Welcome to the final week of the term!

I cannot believe how the term has flown by, it certainly has been a busy term with students participating in many different events, and having some exciting new experiences. This weeks newsletter will look at some upcoming events for term three and reflect and look back on term two!

Firstly this week!!!
End of term assembly – This Thursday at 2pm. We have four students demonstrating their talents and some much needed awards to distribute. The students will also be performing their eisteddfod item for the audience. Come along and see the variety of talent in our school. If you would like to come along early, (1:15) we are having a red lunch order day, where you can purchase food from our canteen and have lunch with your child/children. Attached is the canteen menu for the day. Please have orders in by Wednesday.

School holidays!
This Friday is the last day of the term. Students will finish school at 3:00pm and return to school on Tuesday 14th July. From the staff here at Belltrees, we wish you a safe happy and enjoyable Winter holiday!

Upcoming events!!!

Education week – Week 3, 27th-31st July

2015’s theme is ‘Celebrating Local Heroes’, and schools are encouraged to develop their alumni networks and celebrate their ‘local heroes’, including their local ANZAC / military heroes.
Our school will be celebrating this important week in the school calendar with the opening of our ANZAC Commemorative Garden. We have put a lot of time and effort into the garden and we believe it is an important place for students and community members to come and reflect, and pay their respects. We will begin the day with the opening followed by a morning tea and an Education Week assembly where the students can showcase their talents. This important event for our school will be on Thursday 30th July beginning at 10:45am.
Small Schools Public Speaking Competition

Our very popular Small Schools Public Speaking Competition will be back again, and take place here at Belltrees school on Tuesday 4th August. We will have an early stage one, stage one, stage two and stage three competition. The topics are free choice and more details will be sent through at the beginning of the term. However to give you the heads up...... if you want to do any work on them over the holidays, the time frames are as follows......
ES1 - 1-2 minutes  S1 - 1-2 minutes  S2 - 2-3 minutes  S3 - 2-3 minutes.

Hunter Inter School Public Speaking Competition

This event has been a new addition to the Belltrees calendar and is a fantastic opportunity for students to grow and develop on a larger stage with their public speaking. Thursday 13th August - students will be repeating their speeches, taking on board the feedback from the adjudicators of our small school competition and be competing against students from the Hunter Region. I can only send two students from each stage, so please check if your child is one chosen.

Term in review.... Here are my favourites!

Lake Keepit Camp
A fantastic 3-5 camp where participation, collaboration and connections were at the forefront. A fantastic experience and one the children just loved!

ANZAC Day - A special day of rememberance and commemoration. One community event we are proud to be in every year.
Scone Festival Horse Parade
Meeting up with Ellerston school and riding on the back of the trailer being pulled by a team of bullocks was an experience that certainly won’t be quickly forgotten. Another wonderful experience the students had here at our small school!

Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter Eisteddfod
A fantastic first for our children - an event that brought a few nerves from the teachers and students and a few tears from parents. Singing Waltzing Matilda in sign language - coming home with 2nd place - certainly a proud teacher memento!
Belltrees Sports

Firstly I would like to say a huge thank you to the Belltrees parents who assisted in various ways at the small schools carnival. The set up, running of the day and pack up went smoothly and the students had an absolute blast. All students tried their very best and need to be acknowledged and congratulated on their efforts. A wrap up meeting with Principals and community members, parents etc will be held at the beginning of next term at a date to be advised.

Here are just a few shots taken on the day!