

The Belltrees P.S. Bulletin



Belltrees Public School – 'We Give Our Best'

Week 1 , Term 1 - 2020



Welcome to our school Ruby and family

Swimming Carnival:

This term started very quickly with students attending the Upper Invermein Small Schools' swimming carnival on the first day back of the year. Our students competed with enthusiasm and sportsmanship, which was wonderful to witness. Congratulations to Darcy, Jack, Robert, April and Angus for their positive attitudes and efforts they brought to the day. It is also important to recognise the tremendous effort Murrurundi Public School undertook in organising such an enjoyable day, thank you.

Dates for the diary:

- 4th Feb – Belltrees P & C Annual General Meeting
- 6th Feb – Day 1 Fun Fitness (each Thursday)
- 16th Feb – 19th Feb – Mulloon Trip (stage3)
- 24th Feb – Book Fair begins
- 27th Feb – Book Fair Parade (Dress as your favourite book character)
- 26th Feb – Visit to Muswellbrook Art Gallery
- 25th Mar – KLA Immersion Day with Ellerston PS
- 1-3 Apr – Kia Ora Music camp
- 8th Apr - KLA Immersion Day with Ellerston PS
- 9th Apr – Easter Hat Parade



Welcome Ms Kerry Lloyd-Jones and Ms Ciennah Welsh:

We welcome Ms Kerry Lloyd-Jones to our teaching staff and Ms Ciennah Welsh as a student learning support officer. It is very exciting to have Ms L-J apart of our school as she brings much experience, particularly in the Creative Arts. Ms Welsh will also be a great asset to our school, supporting academically in the classroom and creating social programs for the playground for our younger students – she is undertaking this role while continuing her studies to become a teacher.

Sport Alert:

This year we have been fortunate enough to gain the services of Sam from Fun Fitness for Littlies. He will be constructing tailored sporting programs to develop the skill and fitness of our students. For this reason, **SPORT WILL BE ON THURSDAY** (from 9.30am to 11.00am). Please make sure students are wearing their sports uniforms to take full advantage of the new program.

Stage 3 and Community Excursion:

Our students will continue to investigate methods for sustainability. As part of this program, our school has successfully applied for funding to provide the opportunity for our Stage 3 students and community members to visit leaders in regenerative agriculture. We must thank the Upper Hunter Shire Council, Scone RSL and CWA Scone for their generous donations to provide this worthwhile opportunity. On Sunday 17th February, interested Stage 3 students and community members will travel to Canberra to visit the Mulloon Institute and Jillamatong stud to investigate methods for rejuvenating the land. This content will support students in their learning of the 'Living World' as part of their Science and Technology studies,

School Resource Fee and Voluntary Contribution Fee:

Similar to last year, the school requests payment of the School Resource Fee (\$60) and Voluntary Contribution Fee (\$20). These fees contribute to providing the best quality education for students at Belltrees Public School. The School Resource Fee supports the school in purchasing textbooks and online subscriptions that are tailored to meet the individual need of each student at our school. The Voluntary Contribution Fee provides the opportunity for the school to invest in extra-curricular activities that further promote the students' individual interests at the school. Student will be provided access to these resources on payment of the School Resource Fee. We ask parents/caregivers to support the school in paying these fees promptly. The school can organise payment plans for families if necessary, just contact the school to organise for this arrangement to occur.

Wednesdays Is the Day for:

- Student Banking
- Library
- Lunch Orders

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Draft Response to Parent Enquiries – Schools

30 January 2020

Thank you for your email/enquiry.

Current advice from the Australian Government Department of Health for parents and staff in relation to the Novel Coronavirus is:

- People who have been in contact with any confirmed Novel Coronavirus cases must be isolated in their home for 14 days following exposure;
- Returned travellers who have been in Hubei Province of China must be isolated in their home for 14 days after leaving Hubei Province, other than for seeking individual medical care.

Students and staff currently excluded from school are those who:

- over the last 14 days has visited the province of Hubei in central China. They should not return to school or child care services for a period of 14 days after leaving China, as the coronavirus' incubation period can be as long as two weeks or
- are under medical assessment or
- have been diagnosed with the Novel Coronavirus or
- have had close contact with a confirmed case of the Novel Coronavirus. The Ministry of Health has processes in place to identify any close contacts of cases confirmed in Australia.

In addition The NSW Ministry of Health and NSW Department of Education have recommended that:

- Any student or staff member who was in China, including Hong Kong but excluding the province of Hubei over the past 14 days is recommended not attend school or child care services for a period of 14 days after leaving, as the Novel Coronavirus' incubation period can be as long as two weeks.

Students who returned to Australia more than 14 days ago and have shown no symptoms are able to return to school this week.

There has been a small number of cases of confirmed Novel Coronavirus in New South Wales.

The Ministry of Health has processes in place to identify any close contacts of cases confirmed in Australia. Advice about not attending school would be provided to these close contacts by the Ministry of Health.

Consistent with current guidelines, staff and students who are unwell with respiratory illness should remain at home until symptoms resolve. In accordance with our current practice if any child becomes unwell we will implement our infection control guidelines and follow the advice provided by the Ministry of Health as appropriate.

Thank you for enquiring about this issue. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and take advice received from NSW Ministry of Health and NSW Department of Education to ensure we are responding to the situation appropriately.