

March 2012

Around the Classrooms

Belmay Satellite Class

The Belmay Satellite Class won \$100 for coming second in the "Take The Challenge" Competition last year. On our first excursion we went off to the Rebel Sports Store to buy some equipment for our classroom so that we could have items to take out during play. Our timing was perfect as they were having a SALE so we were able to buy all of the items each student had requested! We got a basketball, skipping ropes, a football, a cricket set, a beach ball and velcro bats and ball. Everyone came away happy!!



From the Principal's Desk

The first few weeks of the school year which are very important for learning routines, establishing relationships and expectations and building friendships have certainly flown. Many thanks to all those families who have made themselves available to participate in their child's Individual Education Planning. It is extremely important that parents, teachers and specialists work together to set IEP goals that are developmentally appropriate to the individual learner and that are achievable within the given time frame.

Bike Week Excursion

Thanks to Physical Education teacher Barbara Wheeler who has organised a challenging and entertaining excursion during Bike Week down at the Burswood Park on March 21st. Thanks also to the Burswood Park for allowing us to use the car park and invite the Farmyard on Wheels to join us. In addition we are grateful to the town of Victoria Park who will be supplying a BBQ lunch for staff and students.

Parent Handbook

We endeavour to share and keep our community informed. I hope you find the handbook informative. Feedback on items which could be included in future is much appreciated. You can let us know through the home/school notebook when you keep in touch with your child's teacher.

Satellite Class Provision

The development of the satellite class provision has been further enhanced with the relocation of one class in another Education Support School in the Northern Suburbs. We are most grateful to the Burbridge School community who, similar to Belmay Primary, have offered this unique opportunity. We also have relocated our My Time program for parents and children under the age of four years to the playgroup building in Aldam Crescent in Shelley. In addition we have approached the

City of Canning Council about the possibility of relocating the kindergarten program to an adjacent building. We currently await a decision on our application

E-Newsletter

Families who prefer to receive an electronic copy of the newsletter please email the School Officer at

Chris.Davison@det.wa.edu.au

A contact list can then be compiled.

Best wishes for the challenges ahead.

John Exeter Principal

THANKYOU!

Our thanks go to the Carlisle Soil Yard who recently donated scoops of mulch and mushroom compost for our gardeners to use around the school grounds. You can see the difference it has made to our gardens!



P&C News.....

Our first meeting of the year was a great success with lots of new faces and fresh ideas. We have been advised that one committee member cannot hold two positions, so Sally Dechow has kindly offered to stay on as our Secretary and we welcome Estelle Odenko as our new Vice-President.



The P&C have donated the following amounts to the school: \$200.00 for photocopying of newsletters, uniform orders etc, \$200.00 towards the cost of tea/coffee for P&C meetings, morning teas and visitors to the school. A new contribution this year is a \$300.00 donation to a "Hospitality Fund" to be used by the school for sending gifts, cards or other items to any of our children unfortunate enough to be in hospital.

Everyone should have received their Easter Raffle tickets by now. We are asking for donations of Easter goodies to be sent into school for prizes. The more donations we get, the more prizes we will have. Ticket butts and money need to be returned to school by Tuesday 3rd April ready for the draw on Wednesday. Extra tickets are available from the front office.

Many thanks to those families and staff members who have returned their P&C membership forms. Increased membership numbers allow us better access to grants for the school. It is not too late to return your form if you have not already done so.

Many thanks
Liz Green



School Bus Services

Dear Parents

If your child travels to/from school on School Bus Services and you receive transport allowance please be advised that a new application for transport assistance is required should a student's circumstances change ie address or change of school. Also, conveyance applications will only be backdated to the start of the term in which the application is received. For more information go to www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au.

A Message from the nurses.....

There has been several cases of head lice among students at school recently. Please check your child's hair regularly and if you suspect head lice are present please treat and keep the child home from school until the lice have all been removed. If you need any assistance or advice with this or any other matter, the nurses are happy to help you at any time.

Parent Morning Tea

The next Parent Morning Tea will be held at 9.30am on Wednesday 28th March. Tea, coffee and morning tea will be provided. All parents are welcome to come along. We look forward to seeing you there.

Nurses Nola, Kirrilly, Corinne, Mary and Val.

World Down Syndrome Day

World Down Syndrome Day will be officially recognised this year by the United Nations. Celebrations will be held on **Wednesday 21st March 2012** at the Fremantle Esplanade from 12 noon to 2pm. Admission is free. Be entertained by an African Drumming Ensemble and the WA Police Pipe Band. Bring a drum and make some noise about Down Syndrome. Other events being held to recognise World Down Syndrome Day include the **Butterfly Charity Ball** on **Saturday 26th May 2012**. Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre. Chance to win 2 tickets to Las Vegas!! More information from Adriana 0412 449 411 or go to www.butterflyball.com.au.

Also **Tea For 321**. Host your own morning or afternoon tea during March to recognise the individuality of people with Down Syndrome and what they bring to our lives, schools and communities. Go to www.dsawa.asn.au for a registration form and to receive a kit to help you plan your event. Tea 321 is an abbreviation of Tea for Trisomy 21 (Trisomy 21, known as Down Syndrome) refers to the presence of three copies of chromosome 21. March 21st is chosen as a great day to celebrate for this reason!

Headwest

Headwest support **Brain Awareness Week March 12-18**. We provide advocacy, education and training. Please call us for information on 1800 626 370.

Happy Birthday to you!!!.....

Robert	22nd March	Room 1	Harrison	26th March	Burbidge
Katie	22nd March	Burbidge	Obaid	30th March	Bluegum
Angelica	23rd March	Yellowgum	James	30th March	Room 9



	<i>What's on What's coming up ...</i>
Monday 2nd April	Easter Fun Day
Wednesday 4th April	School Photo Day
Thursday 5th April	Last day term one for students
Friday 6th April	GOOD FRIDAY
Thursday 26th April	First day term two for students
Wednesday 9th May	P and C Meeting
Thursday 31st May	School Board Meeting