Welcome to week 6!

One more week to camp!!!!

Yes that’s correct only one more week until Belltrees students hit the big smoke with their planned trip to Sydney. All activities are finalised and plans are in place.

I have attached a permission note, medical forms and what to bring list, so all parents can be ready for Tuesday morning.

There has been a little change in plan for the trip down and back. With trackwork set to begin on Monday night we will have to catch a bus to Maitland and then the train to Sydney. (Just a little minor hiccup)

Day one the children will experience Powerhouse Museum and see the transport back in time show along with Glow science show. We will then have time to explore the rest of the museum. We will also be bowling at Darling Harbour that evening.

Day two will see us head on the ferry to Taronga zoo. After a trip on the skyline the children will participate in a self guided walk through the zoo taking in the sights and the animals and watching some of the free shows. The evening will see us looking at the stars at Madame Tussards wax factory where they will see figures of all kinds from President Obama to Delta and Kylie. I’m looking forward to a photo with Brad Pitt!

The evening will wrap up with a yummy dinner at the well known Hard Rock Café.

Day three will begin with a visit to the Dinosaur exhibition at the Australian Musuem, followed with lunch at The Rocks and a special historical dig at the YHA sight. We will then move onto a ‘Rocks Walk’, with a special treat in store for the children.

Day four will see the inner surfi e brought out in the children with a surfing lesson at Manly beach.

I cannot wait for the trip and the children are certainly on the countdown.

Kinder Orientation:
Emma has now completed her Kindergarten Orientation here at school and she is looking forward to coming back in the New Year, ready and rearing for school to begin. Thank you Emma for your lovely attitude and efforts during your special time here at Belltrees!
Ellerston Fun Day!
Last Wednesday all Belltrees students and staff were treated to a day of fun and friendship at Ellerston. The students rotated through three different activities and had a blast with all of them.
We had a water watch activity where the students had to catch macro invertebrates in the Hunter River, identify them and then determine the quality of the water.
Students were treated to a wonderful art activity from Ms Fox from Blandford where they created some beautiful Tasmanian Devil artworks.
I think the highlight of the day was the waterslide and slipping on the big Aussie thong down the long and slippery tarp.
The Ellerston P & C provided a lovely lunch and the children also enjoyed the visit from the Devil Ark and the bus trip with the Blandford children.
All in all a wonderful day and another demonstration of how well small schools work together!

Here we are devils and all. (Tassie devils that is!!)

Here we are ready for our dipnetting!

Jess, Skye and Emily in the action.

Eddie getting into it, literally!
“A great day, I had lots of fun”
Jock

“It was really exciting to see the Tasmanian Devils and to hold them and experience them” Edward

“The Tassie Devils were so cute and I had heaps of fun” Emily

“I had the greatest time, especially the art and the waterslide” Jessica

Belltrees P & C Horse Sports
A wonderful day ends with a wonderful contribution!

Last Friday Jock and Eddie represented Belltrees school in the Belltrees Horse Sports. The sun was shining and the weather was perfect and Eddie took home 8yr old boy champion, while Jock took home Reserve 6yr boy champion. Well done boys!! Also a big thank you to Lachlan, Darcy & Emily who with Miss Hill helped on the day running the results back to the office.

Thank you to the P & C for running the event and for their contributions to our school. I am pleased to announce that the P & C have kindly agreed to purchase a new benchmark reading kit for the school, along with 100% payment towards the Sydney excursion. Thank you very much P & C your contributions are greatly appreciated!

Photos of Horse Sports to come!

Rememberance Day!
Today the students of Belltrees stopped at the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month to remember the men and women who served in combat. They learnt some historical facts about WWI and we gave thanks for our freedom.
Annual Financial rollover

That time of year is quickly approaching again where Mrs Batterham and I need to complete our Annual Financial Statement. If you have any outstanding money owing to the school would you please arrange to tie up as soon as possible. I have sent home invoices if this applies to you. Thank you for your assistance.

Swimming

We have decided due to the extremely busy nature of the end of the year we have moved our two week annual swimming program to the beginning of 2015. With camp, presentation, carols and the students finishing their final assessments before reports, I felt it was simply too much. So here’s to swimming in the New Year!

Library books & readers!

Would everyone please have a look at home for any library books, classroom readers or home readers that may be under beds, in bookshelves, or on desks. We will be completing our annual stocktake of our books soon and we need to account for every resource. Thank you for your help.

What’s on this term?

Week 7: Sydney

Week 8: 28th November, Presentation night

Week 9: A quiet week, (thank goodness.)

Week 10: 12th December, reports home 14th December, Community Carols Evening,

Week 11: 17th December, School ends!

Community notice!
If there is any community information or events that you have coming up and would like advertised. You can get free advertising here. Just ring the office or send your flyer to the school email.

Have a fantastic week everyone and be kind to each other!

Johanna Teague
The children and Staff of Belltrees Public School

Invite you to join us for the

2014 Presentation and Concert Night

Friday 28th November, 2014, commencing at 6:30pm, in the school grounds

Please bring a plate to share for Supper.

Tea and Coffee will be available

Please Bring your own Cool Drinks

No Smoking is permitted on the school grounds at any time

For further information, please phone the school office on 02 6546 1148
Save the Date

Belltrees Public School Presentation Night
28th November 2014  6:30pm

Community Carols Night
At Belltrees Public School
Sunday 14th December 2014  7pm
Everyone Welcome