



BELAIR PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



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CONGRATULATIONS ROOM 3

In celebration of the most recent "Expo" unit of inquiry, Room 3 hand-picked some of the most gruelling and shocking truths of the ancient civilisations of Egypt, India, China, Greece and Rome to share with us at last week's 'horrible histories' assembly.

Students shared with us some very unusual things that happened in the daily life of these communities which made us all appreciate that we live in 2017 not 500BC!

Among the horrible facts, silly skits and important messages, room 3 also performed a song written by Stella B about the Silk Road.

Well done to all the students for entertaining us and informing us of their learning.



FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

We received wonderful news this week from the State Government, with the announcement of \$5M being allocated to Belair Primary School within the 'Building Better Schools' program.

At this stage we do not have the parameters of the program. Priorities and decisions will be informed by educational discussions with staff, students and parents through Governing Council and existing sub committees.

We will keep you informed through the newsletter as additional information is made available to us.

PUPIL FREE DAY

Our final pupil free day for the year will be on **Monday 20th November**. We will be reviewing our mathematics journey so far and also begin planning for 2018.

OSHC will be open, please book directly with the service.

2017 DIARY DATES

Monday Afternoon Uniform Shop open 3:00 – 4:00 pm
Wednesday Morning Uniform Shop open 8.30 – 9.30 am

TERM 4 - 2017

NOVEMBER

Fri 3rd Shoe Box of Love Handover Assembly 9am
Eco Action Day
Mon 6th Rec Transition 9 - 10.30 am
Tues 7th Governing Council 6.30 pm
Thurs 9th Rec Transition 9 - 10.30 am
Fri 10th Assembly hosted by Rm 20
Mon 13th Rec Transition 9 – 12 noon
Sports Committee meeting 6pm
Thurs 16th Rec Transition 9 – 12 noon
Fri 17th SPORTS DAY
Mon 20th PUPIL FREE DAY
Friday 24th Assembly hosted by Rm 13
Yr 6 Cluster Sports Day – Blackwood HS
Sun 26th Christmas Picnic 6 – 8 pm
Mon 27th Yr 6/7 Aquatics
Governing Council & Committees dinner
Tues 28th Yr 6/7 Aquatics

DECEMBER

Fri 1st Blackwood Christmas Pageant
Fri 8th Assembly hosted by Carawatha

To view the full 2017 Calendar, please visit our website
<http://www.belairps.sa.edu.au/news.htm>

YEAR 6/7 PYP EXPO

Year 6/7 students showcased their learning to the school community last week.

The theme was "Where we are in place and time", which examines

- orientation in place and time and personal histories
- the interconnectedness of individuals and civilisations
- local and global perspectives

The overarching central idea was 'Civilisations evolve in response to significant needs, beliefs and events'. Students developed time management skills and investigated their own central idea and lines of inquiry about a real-life issue that interested them.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the parents and staff members who supported the students during the Expo.



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MUSIC CONCERT

On Monday evening, the annual music concert was held in the Hall. The evening was a huge success. Student performers were the highlight of the evening as they showcased their talents with each performance.

The enthusiastic audience, made up of family and friends, appreciated the super efforts of our students and were thrilled with the variety of pieces heard throughout the program.

There were many highlights throughout the night with all students performing with confidence and demonstrating their musical skills. The concert opened with the large string ensemble playing Dancing by the Fire, Emperor Waltz, Toucan Tango and Les Bouffons.

Students also performed as soloists, in small groups, with an evening highlight of Hugh entertaining us on Belair's brand new drum kit.

Listed below are the students who participated.

Jinyi, Archer B, Stella B, Vanessa, Sienna D, Linnea, Morgan, Chloe H, Ebony, Alexis Mt, Olivia N, Jewel, Elliot O, Faith R, Isabelle R, Steve R, Ashleigh, Peta Stuchbery, Janay, Eve W, Penny, Eleanor, Andrew B, Ava, Nithika, Emily G, Maya, Tilly, Mohammed, Aidan O, Angeline, Peta, Mitchell, Harry G, Adriana, Erin, Lilka, Celeste and Hugh

Our congratulations to all students for a wonderful evening!

Our thanks to:

- Music teachers Lisi McGowran, Anne Rodda, Phil Bray and Katie Howes who prepared the students for the evening's performance
- Accompanist Catriona Byrne
- Parent Association for setting up the Hall and serving complimentary tea and coffee

VOLUNTEER MORNING TEA

On Wednesday, staff provided a morning tea to acknowledge and thank all adults who volunteer their time throughout the year in classrooms, coaching sporting teams, working in the canteen and resource centre, going on camps and excursions, participating in Governing Council, sub committees and Parent Association meetings.

To those who were unable to attend, we pass on our sincere thanks for your contribution to the school.

