

# Belrose Public School

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TERM 4, WEEK 8

**NEWSLETTER DATE: 5 December 2019** 

#### **Dates**

#### Term 4 2019

Friday 6 December Mrs Zorian, Mrs Green

and Mr Davidson to Mac Uni STEM course

Sunday 8 December Band performance

Wednesday 11 December Winning House BBQ

Thursday 12 December Surf Life Education

Stage 3

Friday 13 December Mufti Day-Gold coin

donation

K-6 Reports home 3-6 Showcase for K-2

Monday 16 December K-4 Excursions

Year 6 Luncheon

Tuesday 17 December Stage 3—Excursion

Wednesday 18 December Last Day of Term 4

Year 6 Dinner

### **Principal's Message**

#### **THANK YOU YEAR 6**

We wish to thank all of our Year 6 students, their parents and teachers for the memorable fete. Students were entertained with games, bags filled with home-made trinkets and appetites fulfilled with home cooked food. All students exhibited creativity and outstanding teamwork. We were all very proud of their efforts. Congratulations and thank you to the Belrose PS community for assisting Year 6 to raise \$2469.95. Their gift will be announced at the Stage 3 presentation night. A plaque bearing 'Year 6 Gift 2019' has been arranged.

#### **HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION**

The High School Orientation Day for students attending public high schools in 2020 was held on Tuesday. This gave the students an opportunity to become familiar with the high school setting. Meetings between our Stage 3 staff and Mrs Cohen and the high school's Stage 4 teams have been occurring throughout Term 4. We endeavour to make this as smooth a transition, as possible.

#### **2020 SPORTS LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Congratulations to our leadership team in sport who received their badges at the assembly on Monday. We look forward to them displaying their leadership skills at many of the sporting events at Belrose PS as well as within the PSSA competitions and GALA Days throughout 2020. Please see photo below.



#### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD RECIPIENTS

Thank you to all of the wonderful performers at our K-2 Awards Day. Our Yrs 2-6 choir sang beautifully and our K-2 students sang the Xmas carols with great enthusiasm. We certainly have some talented students at Belrose PS. Congratulations to all who received awards. Please go to the following link for the names of the award winners.

https://tinyurl.com/sxvkq6h



#### LATEST STAFFING NEWS

Mrs Thoroughgood and Mrs Denver, who are permanent teachers of Belrose, will be taking leave for 2020 due to family commitments. We thank Mrs Denver for her extraordinary patience, care, enthusiasm and expert teaching with K-2 students. With these changes to staffing, we plan to have 10 classes with full-time teachers in 2020. Classroom teachers will be Mrs Meikle, Mr Warren, Miss Jarvis, Mrs Green, Mr Davidson, Mrs Staples, Mrs Iwakura, Mrs Stephens, Mrs Meteyard, Mrs Kabalan and Mrs Killick. We continue to have Mrs Cohen, as Learning Support Teacher, Mrs Adamo as Music Teacher and Mrs Jones as our ICT teacher.

#### P&C

I would like to recognise the contribution and thank our P&C Executives for their important involvement over the past year. We have very much appreciated their commitment to support our school in so many ways. We welcome our 2020 Executive. With students from 186 families currently enrolled at Belrose PS all we need is each family to assist at least once within the year with our community events. The events will be advertised in the newsletter and on the parent Facebook page.

#### STUDENT REPORTS

These reports will be sent home on Friday 13 December 2019. We have been making changes to these reports since my arrival at Belrose PS and I am very pleased with our progress. With the reports, parents will find the 2020 stationery requirements as well as details of our spelling and mathematics (Yrs1-6) online textbooks which need to be paid by the end of January.

#### SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The 2020 Swimming Carnival will be held in the second week, Thursday, 6 February, 2020. Interested Year 2-2020 students turning 8 and all students from Years 3—6 will participate in this event. Students from Yr 2 entering this competition need to be able to swim 50m continuously and at a relatively competitive standard. The carnival will be held at the Manly Aquatic Centre and buses will take students to and from the event. Before the end of the year, payment is required for the cost of the buses and pool entry as well as permission notes returned.

