Principal’s Message

As I write, Ms Fox is basking in a ‘grandmotherly glow’. Her grandson baby Fox was born yesterday at Bathurst—a healthy 8lb 11oz.

Another successful cross country was held in glorious weather conditions last week. A huge thanks must go to Belinda Teague and Jennifer Bettington who helped prepare the course. Thank you also to parents and grandparents who came along to support all children, not only their own. Well done Blandford Public School!!

The K,1,2 classroom is undergoing a transformation this week—a long overdue paint job. The children and their teachers have moved to the library and surrounding areas for (almost) normal lessons to continue. Ms Fox’s office and the kitchen will also benefit from a fresh coat of paint. Please call in to check out the end result.

The hardworking P&C have planned another fundraising endeavor for next month. As we all know the postponement of our horse sports, and the loss of that large amount of income, have necessitated the holding of other events. Your support in whatever way you can manage, will be greatly appreciated. Remember, funds raised benefit ALL children and ALL families. Many families took the opportunity to talk with Ms Fox and I about your child’s or children’s progress so far this year. Thank you for your interest and we hope that you found the meeting helpful and informative. Semester 1 reports are being prepared as I write and will be handed out on the last Friday of term.

The next newsletter will be written by Mrs Sandra Coffey who will be taking over the relieving principal’s role whilst I take some long service leave also. I know she will do a great job.

As usual, there are busy weeks ahead, before the next holidays and before we do it all again in Term 3. Hang in there everyone!

Michelle Cooper
Relieving Principal
**Belltrees Sports**

Included with this newsletter is information and a medical note and a permission note for children 8 years plus to enter 800m and high jump. Please return these notes as soon as possible as Belltrees school needs the 800m and high jump information to prepare the program. Parents are responsible for transporting their own children to this event or should organise transport with another family. Please contact staff if you are unable to get your child to Belltrees. Children in Emus sporting team will be given a red T-shirt on the day by Mrs Bettens. This must be returned to her, at the end of the day or on Monday 15th June UNWASHED please.

We have been timetabled for 2 stints in the canteen, we are in charge of the barbecue and we have also been asked to provide slices or cakes for sale at the canteen. Therefore we will require lots of parents to help out please.

**Hunter Inter-Schools Primary Public Speaking Competition**

We are allowed to enter 2 students per stage for this event at Singleton on Wednesday 12th or Thursday 13th August. Some of our students entered the competition last year and enjoyed the experience.

If your child would like to enter please call at the office for further details.

**Hunter Region Primary School Golf Trials/Tournament**

This event will be held on Monday 15th June at Stonebridge Golf Club Cessnock. If you would like further information please see Mrs Cooper.

**AIA Vitality Mini Roos School Football Festival (soccer)**

This day at Muswellbrook is on August 18th and is for Years 3 & 4. Each team needs 6-8 players and the day begins at 9.40am and finishes at 1.45pm. In conjunction, one boy and one girl from each school can enter a juggling challenge and one boy and one girl from each school can represent in a penalty shoot out. This sounds like a fun day—please let Mrs Cooper know if your child is interested in attending.

**Touch Football Gala Day**

For the touch footy diehards this activity is at Scone on Thursday 6th August. Each team will have 8-10 players and is for Year 3 and 4 and Years 5 and 6. The day finishes at 2pm. Please let Mrs Cooper know if your child is interested in attending.

**Annual School Report**

Ms Fox has worked very hard to produce this report, prior to taking leave. It has been uploaded to the school’s website. I would urge you to look at our great average progress results between Year 3 and 5 in NAPLAN performances especially when compared to ‘like schools’ and state results.

**Remember to let us know…….**

If you change your phone numbers or disconnect a number please advise the school immediately. If we need to contact you urgently it is vital that we have the correct numbers. Thank you for your anticipated help in this regard.

**Friday Sports**

Our sports training program is well behind our usual punishing schedule!! However, all will be changed beginning this Friday if some parent helpers could assist with training small groups of children in high jump, long jump, ball games, discus and shot put. (I’ll take care of the marching!!) If you are able to help please come to school at 2.30pm on Fridays. Please let a staff member know if you are coming as this will assist with planning and organisation.
Youth Council Forum
At Scone Council Chambers on 29th May a forum run by students from the Claymore Youth Advisory Council will be held. This forum will explore ideas on sustainability for the Upper Hunter Youth Council. The day begins at 9.30 and finished with lunch at midday. We have been invited to send 6 students. If your child is interested in community decision making and thinking about, and planning for the future, please nominate them for one of the six positions. Contact Mrs Cooper by Friday 22nd May if your child would like to attend.

Mid Term Class Awards

K-2
Macarthur Bettington—fantastic work
Henry Teague—working on his own
Laurence Roche—great work in maths and writing
Bailey White—terrific reading
Aaliyah Hussain—improvement in spelling and great work in storywriting
Isabella Teague—working well in number and storywriting
Jack Roser—improved participation in discussions, good effort in storywriting

3-6
Anekah Bettens—improvement and consistent effort this term
Brady Roser—neat bookwork and helpful attitude
Mac Crowe—on task and concentrating on improvement in all areas of classwork
Charlotte Brooks—excellence in writing
Lachlan Teague—focusing on classwork to do his best in all subjects
Camilla Teague—improvement in writing persuasive texts

Library
Henry Hubbard, Isabella Teague and Macarthur Bettington—great borrowers

Music
Jack Teague—terrific conducting at Musica Viva

Students of the Week

K-2
Rory Cornall and Lucy Caslick—terrific effort in recount writing

3-6
Ebony Bettens—putting in 100% in class this week
Kandice Wilson—helping with class jobs and improving relationship skills

Citizenship—Jacob Bridge—helping to restore order in the library/ K,1,2 area with great cleaning and tidying.
Recent Fundraising

A big thank you to everyone who was able to help in our recent school fundraising efforts. The King of the Ranges Canteen was supported by a group of enthusiastic parents and teachers which was much appreciated. The Mother’s Day Raffle was also very successful with great prizes distributed into our community.

Trivia, Prawn and Chicken Night

Flyers for our upcoming Trivia Night have been given to all school families, they have been distributed around Murrurundi and will appear in the next publication of ‘The Links’. Please use the leaflet enclosed with your flyer to arrange your ticket purchase from Natalie Turner. If you are able to make a slice for the night, please let Gail know (yellowgully@bigpond.com or 0409325531).

P & C Subs and Insurance

Some P & C Subs and Insurance payments are still outstanding, thanks for your cooperation in following up on this.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held at The White Hart Hotel on Monday, 1st June 6.00pm for 6.15pm start.

PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE OF DATE

Blandford Cross Country