



BELAIR PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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Week ending Friday 21 September 2018

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Principal

Leanne Twigden
Deputy Principal

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

WHAT A FINISH!

What a finish to the term we are having! The past few weeks have seen our school community participate in a wide range of activities during school time and after hours. These have included our IB PYP school evaluation, Tournament of Minds team presentations at Flinders University, season closure of the year 6/7 Debating competition, Book Week, parent mathematics workshops, R-2 swimming, Footsteps dance, Family Life Seminars, 2019 reception transition and the 2019 Momoyama Exchange information night. Things still to come before the holidays include, our student led conferences, Mitcham Hills Year 7 Quiz day, R-7 Disco & Crazy Hair Day (today). As this will be my last communication to you before the break, have a safe and happy time over the school holiday period.

TERM 4 PUPIL FREE DAY

Please remember that our first day back next term is a pupil free day, Monday, 15th October. The day will be an interactive one for staff where the focus will be on 3 key sessions;

1. Exploring the Current State of Play at Belair Primary school – (Focus on our core work and bringing things together to identify the best pathways forward)
2. Looking at our school data. What is our data telling us? (Running Records, A-E, NAPLAN & PAT M&R)
3. Using our data practically to support improved learning outcomes for students – PAT M Data focus – Using the online teacher resources

Our OSHC will be open and the program for day will include a cricket clinic and jumping castle, please contact OSHC directly to make your booking.

ENROLMENTS 2019

If your child will not be attending our school next year (excluding current Year 7), please contact Janita Collins at the front office as soon as possible as we are beginning to plan our classes for 2019. In addition, if you know people whose children are likely to start at our school from the beginning of 2019 please encourage them to contact us as soon as possible.

HATS

As per our school policy, moving into term 4 means all students need to be wearing their school hats when outside. Please make sure your child has their hats from the beginning of next term.

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 SEPTEMBER

Fri 21 MHP Yr 7 Quiz Day (Belair PS)
Mon 24 Principal Tour
Tues 25 SAPSASA Athletics Metro Championships
Wed 26 **STUDENT LED CONFERENCES AM /Evening**
Fri 28 Assembly hosted by Rm 21
Shoe Boxes of Love due
End of Term **EARLY DISMISSAL 2:10pm**

TERM 4 OCTOBER

Mon 15 **PUPIL FREE DAY**
Mon 22 Parent Association meeting 9am
OSHC Management meeting 2pm
Fri 3 Assembly hosted by Room 3
Mon 29 Rec Transition visit 9am - 10.30am (group 1)
Finance Committee 6pm
Tues 30 Education Committee 6pm
Wed 31 Rec Transition visit 9am - 10.30am (group 2)

NOVEMBER

Mon 5 Rec Transition visit 9am – 12 noon (group 1)
Music Concert 6.30 pm (Hall)
Tues 6 Governing Council meeting
Wed 7 Rec Transition visit 9am – 12 noon (group 2)
Fri 9 Assembly hosted by Room 20

BUSHFIRE SEASON UPDATE

In preparation for the upcoming Bushfire Season, next week all staff and students will participate in our first practice of our bushfire procedures for the season. This will be followed up with another practice very early next term. Please take time to visit our school website where you will find more information on the Belair Primary School bushfire procedures. Additional information will also be emailed home in week one of next term.

NAPLAN

Years 3, 5 & 7 student reports from this year's National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be sent home in envelopes next Wednesday afternoon. The NAPLAN results provide information for students, parents/caregivers, teachers and principals and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Once you have received your child's report you are welcome to make contact with class teachers or leadership to discuss aspects of the NAPLAN assessments.



Respect

Responsibility

Creativity

Achievement



STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

A reminder that student led conferences are next week, **Wednesday 26 September** between 9am-10am and 6pm-7pm. During these conferences students will talk about their goals and achievements as a learner. Please allow 15-20 minutes for your child to share their learning with you.

There are a number of student led conferences taking place in the classrooms at the same time. Please remember teachers will not be available for individual discussions with parents and carers.

If you have not done so already, please indicate the time you intend to visit with your child via the link www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Please use the event code [ytmaq](#)

TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

Sunday 9th September saw 20 students compete in the annual international Tournament of Minds (TOM) program. Students were involved in an 8-week program, developing a creative solution to a long term challenge based around 3 separate disciplines. We chose to work in the Arts, Social Sciences and STEM.