#### **BELONGINGS HOME**

Students are asked to bring sturdy bags to school to take work home.

#### LAST NEWSLETTER

Next week will be our last newsletter for the year.

Belinda Zorian

Principal



Tomorrow, Friday 6 December, 8am to 8.30am will be the last Chess session for the year.

Thank you to all our wonderful chess players.



Mrs Stephens Chess Coordinator

# Congratulations to our Gold and Platinum Premier Reader's Challenge Recipients



### Congratulations to our Chess Achievers





## Congratulations to our Gold Badge Recipients



#### **KINDERGARTEN KIDS, SINGING SENSATIONS!**

Last week, our amazing kindy kids enjoyed showing off their singing prowess to audiences young and old at Morgan Road Preschool and then at Wesley Gardens Retirement Village. They were dressed appropriately in their Christmas colours for the fun, happy Christmas Carols that were the songs of choice.

The enthralled audiences joined in enthusiastically. The gorgeous Pre-schoolers returned the gesture with a lovely song they sung for our kindies. The children enjoyed a well deserved and much appreciated icy pole.

Our older audience was humbly touched by the beautiful cards they were given by our kindy kids. Lots of love, good tidings and happiness were had by all.

Mrs Iwakura, Mrs Adamo and Mrs Green









#### Mufti Day: 13 December for the children whose school was burnt down

The compassionate students in 2J wrote heart-felt letters to the school's executive team to persuade them to have a mufti day to raise money to support the students whose school was recently burnt down. Their request was unanimously accepted. The Executive Team



# **MUSIC Stage 3**

Students in Stage 3 have been continuing with music composition this term. Last term students wrote original lyrics then included music notation in common time. This term ukulele chords have been added and some students wrote a melody based on the chord progressions. All students have experimented with percussion instruments. (Mrs Jones)













## **END OF YEAR REHEARSALS**



All students and teachers are busy practising for our end of year performances. There is a great mix of singing and dancing so don't miss them! (Mrs Adamo)

# **CODING CLUB**

Coding club has been at maximum capacity lately with students using Spheros, Scratch and Minecraft Edu software. It's great to see so many girls in our coding club! Coding club runs every Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtimes for Years 3-6.







# 1/2K and Technology

1/2K have been using Probot and Beebot robotics to learn about co-ordinates. The rotational group work also included coding and seesaw activities. Well done 1/2K!





Mrs Jones

# **Stage 2 and Technology**

**Stage 2** have been busy learning how to drive and code the sphero robotics. We've had a lot of fun playing games whilst driving our spheros, navigating a race course whilst coding our spheros and solving complex coding problems using the Sphero Edu app.







# Stage 1 and Technology

Stage 1 are busy using Green Screen technology to produce their own videos. Year 1 are presenting weather reports whilst Year 2 are producing informative reports on the phases of the moon. Students are researching information, preparing scripts, filming, acting and then editing using Green Screen technology.







Mrs Jones

#### LIBRARY NEWS

End of year procedures

This is the last week of borrowing for our students. If they have overdue books, they will be given a note in their library lesson. Have a lovely Christmas, New Year and holidays and see you next year.

"Libraries always remind me that there are good things in this world." Lauren Ward

K.Wedlock Teacher-librarian.

# Santa Needs Help

Could you please help Santa's Sleigh and the Lions Club of Frenchs Forest to run the Sleigh in our local area?



Santa has been running his sleigh for over 40 years in the local area, but does not have enough helpers (runners) to keep it going this year. Belrose kids and at least one parent could see Santa, sit in his sleigh and spend just 2 hours on one night helping Santa. Lollies are handed out to the community for FREE! If we have some helpers, Santa's Sleigh will run from the 3 December to the 23 December between 6.00pm and 8.00pm each night. Help for just one night will make a difference.

PLEASE help Santa and the Lions Club of Frenchs Forest!

Contact Lianne Stephens for further details at school.



# **"WISEBERRY"**



Support Stewart House, Bear Cottage & Dalwood Spilstead by donating a gift and making someone's Christmas extra special.

