It is unbelievable how fast the term is flying by. Only 5 weeks to go until school holidays again! Last week was a fantastic week and we look forward to a busy and exciting one this week. Yesterday students attended Rouchel Public School for the Gypsy Tober performance from Musica Viva. The students were treated to the most amazing singing from all over the world. African songs performed in Swahili, Brazilian songs in Portuguese and Australian ones in English. The performers were amazing and made the musical learning experiences tremendous ones. Thank you to Rouchel Public School for hosting us throughout the day.

Listening to the amazing songs in the different languages made me think about the ‘rest of the world’ so to speak. I went home and discussed with my family about the lifestyles and living arrangements of people especially children all around the world. This also became relevant when an ad for world vision hit the television screen and the questions than began to flow between the children and myself. It was amazing how many emotions this evoked, but the one that stood out was empathy. Empathy is the ability to see the world as another person, to share and understand another person’s feelings, needs, concerns and/or emotional state. Everybody sees the world differently, based on their experiences, their up-bringing, culture, religion, opinions and beliefs. In order to empathise with another person you need to see the world from their perspective and therefore need to use some imagination as to what their perspective is based on, how they see the world and why they see it differently from you. Many people find it easier to empathise with people who are closer to them and have more shared experiences and views. My challenge this week is for you to try to build empathy in your children. Talk to your children about their musical experiences from yesterday and then relate it back to children around the world, what is their life like, and how are they similar/different to us? It will open the door to many questions, as it did with my children, but sometimes it is a good thing for them to see the other side. I’ll leave that one with you!

Have a great week everyone!

Johanna Teague

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**P & C Meeting.**

This meeting will be held at 6pm on Thursday 29th May in the Belltrees Library. If you have any items for the agenda can you please add them before the meeting. We will be discussing events such as Belltrees Sports Day, excursions, resources and so on. If you could make the meeting that would be great!

**Literacy Information session:**

This Thursday I will be presenting an information session surrounding literacy and the K-6 Curriculum. It will be a power point presentation and will be held in the classroom. This is a great chance to see what your child will be learning about in Literacy in class and it will also give you some fantastic websites to visit to assist with your child’s learning at home. If you can come along that would be fantastic and kick off is at 5:30pm (just before the P & C Meeting.) Coffee and cake will be available. Hope to see you there.

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**Dates for this Term**

29th May: Pizza and Pancake Day  
29th May: P & C Meeting  
29th May: Parent information – Literacy  
30th May – NO TUCKSHOP  
4th June: Principals Invermein Meeting – Mrs Capararo on class.  
5th June: Parent information – Numeracy  
16th June: MS Visit  
20th June: Belltrees Sports  
24th June Science Day at Blandford.
Interview Thanks!
Just a quick thank you to all parents who attended the Parent/Teacher Interviews on Thursday. It was a fantastic opportunity to discuss your child’s academic and social development and a great chance to discuss any questions or concerns. I would like to send out a survey to parents asking for their feedback on this integral communication between teachers and parents and if you could answer and return to school, that would be greatly appreciated. It will not go home until Friday as I have one interview still to go on Thursday. Many thanks for your assistance.

Reminder
All students need to bring in completed Premiers Reading Challenge Sheets each Wednesday, so they can be recorded online. Finish date : 14th August

Demountable Relocation
It was a sad day on Thursday when we had to bid farewell to the iconic demountable building that had been a part of the Belltrees landscape for many years. Unfortunately due to the DEC guidelines and allocation rules the demountable had to be relocated. The room has seen many different activities over the years, from the music practices, to the office library and staff room. There is now an empty space, where it once stood, but the memories are always there!

PIZZA AND PANCAKE DAY ON THURSDAY
On Thursday this week students have the opportunity to have pancakes for recess and pizza for lunch. This will be one of our Red tuckshop weeks for this term. Please find attached order form for this week.

Please note: No Tuckshop on Friday this week.