Thursday 11th February 2016

Enrolment forms
Earlier this term new enrolments forms were sent home with students in years 1-6. Whilst many of these have been returned we are still waiting on a significant number and ask that these be returned this week.

We are interested in updating the data we have on file as this will impact our funding for the next three years. We are also endeavouring to finalise our school timetable and the information on the forms impacts the organisation of SRE (scripture) and classroom organisation.

There is no need to send in any accompanying paperwork as this was collected at the time of initial enrolment.

Swimming carnival
Our swimming carnival is scheduled for next Wednesday 17 February. Students will arrive at school as normal and we will be travelling to Cessnock pool via bus. It is anticipated the carnival will conclude by 2pm. Students aged 8 years and older are involved in this event. I encourage all to join us at the pool on Wednesday to support our children.

P&C meeting Friday 26 February 9.30am
We are planning a P&C meeting for Friday 26 February at 9.30am—all are invited to attend. The agenda is to showcase the wide range of supports the P&C has provided for the students of BPS in recent years and to share morning tea together. Membership of the P&C is $2 per year, and all parents who pay this fee at this next meeting will be eligible to vote in the AGM scheduled for March. I encourage everyone to attend, and to bring a friend!

Solution Orientated Approaches
At BPS we have found that a solution oriented approach to school provides opportunities to us to see any challenge as an opportunity. To support this approach we endeavour to solve any issues as they arise as quickly and smoothly as possible.

To support this, initial enquiries regarding concerns are best directed to the staff member most involved with your child’s education, generally the classroom teacher. The classroom teacher will have the best understanding of issues as they arise and will generally be able to solve concerns quickly. Should this not resolve your concerns, contact with the Assistant Principal with supervisory responsibility for the stage would be appropriate. We have a system for tracking issues and enquiries to ensure effective solutions are found in a timely way, with these solutions influencing our school procedures and processes.

Assembly weeks 4 and 6
At our week 4 and 6 assembly the year 6 students will introduce our new kindergarten students—I encourage all to attend to meet the newest members of our school community. We meet KB Monday 15 February and KH Monday 29 February.

Student desks
We have a number of single student desks that are surplus to our requirements. They are available in a variety of sizes and conditions and are free for collection. The office will be able to provide details—desks remaining at the end of next week will be sent for recycling.

Luke Hubbert
Principal
Students of the Week

KB
- Jasmine G for a settled start to Kindergarten.
- Seth L for a great start to Kindergarten.
- Cailee C for fantastic mapping skills.
- Syeira P for excellent participation & effort in all areas.

KH
- Rese B for excellent work in mathematics.
- Indianna H for excellent classroom & playground manners.

S1G
- Kaitlyn W for excellent effort in writing sentences.
- Jaxson C for an outstanding start to year one.
- Janaya-Rae S for fantastic effort in all activities.
- Rhiley P for making an excellent start to year two.

S1PB
- Zac T for trying hard in writing.
- Lilly H for settling into Year 2 well.
- Chase L for trying hard in reading groups.
- Lucinda S for outstanding classroom behaviour.

S1S
- Tamika S for trying hard to focus on her work.
- Tyson C for an amazing start to 2016.
- Liam W for his amazing efforts in Maths.
- Taylah L for working really hard in all areas.

S2M
- Isaiah G for leadership in the classroom.
- Chelsea O for enthusiasm in learning.

S2R
- Dominic H for settling in well at his new school.
- Lincoln J for settling in well at his new school.

S2S
- Natasha S for settling into Bellbird Public School wonderfully.
- Charles K for settling in well to Bellbird Public School.

S3B
- Kiana T for a fantastic start to Year 5.
- Hayden E for a wonderful start to year 6.

S3M
- Sam V for being a great role model to all students.
- Joshua B for working to the best of his ability.

S3R
- Thomas N for completing all tasks to a high standard, plus extra!
- Levi L for being a fantastic worker and helper.

P & C News
- Donations are being accepted for the Easter Raffle, please leave at the office.
- AGM to be held Tuesday March 8 commencing 4.30pm in the school lunch room.

Reading is our thing!
Reading is our thing at Bellbird Public School!
How does reading happen at your house? We'd love to know! Do adults and kids share books at your house? Do kids read to each other? Do you read to the family pet? Does reading happen at bedtime? At the table? On the lounge? At the beach? On someone's lap? Under a tree? In the cubby house? By the pool?
Take a photo of reading at your house that we can include in our Reading is Our Thing display in the school hall. You can drop photos at the office, email them to school or give them to your class teacher.
Make reading your thing in 2016!

Ashley's You Beauty
Shop 1C, Cooper Street Cessnock 2325
02 4991 1084
Beauty Therapy

EUREKA TAEKWONDO
Bellbird Community Hall—Tuesday & Thursday
6.00 to 7.00pm
Cessnock Scout Hall—Monday
6.00 to 7.00pm
Notes Home
The following notes have been sent home in the last fortnight. If you have not received them they are available on our website for download.

⇒ Swimming Carnival
⇒ Stage 2 & 3 Camp expressions of interest.

If you experience difficulties downloading the notes off the website, the office has copies available.

PAXTON BOWLING CLUB

KIDS DISCO
SATURDAY 13TH FEBRUARY
6PM TILL 9PM

Dates to Remember
Term 1, 2016
Week 3
Friday February 12
Book Club orders are due

Week 4
Monday February 15
Assembly Item—Kinder & Buddies KB

Wednesday February 17
Swimming Carnival

Friday February 19
Debating Prac day at East Maitland PS

Week 5
Thursday February 25
Zone Swimming Carnival

Friday February 26
P&C Meeting—Morning tea 9.30am

Week 6
Monday February 29
Assembly Item—Kinder & Buddies KH

Friday March 4
Clean up schools Day

CANTEEN ROSTER
Commencing 15 February 2016

Monday  Dianne D / Georgette B / Natasha R
Tuesday  Kellie O / Raylene J
Wednesday Jenny L / Kim D
Thursday Kristen B / Cherie C / Leslie P
Friday  Nikki E / Tanya V / Jess G / Sharon B

Commencing 22 February 2016

Monday  Nanette J / Kerrie S
Tuesday  Courtney D / Mia A
Wednesday Georgette B / Rachel H
Thursday Katrina W / Cathy P
Friday  Rebecca M / Jenny H / Rachel H
Registration Days:
When - Saturday 6th and Saturday 13th February
Where - Bellbird Workers Club
Time – 9am to 1pm

All players must register online before attending registration day
www.myfootball.com.au

Players must attend one of the above days to finalise registration. This includes paper work, merchandise and payment of fees

• Entry Level - 5-7 years $85
• Junior 8-11 years $100
• Youth 12-18 years $115
• Senior Amateur $210

New players receive a club shirt
New players require copy of birth certificate

Enquiries – Belinda Johnston 0412-971-479