



# BELAIR PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



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**Week ending Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

*Susan Copeland*  
Principal

*Leanne Twigden*  
Deputy Principal

**EARLY DISMISSAL – FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2:10PM**

## END OF YEAR MESSAGE



Farewell

It is with a sense of sadness but also pride that I write my final newsletter as Principal of Belair Primary School. I started here in 2008 and have been the leader and custodian of a wonderful school and community.

Throughout this 10 year period there have been many changes. Some have presented us with challenging issues but mostly, they have resulted in an improved learning environment for your children and have enabled the school and community to grow together.

I would like to thank the school community for their wonderful support. I appreciate the many ways in which you contribute by attending meetings, participating in excursions and camps, assisting in classrooms, coaching sporting teams, working in the canteen and resource centre, dealing with lost property and the list goes on.

Thank you to the students present and past. Each day I have shared with you, your 'ah ha' learning moments. These are wonderful and one of the reasons that makes teaching such a rewarding profession.

I have had the privilege of working with a dedicated and professional staff group, who work each day with commitment to ensure that our students are cared for and learn to the best of their ability. A sincere thank you to all staff for their unwavering focus on student learning and outstanding ability to work so well as a team, of which I have so enjoyed being a part of.

Leanne Twigden will be in the role of Principal for the first two terms. During this time, Richard Costi our Education Director will conduct the selection process for a new Principal to begin in term 3. As a high performing school we are hoping to attract many capable applicants and then select the best person to collaboratively lead our school into the future.

I leave knowing that the school will continue to deliver a high quality learning environment for all students, with extremely capable and confident leaders and staff driving continual improvement.

Best wishes to students and families who are leaving the school.

## 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

#### DECEMBER

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Farewell Assembly 11.45am  
**EARLY DISMISSAL 2.10PM**

### TERM 1 – 2018

#### JANUARY

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> First Day Term 1, 2018

I would like to wish students, parents/carers and families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope everyone has the opportunity to enjoy some quality family time during your summer break.

Merry Christmas and best wishes, Susan Copeland.

## CONGRATULATIONS CARAWATHA

The final regular assembly was hosted by the Carawatha Unit. Their inquiry was 'People celebrate different events that are important to them' - It was wonderful to see the confidence of the children, knowing their parts and being able to perform in front of a wider audience. They thoroughly enjoyed singing and dancing to 'Santa wear your shorts tonight' and 'We're going on a Summer Holiday'.



Respect

Responsibility

Creativity

Achievement



## STAFF UPDATE

Thank you to the following staff who will leave Belair this year.

Mari Foody heading to Hallett Cove East Primary, Laura Trueman heading to Coromandel Valley Primary, To Aneta Besteki and Jess Gilding we hope to see you in 2018. We thank you for the work you have done with the students and wish you all the very best in 2018. Rai Berzins will take long service leave for the year and we wish him well for the adventures that he will embark upon.

Farewell also to Katrina McInnes who has now retired after a very successful 40 year career. This week staff celebrated her achievements and contributions to education across the years. We wish her all the very best.

We welcome the following teachers for 2018:

- Keiko Yoshino from Woodend Primary School
- Kristen Bowden from Craighburn Primary School
- Sarah Wright from Lobethal Primary School
- Natasha Cowey from Glenelg Primary School
- Liz Mitchell from Lake Windemere Primary School

Welcome also to Marija Baggio from Le Fevre Primary School who will take the role of Deputy Principal for terms 1 and 2.

## NEW LOOK WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

We are very excited to announce our new look school website. This has been developed to provide a more accessible and appealing website for our school community. It also allows us to promote our school and connect locally and globally.

A huge thank you to Spiros Giannos and his team from Designlab, who kindly volunteered their time and offered a wealth of experience to design and create the website. Thank you also to Max McKinnon from Same River Studio, who offered his time to create an outstanding video showcasing our wonderful school.

Thank you to the Education Committee for their work and guidance throughout.

We are very proud of the final product and it certainly highlights the fabulous school we have.

We have also created an official Belair Primary School Facebook page where families and the wider community will be kept up to date with whole school activities, good news stories and other information such as after school sport, upcoming events etc.

You will find the link to this Facebook page at the bottom of the Home page of the website. A link to Code of Conduct is included for your information. Please make yourself familiar with this document.

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## REPORTS

This afternoon you will have received your child's end of year report for 2017. These reports provide you with an overview of your child's learning and will assist you in having a clear understanding of your child's growth and progress. The report is best read in conjunction with your child's portfolio, as this shows their learning over time.

