



BELAIR PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



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Rob Houston
Principal

Leanne Twigden
Deputy Principal

PRINCIPAL REPORT

The Momoyama Exchange was a great induction for me into the Belair school community. I was able to see first-hand the close connection between children, families and staff. A special thankyou to Virginia Saul, Keiko Yoshino, community volunteers, host teachers and host families for all the extra work they put into making the exchange a great experience for everyone. Plans are now underway for our return visit in 2019.

There are many external assessments and surveys that are held throughout term 3 each year. Our reception teachers have just completed the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) an Australian Government Initiative. Our year 1/2 teachers are administering the year 1 phonics screening check (a new Department for Education initiative). All year 1 and 2 students will also have their Reading Running Records assessed by the end of term 3. Next week our year 3, 4, and 6 students will participate in an online readiness assessment for the 2019 NAPLAN. This is purely a readiness check to see how well the school's IT hardware and network system manages close to 300 students accessing the NAPLAN portal at the same time. We also see this as an opportunity for the students to learn how the new system will work before next year. The students or their work are not recorded or identified in any manner. Our year 6/7 students are currently participating the Department's Wellbeing and Engagement Survey. All students from year 3-7 are also sitting the ACER Progress Achievement Tests in mathematics and reading (PAT M/R) by the end of week 8. This does create a busy time for our school. However, collectively, the information and data comes back to the school to support the development of strategic initiatives which support the learning and wellbeing of our children.

SAFETY OF CHILDREN

Safety of children is an ongoing priority. Please discuss safe routes to and from school with your children.

Families are reminded, students are not to be unsupervised on school grounds prior to 8.30am every weekday.

The High risk areas around the school from 8:30-9:00am and 3:00-5:00 pm are:

- **Staff car park** - strictly staff use only. This is an out of bounds area for students at all times. Please do not use this area to drop off or collect your children or to walk through on the way to class
- **Play equipment** 3.15 – 3.30pm – children are not to be on play equipment unless supervised by collecting adult

2018 DIARY DATES

Monday Afternoon Uniform Shop open 3:00 – 4:00 PM
Wednesday Morning Uniform Shop open 8.30 – 9.30 AM
TERM 3 - 2018

AUGUST

27-31 Rec-Y2 Water Safety Ed Rm 19,20,21,22
Mon 27 BJB Kindy visit BPS
Parent Association meeting 7pm
Tue 28 Yr 3, 4, 6 NAPLAN Online Trial
Wed 29 BJB Kindy visit BPS
Fri 31 Assembly hosted by Rm 14
PA Quiz Night (details below)

SEPTEMBER

3-5 PYP Evaluation
Wed 5 Family Life Seminar (Parent Assoc.)
Tue 11 Momoyama Parent Info Evening 7pm (R/Cen)
Thurs 6 Premiers Reading Challenge closed
Fri 7 **SCHOOL / OSHC CLOSURE**
Mon 10 Principal Tour
Year 3s to Cleland NP
Tue 11 Education Committee 6pm
Wed 12 Reception 2019 Info Session 6pm (Carawatha)
Fri 14 Assembly hosted by Rm17
Mon 17 Finance Committee 6pm
Tue 18 Governing Council 6.30pm
Thurs 20 R-7 Disco
Fri 21 MHP Yr 7 Quiz Day (Belair PS)
Mon 24 Principal Tour
Tue 25 SAPSASA Athletics Metro Championships
Fri 28 Assembly hosed by Rm 21
End of Term **EARLY DISMISSAL 2:10pm**

TERM 4

OCTOBER

Mon 15 Pupil Free day

- **After 3.30pm** uncollected students need to report to the front office and not be unsupervised in the yard
- **Rokewood Drive/Main Road** - keep close supervision of your children at all times
- **Laffers Road** – observe the signs and keep close supervision of your children at all times
- **Blackwood Hospital & Blackwood Catholic Church grounds** - no parking available

NEW STUDENTS

A special welcome to the new students and their families who started at Belair.

Year 4: Elliot D



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CAR PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL

The City of Mitcham advises of its ongoing monitoring of parking areas around our school. Please refer to the attached *Australian Road Rules* brochure as any breaches of the rules may result in the issue of an expiation notice.

Parking is not available in the old Blackwood Hospital or Catholic Church grounds.

