Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On Monday we enjoyed a wonderful NAIDOC Day celebration with great learning activities in classrooms across the school and lots of storytelling, art and traditional games. A real highlight was our visit from Ranger Gary who shared cultural information, dreamtime stories and an amazing array of artefacts. Ms Ridgeway and our NAIDOC committee provided our school community with a fabulous day that really embraced and celebrated the rich Aboriginal history and culture. As one staff member shared, ‘I think the impact of the day was best summed up by one of my students who said: “I wish I was Aboriginal!”’

A reminder that we are almost to the end of the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Book lists for students in classes K-2 will be entered online at school, however, students in Years 3-6 who are completing the Challenge will need to enter their own details. Please ask Mrs Norton if you have any problems with this.

Please remember the Woolworth’s Earn and Learn promotion is on again with collection boxes in our school office and at Charlestown Woolworths. Participation in this promotion in past years has earned excellent resources for our classrooms, including highly engaging Science and Maths equipment.

Today Kindergarten went to Blackbutt Reserve and had a wonderful time.

Lucinda Farrell
Principal
Library News...

Book Parade
We will be celebrating Book Week in Term 3 Week 8. Students will be able to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character on **Thursday 3 September, 2015**. The parade will begin in the hall at 9:30am, all most welcome, start planning your costume soon!

Book Fair
The annual Book Fair will be held in the library.
**When:** Tue 1, Wed 2 & Thur 3 September 2015.
**Time:** Before School: 8:00am - 9:00am
After School: 3:00pm - 3:30pm
Cash and credit card payment options available. All purchases benefit our school!

Premier's Reading Challenge

Student Reading Records must be returned to the school library or submitted online by Friday 21 August so that entries can be checked and validated by the closing date, 28 August 2015.

If you have access to the Internet, the following steps can be used to access KIDSPACE and enter Student Reading Records electronically:
1. Go to www.det.nsw.edu.au and click on the LOGIN - STUDENT link.
2. Type in student’s DET User ID and Password and click LOG IN.
3. On KIDSPACE click AGREE then + and >>More… on the Learning link.
4. Scroll down and click on PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE.
5. At PRC page, click STUDENT READING RECORDS link.
6. Enter your books by PRC ID Number or Title.

**Please Note:** Students in Years K-2 complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge in class with their classroom teacher.

Keep reading!
Toni Norton
Teacher Librarian

P & C News...

Thank you to all the families who purchased Entertainment books this year. We raised $1224 toward playground restoration.
The P&C will be holding a cake stall at the book week parade in week 8. If you would like to donate some goodies to sell or help out on the stall please talk to Briony or Amber, or email HPSfundraising@optusnet.com.au

**SAVE THE DATE**
**FRIDAY 30TH OF OCTOBER**

This year’s major fundraiser will be a Fun-Runathon held on Friday the 30th of October in the school grounds.
It will be an exciting event where the children will be encouraged to run, jog or walk around a fun course. All parents, grandparents and caregivers are welcome to attend. All funds raised will be put towards the construction of a new netball/basketball court.
If you would like to get involved in the planning for this event or have any ideas please come along to our fundraising meetings in Term 3 or contact Ansley on HPSfundraising@optusnet.com.au

**Chicken Pox**
We have had reports of quite a few children with chicken pox so far this term. Please be on the look out for any spots that may also look a bit like a blister. Chicken pox are highly contagious. Find further in an information sheet regarding chicken pox.

**ASSEMBLY**
Assemblies are on a fortnightly basis on a Tuesday at 2.15pm in the hall. Parents are welcome to attend. The next assembly day will be on **Tuesday 18 August 2015**. The item will be performed by the Jnr Dance Group.

**BJP PHYSIE**
**Empowering Girls for Life**

**WARNERS BAY PHYSIE AND DANCE**

**PHYSIE IS GREAT FUN - WHY NOT TRY SOMETHING NEW?**

‘Physie’ is a combination of ballet, aerobics, gymnastics and jazz dance all rolled into one!

Classes range from 3-4 Years through to Ladies.

Team and individual events available at a low cost.

Enquiries are welcome to Mandy on 0408 206 349 or mandy.smith139@gmail.com.
Late Arrival & Early Pick Up of Students

Parents/carers are advised that children who arrive late to school need to come to the office to get a “Late Arrival” note. If you are picking up your child early from school, parents/carers or a designated person MUST come to the office to get an “Early Leaver” note before collecting their child.

Uniform Shop News...

Would you like to see a return of the fleecy lined school jumper as an alternative to the bomber jacket? If so, please contact the school office and register your interest or contact Eleni direct: chrisnlen@telstra.com

Also to Year 5 and Year 6 Canberra campers

If you are requiring long grey pants or long green pants or any extra uniforms please fill in an order form and send into the school office or email the form direct to Eleni chrisnlen@telstra.com. If you could have these orders in by Wednesday 19th August so that the orders can be placed in time that would be great.

Thanks

School Banking is on MONDAY

Canteen News
Canteen open this week Thursday and Friday.
Due to price increases Nacho Dippers are now $3.50.
Hillsborough Public School is considering an exciting new music program to commence in Term 4, 2015.

The Music Bus will be visiting the school weekly to provide lessons in keyboard, guitar, drums, ukulele and singing. For more information on the program visit www.themusicbus.com.au or Ph 1300 168 742

To introduce the staff, parents and students to the program, we are holding a demonstration day at school.

**Date:** Monday 24th August, 2015 (Week 7, Term 3)

There will be 2 activities:

1) **Parent Info session** – 8:30am - 9am - parents can visit the bus, meet the teacher and ask questions

2) **Student Tour** - all children will take part in a short interactive session on the bus during the day.

The students will be given an Expression of Interest form to take part in the weekly lessons. This will need to be returned to the school within 7 days of issue.
Boys & Girls are you looking to have fun, action, develop skills & make friends this summer all in 90 minutes? T20 cricket is for you then!

✓ Choice of day/venues.
✓ All equipment provided.
✓ Short 12 week season.
✓ Teams of 8.
✓ Skills coaching.
✓ Music, family atmosphere.
✓ Ideal for new players aged 8-12 years.

Traditional Saturday morning competition teams for ages 11 to 17 years also available.

For details John 0401 485 767
Email: c9901383@uon.edu.au

2015/16 Registration Dates

Celebrating 70 years this coming season, Belmont Cricket club has a proud history in Newcastle. This season we aim to fielding teams from the U8’s through to U17’s.

Our registration dates are as follows:

Saturday 22nd August 12 noon to 3pm
Saturday 29th August 12 noon to 3 pm
Saturday 5th September 12 noon to 3pm

Location: Miller Oval, Belmont (behind Belmont Sportsies Club – in the McDonald’s marquee)

We look forward to meeting with you.

For further information email belmontdistrictcricketclub@gmail.com or phone us on 0431 436 752.