Principals Message
Welcome to Week 3
Community Spirit – What does community spirit mean to you? I thought about this exact question when like many others on the weekend I was a spectator at the annual Scone and Upper Hunter Horse Festival Parade and the popular Grammar School Fete, followed on by the Scone Rodeo. At each of these events I was floored by the efforts and community spirit. The people that are involved in organising these events do an amazing job and sometimes it can be a thankless role. Firstly the parade was colourful and creative and the horses were well behaved. There were stalls and markets, and some school fundraising going on. The entries were aplenty and the crowd seemed to be again bigger than last year. The Grammar School Fete was next on the list for the Teague family and the efforts and organisation for the running of the day were fantastic. Finally the Scone Rodeo; The Scone and surrounding communities gathered together and had a fun filled action packed evening with some fantastic entertainment. However with all the thrills and spills there was one thing I took away from the evening and that was the evidence of community spirit. I was amazed at the local efforts for the Jamie Manning Recovery Auction on Friday night and the volunteers again should be so proud of their efforts, but I found myself with a few tears in the eyes when the Rodeo Committee donated a substantial cheque to the Manning family. It is wonderful to see that local people such as the Scone Rodeo Committee are committed to demonstrating community spirit and donating to such a worthy cause. So this week challenge yourself and your thinking, how can you improve or show your community spirit? Well done Scone!

Johanna Teague – Relieving Principal

“In every community there is work to be done. In every nation there are wounds to heal. In every heart there is the power to do it!”

Marianne Williamson

From The Classroom
What a fabulous week we all had here at Belltrees last week. We spent our class time learning about the Earth and continents and how we were once part of a supercontinent called Gondwana land. We also explored position and addition in mathematics and procedures, grammar, handwriting and reading in literacy. The kindergarten children enjoyed all things a& t and this week will be exploring p, i & n. We will continue to learn about procedures and this week in numeracy it is subtraction and 2D shapes. Kindergarten did a fantastic job remembering to return their homework every night and we had 100% returns on Friday. Keep up the great work children!

Assessment
Mrs Scott was here last Wednesday to assess each students reading level and spelling level. Tomorrow Mrs Scott will return to complete a number of numeracy based assessments.

Thank you
Thank you to all parents who have returned their parent teacher interview notes. A confirmation of your time will be sent through later this week. Also the Literacy and Numeracy workshops will be going ahead in week 5 & 6. More details to come!

Dates for this Term
16th May: Responsible Pet Care Talk
22nd May: Parent Teacher interviews
26th May: Musica Viva at Rouchel
29th May: Pizza and Sausage Roll Day
29th May: Parent information – Literacy
30th May –NO TUCKSHOP
5th June: Parent information – Numeracy
16th June: MS Visit
20th June: Belltrees Sports
24th June Science Day at Blandford.
Reminder
All students need to bring in completed Premiers Reading Challenge Sheets each Wednesday, so they can be recorded online.

From the Office:
Student Banking
Could all parents please ensure that their students deposit slips are completed prior to being sent to school. We need to make sure that what you intended to deposit is deposited. If the amount on deposit slip and money are not the same a note will be sent home to let you know.

Book Club Orders
All orders need to be in at school tomorrow 13th May

A heartwarming history lesson!
Last week the Belltrees children had a wonderful visit from local lady Mrs Di Jenkins who came for a lovely morning tea and to donate a beautiful print titled The First Fleet. Mrs Jenkins thought the children would like to know a little more of Australian history and the names of the ships and their passengers in the First fleet, and it would also provide a topic of discussion. She pointed out her own family history and answered many inquisitive questions. We would like to thank Mrs Jenkins for her kind donation to our school and it has proudly taken place in our school library.

Musica Viva
This Musica Viva experience will be at Rouchel P.S on 26th May. A permission note will come home this week!