Students worked in teams deciding on a solution, developing a script, designing props and costumes and practicing the dramatic performance that was used to share their solution. Part of the TOM process is that students are not to receive assistance from teachers and parents and must complete the challenge within their team. The students abided by this and worked throughout lunch times, after school and we even met on our school closure day. The dedication they displayed is to be commended.

Sunday was the culmination of their time and effort and they did a great job and certainly did themselves and the school proud. We certainly were impressed by the final outcomes and the support teams showed each other.

Congratulations to all involved.



PYP EVALUATION

During week 7 we welcomed Jeff and Carolyn as representatives of the International Baccalaureate Organisation to conduct the PYP evaluation. During the three days they visited classrooms and spoke to staff, students and parents. Carolyn and Jeff gave us initial feedback during the visit and spoke very highly of our school community. We are expecting the final report with recommendations to be available late next term. Thanks to the staff, students and parents who contributed towards the evaluation processes.

ASSEMBLY REPORTS

Room 14 hosted the assembly in week 6, showcasing *How we express ourselves* and some of their inquiries into traditional stories. All students involved themselves with enthusiasm and confidence, collaborating to showcase their learning. They shared with us their contributions to the 3D Designing and Printing Project. The students also showed different perspectives of a traditional story through a digital Stop Motion movie and a performance. Finally, they presented Mr Houston with a new name badge designed by class members and printed during the assembly on the 3D printer. Well done team!



Room 17s assembly focus was on 'how we express ourselves through visual art'.

Students dressed as artists and participated in skits demonstrating learning on a variety of art techniques and styles including aboriginal dot painting, impressionism, abstract art through the artist Kandinsky, sculptures and Japanese art forms.

An iMovie showed the beautiful Van Gogh style 'starry night' paintings done by the class. To finish off students performed the dance 'Sid Shuffle' taught in PE lessons. Many audience members joined in. The students ran an excellent assembly.



PYP EXHIBITION

Students in Year 7 are beginning their Exhibition process this week. They will be working on independent inquiries related to the transdisciplinary theme 'How the world works' Several parents have come to speak to students over the past few weeks, sharing their knowledge and experience in working in the areas of science and technology. These talks were valuable in assisting students to understand the broad scope of this theme and to spark interest as they select what they will inquire into. Student will be working throughout next term with the final exhibition presentation on **Wednesday 21st November between 6pm and 7:30pm.**

SHOEBOXES OF LOVE



A huge thank you to Margaret Stone who donated 21 beautiful hand crafted soft toys. They all have their own "personalities" and will no doubt be treasured by the lucky children who receive a box. Currently we have 61 full boxes. If you would like to contribute please send to the Resource Centre by Friday 28th September.

Suggested items are: toothbrushes, combs, soap, texas, pencils, tennis balls, balloons, yo-yos, small cars, skipping ropes, socks/knickers.

Sorry NO liquids or lollies.



Your donations are greatly appreciated and Thanks to those families who have already sent in boxes.

CANTEEN NEWS

Reduce-Reuse-Recycle....this is a focus in the Canteen and around the school at the moment! Unfortunately the number of re-usable bags compared to the single use paper bags has not been very good. Over the last two weeks we have been keeping a tally and the results are: Re-usable bags 158 vs used single use brown bags 515 (and some of those orders may have multiples so that figure would be even higher)

If you don't have a re-usable lunch wallet they are available from the Canteen for only \$12 and you can use them for the time you are at primary school. They are also hygienic and keep your lunch order hotter too. If you have one please remember to use it. In term 4 I will run a competition and the class that uses the most re-usable lunch wallets will receive a prize, so get your lunch wallets out and ready to use.

Term 3 has been a good one this year we have had show week specials, delicious soup day, butter chicken lunch special just to name a few.

I look forward to next term and the warmer weather and some special events. We have Sports Day, Halloween, Christmas donut treat day, and I will try and squeeze in a sushi special in there as well. Enjoy the holidays and get ready for an exciting term 4.

