

Belmont North Public School

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The Grapevine

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Term 3 Week 9

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Thank you to all of the families who have responded so far to our survey regarding the **school polo shirts**. It has been very interesting reading the feedback which is mostly very positive. I would like to clarify that the new shirts are being **phased in**. There is **no expectation** from the school that all students will have to wear the new polo next year. The survey will close on Monday.

Social Media like Twitter and Facebook have been in the news all week for all the wrong reasons. At school we teach the children to be **digitally responsible**. In your own home you can help your children by showing them how to "block" abusive people. Most of the well known social media sites have tools that allow you to report other people for being abusive or even just delete the offending comments.

It was fantastic to see so many children involved in our **Kindergarten Orientation** program last Friday at the Teddy Bear's picnic. Our **student leaders** did an excellent job with their buddies and it was great to see all of the mums and dads enjoying a tour of the school with Mrs Williams.

Congratulations to both of our **Netball teams** for their wins last week. Our juniors have improved immensely in just one term and have already won the grand final due to a forfeit. Well done to the juniors and good luck senior girls!

On a similar theme congratulations to Teegan, Hannah, Ruby & Toby for gaining entry to the **Belmont High School Enrichment class for 2013**. An outstanding result for a small school. Well done!

Mrs Williams is going on some well deserved long service leave and will return early next term. In her absence **Mrs Owen** will be the **Relieving Assistant Principal**.

Scott Campbell
Principal

Thought of the Week

The three great essentials to achieve anything worthwhile are: hard work, "stick-to-itiveness", and common-sense.
- **Thomas Edison**.

DATES TO REMEMBER

18/9	Peer Support Party 2-2.50pm
19/9	Touch Football Gala Day Barton Oval
20/9	Reptile Park K/1N & 1/2K
10/10	Kindy Visit
17/10	Kindy Visit

REPTILE PARK K/1N & 1/2K REMINDER

Thank you to all of the students and parents who have paid for the Reptile Park Excursion. We still have a few students who need to pay.

Money and note **MUST** be in by **MONDAY 17 SEPTEMBER**. We would like that all students attend this fun and exciting excursion, so if you are experiencing financial difficulties in paying for this, please see the office staff for some school assistance.

TERM 4 INTENSIVE SWIM SCHEME REMINDER

An urgent reminder to students in years K to 2 that notes and money are required back to the office next week. This is a brilliant scheme that is extremely well priced. For students that can already swim, the focus is placed on stroke correction and technique.

Swimming is a skill that all children must have. If positions are not filled, we will be offering spots to other students in the school.

REMINDER TOUCH FOOTBALL GALA DAY

The Gala Day will be held at Barton Oval on Wednesday 19 September. Belmont North PS has 6 teams competing. Thank you in advance to our wonderful parents who support us with transport. We appreciate you!
Mrs G Williams

KINDERGARTEN 2013

Enrolments are still being taken for 2013 Kindergarten classes. If you know of anyone in our area with children who will commence school next year, please let them know that enrolments are now due.

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PEER SUPPORT PARTY

On Tuesday September 18, Week 10, from 2-2:50pm, K - 6 will be holding a Peer Support party to finish off a great time with their Peer Support Group. Children come out of uniform and will need to bring party food to share.

Congratulations to all the children for their co-operation and the leaders for their wonderful support.

Mrs G Williams

NIT STUFF

Its that time of the year again! As the weather begins to warm up, we begin to see head lice.

The school now stocks the product NIT STUFF, which is for sale at the school office.

HEALTHY HABITS

While we can't entirely shield our children from illness there are ways we can help them boost their immune systems and become more health conscious. Listen to these tips from Dr Martine Walker, a city GP who specialises in family health and has two primary school-aged children of her own. Go to: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/keeping-your-kids-healthy>

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Stuck for school holiday ideas? The Go Play website lists hundreds of activities throughout NSW. Explore museums, observe space, discover castles and convicts, or give your child the opportunity to develop a new skill. There is a range of options on offer - from photography to skating. Go to:

<http://goplay.nsw.gov.au/?startdate=2012-09-28>

CYCLING IN SAFTEY

Knowing how to ride safely is crucial for all riders. This useful NSW Government summary provides tips on the right safety gear to get as well as clearly written information on how to stay safe on two wheels. Go to http://bicycleinfo.nsw.gov.au/riding_safely/10_tips_for_cycling.html

P&C NEWS

Our next P&C meeting will be held next Tuesday, 9th October at 9am in the music room, which is the week we return from school holidays.

FUNDRAISING

PICTURE PLATES - The completed products will be back at the end of October.

SCHOOL FETE - We are having a school fete on Saturday 24 November 2012. If you, or somebody you know, would like to have a stall at the fete, they will need to have their own public liability insurance and provide a copy of the policy. Please see the P&C Staff for an application form, you can catch Tammy, Mel or June in the canteen.

CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 3

Monday - **CLOSED**

Tuesday - Sue & Jessica

Wednesday - Alison

Thursday - Tracey & Kristy

Friday - Tammy

NOTICE: A message to our new and current parents/carers - If you would like to assist in the canteen please see Tammy.

SCHOOL BANKING

Please ensure to give your bank book to your class teacher by 9.00 am (they will have a school banking bag for collection). Books are collected on Friday morning by 9.30am and returned by 2.55pm.

RING PULLS COLLECTION - Please keep them coming in to the canteen in a zip-lock bag as you are helping a great cause.

UNIFORMS

The uniform shop is only opened Friday mornings from 8.45am to 9.15pm. If you cannot make this time please put your name & contact number in an envelope and place it in the letterbox in the CANTEEN. You can also place an order & money in the letterbox and we will give the items to your child.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

There will be NO UNIFORM SHOP or SCHOOL BANKING next Friday being the last day of school. As our Treasurer/uniform & canteen volunteer is having surgery next Wednesday, we do not have enough volunteers to cover this day.