Principal’s Message

Welcome back to our winter term of learning with some cold weather finally arriving. Every family should have received their photo packs yesterday with the autumn colours in the background. I was very pleased with the quality and hope parents are as well. The Year 6 school leaders were given an order envelope for their extra photos which are available to preview in the office.

Welcome to Miss Laura Sidney, who has begun her internship with us. Miss Sidney has commenced work with the Y3-6 students, who have already enjoyed some new activities and a fun website to explore.

The Blandford Big Fun Day last term was a wonderful day of dance, drumming and science. The visiting teachers and students from Rouchel, Ellerston and Belltrees gave us very positive feedback on the activities as well as the delicious lunch. It was great to see our playground full of children playing together, with a very large soccer game in full swing including some adults who couldn’t resist the fun.

Congratulations to our age champions and the individual winners of events at the Blandford Athletics Carnival. This was also a very enjoyable day with good weather and the advantages of space and correct distances for our races at the Wilson Oval in Murrurundi. The day went well and the overall comments were positive to hold our carnival in Murrurundi again next year. Thank you to Mrs Cooper for her organization and to parents and staff for their assistance with lots of big and little jobs.

State Cross Country—Eastern Creek, Sydney

Our best wishes and good luck to Millie, who will be competing in the state PSSA cross country event this Friday 18th July. This is a wonderful effort for our Millie who is still only in Year 2, showing us all the value of hard work and tenacity. Well done Millie!

John Holland Constructions—luncheon

Mr Terry Askew from John Holland Constructions, has been a “friend” to BPS over the past year. Terry has invited our Year 6 students and staff to join his company for lunch next Friday 25th July to celebrate the end of their contract in our district.

Mrs Cooper and Miss Sidney will be accompanying our students who will make a short speech of thanks. This is another opportunity for leadership for our Year 6 students as well as gaining insights into the commercial world of work and business. Attached is more information and permission for this excursion. Thankyou also to Mrs Watson who will be transporting Year 6 students.

Golf for sport

Information and permission notes are attached for our senior class golf for sport activities for term 3. Please return permission notes by Monday 21st July.

Isabel Fox          Principal
Zone Athletics Carnival

The Zone carnival will be held on Friday August 1st at Singleton. Entries for events should be given to Mrs Cooper by this Friday 18th July. Mrs Cooper will be faxing the entries on Friday afternoon as this is the deadline.

Good luck!

Students of the Week

K-2

Isabella—for her enthusiasm for, and interest in reading

Samantha—for being ready and willing to work hard in Term 3

Y3-6

Sam—planning achievable learning goals and beginning Semester 2 with a “can do” attitude. Keep it up Sam!

Mitchell—beginning Semester 2 with confidence and organised work. Well done Mitchell.

Education Week

Education Week 2014 will be celebrated in Week 3 this term with the official Wollemi/Upper Hunter Education Week reception to be held at Aberdeen Public School on Tuesday 29th July commencing at 5pm.

Members of our school community who have been nominated for awards will be notified early next week.

Our Education Week celebrations will be combined as usual with Book Week and NAIDOC Week as a fun family day. We will let you know when we have finalised arrangements, but Weeks 3, 4 or 5 will be the most likely dates.

Hermit Crabs

K, 1, 2 children would like to get some hermit crabs for their classroom. Mrs Cooper went to a pet shop and found that it will be very expensive to buy the crabs and all the equipment they need.

Class members suggested we try to raise some money.

So...Year 2 children are going to have a cake stall on Monday. Cakes, or a slice of cake or a piece of slice.

Would Year 2 families please make a batch of little cakes or a cake or a slice to be sold on Monday.

Year 1 and Kinder families will get a turn also in the weeks to come (alternate fundraising ideas gratefully received!)

We would appreciate it if all children in the school would buy from us on Monday at recess.
Blandford Public School— Year 3-6 Golf for Sport

Wednesday 23rd July 10-12am CLINIC

Then Friday afternoons—8th, 15th 22nd & 29th August & 12th September

2-3pm

I give permission for my child / children ................................................................. to engage in Golf for Sport activities which will be held at Murrurundi Golf Club.

CLINIC —Wednesday 23rd July—2 groups will travel to Murrurundi Golf Club

Group 1: Leaving school at 9.40 for a 10.00am start—returning by 11.15 am

Group 2: Leaving school by 10.40 for an 11.00am start—returning by 12.15pm

Travel will be by bus. I enclose $5 for bus fare, golf sessions will be free.

Fridays 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th August and 12th September for sport afternoons.

Leave school by 1.40 for a 2.00pm start –returning by 3.15pm

Travel will be by private vehicles. Please indicate if you can transport students and play golf along with the children or assist with supervision.

My child has health requirements as follows.

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I give permission for my child to receive medical treatment if required.  Yes No

I can help with transport   Yes   No

I can transport _________ children including my own. I will provide copies of my licence and insurance for DEC requirements/records.

I am willing to play along or assist with supervision   Yes No

I enclose $5 per child for the bus fare—subsidised by the P&C with thanks.

Signed ________________________________    Date ___________________________
Belltrees Sports Carnival