## 2018 STAFF LIST

STAFF MEMBER	YEAR	ROLL CLASS
<b>ARSCOTT</b> Sandy	Rec	CW1
<b>STACEY</b> Mary	Rec	CW2
<b>MICHELL</b> Liz	Rec	CW3
<b>MAYFIELD</b> Natalie .6/ <b>ODELL</b> Belinda .4	Year 1/2	Rm 16
<b>MURPHY</b> Emma	1/2	Rm 17
<b>SMITH</b> Michelle .8 / <b>CORRELL</b> Pam .2	1/2	Rm 18
<b>UPTON</b> Tracey	1/2	Rm 19
<b>JASON</b> Sinead	1/2	Rm 20
<b>CARLMARK</b> Lisen	1/2	Rm 21
<b>OLSON</b> Nat	1/2	Rm 22
<b>MILLER</b> Leanne .8 / <b>CORRELL</b> Pam .2	3	Rm 13
<b>HANDLEY</b> Alischa .8/ <b>CORRELL</b> Pam .2	3	Rm 14
<b>FARMER</b> Ali	3	Rm 15
<b>GRAHAM</b> Dominic	4	Rm 10
<b>LAJOIE</b> Kate	4	Rm 11
<b>DICKSON</b> Greg	4	Rm 12
<b>BOWDEN</b> Kristen	5	Rm 6
<b>WRIGHT</b> Sarah	5	Rm 7
<b>MAGAREY</b> Margaret	5	Rm 9
<b>BRIGGS</b> Catie	6	Rm 3
Semester 1 <b>COWEY</b> Natasha .8 / <b>ARTHUR</b> Mel .2	6	Rm 4
Semester 2 <b>OLIPHANT</b> Claire .8/ <b>ARTHUR</b> Mel .2		
<b>FIGERT</b> Annette .6/ <b>GILLESPIE</b> Karen .4	6	Rm 5
<b>HUNT</b> Nerida	7	Rm 1
<b>FORBES</b> Alex	7	Rm 2
<b>Japanese – SAUL</b> Virginia .6		Rm 8
<b>Japanese – Yoshino</b> Keiko		Rm 8
<b>PE – MARK</b> Astrid		Gym
<b>PE – ARTHUR</b> Melissa .7		Hall
<b>MUSIC – HOWES</b> Katie .5		Hall





## CLASS PLACEMENT 2018

Included in your child's report is a letter advising you of class placement for 2018. All children have contributed to the placement process by nominating preferred friends.

On Friday 15/12/2017, children will visit their 2018 classroom and meet the teacher/s and fellow classmates.

Please refer to the letter you receive included in your child's report folder for details of the process to use, should you have significant concerns regarding your child's placement,

## MATERIAL AND SERVICES CHARGES 2017

Thank you for the very positive responses we received from our latest poll amongst families for the Materials and Service charges for 2018.

From the responses we received, an overwhelming 94.7% of parents voted in favour of endorsing the proposal that the full amount of Materials & Service charge of \$380 be legally recoverable.

Parents will receive information about this when invoices are sent out in mid-January 2018.

## JUNIOR PRIMARY PICNIC



## RESOURCE CENTRE

This week we are closed for borrowing and all students are making a big effort to return their books. Many resources need to be culled/tidied and stocktake is taking place. Over the year many new books have been purchased thanks to your continual support of the Scholastic Book Club orders/Book Fair.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered in the Resource Centre this year, especially the regulars - Diane, Sue, Anne, Annette and Raelene. Many students have also been very helpful before and after school.

Thanks again and have a great Christmas and New Year.

Sharon & Trish

## PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to everyone who completed the Premier Reading Challenge in 2017. This year 34 students in year 6 & 7 received certificates for completing the challenge for the last 8 years. Congratulations to Ebony and Carla who were awarded certificates for completing the challenge for the last 9 years.



## YEAR 7 GRADUATION

On behalf of the school community, I would like to congratulate our year 7 students on their graduation from Belair Primary School and wish them success as they embark on their secondary education.

Last night we witnessed one of the milestones that occur in children's lives, that being the Graduation ceremony for our year 7 students. These students were farewelled in wonderful Belair tradition with the spotlight placed on their achievements. The dancing, speeches and indeed, fashions were all fabulous.

MP Sam Duluk and Mr John Sandham from the Rotary Club of Coromandel Valley joined us as honoured guests for the celebrations. John presented Citizenship Awards to Juliette P and Albert T for their wonderful commitment to service activities in and out of school.

This year the award for 'Outstanding Service to Belair Primary School' was awarded to Indigo Homersham. This award is given to a student who has provided outstanding service to the school on a continual basis over an extended period of time.

