Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to 2016. I hope everyone had an enjoyable break over the Christmas and New Year period. Welcome back to everyone returning and welcome to our new families. I hope your stay with us is very enjoyable and rewarding.

We extend a warm welcome to our Kindergarten children and families who will be commencing their school life next Monday. Our focus is on quality teaching and learning, and improving outcomes for our students. We expect all children to always do their best, wear the correct uniform properly, be respectful and responsible and demonstrate excellent manners at all times.

Children will be placed in classes tomorrow. The additional class will be funded from school and P&C funds.

We welcome Mrs Brickel and Mrs Meacock who have joined our teaching staff this year and once again congratulate Mrs Wilson on her permanent teaching appointment to Belrose Public School.

The school swimming carnival will be held on Tuesday 9th February, Week 3. Notes for the swimming carnival will be sent home either today or tomorrow. These need to be returned to the office as soon as possible. Children will be able to nominate themselves for events on the day of the carnival by reporting to the marshalling area when the event/s they wish to participate in are called. Children will need to listen carefully to announcements.

Children in Year 2 who are turning 8 this year and are very competent swimmers who can swim 50 metres without stopping are welcome to attend.

Students who catch the bus to travel to/from school will receive an Opal card instead of a bus pass with the exception of children who will be travelling by bus who are new to the school or commencing Kindergarten or Year 3. These children will need to apply for an Opal card.

Welcome Barbeque for all parents and children attending the school – see flyer in this newsletter.

Please wear sports uniform tomorrow if possible.

Regards

Barry Chamberlain
Cheers & Tears 2016

Come meet your fellow kindy parents to celebrate this special day!

When: Monday 1st February 2016 after school drop-off
Where: 15 News Parade, Belrose

All Welcome
Bring a bottle, tissues and/or a plate to share
No need to RSVP
Chris Fortescue

The Forest High School – GATs Test, OPEN NIGHT & MEET THE PRINCIPAL DATES

The Forest High School will be holding their GATs (General Achievement Test) on the following dates:

Saturday 11th March from 9:00am to 11:30am
Testing will take place in the school hall. If you are unable to attend on this date a reserve session will also be held on Monday 14th March from 4:00pm to 6:30pm

Students wishing to be placed in our Gifted and Talented classes for Year 7 2017 must sit for this test. The Year 7 GATs tests for Year 7 2017 will be timed and consist of a multiple-choice assessment of the test results and the students’ NAPLAN results from Year 5. The cost of the test is $40.00, payable on the day. Students are to bring a pencil or pen, an eraser and a ruler. No calculators or dictionaries can be used.

The test consists of three parts:
Part 1 – Mathematics – 40 multiple-choice questions
Part 2 – Reading and Language – 40 multiple-choice questions
Part 3 – One writing task

Students are requested to arrive at The Forest High School by 6:45pm for a 7:00pm start or by 8:30pm for a 9:30pm start. They are also requested to bring a copy of their NAPLAN results on the day of the test. Parents are invited to stay for light refreshments from our kitchen before our common room. If you would like your child to sit for the test please ring The Forest High School on 9431 5111 and register your name, your child’s name, address & phone number. Please register by Friday 6th March.

OPEN NIGHT – Wednesday 9th March 2016 from 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Parents and students are invited to attend The Forest High School Open Night. The evening includes an address from the Principal & School Captain; displays & activities from each faculty; faculty team teaching; school tours; music; dance & drama performances; teachers & parents will be available to answer questions.

MEET THE PRINCIPAL – dates for 2016

Our principal, Mr. Rosemary McGraw, is keen to meet and talk to anyone who has missed coming to The Forest High School. Mr. McGraw has an opportunity to meet with our Principal at 5:00pm on Tuesday, March 15th. You may have a tour of the school and a chance to meet the Principal. Call the School Office on 9431 5111 to book a place or just come to the School Office at 5:00pm on Tuesday, March 15th.