2018

A reminder to parents, if your child is not returning to Belair in 2018 please let us know as this assists us with class placement process.

WORLD TEACHERS DAY

Last Friday we celebrated World Teachers' Day with a lovely morning tea provided by the Parent Association.

I would like to acknowledge the fantastic work done by all staff. Our teachers and SSOs are dedicated people who develop and nurture students, providing wonderful opportunities for them in a safe and supportive learning environment.

A sincere thanks to our Parent Association for the delicious morning tea and recognition of all staff.

Susan

AUSTRALIAN MATHS COMPETITION

Earlier this year, Elias sat the Australian Mathematics Competition. Elias was invited to a special presentation event to receive his award for "Best in School". He was also recognised for being in the top 1% in South Australia.

Congratulations and well done Elias D



CHICKEN POX

Recently there have been a number of reported cases of chicken pox.

If your child develops chicken pox, please keep them home until the spots have dried out.

STUDENT BEHAVIOUR

We continually discuss with students the importance of appropriate toilet habits and hygiene and general respect for school property.

Recently, the state of the toilets has been less than satisfactory with wet paper on walls, bulky objects in toilet bowls and sanitary bins, urine on the floor and graffiti on doors.

Staff work hard to ensure these facilities are kept clean and in good working order for your children.

Please discuss the expectation of respectful and responsible behaviour from all children whilst at school.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

SPORTS DAY

Sports Day is on **Friday 17th November**.

Pre-order your sausage sizzle or sushi via the Flexischool's menu or in the Canteen by Monday 6th November.



RESOURCE CENTRE

Shoeboxes of Love - This year an amazing 147 boxes were collected.

This is our 16th year of involvement. Beginning in 2002 with 15 boxes to donate, to a fantastic total of 1,980 all together.

Thanks very much to all those parents, grandparents, staff, TRTs, volunteers and especially Margaret Stone and Luci Carman, for your generous donations. We feel really proud of our combined efforts.

A short handover assembly will be held on **Friday 3rd November at 9 am** in the Hall. Please feel free to join us.

CANTEEN NEWS

What a fun day we had celebrating Halloween, thank you to everyone who donated goodies and who purchased the delicious treats. Check out the Belair Primary School Canteen FB page to see the photos.

Sports Day is the next event for the term and this is the Canteen's biggest event of the year, therefore a lot of planning and organising goes into the day. Lunch orders for Sports Day are open and you can order either via flexischools or via the Canteen. If you are ordering manually you will need to pick up an order form from the Canteen, no order forms will come home! As we have large numbers at the school this year I am expecting a huge amount of orders and need to advise our butcher and the Sushi shop early. Due to this, orders need to be done by 6pm Monday 6th Nov. Thank you for your cooperation and thanks to those of you who have already done orders.

Volunteer forms have been sent home so please check for yours. We need lots of helpers on the day and many hands make light work so if you can help out for an hour please fill in the form and I can then make a roster.

Thanks, Julie



PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Parent Association will be hosting our fifth Christmas Picnic on Sunday 26 November 2017 from 6 pm – 8 pm.

All families are invited to join in a relaxed picnic evening on the lawns above the Rokewood Scrub.

A family choir made up of students and grown-ups associated with the school will help lead the singing.

Students in Year 2 to 7 are invited to join the choir. ALL grown-ups who like to sing are invited to become part of the choir.

Rehearsal times will be sent out next week and we would LOVE to involve some new singers. We will be using our well known material – no new songs this year – to keep rehearsals to a minimum.

For children in playgroup, kindergarten or Reception and Year 1 – you will have an opportunity to join in on the night and perform Jingle Bells and Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer with us.

If you have questions about being part of the Family Choir, please call Catriona Byrne (mum of Archie YR 7, Stella YR 6) on 0409 994 200 or email catriona@byrne.net.au. There will also be updates on the BB Facebook page.

BPS PARENT ASSOCIATION
CHRISTMAS PICNIC
SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2017
6PM - 8 PM
ON THE LAWN ABOVE ROKWOOD SCRUB
BELAIR PRIMARY SCHOOL
BYO EVERYTHING.
Belair Primary School
Family Singers and
band | Traditional and
fun carols | School
families and friends
welcome | Sing in the
Christmas season.
Children need to bring their own grown up.

FOOTBALL AND SOCCER COORDINATOR NEEDED

If your child is playing Aussie rules football or soccer for Belair Primary School, please consider volunteering as a coordinator for the teams.

No knowledge of soccer coaching required.

Please let staff in the front office know, if you are willing to have a go.

PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER

Dear Belair Families,

Term 4 is well underway and things are getting busy. The last two months of the year seem to be a very stressful time for families. Plans are being made for next year, while things are getting finished for this year. At the same time, the Christmas season brings with it a number of additional stresses – financial, family, social.