Gifts may be brought to school by Years K-6 from 29 November until 11 December and placed under the Christmas Tree in the School Office.

It has been requested that gifts be unwrapped and placed in a gift bag as all gifts need to be checked for suitability. Please also avoid toys that need too many batteries. Only new items are suitable. No food items please. Thank you to all those families who support this appeal. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

### Sport News

#### **SOFTBALL A**

It was an epic game and sadly our last, but it was fun. Player of the match was Lachie C for his awesome pitching. We had so much fun all through the season with wins and loses. We improved so much.

By Xavier M

#### **SOFTBALL B**

Last Friday we played against Killarney Heights. We had a really fun game. Player of the match was Cooper C for his awesome pitching.

By Tokiwa

#### **T-BALL A**

Last Friday we played an awesome game against Killarney Heights and we won 15-13. The player of the match was Toby because he did an amazing job catching and batting.

By Mika

#### T-BALL B

The player of the match was Luca as he got a person out on first base and played with great sportsmanship. I felt we played a great match.

By Jamie

#### **SENIOR CRICKET**

Whoo! What a wicket! Wow what a great catch! We had an amazing game against Killarney Heights winning 19-9. We had a cracking last PSSA game and will all miss it. Player of the match is the whole team. We played extremely well as a team and worked well together. Go Belrose!

By Olivia D

#### JUNIOR CRICKET

Last Friday we had an amazing game against Killarney Heights. We won 12/25 to 9/58. We had lots of great hits and played with great sportsmanship. The player of the match was Carina because she had fantastic bowling and got many outs. The girls had an amazing season and played very well.

By Amber R

#### **THANK YOU**

Thanks Year 6 students for a wonderful season. It was a pleasure coaching you throughout your last PSSA sport for Belrose Public School.

Mrs Meikle

### **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**



Students have made and sold many of our wonderful Bees Wax wraps this week. Thank you to everyone who purchased. We'll be making and selling more so keep your eyes out over the coming weeks. We have some new funky fabric ready to go. We really want every family using wraps next year to reduce single use plastics in our school (and on our planet!). Come see our stall in the mornings next week under the Cola. Large \$5, Medium \$4, Small

\$3. All profits go toward our vegetable garden! (Mrs Jones)



### P & C News

#### **CANTEEN NEWS**

Friday 6 December Jacqueline Power Lee Purser Jeanette Baptista Monday 9 December Lee Purser Wednesday 11 December Lee Purser

#### P&C

2019 has been a hugely successful year and the children have been very lucky to have been on the receiving end of many a contribution from the P&C. We held many successful events this year which included: Welcome BBQ in Term 1 which was a great success, The Dad's were not forgotten with a big thanks to Mark Bowen for organising Man Night this year. Such a great way for the Dad's to get together.

I would like to thank Rebecca Keiller and her absolutely amazing team of helpers Sam, Sharon, Heather, Zoe and Andrea to name a few who this year ran the Disco and Fathers' Day Breakfast. The day was changed to a Thursday and it was very well received by our parent community. We also mixed things up this year and instead of bacon and egg rolls we offered bacon and egg pies which engaged a lot of positive feedback. All of these events were well received and ran beautifully. To Silvana and her helpers thank you for always sourcing wonderful gifts for both the Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day stalls. This is a huge task and the children absolutely love doing their shopping.

Our Annual Girls Night In was another huge success. Thank you to Elise, Christie, Sue and Amy for all your organisation, it is always a fun night for such a great cause. Thank you to Sue Hefford and Oliver Hire, the decorations were fantastic and created such a good vibe. The McGrath Foundation is always incredibly grateful for our donation each year. Thanks to Belinda Hay for co-ordinating Interrelate this year it was very well attended.