PYP EVALUATION

We are now conducting final preparations for the PYP evaluation visit. The evaluating team will be visiting for three days during week 7 (3rd -5th of September). Thank you to everyone who is or has contributed to the evaluation process including those who are meeting with the evaluation team, completed the parent survey last year or who have contributed through Governing Council or associated committees. We look forward to gaining valuable feedback from the evaluation team. Thank you for your continued support of the PYP at Belair Primary School.

Natalie Mayfield

BOOK WEEK PARADE AND VIP / GRANDIES MORNING

The smiling faces of the children told their own stories at our recent Bookweek Parade. Thank you to Natalie Olsen and Lisen Carlmark (Year 1/2 teachers) for making the morning so special. Thanks also to our admin team and SSO's who made the VIP event an enjoyable occasion for over 300 guests. Our strings group performed for over 40 minutes under the guidance of Lisi McGowran and Anne Rodda giving the event another lift.



BELAIR / MOMOYAMA ES EXCHANGE

46 students and staff from Momoyama Elementary School (MES) were on exchange at Belair from 30th July to 8th August. This year's exchange was a great success, largely due to the wonderful host families who opened their hearts and their homes to the Momoyama students. We are truly grateful for the generosity and kindness of these families and we hope that in some cases, family friendships will continue to thrive. We have a very open and caring community at Belair and this is a large reason

that our exchange program is such a success year after year.

Our staff also provided a varied and fun in school program for our visitors so as to give as many Belair students as possible a chance to make a Japanese friend.

To them we also say a big thank you.

This was the 20th year of the exchange program between our two schools and each time our relationship grows stronger.

So, thank you so much again to our fabulous host families and great staff who took such excellent care of our visitors.

The plan for our visit to Kyoto next year is underway. We will have a Momoyama Parent Info Evening on **Tuesday, 11th September at 7:00 p.m. at Resource Centre** for all those who are interested in. i.e. parents of the students currently in Year 5 & 6.

If you are unable to come to the meeting, please inform the front office, Keiko or Virginia of your interest.



SHOEBOXES OF LOVE

Participation in this activity is voluntary and all items received will be greatly appreciated.



Suggested items for a Shoebox – Five New “Somethings”

1. Something to Love
2. Something to play with
3. Something to write/draw, with/on
4. Something of personal hygiene (no liquids)
5. Something to wear

If you wish to contribute, please send individual items or a collection of items (in an A4 size shoebox) to Sharon in the Resource Centre or to the front office by **Friday 28th September** (last day Term 3).

CANTEEN NEWS

Reduce-Reuse-Recycle. This is a focus in the Canteen at the moment! I have had some students very interested in helping to reduce waste in the Canteen and I am more than happy to help the cause. You will see they have put up some poster around the school highlighting the areas we would like to focus on first and they are, using a re-usable lunch wallet for your lunch orders, bring your own cup for soup, hot chocolate or slushy's, say no to a straw in your slushy you could bring your own from home, use a wooden stirrer or just drink it from the cup! We also have a recycle tub out the front of the Canteen for the 10c recyclables. Our water, fruit boxes and milks can all be recycled so make sure you put yours in the tub.

We will continue to have our hot chocolate, soup on Tuesdays and butter chicken Wednesdays until the end of this term.

Show week is almost upon us and we will once again be joining in the fun in the Canteen with our Canteen showbags, and some special showtime treats available to buy during Week 7 Monday to Thursday. So save up your pocket money and come in and see us for a special treat.

I am also in need of 2 helpers for Friday 21 September, week 9, if you are able to help out please contact me in the Canteen your help is greatly appreciated.

Thanks, Julie (8278 6439)

OSHC BOOKINGS

October Vacation Care program now available online. Please complete the booking form and return to OSHC no later than **Friday September 21st 2018**.

Reminder - OSHC will be closed on the school closure day **Friday September 7th 2018**.

OSHC are now taking bookings for the Pupil Free Day on **Monday October 15th 2018**.

CONGRATULATIONS ROOM 18 & 19

Room 18 and Room 19 worked collaboratively to host the Week 4 assembly. It was based on their PYP unit of inquiry relating to how people communicate with each other and it was communicated to the school by way of a dramatised timeline!



RESOURCE CENTRE

BOOK WEEK

This week is Book Week and the theme is "Find your Treasure". Many children have found 'jewels' hidden in random books in the Resource Centre.