Indigo, Juliette and Albert are deserving winners. We congratulate these students on their Awards, thank them for the significant contribution they have made and wish them well for their future.

A big thank you to the Parent Association for their work in preparing the Hall and providing supper at the conclusion of the formalities. Your contribution is always appreciated.

Thank you to the middle school teachers and the staff for their wonderful work in preparing the students for the evening and supporting the Graduation event.

Our best wishes go to all year 7 students when, tomorrow afternoon, they leave Belair and move to High School in 2018. Good luck for your future.

## GOVERNING COUNCIL

Happy Holidays on behalf of the Governing Council. Everyone have an enjoyable and safe summer. We look forward to seeing you next year and our best wishes go to those students and families who are leaving the school at the end of this year, particularly those off to year 8!

On behalf of the Governing Council, thank you to Susan Copeland, who has been principal of Belair PS for the last decade. We wish her well in her new role at Burnside PS. Thank you also to Leanne Twigden who will be principal during the selection process, which will begin next year.

The Governing Council would also like to recognise and thank Hasmik Anassian who has been a stalwart volunteer with Parent Association and a GC member and our Treasurer for the last ten years.

We would also like to thank Carly Hocking who is stepping down as Governing Council chair. She has been a great organiser and champion for the school community.

Thanks also to retiring GC members, and those who intend to continue or re-nominate.

As usual there will be a few open seats on Governing Council for next year. You are encouraged to express an interest and attend the Annual General Meeting which will be 20 February, 2018.

We will have a busy year in 2018 with the selection of a new principal, discussing priorities for the site improvement plan and facilities amongst the regular duties.

The Governing Council make decisions about the broad direction for the school taking into account DECD requirements. Governance includes setting the broad direction and vision for the school, strategic planning, determining policies, determining the application of the total financial resources and monitoring, reporting and reviewing. Council work allows you to gain an understanding of the workings of the School and to contribute to its long term success. Council meetings are held twice a term. In addition, most Councillors sit on one of Council's subcommittees: Finance, After School Sport, Education, Canteen, Grounds and Out Of School Hours Care.

Meetings run for 90 minutes twice a term. Members commit to serve a two year term. You can nominate up to a week before the AGM in February, information will be in the newsletter. Questions can be directed to Leanne Twigden or any of the current governing council members.

Aaron Osterby, Deputy Chair, Belair Governing Council

## CANTEEN

Wow what a busy year it has been in the Canteen! Lots of fantastic special days and events and I'm sure the students all enjoyed these along with our regular Canteen service. A big thankyou to all of my amazing helpers, you do a fantastic job and I couldn't do it without you. Also

to the year sevens that helped in the Canteen at lunch time I thank you all, you did a great job.

A couple of reminders for the holidays, please give your re-usable lunch wallets a wipe out so they are fresh and clean for next year. Once you know your children's new class number please change it on Flexi schools and on their re-usable wallets so they will be ready to go in 2018.

Farewell to the wonderful year 7's and those of you moving on to other schools. Goodbye and good luck for the future.

A big thankyou to all that use the Canteen. We have a great service here at Belair and it is because the Canteen is well supported. I am looking forward to that continuing and growing next year.

I hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas and enjoy the holidays with your families. Stay safe and I look forward to a great 2018.



Julie

## PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER

Dear Belair Families,

We have come to the end of another year and Christmas is just a short time away. Things seem hectic at the moment. Someone mentioned to me recently that it is ironic so many Christmas cards have "Peace" written all over them and Christmas seems anything but peaceful.

She is so right! I was at Marion the other day and it was crazy and everyone seemed mad at each other. I must confess, I am quite grumpy as well. I don't think I'm spreading much peace around at the moment.

So in this busy, stressful time that is supposed to be peaceful and joyful, it might be helpful to remember the prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi:

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.*

*Where there is hatred, let me sow love.*

*Where there is injury, pardon.*

*Where there is doubt, faith.*

*Where there is despair, hope.*

*Where there is darkness, light.*

*Where there is sadness, joy.*

*O Divine Master,*

*grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;*

*to be understood, as to understand;*

*to be loved, as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive.*

*It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,*

*and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.*

*Amen.*

May you have a blessed, peaceful Christmas!

Sara Walding, Pastoral Care Worker



## SOFTBALLERS 2017



## PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Parent Association has had a great year full of fundraisers, meetings, social events and activities. To everyone on the Parent Association, Class Parent Reps, and in the general school community who have helped and supported - by volunteering, attending, wrapping, photocopying, distributing, meeting, singing, cooking, serving, donating, setting up, packing up, putting up, taking down, laughing, buying, selling, organising, guillotining, designing, and more laughing ... THANK YOU!