The Belrose Fair WOW!!!!! The meetings began 8 months before the event, the planning and detail that went in was amazing. Thank you to Leissa who was the driving force behind the event, we were also very lucky to have an amazing sponsorship team (Jeanette, Sue, Susie and Melissa) behind the scenes securing just over \$9000 in sponsorship. The raffle was the biggest yet (certainly the biggest in my time at the school) and thanks to all the hard work we raised just under \$14000 from the raffle!!! Jen was instrumental in getting all the market stall holders sorted. Miriam, Julie and Elise who were my amazing support people who guided me along the way. To Andrew and Dylan thank you for working behind the scenes to get all the sound onpoint for the day, it really is an invisible job. Thanks also to Wes Cartwright who came in at the 11th hour to help Jeanette with the massive task of logistics, Wes's son Kawika actually finished up at Belrose last year. To all the co-ordinators who stepped up and ran each stall THANK YOU. To Zoe, thank you for your help in the Canteen and BBQ, it was a massive effort but you just took it in your stride.

None of the successes of the Fair could have been achieved without everyone's support.

To the school community for all your donations, baking and time volunteered on the day I thank you, Again without your support the day would not have been nearly as successful. To announce that we had raised just under \$37000 literally blew me away, not in a million years did I think such a small school would pull something like this off, BUT we did it!! To have just a touch under 6000 people attend throughout the day made me so proud to be a part of such a wonderful school community. A big thank you to Mrs Zorian who was a big support for me throughout the process.

Later in Term 4 we held our parent social night which was Bogan Bingo and I have to say it was one of the best social nights I've been too, so many laughs. Thanks Elise for taking this one on.

The 9th Annual Gingerbread Night was held last week and we had 115 people join us to decorate and just enjoy a couple of hours with the kids.

Fundraising for 2019 hit the \$49538.00 mark!!!!!!! which exceeded our expectations by \$24000, to say we are thrilled would be an understatement, so thank you all for your support. A massive thankyou to Andrew Fairclough and Lisa Walters in their tireless efforts with getting the band smoothly transitioning into its new routine, your passion for the band and the children does not go unnoticed and we are very lucky to have Mrs Fyfe and Mrs Anderson on board as our band mistresses. Andrew your hard work getting an amazing itinerary lined up for the Band Tour was nothing short of wonderful.

### P&C Cont ..

Thank you to our School Banking helpers on a Friday morning Melissa, Jo, Andrea, Lynsey and Heather. Thank you to our VP and Canteen Liaison Julie Cincinnato who has worked tirelessly to help get our school canteen on board with the Healthy Eating guidelines and for launching FlexiSchools. It has been a massive success and has seen an increase in canteen sales and also for your time on Friday afternoon for snacks along with Holly and Mel.

A big thanks to Lou, Shona and Julia for help in the uniform shop this year and a thanks also to Nicky for stepping in when needed. The uniform shop is now on Flexi schools as well.

The P&C are sad to farewell Julie this year as Jake finishes his time at Belrose, you have been such an amazing addition to our school community and have worked tirelessly over the years with all your baking and your coordination of all things canteen, the children are certainly reaping the benefits of all your hard work. We will miss you but wish you luck in your move to the Gold Coast to be with family.

Another loss for the P&C is Peter Davies who is hanging up his boots as Treasurer. We will miss you Peter, you have kept us grounded and just plugged away behind the scenes crunching numbers. Your efforts although appear invisible most definitely did not go unnoticed and we wish you much success in your new CEO position. Thank you.

Jo Stracey

#### **UNIFORM SHOP**

The final day the Uniform Shop will be open is this afternoon 2.45pm to 3.15pm however we will still be fulfilling orders that come through Flexischools up until Friday 13 December. I would like to thank you for your support over the last year and wish you a wonderful holiday.

Lou Webb and Julia Davey









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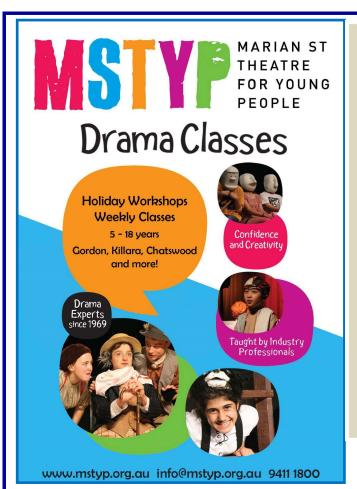
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