Thanks to the year 6/7 students who have been doing an excellent job of reading a short-listed book over the loud speaker just prior to lunchtime.

The Resource Centre is looking very colourful with many entries in the Art competition. Winners will be announced at the end of the week.

It was great to see staff and students dress up for our Parade in week 2.

The book of the year in the early childhood section is: **Rodney Loses It!** Well done to Room 18 & 19 for the wonderful display about this book. All of the winning books including the ones that were originally shortlisted are on display in the Library.



PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

The last day to return your form is **Thursday 6th September** as Friday is a school closure. ***Please remember that NO late forms will be accepted.*** Well done to those children that have already completed the challenge. Certificates and medals will be distributed in term 4.

PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER

Dear Families,

I thought this week I would share with you one of my regrets as a parent. Perhaps you can learn from my mistakes! My children are adults now, and I would like to say I was the perfect parent throughout their childhood, but I was not. (The good news is, they turned out just fine despite my failings ☺.)

So here is my regret: I never really cooked with my children. I was always too busy just trying to get dinner done. Including my girls in the process seemed too overwhelming. Making desserts was messy and time consuming. As a result, I avoided cooking with my kids. I never thought too much about it until recently as I observed a number of our Kids Hope Mentors doing cooking with the children they mentor. Cooking has a powerful impact on children. This is what I noticed:

- Cooking together builds relationships. As the cooking project is undertaken, conversation flows.
- Cooking teaches responsibility. It is necessary to clean up after yourself. You can't leave the kitchen a mess.
- Cooking teaches English and Maths. Recipes are perfect for gaining literacy and numeracy skills in a way that is fun and practical.
- Cooking allows children to share their creations. Often cookies and other treats are distributed to classmates, much to their delight.
- Cooking gives children to have a sense of accomplishment. The kids are always so proud of what they make.
- Eating together builds friendships. There is something about enjoying food together that creates a bond with others.

So, if you want some advice from a mum who has been there and done that, try to take the time to cook with your kids. However, if you are like I was – overwhelmed by it all – know that they will turn out just fine anyway.

Warm regards,

Sara Walding, Pastoral Care Worker

Sara.walding521@schools.sa.edu.au

In School: Wednesday and Friday all day; Tuesday and Thursday afternoon

SOFTBALL

School softball is on the horizon, practice starting week 1 of term four. I'm keen to see all the players from term 1 and some new faces. More details coming out in the next newsletter (or check out after school sport on school website), and feel free to sign up now!

Janie

Softball Coordinator

janie.hutchison@gmail.com

PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS



Cadbury Chocolate Drive: Thanks to all the families who opted in for our biggest fundraiser of the year and all the extra donations.

We still have some spare Freddo boxes that need to go. If you're able to take another box to sell at your workplace it'd be greatly appreciated. The boxes can be collected at the front office.

QUIZ NIGHT – Friday 31st August: Only 2 tables are left for our 2018 'Back to School' quiz night on Friday August 31st. Head to <https://www.trybooking.com/XEKY> to make a deposit and reserve your table of 10 for a fun night of quizzes, games, and prizes.

So many ways to win:

- 1st & 2nd place on the night
- huge raffle baskets
- lucky squares - our version of gambling
- coin toss - win the bottle of alcohol
- wine table (lucky dip)
- silent auction – loads of prizes up for grabs
- Be the best dressed table

If you don't want to book a whole table of 10 but would like to attend, please email Catriona at catriona@byrne.net.au so she might be able to assist in finding you an available seat.

Back to School
QUIZ NIGHT!
Friday 31 August

- 7pm for a 7.30 start
- BYO drinks, nibbles & glassware + lots of gold coins
- \$1.00 tea & coffee
- Adults only event

\$15pp

Belair Primary School
SCHOOL HALL

Prize awarded to the best dressed table

Get your table of 10 together!
Reserve with Catriona via catriona@byrne.net.au
or 0409 994 200

Our Quiz Night needs prizes ...

Big prizes, small prizes, funny prizes. You have it? We can use it!



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Examples of prize donations gratefully received (and are not limited to):

- Vouchers for dollar value, discount, product, or service
- Cinema/theatre tickets
- Chocolates
- Wine, beer, spirits
- Gourmet foods
- Books/magazine subscriptions
- Sporting paraphernalia
- Cosmetics

Please send your donations into the front office for safekeeping until the big night by next Wednesday August 29th.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR BUSINESSES?

