We had another busy week here at Belltrees last week, with the children participating in many amazing activities. We are continuing to learn about recounts and graphing in mathematics was certainly a hit. The students completed surveys using the office staff and some visiting workmen and completed a tally. They then developed their own column graph and all were very proud to show off their results. The look of accomplishment when they presented their final graph was wonderful. That very thing is what inspires me to continue teaching. Great Teaching, Inspired Learning, A blueprint for action, was released in March 2013. In this document education experts and the broader community agree we need to develop in our young people a number of specific things:
* Confidence to know they can learn in a group or own their own.
* The ability to solve problems individually and as a group, the capacity to analyses what they see and hear.
* Confidence to use technology and understand it is a tool that can enhance communication.
* The ability to communicate and express ideas in a clear and rational way.
* Interpersonal skills to enable them to relate effectively and appropriately to others.
* Creativity, to help them look at the world and be innovative in dealing with challenges.
* Ethical values, social responsibility, wellbeing and citizenship.

After reading this document the points above really resonated with me. I believe that the students here at Belltrees possess many of these qualities and the discussion, design, implementation, and end results from our lesson last week was evidence this is occurring all the time. Ask yourself at home this week can I see the above qualities in myself? What can I work on with my children, what areas could be developed?

Have a great week!

Johanna Teague

Interview survey:
I have attached a quick survey for our recent Parent/Teacher Interviews. If you could please take the time to complete and return to school that would be greatly appreciated.

P & C Meeting:
Thank you to the parents who were here for the P & C Meeting on Thursday. Minutes will be sent home as soon as they become available. Please note the P & C Certificate of currency has arrived and I have attached a copy for your perusal.

Literacy Information session:
Thank you to the parents who came to the Literacy Workshop on Thursday night. We had a discussion based around reading and comprehension and what parents can do at home to help their child read and understand new texts. We explored two different comprehension strategies and looked at how reading is structured in class. If you were unable to make it on the night, and you would like the powerpoint presentation sent through to you, I am more than happy to do that.

Dates for this Term
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.
National Disability Data Collection
Currently not enough is known about Australian school students with disability to enable all governments to best target support and resources to assist these students. The implementation of a nationally consistent approach to collecting data will provide Australian school, educational authorities and community with information about; how many students with disability there are; and the level of adjustment provided for them to participate in schooling on the same basis as other students. Belltrees School is participating in the collection of data and I have attached a parent information page with details of websites for more information. Attached to the parent note is a slip, you must fill in and return to school if you DO NOT want your son/daughter to participate in the data collection. If there is no slip returned to school your child will be involved in the data collection.

Excursion:
A day trip is currently being organised for the students to participate in. The trip to Newcastle will be in collaboration with our Australia unit in H.S.I.E. The excursion will be in week 7 or 8. The final details are currently being organised and I will have a permission note and details out this week. Watch this space!

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

Invermein meeting
I will be away this Wednesday 4th June at the Invermein meeting in Aberdeen. If you need to contact me urgently, please phone Dorry at school and she will get a message to me straight away. This day is a fantastic opportunity for the small schools in our area to collaborate and learn. Mr Turnbull will be teaching my program on the day.

Scone Arts and Crafts Competition Entry – Endangered.
Thank you Mrs Holmes and Mrs Cap