LET US BRING OUT THE SUPERHERO IN YOUR CHILD

Our karate kids are easy to be bullied. Our fun karate games build important skills like self-defence, agility, coordination, and concentration.

Your child’s improved self-confidence will spill over into other areas of their life.

Gradings are an important part of our system as they build self-esteem through the achievement of goals. Students grade every term and can advance through to black belt.

Gradings are free!

Our instructors are minimum 2nd Degree black belts, and have gone through years of training in this teaching of young students.

Since 1994, Australia’s Youth Self Defence Karate has improved the lives of thousands of young people in the Sydney area through the study of martial arts.

Our classes are $12 per week and are the most affordable in Sydney. 

No need to pre-register; just rock up on the day at your appropriate time with loose-fitting clothing and no shoes. Open your mind!

For more information see our website at karate-kids.com.au
SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The school swimming carnival will be held on Tuesday 9th February. I am seeking parent volunteers to assist with timekeeping. If you are available to help out please contact the office or Mrs Meikle by Friday 5th February. Your assistance would be very much appreciated as we do not have enough staff to cover all timekeeping positions as well as carry out other duties on the day.

Samantha Meikle
Sport Coordinator

SUMMER SPORT
PSSA trials for summer sport will be held on Friday 29th January and Friday 5th February. Our first round of competition will be held on Friday 19th February. Students in Year 4, 5 and 6 will be able to trial for:

- T-Ball – Girls – Mrs Meikle (coach)
- Softball – Girls – Mr Chamberlain (coach)
- Cricket – Boys – Miss Jarvis (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
Canteen News

Friday 5 February  
Christine Fortescue (11.30—2pm)  
Tonia Berglund

Monday 8 February  
Jenny Frangoples

Wednesday 10 February  
Jenny Frangoples  
Sarah Herbig  
Lisa Walters

Band News

I hope everyone had a safe and happy summer break and are ready for another amazing year of music at Belrose.

Rehearsals will commence on Tuesday 2nd February, Performance band before school and Concert Band at lunchtime. For students who returned their hire instruments last year for servicing, these instruments will be returned at the first rehearsal.

Students in year 4, (last years Training Band) are now in Concert Band. Rehearsals will be Tuesday lunch with Mr Hill and Wednesday morning with Mr P.

Students in year 5, (last years Concert Band) are now in Performance Band. Rehearsals will be Monday lunch and Tuesday Morning.

Training Band (year 3) will have instrument allocation in the coming weeks.

If any of the lovely band parents are able to help cook or serve next Friday evening at the BBQ, it would be greatly appreciated, please let me know.

Looking forward to hearing all our wonderful bands in the coming weeks after Mr Hill and Mr P have worked their magic.

Andrew Fairclough (Band President)  
Ph 0419 271 211  
belroseband@hotmail.com  
www.belroseband.com.au

School Banking

School Banking will resume on Thursday 12th February. If you are in kindy or wish to join this year a representative from the commonwealth bank will be at the school 830-930am on this day. Parents need to bring a drivers licence or child's birth certificate. There are some great new prizes this year!!
Belrose Public School

Friday 5th Feb, 2016, 5.30pm

At the beginning of each year, families come together for an informal evening picnic. The P&C Association warmly welcomes all families to come and catch up with old friends and welcome new families and staff to our school community.

Welcome to our school

Relax and listen to the Brass Baton jazz band. Bring your own picnic (no alcohol allowed).

Sausage, steak sandwiches, cold drinks and slushies available for purchase. All funds raised during the evening contribute to the school band program.

Delicious Café Bel dumplings available for purchase.
2016 Belrose Public School

MAN NIGHT

**Date:** Friday 4th March 2016

**Time:** From 6.30pm

**Location:** Belrose Bowling Club

**Cost:** $35 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 Canterbury.

**RSVP:** 1st March 2016. Please return payment slip with payment to box in school office

Enquiries to Cameron- cameronandchristie@bigpond.com

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Man night payment slip with $35 in envelope.

Name of Dad:

Class:

Childs Name:

Email:

Insert $35 as payment