If you are feeling stressed, you are not alone. I'm feeling it and I'm tired already! Keeping things in perspective and assessing what is important vs what is not is a constant challenge for me.

I love the following words which were used by Bryan Dyson, CEO of Coca Cola, in a speech to his employees. (It is actually a quote from the book *Suzanne's Diary for Nicholas* by James Patterson.)

"Imagine life is a game in which you are juggling five balls. The balls are called work, family, health, friends and spirit. And you're keeping all of them in the air. But one day, you finally come to understand that work is a rubber ball. If you drop it, it will bounce back. The other four balls - family, health, friends, and spirit - are made of glass. If you drop one of these, it will be irrevocably scuffed, nicked, perhaps even shattered." -

Perhaps a strategy for managing this busy time is to:

1. assess what balls you are juggling,
2. figure out which ones will shatter and which ones will bounce
3. focus on the ones that will shatter.

Good luck. Feel free to drop in and have a chat with me if you ever want to talk about all the balls you are juggling!

Blessings to you,

Sara Walding

BLACKWOOD HS PARENT INFO EVENING



4 Seymour Street, Eden Hills, SA 5050

2018 Year 8 Parent Information Evening
TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2017
6:30pm – 7:30pm
Performing Arts Centre
Blackwood High School
For parents/caregivers of Year 7
students enrolled in Year 8 at Blackwood
High School 2018

Year 7 Student Transition Day
WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2017
8:45am - 3:00pm

We are looking forward to meeting you at
these events.

SAPSASA KNOCKOUT SOFTBALL



A great game by the Yr 6/7 team in the SAPSASA Girls Knockout Softball last Wednesday saw them beat Colonel Light Gardens 11-6 at Mortlock Oval. Once again, they played with enthusiasm and confidence, putting in a great team effort and having lots of fun along the way. Thanks to all the parents who provided transport and cheered the girls on, and also to Andrew Ross for first base coaching.

The team will now play either Glen Osmond or Gulfview Heights in the Knockout final on Tuesday 28th November - time and place to be determined by SAPSASA. Any of the players who don't regularly play Saturday mornings are more than welcome to join us for games or Wednesday afternoon training leading up to the final. Go Belair!

Keryn Lapidge

BLACKWOOD OVERBOARD

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MULTI-ARTS FESTIVAL

Wednesday 8 November

Blackwood High School

4 Seymour St. Eden Hills

5:30 - 8:30pm

All Tickets \$5

MUSIC

FOOD STALLS

ART EXHIBITION

DRAMA

DANCE



Poster Design Layout: Dale Evans
Overboard Ship Logo design: Dylan Scarborough



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BASKETBALL

Registrations for new and existing players (Year 3-7) are now being taken at the front office for 2018. Current year 2 students, who will be in Year 3 in 2018 are also invited to register. We encourage both boys and girls to register. Sporting registration forms can be collected and payment made at the finance window. The School basketball registration fee is \$37. This fee covers basketball singlet hire, equipment, and trophy & award presentation at the end of the year. No late registrations will be accepted.

General Basketball Information for Parents

Currently we have all our teams playing at the Blackwood Recreation Centre after school. Game Days are as follows for the Blackwood Recreation Centre:

Monday - Year 7

Tuesdays - Year 3

Wednesday - Year 4

Thursday - Year 6

Friday - Year 5

Generally, girls play in the year level below their current year. For example, year 4 girls play in the year 3 competition.

Court fees of \$7 per player are paid each week to the Recreation Centre. Trainings held in the school gym and are usually before or after school during the week, dependent on the coach's availability. Ideally teams of 7 or 8 players are formed.

Coaches are needed for the children to participate. Coaches need to have a DCSI screening. However, no expertise or previous experience is required. If you are interested in coaching a team, especially for new year 3 teams, please contact Carla Davison davisons@tpg.com.au. Unfortunately, if we have no coaches, we have no teams.

Please read and be aware of the following guidelines regarding registration and team formation.

- All registration forms must be received by the last day of year for organisation into teams for the following year.
- Registrations must be paid in full at the finance office and placed in order of date of payment.
- No late registrations will be accepted after the cut-off date for registrations, unless there are teams which are unfilled and have places to make up the eight players.
- New players will be added to teams according to teams with the least players and by date of receipt of registration.
- If, at the end of the year, there are too many registrations and no more volunteers for coaches, the coordinator will inform the relevant families that their child will be unable to be placed in a team and they will be entitled to a refund of their money in full.
- Every effort will be made to place as many children as possible into a team by the Basketball Coordinator and source volunteer coaches.

Any additional questions or queries please contact Carla Davison on 0430388893 or davisons@tpg.com.au

School Basketball Presentation Night

Monday 11th of December in the GYM.