- ❖ A shout out on the night to a room of over 200 attendees.
- ❖ Opportunity to gain new customers from the winner of your prize, as well as other attendees on the night.
- ❖ Business name mention in our after event thank you in the school newsletter.

- ❖ Business name mention in our after event thank you to the members of our closed school FB group.

If you'd like to support the Belair Primary School Parent Association Quiz night or need more details, please send an email to the address below.

FAMILY LIFE SEMINAR – Wednesday 5th September:

Traditionally known as the 'Birds & the Bees', the Parents Association has arranged for professional educator KidzBiz to run 2 sessions for primary aged children to bring along their families to learn about: 'Where Did We Come From' (aimed at R-Yr4) 6.40pm 'What's Happening To Me' (aimed at Yr 5-7) 7.40 pm

To book your FREE ticket for either or both sessions head to <https://www.trybooking.com/XGSI>

Parent Association meeting: Our next meeting is being held next week on **Monday 27th August at 7pm in the staff room.** Meetings go for about an hour. Come along to hear what's happening in the school, offer help, or throw your ideas into the ring. All parents and carers are welcome.

Contact the Parent Association: If you want to ask the PA a question or make a comment or suggestion, please email kristy@fairlamb.me and we will respond asap.



The banner features a central photograph of two students in school uniforms, a boy and a girl, smiling and holding books. The background is a dark blue gradient with a faint school crest. Text is arranged in columns on either side of the photo.

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**2018
PRINCIPAL'S
TOUR**

Next Tour:
Wednesday 31 October
9.30am – 10.45am

Bookings essential.
Register at: tours@uhs.sa.edu.au

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CANTEEN ROSTER

27 Aug	28 Aug	29 Aug	30 Aug	31 Aug
	Lana Giannakopoulos	Ashley Gregory	Ellie Magarey	Jan Charles Emily Connor
3 Sept	4 Sept	5 Sept	6 Sept	7 Sept
Mackella Giles	Mandy Mason	Raylene (if no one else)	Sarah Coote	School Closure
10 Sept	11 Sept	12 Sept	13 Sept	14 Sept
Penelope Carrick	Bea Ellis	Julia Brueggemann	Ashley Gregory	Mallory Chatfield Susan
17 Sept	18 Sept	19 Sept	20 Sept	21 Sept
Jodie McLachlan	Michelle Dunstone	Bek Cox	Di Miles	HELP NEEDED

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **SPEAK MOVE & LEARN KIDS CLUB** – Belair Community Centre; every Monday and Thursday – various times available; suitable for children and adolescents 0 – 19 years with AD and/ or learning developmental delays; combining speech therapy for better results in your child’s language & social skills. Use your NDIS funding. Call Sally on 0431713909 or 0409091022
- **MOVE & LEARN KIDS FIT CLUB** – Belair Community Centre; every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday; suitable for all primary school aged children; drop kids off at 7.45 am → finishes at 8.25 am, where you can choose to pick up your kids or they can walk with our WALKING GROUP to Belair PS; Join anytime; Call 0409091022
- **STURT Falcons SOFTBALL CLUB** - Are you looking for a summer sport? Perhaps interested in learning some bat and ball skills without the pressure of a fast paced game? Sturt Softball are inviting new members to their come 'n try days every Sunday from 19th August to the end of September. Email: sturtfalcons@gmail.com for more info
- **DYSLEXIA SA LITERACY EXPO** – Saturday 13 October 2018 at Education Development Centre, Milner St, Hindmarsh Tickets \$220 + booking fee. <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/70355>
- **MEN’S BREAKFAST** – Blackwood Hills Baptist Church, Saturday 22 September, 7.30 – 9 am, ‘The Reunion of Raggy & Len – 16 Years in the Making’ with Len Firth & Brenton Ragless. RSVP Michael Houston 0403656537 or email mjhouston7@gmail.com
- **CODE CAMP** – www.codecamp.com.au or phone 1300 263 322 for more information
- **KIDS TAEKWONDO** - Resilience, Confidence, Discipline, Respect. Enquiries Ph: 0412909500 or email for more info info@worldtaekwondo.com.au
- **STATE SWIM MORPHETT ROAD** – Are offering the first 2 lessons free. Voucher available at our front office. Or phone Vicki on 82962442