Thanks
Julie
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PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

QUIZ NIGHT: We had a great turn out at our 'Back to School' quiz night on Friday August 31st. Thank you everyone who turned up in costume, and threw money in for the chance to win some of our fabulous prizes. It was a huge success, not only for the fun we had, but the record profit raised...a total of \$4903! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our supporters, without whom the night could not have been the success it was.

Maan Wines; The Patch Theatre Pernod; Ricard Winemakers; En Point Ballet School; The Pilates Studio Blackwood; Benchmark Fitouts; House & Hive Co. Beeswax Wraps; Amantha Ayles - Sales Partner, Hardings Real Estate; Bec's Pop Up Art Shop; Dyer's Bakery; Blackwood Hire; Pia Hayes - Body Shop; Makeup artist Carly Dabinet - Makeup, Styling & Beauty; Daly Plumbing & Gas Fitting; BMW; Nicole Flint MP; Philip Renfrey; Natural Therapist; Link Assistant; Foodland Sam Duluk MP; Move & Learn - Kids Fit Club; Ali Copeland - Kinesiology



Cadbury Chocolate Drive: Thanks to all the families who opted in for our biggest fundraiser of the year. Money is now due, so if you haven't yet returned your \$60 to the front office, please do so at your earliest convenience.

We still have a few boxes needing to be sold. 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.

Parent Association meeting: Our next meeting is being held next week on **Monday 21st October at 9am 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.



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**.

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

PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER

Dear Families,

The best gift I received from my parents was optimism. Part of the gift is probably genetic, but most of it came from watching my parents' behaviour and attitudes towards life and people. This gift has carried me through life so wonderfully. I will always be grateful.

Parenting SA's Parent Easy Guide on optimism says,

"One of the best things parents can give their children is a healthy attitude to living. There is a sense of satisfaction and achievement for parents who feel confident that their child is equipped to handle difficulties and challenges. We live in a world of uncertainty and change where many things are beyond our control. How we manage often depends on the way we see situations. Helping your child become an optimist and 'look on the bright side of life' is a step towards preparing your child for a strong future."

So I've been thinking: how did my parents model optimism to me? They did it by:

- Loving people and forgiving them. My parents spoke kindly about everybody. If the neighbour was grumpy it was and chalked up to some unknown difficulty the person was facing.
- Building me up rather than bringing others down. I think this is really important! When I had difficulty with others, my parents never felt the need to disparage others simply to make me feel better. Nothing kills optimism more than the sense that other people are awful/mean/untrustworthy/cannot change.
- Accepting differences. When I would comment about how weird some other family was, my parents would say, "They just do things differently to us."
- Reading optimistic stories to me. I remember "The Little Engine that Could" so well!
- Giving back to the community and being generous. Both my mum and dad were involved in volunteer activities. They happily gave their time and money. It helped me understand that we all can make a difference in our world.
- Singing and smiling. My mum got up every day and sang, "It's a big, wide, wonderful world we live in." My mother is completely tone deaf. It sounded terrible, but it was so reassuring.
- Laughing at themselves. My mum laughed a lot - especially at herself. Through her I learned that it is okay if you burn dinner, drop the milk jug, forget an appointment, fall into the creek, dent the car, sing out of tune.

- Being Curious. My dad loved learning new things about places, people and cultures. The world was a wonder to him and he loved exploring it through books, magazines and travel.
- Having a Faith. Having purpose in life and being part of something bigger than myself instilled a sense of hope in me.
- Providing Unconditional love. No matter what I did or didn't do, I knew I was loved. Home was (and is) always a safe place.

I strongly recommend that you check out the Parent Easy Guides on Optimism at

https://www.education.sa.gov.au/sites/g/files/net691/f/pa_rentingsa/peg56.pdf?v=1490750420 and Coping Skills at

https://www.education.sa.gov.au/sites/g/files/net691/f/pa_rentingsa/peg18.pdf?v=1488851006

Blessings,

Sara Walding, Pastoral Care Worker
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SOFTBALL

Softball season continues in term 4 and we welcome any newcomers from aged 8 upwards. I'm particularly keen to give my A team some games this season so yrs 5, 6 & 7 we need you! We will be hosting a come 'n try in week one, Wednesday 17th October after school to 4.30pm, on the oval. Practice is every Wednesday and matches are every Saturday 8am or 9.45am. For more information please see the after schools sport page on Belair PS website.

