

# North News

**Belmore North Public School**

Building on **Strengths** - Focused on the **Future**

COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION IN A SAFE AND CARING  
ENVIRONMENT TO DEVELOP THE WHOLE CHILD

Term 2 Week 10  
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Dear parents and families

Thank you for your support during the term. School activities are slowly returning to normal although the shortage of bus drivers and the wet weather caused the cancellation of some events.

## Staff changes

There will be some staff changes next term. Ms Edwards will be leaving to take up a permanent assistant principal role at a different school. Mrs Barnes will take over teaching class 3/4E and the leadership of Stage 2 as relieving assistant principal. Ms Zhang will take over 5/6B fulltime. The changes have been made to reduce as much disruption as possible.

## Student Reports

Student reports have been delayed and will be sent home on Wednesday 20 July 2022. After receiving your child's report if you would like to discuss it with the class teacher, please phone and leave a message for the teacher to contact you. A specific day and time has not been set aside for parent interviews.

## P&C Drinking Fountains

Thank you to our wonderful P&C who successfully applied for a grant. The funds were used to install 3 drinking fountains in various parts of the school. The drinking fountains have already proven popular with the students and will be even more popular when we move into the warmer weather. Students can drink from a bubbler on one side and re-fill their drink bottle from the other side of the water station. The drinking fountains are a fabulous addition to our school facilities. Thank you again to our P&C members.

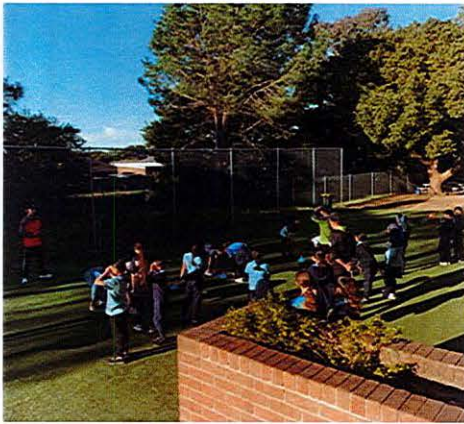


## Girls Cricket Program

It was great to see so many of our students participate in the after-school cricket program. The coaches from Cricket NSW were highly professional and led an enjoyable program for the students who developed their fitness, throwing, catching and batting skills. Congratulations to all the students who participated.

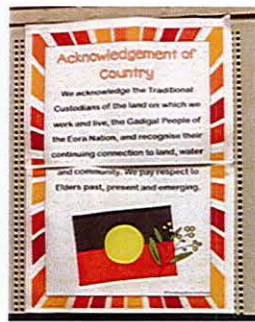






### NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC week focuses on developing awareness of the culture and history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander peoples. Thanks go to the school's NAIDOC team who organised a range of activities for students including art activities which are on display in the hall.







Students in K-2 had an exciting time getting to know the animals at the Kindifarm Incursion.



### Term 3 – what's planned so far for Term 3

Week	
1	Students return on Tuesday 19 July
2	Peer Support program starts and continues through the term Opportunity Class Test- July 28
3	Education Week Support unit and K-2 Excursion- 3 August
4	Stage 3 Camp- 10, 11,12 August
5	Zone Athletics Carnival - Tuesday 16 August Y3-6 Assembly - 19 August 2:30pm
6	Book Week – and Book Character Parade – 24 August PDHPE Anti-bullying Incursion 24 August "Sticks and Stones"
7	Fathers' Day Breakfast - Friday 2 September 8am-9am
8	School Photos- Wednesday 7 September
9	Performing Arts Concert- 14 September Y3-6 Assembly - 16 September
10	K-6 Assembly 2:15-2:45

### Data Collection

This term, our Learning and Support Team has started collecting information for the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

The NCCD is a data collection that counts:

- the number of school students receiving an adjustment or 'help' due to disability
- the level of adjustment they are receiving to access education on the same basis as other students.

Students are counted in the NCCD if they receive ongoing adjustments at school due to disability. Schools provide this information to education authorities.



## Student Attendance

Since COVID-19 struck in 2019 student attendance declined and has not improved. Today there were 83 students absent from school which equates to more than 30% of students. Every day at school matters. Naturally we do not want students to attend if they are unwell, but if they are well they should be at school every day that school is open. Long stays overseas also sets children's learning back significantly. A good education is one of the best predictors of future life and financial success.

The school follows attendance procedures set out by the Department of Education. If your child is absent due to illness, please let the school know by calling 9750 0652, send an email to: [belmorenth-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:belmorenth-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or use the Sentral parent portal to provide an explanation. If your child is absent for 3 days in a row you need to provide a medical certificate, otherwise the child will be marked absent-**unjustified**. The students work hard to achieve their best and teachers work hard to support students to achieve the best they can. Having just one day absent without being ill, can prevent students from achieving their best. Support your child to achieve his or her best.

## Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

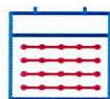
they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

**1** day per fortnight  


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**4** weeks



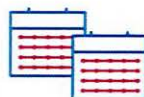
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Over **1** year missed

**1** day per week  


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**8** weeks



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Over **2.5** years missed

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## EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

*Give your child every chance to succeed...*

**Every day counts!**

