Welcome to term three!
I hope everyone has had a safe and restful holiday and are ready and rearing for another exciting term here at Belltrees.

Before we talk about term three, I would like to take the opportunity to formally announce that I am continuing in my current role as Relieving Principal here at Belltrees until the end of the 2014 school year. I am certainly looking forward to the semester ahead.

**Belltrees Sports Day:** Weather wise, we had what Crowded House would sing as ‘Four Seasons in One Day’. Besides the uncontrollable weather the day was a fantastic day that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The students showed excellent sportsmanship and I loved to hear and see the encouraging words and actions of peers and parents on the sidelines as their friends and children ran, jumped, threw, or rolled. The Under 8’s had a range of activities and ran their little hearts out in the age races and giggled uncontrollably during the ball games. Well done to all the Under 8’s who participated beautifully on the day! The junior and senior students all competed extremely well and were quite exhausted at the end due to the fast, continuous pace of the day, and giving it their best!

Thank you to the Belltrees staff for the efforts in the lead up to the day. Thank you to parents from Belltrees, Ellerston, Blandford, Anto White, John Henley and Serena White for helping with the set up on the Thursday. I think everyone would agree that the grounds looked amazing and again we thank the White family for the use of their grounds. Thank you must also be extended to all who helped on the day, on the field or in the canteen; your contribution to our Small Schools Carnival is appreciated.

Term Three will see our small school welcome Miss Lucy Johnson into our school. Lucy is a Scone lady who attends Avondale College and is currently in her final year of study completing Early Childhood. Lucy will spend some time this week completing observations and getting to know the children and their learning capabilities. In the subsequent weeks, she will be preparing and teaching some specific outcome based lessons. We welcome Lucy and hope she enjoys her educational learning experience here at Belltrees.

Yesterday teachers all over the state were involved in staff development day. These days are required every term to assist teachers in their own professional learning, curriculum planning and organising. Staff here at Belltrees participated in a day of Mandatory training activities. We completed our emergency care, work health and safety inductions, complaints handling and code of conduct updates. These requirements form the basis of our ‘Duty of Care’ here at Belltrees.

I look forward to another interesting and educational term here at Belltrees.

Thank you!

Johanna Teague
Pie & Lamington Order.

Last term a pie & lamington order form was sent home to all families. If you are anything like my family you like to stock up. This is a Belltrees P & C fundraiser and will go towards assisting the children in the classroom and with their extracurricular activities. If you are a community member and would like to place an order please phone the school on 65461148.

Professional Development:

This Thursday 17th July, Mrs Batterham and I will be attending a Core Financial, and Consultative Decision Making workshop in Tamworth. Mrs Cap and Dorry will be here for the day.

Dates to Remember

17th July: P & C Meeting
11th August: Merriwa Horse Sports
18th August: Book Fair Week
29th August: Aberdeen Horse Sports

“Sportsmanship for me is when a guy walks off the court and you really can’t tell whether he won or lost, when he carries himself with pride either way.” – Jim Courier