6 pm Year 3 & 4 Parents vs Kids
basketball game

6:30pm Formal presentation & Trophies

7:30pm Year 5 & 6 shooting competition

7:45pm Year 7 Parents vs Kids basketball
game

From 7:15pm, after the formal
presentation, pizza & soft drink will be
served OUTSIDE the gym.

All registered players will receive free
pizza and drink. Extra pizza & drink for
additional family members will be
available for a gold coin donation.



CANTEEN ROSTER

6 Nov	7 Nov	8 Nov	9 Nov	10 Nov
Ruth Harris Sports Day lunch orders due!	Sharyn	Sarah Lines	Hasmik	Belinda Blockow Heidi Wooller
13 Nov	14 Nov	15 Nov	16 Nov	17 Nov
Catherine Gray	Ashley Gregory	Jo & Craig B	Tania Campbell	SPORTS DAY

**If you are unable to work, please try to swap with someone else first and then let me know. Thanks.*

COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **BLACKWOOD COMMUNITY CLASSES ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR & EXHIBITION** – at Blackwood Uniting Church, Saturday, 4th November from 9am to 4pm. There will be loads of plants for sale, outside stallholders selling their crafts and an exhibition of our student's classwork along with workshops and delicious cakes and lunches for all. For more information, please contact Jacqui Harrison on 82787699 or visit www.blackwooduc.org.au
- **PARTY IN THE PRECINCT** - Coromandel Community Centre, Friday 10 November, 5 – 8 pm then Movie in the Park from 8:30pm
- **SPIKEZONE ABERFOYLE PARK** - Spikezone is the modified version of volleyball and provides a great introduction to the sport in a safe and supportive environment. 7 - 13 year olds. To nominate as either an individual or team visit; <http://www.volleyballs.com.au/spikezone/aberfoyle> or contact Steven Freeling on 0431 980 593
- **POWER PAIRS** - Gliderol Stadium in the Xmas School Holidays on Friday 29th December. It is a fun, unique, modified cricket event for Boys and Girls aged 12 & Under as at 31st December 2018. Visit www.goodcricketallround.com.au to gather additional information and rules. All registration & payment details can be found on the Good Cricket Allround website under the POWER Pairs page. Bill Burnett 0422155180, E bburnett@2playcricket.com.au
- **BLACKWOOD CHRISTMAS MARKET** - Free Entry Sunday 19 November 2017, 10am - 3pm, Blackwood Memorial Hall, 21 Coromandel Parade, Blackwood, <https://www.facebook.com/blackwoodmarkets> or visit www.blackwoodmarkets@gmail.com Shop local and support local business and Craftspeople! A great family fun day & lots of kid's activities
- **BLACKWOOD ROTARY CHRISTMAS FAIR** - Karinya Reserve, Shepherds Hill Road, Eden Hills. Sunday 19th November 9 am – 3 pm, CFS Fire Engine, Bouncy Castle, Smokey the Bear, Farmer Darcy's Travelling Farm (10-2), Father Christmas, Colouring in competition, plus much more. For more info, contact Sue Wymond, Blackwood Christmas Fair Committee on 0417312853
- **BACK IN MOTION BLACKWOOD** is committed to supporting the local community. This year, all students, staff and their immediate families that present to Back in Motion Blackwood and mention the school sponsorship deal will receive 10% off any service – including Physiotherapy, Dry Needling, Pilates, Massage or Personal Training. To take advantage of this offer or discuss any details of this proposal further please contact Connor on 83703887 or via email blackwood@backinmotion.com.au.
- **MITCHAM REMEMBERS** – 11th November - Mortlock Park, Colonial Light Gardens. For the whole community – 10am – 2.30pm – Ceremony, Community Activities, historical displays, food, brass band, marching drills, light horses
- **FRIENDS OF BELAIR NATIONAL PARK - BELAIR BUSH BUDDIES GROUP** - Volunteer Centre, Long Gully, Belair National Park (Free entry - just mention Bush Buddies at entrance), Sunday November 12 at 10am sharp until 12. All welcome (aimed at 10 to 12 yo) to hear internationally acclaimed guest speaker Erinn Fagan-Jeffries and take part in the national citizen science project Wild Pollinator Count. For more information contact Craig Baulderstone 0421910935 or cbaulderstone@hotmail.com visit: www.wildpollinatorcount.com
- **THOMPSON PLAYGROUND UPGRADE** - next to Belair Community Centre - vote to make the upgrade happen. Voting closes 20 November. Please click on the link to vote - <https://fundmyneighbourhood.yoursay.sa.gov.au/rounds/fund-my-neighbourhood-2017/ideas/upgrade-to-thompson-kids-playground-in-belair>

