

The Belltrees P.S. Bulletin



Belltrees Public School – 'We Give Our Best'

Week 7 , Term 1 - 2020

Principal's Message

The students had the very exciting opportunity to visit Muswellbrook Art Gallery to view the Archibald Prize exhibition. This was even more special with the visit being guided by People's Choice winner David Darcy. Special thanks to Ms L-J for organising this wonderful excursion. As a side treat the students visited Double Picc to enjoy a delicious milkshake.

With tremendous pride, we congratulate Darcy T for his successful selection in the Upper Hunter PSSA rugby league team. He trialled against over 100 other students from Singleton to Murrurundi and was selected in the starting 13 for the Open's team. He will now travel to Raymond Terrace to play and trial for the Hunter representative team.

Last week saw creativity and a love of books combine at Belltrees Public School. Students showed off some of their favourite literary characters and that did it well. From pistol wielding bushrangers like Thunderbolt and Ned Kelly, to Anh Do's Ninja Kid, and a large contingency of princesses, fairies and many more, it was a great day out. The support of our families and community also provided the school with a \$50 commission which went to purchasing some wonderful new books for our library.

Kind Regards
Shane Roberts



Dates for the diary:

19th Mar – Harmony Day
25th Mar – KLA History Immersion Day. Years 3-6 History at Belltrees. Years K-2 History at Ellerston
27th Mar – Upper Invermein Cross Country at Murrurundi
1-3 Apr – Kia Ora Music camp
8th Apr - KLA Science Immersion Day. K-2 Science at Belltrees. Years 3-6 Science at Ellerston
9th Apr – Easter Hat Parade
23rd May – Variety Bash
4th June – Life Education at Belltrees
17th June - Belltrees Sports

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Mrs Crowe's farm



Last week Mr Leayr came in for his first music lesson. The children enjoyed the experience and look forward to the next lesson. Thank you Mr Leayr for volunteering your time.



Student Money and Notes

All student permission notes, attendance notes, money, student banking and lunch orders must be given to the class teacher at the beginning of the day. All money must be in an envelope clearly stating student name and reason for payment. Payment envelopes were sent home to each family at the beginning of the week. Please ask your student to collect some more when you are nearly out of envelopes.

Crowe Family Farm Visit

What a wonderful day we all had at the Crowe family farm. When we arrived, the children were welcomed by a little dog called Sadie and a lamb called 3 dogs. The children were beyond excited at the enthusiastic greetings from these two lovely animals and Katie wanted to put them in her car and take them home to her house.

Mrs Crowe welcomed us into her home and we were given the job of feeding 3 dogs (the lamb that thinks it's a dog). Everyone lined up and took it in turns to feed the hungry lamb. We learned that sheep only have one row of teeth on the bottom. We played with the lamb and made her little tail wiggle and waggle.

We had our morning tea and Mr Crowe arrived to take us on a tour of the farm. The children put on their boots and followed Mr Crowe out the door to the chook caravan. What a laugh that was! Chooks flapping and flying all over the place. Miss L-J hid behind Mrs Crowe because she's not very brave around chickens. Our clever Belltrees kids fed and collected eggs, went into the caravan and caught the little chicks. Miss L-J was very impressed with their questions and the curiosity they showed.

Once the chickens were all out of the caravan, Mr & Mrs Crowe took us into the field of sunflowers, sorghum and other plants we could eat. All the children tasted the different plants and had lots of fun clambering through the jungle. We found out that the plants Mr Crowe is growing will help improve the soil. Mrs Crowe told us that all the plants feed the chickens, which help them lay lots of eggs and that makes her happy.

After our adventure in the field, we said a quick hello to the working dogs and then it was time to go back to school. We had a marvellous day at the farm and are grateful to Mr & Mrs Crowe for opening their farm to the students at Belltrees for this wonderful learning experience.

Tissues

Could each family send two boxes of tissues to school as soon as possible? The cupboard is almost empty.



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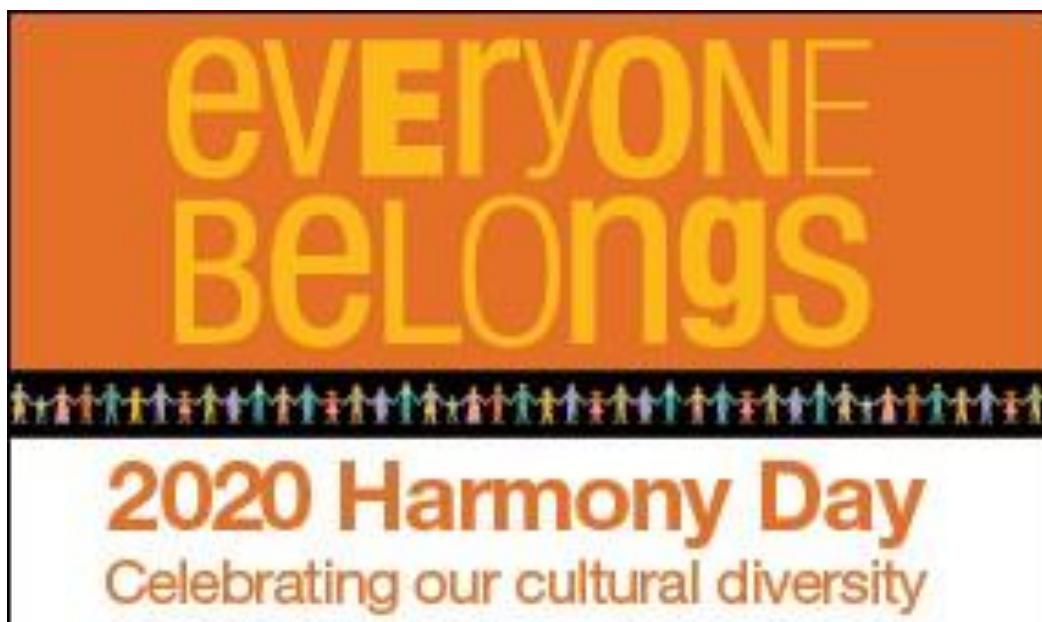
Hannah Farms Visit

Last Thursday Mrs Nicole Hannah from Hannah Farms on the Waverley Road, visited our school. She brought with her 5 feathery friends for our chicken coup. The girls have settled in well and have been laying each day. The Isa browns will add to our environmental and sustainability program begin a focus for the K-2 students. The eggs will be used for cooking activities and school lunches.



Harmony Day

Harmony Week is next week. This provides the chance for our school to recognise the importance multi-culturalism plays in the development and enhancement of our society. Students may wear orange on Thursday. All students will be participating in cultural activities.



Term 1 Assembly and Book Fair Parade

