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Belmore North Public School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the end of Term 3 and prepare for the upcoming term, I want to take a moment to remind everyone that NSW Public Schools are safe places for all. As the principal, I reserve the right to exclude community members from accessing the premises if it is in the best interest of our staff, students, and the local community. I am passionate about creating safe and inclusive environments for all stakeholders, and I appreciate your support with this matter.

If you anticipate your child will not be returning to Belmore North Public School in 2025, please indicate this by completing the *Return to School* form that has been distributed to all students.

I am very proud to report that our Year 1 Phonics Screener results are above the state average, a testament to the hard work of our amazing Stage 1 team. I would also like to extend my gratitude to the community, students, and teachers for their outstanding effort during the 2025 Performing Arts Afternoon. It was a joy to see so many proud family and community members celebrating our students' performing arts talents, and I look forward to the next event.

A gentle reminder to parents, please refrain from posting photos of other children online. This helps us maintain a safe and respectful environment for all our students.

We have begun the recruitment process for 2025 student leaders, providing students with the opportunity to nominate themselves and seek endorsement from their teachers and Stage Assistant Principal.

I would like to celebrate the achievements of two exceptional students: one student ranked 2nd place in the network Spelling Bee, while another student won 1st place at the Zone Athletics for shot put and will represent Belmore North Public School at the state championships.

Looking ahead, we have several upcoming events for Term 4:

Eye Care Testing: A valuable opportunity for your child's vision to be assessed. Early detection of vision and hearing issues is crucial for their behaviour, concentration, and learning.

Swim Scheme: This commences on the first day of Term 4. If your child is attending, please ensure they arrive promptly each day to avoid missing the bus. Make sure they have the necessary clothing items ready.

Kindy Orientation: Scheduled for mid and late Term 4, I am excited to welcome a new group of learners.

Stage 3 Activities: Students will look forward to visiting the Cataract Activity Centre, Belmore Community Youth Centre, Year 6 Farewell and Planetarium incursion.

Presentation Day: One of my favourite times of the year. We celebrate the excellent achievements and effort of students school wide. I am looking forward to seeing many proud parents in the audience.

I am also looking forward to our 2024 *Community Afternoon*, which will feature delicious food and games, open to the wider community to help enhance our school's reputation.

As we enter the school holidays, I encourage you to take time to rest and recover. Please remember, if your child reads just one book over the break, they are expanding their world of characters, vocabulary, and morals. Reading truly is everything!

If you are planning to enrol your child into kindergarten for 2025, please do so as soon as possible. This will ensure I have enough time to adequately scope the placement of your child's class and teacher.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing everyone on the first day of Term 4, **Monday, October 14th.**

Here are some photos of the wonderful Performing Arts Afternoon and the Athletics Carnival. Lovely to see happy faces and students trying their best.







Belmore North Public School newsletters are posted on the school website, through the Sentral Parent Portal and Facebook. Facebook is our most active interface. If you have not already liked the Belmore North Public School Facebook page, please do so. It is the best way to get reminders and see amazing photos of our students working hard and having fun.

A reminder that I seldom approve student overseas travel. The reasons for travelling during the school term need to be exceptional. If you would like to discuss your circumstances and reasons for travel, please book a time to see me well in advance of your departure date.

Restorative Practice is the foundation of the Belmore North Public School Student Behaviour and Wellbeing Management Protocols. When students exhibit behaviour that is out of the agreed upon classroom operating norms, teachers engage in Restorative Conversations. The conversations focus on establishing the student's emotional stance and contributing factors to the issue at hand. Teachers ask questions relating to:

- The past. This allows teachers to gather rich contextual information pertaining to contributing factors. This is often very useful information.
- The Present. This gives teachers an insight into the most recent incident / issue at hand.
- The Future. Teachers guide students in setting achievable goals to empower them to make safe choices in the future. Teachers also negotiate suitable consequences for negative incidents.

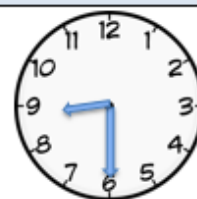
Belmore North Public School has been running restorative conversations for over a year now, which has seen progress with some student relationships. Practising restorative conversations with your children at home may further consolidate their learning and develop their citizenship; which is so important. If students continue to display negative behaviours after going through restorative conversations cycles, consequences will be set by the teachers, the leadership team and I, the principal.

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

**Check the time
your school
starts.
DON'T BE LATE!**



Sometimes when teachers communicate with students, they use a *firm* voice. This denotes clear and concise instructions to ensure student safety. If students are behaving in an unsafe or disrespectful way, a firm voice is used to remind students of expectations and boundaries. Sometimes, students interpret a firm voice as 'screaming', 'yelling' or 'shouting'. Teachers at Belmore North Public School do not 'scream', 'yell' or 'shout' at students. It is important that your child knows the difference between the two. If you would like to discuss this in person, please book a time to speak to an Assistant Principal.

Mr D Borger was successful in acquiring the position of Assistant Principal at Belmore North Public School. We are looking forward to having him commence at Belmore North Public School in 2025. He comes with experience teaching and leading students and staff with a range of skills and abilities.

Many parents and children use the administration building as a thoroughfare from the playground to the front school gate. **As of Term 4, this will no longer be an option.** Parents will not be able to access the administration hall corridor outside the principal's office. Electronically operated doors will be established to ensure only authorised people have access to the administration building. I understand this may be a inconvenience for some of you. I acknowledge this will take some time to acclimate to. If parents are on the playground in the morning when the front gates are closed, they will need to exit from the front side gate. Our friendly staff will be available to show you the new exit protocols. I take student and staff safety very seriously at Belmore North Public School, as such, this measure has been established.

Finally, I would like to thank the P&C of Belmore North Public School. Their dedication to the students, staff and community is something special. It is a joy working with them and I love the new ideas and robust discussions at our meetings. I am looking forward to our next big event and scoping opportunities for 2025.

Warm regards,

JP Kiraz

Principal

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