Welcome back!

Firstly I would love to welcome the much needed rain we have received over the last week, however I would like to pause for a moment and spare our thoughts for our Southern neighbours who have lost so much. We are thinking of the families who have lost loved ones, homes and pets. May your recovery be speedy.

Relaxing holiday???
Even though the holiday seemed to fly by, I hope all families had a lovely break and they were able to spend some quality, special time with relatives and friends. I know the children have returned to school with a spring in their step and are happy to be back into term two!

Lake Keepit!
On Monday years 3 & 5 will be making their way to Lake Keepit Sport and Recreation Camp. We are joining the 3/4/5/6 classes from Blandford and Ellerston. I have received the program and it is jam packed with fun filled activities such as rock climbing, canoeing (even with the dam at 5%), archery and ‘the BIG swing’. I have attached another ‘what to pack’ list incase the one from last term has been misplaced.

It is essential that we meet at Blandford P.S car park at 7:15am as the bus departs at 7:30am and we are unable to wait for you if you are late, as our first activity begins at 10:30am.

The bus will return on Wednesday afternoon approximately 4:15-4:30pm. I will ring around when we are getting closer, so please have your mobile switched on!

Please remember a maximum of $30 each to spend at the souvenir shop.
Please pack morning tea for your child in a disposable wrapper. The will have their water bottle on the bus to refill each day of the camp.

Please make sure all medication required during the week including for headaches, asthma, hayfever etc, is sent. If your child uses an asthma spacer they should bring their own from home. Please make sure all medication is in its original packaging with clear dosage instructions and a signed permission note from the parent. Hand it to Mrs Teague or Dorry as you go onto the bus.
Easter hat parade and end of term assembly

Congratulations boys and girls for your fantastic display of headware during our Easter Hat Parade. It was wonderful to see such a wide variety of colour and designs. Thank you to Michelle and our School Captains, Jessica and Skye for making our beautiful Easter presents. The thought was beautiful.

The gorgeous hand painted Easter Rabbit signs and eggs for all students and staff!

Easter Parade and Easter Hunt

Congratulations to our award winners at the end of term one. Congratulations to Emily for her demonstration of her special book series by Holly Webb and Jessica for her demonstration of barrel racing.
Stewart House

Stewart House is an organisation that has been changing children’s lives since 1931. This non for profit organisation allows children to participate in educational programs and excursions designed to develop their social and emotional skills, build self-esteem and improve their overall well-being.

This experience provides children with a much needed break from their current circumstance. ‘Our children are inspired to see beyond the present and to have real hope and positive aspirations for their future.’

You have an opportunity to support this worthwhile organisation. I have attached an envelope which when you donate and record your details on the back of the envelope you go into the draw to win a family holiday worth $4000. Must be returned by May 8th

L3 Training

Language, Learning and Literacy (L3) is a research-based, cost effective Kindergarten classroom intervention, targeting text reading and writing. It has been designed to complement the daily Literacy program for students who do not bring a rich Literacy background to their first year of school.

Students receive explicit instruction in reading and writing strategies in small groups of three to four selected students. Students then rotate to independent individual or group tasks. This occurs in the daily Literacy session.

The program goal is to reduce the need for more intensive and resource demanding programs in future years, including Reading Recovery.

I have the amazing opportunity to complete this L3 training. It is a big commitment, however I believe it will be most beneficial to the current and future Belltrees students.

Training will begin next Friday 1st May from 1-4pm. Lucy Scott will be in charge during my absence.

NAPLAN

Our Primary students will be sitting the 2015 NAPLAN tests in week 4. Beginning on the 12/5/15 the tests will run for three days. Students will be completing some simple preparation in the lead up to this event.

Parent Teacher Interviews: Friday 8th May

Important Dates to remember!!!

Week 2: Mon, Tues, Wed – Lake Keepit Camp, Friday - L3 Training
Week 3: Wed – Pet Care, Friday – Parent Teacher Interviews
Week 4: Tues-Thurs – NAPLAN

Have a great week everyone and stay safe!