your own acts, conducted yourselves while others were performing and then blew us away with your incredible talent. It takes a lot of courage to perform in front of your friends and parents. Congratulations. How about that final act? I’d pay to see that again. Now to get Mr Chamberlain to sing a rock song at the next X Factor!!!! Despite Mr Hill dislocating his finger around act 28, the show went on.

One of our lovely mums has taken photos of all the acts. A link will be sent out shortly if you would like to download and print action shots of your own children. Photos will be uploaded to the website, even a shot taken today of Mr Hill’s finger.

Super Centre was a wonderful display of Belrose talent as was Thursday nights Jazz Band concert. The staff and students from Killarney Public School had a great time and have invited Belrose to share performance opportunities in the future. Thank you to all the parents who have helped with the last few performances.

Now for Fathers Day breakfast........

Andrew Fairclough
www.belroseband.com.au
belroseband@hotmail.com
A Touch of Sparkle Ball
Saturday 10th October
Miramar Gardens
$100 per head
RSVP 1st October sistercey@optusnet.com.au

Belrose Public School P&C Association warmly invites you to the Ball with a touch of sparkle, Saturday 10th October from 7.00pm, for a 7.30pm start.

Join us in your cocktail attire at Miramar Gardens for a fun night socialising with friends.

There will be a silent auction with all funds raised going towards resources for our school.

Your $100 ticket includes a complimentary drink on arrival in the Piano Bar, a three course meal in a five star venue with a DJ for entertainment

Drinks will be available for purchase at the bar

A bus from Ralston Ave to and from the venue, additional cost of $13 per person.

Any questions – please contact Jo Stracey sistercey@optusnet.com.au 0408 438 607

Please complete and return to the box in the office foyer PAYMENT is due by TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER

Name/s:

Phone No: ______________________ Email: ______________________

☐ Please find me/us a table

☐ Please seat me/us with ______________________
   (max 10 per table) ______________________

☐ Yes! Please save me/us a seat on the bus ($13 per person)

PAYMENT DETAILS

☐ DIRECT DEPOSIT
   BSB: 062 295
   Account Number: 1029 9212
   Ref: BALL – your name
   Date of Deposit: ____________

☐ CREDIT CARD, please charge my Mastercard / VISA
   Amount: $ ______________________
   Card number: ______________________
   Expiry date: ______________________
   Name on card: ______________________
   Signature: ______________________
The New South Wales Rural Fire Service [RFS]… “Get Ready Week-end”

“The Summer is coming and with it the Bushfire Season…. Are you ready?”

“The Davidson Rural Fire Brigade are offering free onsite advice about how you can reduce the bushfire risk to your property.

If you live adjacent to the bush and would like to have a free 20min visit on Saturday 12th or Sunday 13th September we invite you to register your contact details at http://getready.davidsonrfb.org/-. We will then contact you and arrange a suitable appointment time for a visit. This could prove to be the best investment of time that you will ever make!”

Please register early as places are limited and visits may have to be prioritised.”