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CRICKET BLAST CENTRE

Belair Primary School Cricket Blast Centre

Belair Primary School Oval
Mondays 3.30 – 4.30 pm
22/10/18 – 10/12/18



60 minutes of fun. Recommended for kids aged 5-7. Learn new skills including catching, throwing and teamwork. Make new friends or organise a group to learn together. All kids get their own Blasters Pack and wear the colours of the favourite Big Bash heroes. All equipment supplied, parents join in the fun.

It's safe – we use plastic bats and a rubber ball

Sign Up Now

<https://playcricket.com.au/club-finder?postcode=BELAIR%20SA%205052>



NETBALL BREAK-UP

At the end of week 6 this term we celebrated the end of the 2018 SAJNA Winter Netball competition for Belair.

This year we had seven teams entered into the competition with players ranging from Yr 2 to Yr 7. We saw wonderful skill development in all of our players throughout the season, had some fantastic wins along the way, and most importantly, had a lot of fun.

The development of our players doesn't happen without the massive voluntary contribution of time, dedication and passion from our coaches. A huge thank you to De'Anne Smith, Janie Hutchison, Karla Pobke, Claire Duguid, Helen Jones, Melanie Eigestad, Cat Elliott, Sam Cornish and Rosemary Zeuner.

I would also like to acknowledge our umpires; without them we couldn't host our games. A big thank you to our old scholars Mikayla H, Claire C, Mikalaya C, Amber M, Belle B and Willow H for their contribution every week.

We ended the year with our presentation day and sausage sizzle. Thank you to Bo and Megan at Akermans Bakery for supplying our bread for the day, and to Dane at Country Meats Blackwood for supplying us with sausages.

This year marked the 5th year of the Coaches vs Yr 7s game. A chance for the coaches to show us that they really know their stuff and for the Yr 7 girls to give them their toughest competition game yet! It was a win to the coaches again this year, but I dare say a few more ice packs for aching muscles the following day were needed by them than the younger ones.



We will be up and running again for the 2019 SAJNA Winter Netball Season with registration open from early in Term 1.

Kerrie Wooding (Netball Co-ordinator)

CANTEEN ROSTER

24 Sept	25 Sept	26 Sept	27 Sept	28 Sept
Ruth Harris	Lana Giannakopoulos	Raylene Sheehan	HELPER NEEDED	Belinda Blockow Heidi Wooller
15 Oct	16 Oct	17 Oct	18 Oct	19 Oct
Pupil Free Day	Raylene Sheehan	Catherine Gray	Di Miles	Robyn Hambour Emily Connor
22 Oct	23 Oct	24 Oct	25 Oct	26 Oct
Raylene Sheehan		Heidi Wooller	Di Miles	Cathy Hough Dannii Olsen

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **COMMUNITY WORKSHOP DAY** - Living Kurna Cultural Centre at Warriparinga; Tuesday 2nd October 2018 and 9th October 2018; Bookings Essential. Ph. 8357 5900; Email: lkccrecep@marion.sa.gov.au or visit www.marion.sa.gov.au
- **HELEN RICE TENNIS SCHOOL** - Grand Slam Tennis Clinic, October school holidays 0428988873 www.helenricetennis.com.au
- **LITTLE ATHLETICS SA** - Little Athletics season has now commenced, with registrations open! Visit www.littleathleticsa.com.au for more information.
- **'THE SECRET LIFE OF TEENAGE GIRLS'** - Presented by: Dr Justin Coulson, 7-9pm Tuesday 6 November 2018 Adelaide Convention Centre; Register at <http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au> or ph. 83031660
- **WITTUNGA BOTANIC GARDENS** - Holiday activities suitable for 5-12 year olds. Activities have been designed to promote fun, hands-on learning about plants, people and the environment, and parents are encouraged to book early Please note: all children must be accompanied by a PARENT/CAREGIVER at all times. To book a place visit botanicgardens.sa.gov.au. If you have any questions please call 08 8222 9311
- **BELAIR SCOUTS QUIZ NIGHT** - Belair Scouts are hosting a quiz night to raise money for their Jamboree. Saturday 3rd November, 7pm, Coromandel PS. Please book via <https://www.trybooking.com/423522>

