9th November, 2015

Welcome to week 6!

**Excursion** - The students are all excited and eager for our Newcastle excursion tomorrow. The bus leaves the school at 7:30am and heads for Newcastle where our very first activity is ice skating. We will then move to puttputt golf and night time fun of ten pin bowling and laser tag. Wednesday will see the students take to the surf at Nobby's beach and then jumping around at the Spring Loaded trampoline centre. We will return back to school Wednesday afternoon at approximately 4:30pm. Please note the school will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday. (If you haven't paid for the excursion please don't pay tomorrow, please send in on Thursday) (Spending money please send in a sealed envelope or zip lock bag with name clearly on the front)

**Horse Sports** - Unfortunately due to the rain the Belltrees P & C Horse Sports had to be postponed and rescheduled. The new date is Friday 27th November, 2015 Any questions or queries can be directed to Camilla Maxwell or Sheena Carter. The P & C will still be seeking assistance with helpers in the canteen and donations of cakes and slices for the event.

**Basketball** - this term we have had the pleasure of Danielle Brown visiting our school. Danielle is a wonderful basketball coach who is working with the students, training and teaching them the rules of the game once a week during our sport time. Danielle has said the children are all moving ahead in leaps and bounds and the improvement is very noticeable. The funding for this great program comes from our Sporting Schools Grant money. Something we do appreciate, for without it, it would be more expensive for parents.

**New Presentation Night Date:** Due to the change around with the Belltrees P & C Horse Sports event, the Belltrees Presentation night will now be held on Tuesday 1st or Wednesday 2nd December. We are just waiting to hear back from Mr Mark Young. The theme for this year's concert is Summer Holiday. Come along and help the students to celebrate their successes for the year and watch as they display their talents in our concert.

**Water Leaking** - I would ask that anybody who wants to enter the school to get to the shed, please enter via the new gate. We have a problem with a leaking valve on the front lawn and the grass is very water logged. Thank you for your assistance.
Beef Bonanza thank you - The following email was sent through to the school
Good morning everyone.
I just wanted to send a brief email to congratulate you all for a successful weekend at the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza.
It was wonderful seeing you all there. All the steers looked great!
Thank you for being so organised over the weekend also, it surely did make it easier to get through all the events.
Once again, congratulations and hopefully we will see you all again next year.
Have a great week.
Kind regards,
Hannah Hunt

No Hat, No Play - Please ensure your child/children are bringing their bucket hat to school everyday. As it is nearing the hottest time of the year, they are more likely to get burnt. If you could also apply suncream in the morning before school that would be great. We also have some suncream in the kitchen for reapplying throughout the day.

New Resources - We have some wonderful new things for the children to play with. We have purchased new sand toys, buckets, cars, tractors, shovels and spades for the creative play in the sandpit. These new items will assist in the creative adventures the students take whilst in the sandpit during lunch time. We also purchased some wonderful Schleich toys and beautiful Australian animals. These figurines will be a fantastic addition to our Australian animals unit and during creative play times.

New Readers - Another amazing resource that has been added to our school is more PM readers. These readers will be used with students whose reading levels range from 10-19. We thank the P & C for their generous contribution to our school and know the students will benefit greatly from the new resource in the school.

Dates for the diary:

Week 6: Tuesday 10th - Wednesday 11th – Newcastle excursion
Week 7: Monday 16th November – Grandparents Day @ 10:30am
Week 8: Friday 27th Belltrees P & C Horse Sports
Week 9-Week 10: Swimming
Week 9: Tuesday 1st December – Presentation Evening @ 6:30pm
Week 11: Wednesday 16th December – School finishes for 2015 for students.
Week 11: Thursday 17th December – Staff Development Day at Blandford P.S

Have a fantastic week everyone!

Johanna Teague
Relieving Principal