To our PA members and Class Parent Reps who are leaving the school - we will miss you and all the help you have given us over the years. Special thank you to Jo Osmond and Hasmik Anassian, what you've given Belair during your time here has been invaluable. We wish you and your families all the best for the future.

For those families returning to Belair PS next year, please consider taking a role on the Parent Association. It's a great bunch of people, no job is too big or too hard, there are always other members who can show you the ropes, and you'd be welcomed with open arms.

Have a wonderful Christmas break everyone, best wishes for the New Year. Merry Christmas!!

*Kristy Fairlamb  
on behalf of the BPS Parent Association*



## CRICKET

### Last chance for 2018 cricket registrations!

First of all, congratulations to all of our players. It was another great season of Belair cricket. Special congratulations to our graduating year 7s, who got to attend a special cricket graduation ceremony at Adelaide Oval this week and met fast bowling legend Jason "Dizzy" Gillespie!



The last day to register for 2018 cricket is **Friday 15 December**. Students that will be in years 1 – 7 in 2018 are eligible to register. Fees are \$25 for Kanga (Years 1 – 3) and \$65 for Grade cricket (Years 3 – 7). Parents who volunteer to coach or manage a team get free registration for their kids. Please contact Chris Della Vedova ([chris.della.vedova@bigpond.com](mailto:chris.della.vedova@bigpond.com) or 0432 843 605) with any questions.

Chris Della Vedova, Cricket Coordinator

## PACIFIC SCHOOL GAMES

In week 8, I participated in the Pacific School Games as a member of the 12/U South Australian Netball Team.



Only 12 girls were picked for the team and I was selected as a goalie. Trials were in June and after trials we began training once a month in Term 3 and played a carnival at Murray Bridge which we won. We trained every Sunday in Term 4 as part of our preparation for the tournament.

We played New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia, Australian Capital Territory, Northern Territory and the Budgies (Australian Indigenous Team) at Priceline Stadium. Each day we also had activities with members from other teams to encourage bonding and good sportsmanship.

This team was a lot of fun and the level of netball was really good. My coaches were excellent, I learnt a lot and I met a lot of nice girls. It was a really good week.

Alexandra S, year 7

# Blue Christmas

*A service of remembrance and hope for those who are feeling sadness and loss this Christmas*

**Thursday  
21<sup>st</sup> December at 7pm**

An ecumenical service for all people,  
Hosted at Blackwood Uniting Church  
266 Main Road, Blackwood

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **VACSWIM 2018** - An intensive learn-to-swim programme run during the school holidays. Children will learn safety, rescue and improve their swimming ability. Tuesday 2 to Friday 5 January and Monday 8 to Wednesday 10 January (total of 7 days). Pricing is \$70 per child, All VACSWIM participants must be attending school in the year 2018. Please enrol your child at the Marion Outdoor Pool, Park Holme or phone on 8276 4939.
- **PLAY RUGBY UNION AT AU RUGBY JUNIORS** - Safe, fun, inclusive and family friendly, Instils teamwork, fair play and respect for others. Multiple coaches for each team. Guaranteed game every Saturday. From age 5 and above Training starts February at Waite Oval. 2018 Come and Try Days - 11th and 25th February 10am-11am at Waite Oval Netherby. For more information, phone Vikki on 0439 089 939 or email [aurugbyshortblacks@gmail.com](mailto:aurugbyshortblacks@gmail.com)
- **ATHLETES FOOT** – The School Rewards Program is a great fundraising opportunity, with \$5 from every pair of shoes purchased being donated back to your school. Ask in store for more details!
- **ENPOINTE BALLET SCHOOL AT BELAIR** - Dance with Miss Sarah - Let me take your child on a beautiful journey into the exciting world of Ballet. I'm thrilled to bits to be able to share my passion of dance with such a fantastic community. My programmes are designed to ignite and boost confidence, energy, coordination, creativity and social skills in a warm and nurturing environment - for children aged between 18 months - Hip Hop, Musical, Theatre, Jazz and even Beginners Ballet for adults. Ph. 0419866765 – [www.enpointeballetschool.com.au](http://www.enpointeballetschool.com.au)
- **GRASSHOPPER SOCCER** is back next year with locations all over Adelaide! Enrol by Friday Dec 22 for the chance to win an iPad! Visit our website, [www.grasshoppersoccer.com.au](http://www.grasshoppersoccer.com.au) Or email [daniel@grasshoppersoccer.com.au](mailto:daniel@grasshoppersoccer.com.au)

