Welcome to the final week for term 3!

School dates:
How the time has flown by. We only have This week left before we will all enjoy a well deserved two week holiday.

School will finish on Friday 19th September and return on Tuesday 7th October, 2014. Next term is another long one with an 11 week term and school finishing on Wednesday 19th December.

What’s happening in the classroom?
The children have thoroughly embraced the Intensive Spelling program in class. This program encourages and teaches children to read and spell high frequency words. Kindergarten are focusing on 75 words and years two and four on 90. These words are most commonly used in their writing and in their sentences. Students have also been heavily involved in imaginary texts. We have been reading tales from around the world and today’s story from Russia, Baba Yaba the Flying Witch was similar to many well known fairytales. Students are retelling and reconstructing the texts and will move onto their own narratives by the end of the week. In mathematics we are moving this week onto telling the time and reading digital and analog clocks + some addition.

Horse Sports Star!
On Friday, Jock Maxwell competed at the first Aberdeen Horse Sports event. Jock did extremely well taking home six first place ribbons and the Champion 6 yr old boy on the day. Well done Jock!

Horse Sports Meeting:
Thank you to those parents who attended the meeting on Thursday your involvement is appreciated.

Notes:
Last Monday there were some notes sent home with the newsletter asking for permission to print your child’s name in school articles, websites, etc. Could you please return these notes as soon as possible. The choock roster for the holidays also went out, so if you are free at any stage could you please volunteer to feed our gorgeous pets.
Excursion to Sydney:
I am in the preliminary steps of organising an excursion to Sydney in week 7 of term four. I understand this is a busy term, however I would love for the children to experience Sydney during the warmer months. Our excursion will also sit very well with both our Science & Technology unit on Dinosaurs and our H.S.I.E unit on The way we were.
I am asking for one or two parents to volunteer their time to accompany us on the school excursion.
Please note we do need one father to come along.
Please fill out the slip below and return to school if you can or cannot assist on the camp.
Dates are as follows Tuesday 18th November- Friday 21st November, 2014.
Can you also let me know if your child/children will be attending the camp so I can work out final costings.
Beginning ideas are a visit to the Opera house, Australian Museum to the Dinosaurs Alive exhibition, a trip to the IMAX theatre. A big dig excavation activity a rocks walk, a Taronga Zoo trip and much, much more. 

Hats! Hats! Hats!
Now the sun is shining, the birds are singing and the weather is finally warming up I would like to encourage all children to wear their school hats at recess and lunch. Next term our sunsafe policy is back in place and it is compulsory!

P & C Meeting
Just a quick reminder to all families and community members there will be a P & C Meeting this Thursday at 5pm. If you can come along and be involved in our small school that would be marvellous.

New Laptops!
On Friday I felt like Christmas had come early to Belltrees with the arrival of two new laptops. The latptops were given as part of the eT4L program and we would like to thank the Department of Education and Training for their contribution to our Technology resources here at school.

WIFI!
On the Technology topic, we are very excited to also announce we will be installing WiFi into the classroom, library and office at the beginning of next term. The WiFi will allow students to work more freely on their laptops, but it will also enable us to utilise the wonderful I PADS we have here at school. A great step for the students at Belltrees.

Community Members!
Are you part of a community group or organisation? Do you have a fundraiser coming up? Would you like to have some free advertising? Our newsletter reaches a number of people from a wide geographical area. We are more than happy for your flyer to be attached so if this applies to you, please phone the office or send an email through to; belltrees-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.
Long Lasting Memories:
Last week the children had their last visit to the beautiful Rouchel school. We were there for our final performance of Musica Viva for 2014, and for some lovely interactions with the pupils of the school. Mr T did some excellent dancing and Mrs Reid worked on a beautiful Spring artwork. Thank you Mrs Reid for inviting us, we had a great day!

Thanks for the Memories!    Have a great week!

Johanna Teague

I will / will not be sending my child/children.............................................................to Sydney.
I can / cannot assist with supervision for the excursion

Signed.................................................................

Name:...............................................................  Date:...............................................................