Welcome to Week 4!

What a week! Education week was celebrated in a variety of ways here at Belltrees Public School. We started the week off with a bang and students were looking at their school life and comparing it to the school lives of East Timorese children. Tuesday we then said Terervatuloa to Mr Perthi Terho and Mr Mark Young who came to visit our small school and they were treated to a fabulous display of songs from around the world. The students performed Children from around the World using sign language. They then performed an African song, Sansa Kroma. We then enjoyed a lovely morning tea. Tuesday afternoon we had a number of staff take part in the annual Education Week award ceremony which was held in Aberdeen. Mrs Batterham was recognised for her efforts in both Belltrees and Ellerston schools as our SAM. Michelle Singleton was given thanks for continued volunteer work to improve the educational and cultural experiences for Belltrees Public School. Skye Singleton was presented with the student award for demonstrating great leadership skills and a strong work ethic. Congratulations to these special people and we thank you for your efforts in our small school!

Thursday we welcomed Lachie’s mum and Darcy and Emilys grandmother into our classroom. It was a great opportunity to welcome family into the school and they could get a close up look of what goes on inside the classroom. Friday I was present at the Wollemi network Principals Meeting in Quirindi. It was a fantastic day of collegial networking and professional development and we were able to hear a few tips regarding schooling in Finland.

This week we will be having a great week of learning with the students continuing their East Timor work. We are beginning our ESIO TROT projects and there will be a mathematical focus on division. We will continue work on descriptions, and learn more about Healthy Living!

Have a great week everyone!
* One Happy Steer! This year’s yet to be named steer will now be very comfortable with some fantastic undercover shade in his yards. On Saturday, Richard Carter and Nathan Teague constructed the shelter and it will ensure the children can be covered whilst working with him. Thank you Richard & Nathan!

Reminder: If you have any spare knitted blankets, toys or beanies or know of anyone who does and would like to donate them to the school for distribution to a small East Timorese village that would be greatly appreciated.

Don’t forget about our combined literacy/numeracy/book week/mid term assembly in Week 6. The theme is Catch the Reading Bug and I encourage everyone to come dressed as a bug, flower, bookworm or something from the garden.

**Dates to Remember**
- 11th August: Merriwa Horse Sports
- 18th August: Book Fair Week
- 21st August: Assembly & Dress Up Day
- 29th August: Aberdeen Horse Sports
- 9th October: Little Mermaid Civic Theatre

**Skye receives her Award**

**Belltrees Public School Education Week Awards Recipients**

**Mr Terho’s Visit**

**Book Fair Garden**

Date: 18th to 22nd August
Time: 9am to 3:30pm
Place: Belltrees School Office