



BELAIR PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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Week ending Friday 16th November 2018

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Principal

Leanne Twigden
Deputy Principal

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Remembrance Day

Last Sunday two of our student leaders, Tristan and Chloe represented Belair Primary School and laid a wreath at the Remembrance Day service at the Blackwood War Memorial. It was good to see a number of our families there and to see the participation of our neighbouring schools at this important event.



Music night

Our recent 'Music Night' was an outstanding success. I was impressed by the talents and perseverance shown by our students in a variety of musical disciplines, piano, drums, cello, viola and violin. Thank you to our music teachers, Lisi McGowan, Anne Rodda, Phil Bray and Katie Howes and for their excellent work with our students this year.

Sports Day

We could not have asked for better weather for our sports day today. The students had a great audience of parents and friends and participated in true sports person fashion. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of all staff in contributing to the overall success of the day, with particular thankyou to our PE staff, Astrid Mark, Mel Arthur and Emma Roberts.

2019 classes

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 currently constructing classes for 2019.

Hats

As per our school policy, all students need to be wearing school hats when outside. Please make sure your child has their hat for school this term.

Bushfire Season Update

Mount Lofty fire danger season officially begins on 17th November 2019. It is extremely important at this time that all school community members are aware of our 2018/19 bushfire procedures. Information on this matter has been emailed to families and is available from the front desk and on our website. Please return your

2018 DIARY DATES

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

TERM 4

NOVEMBER

Tues 20 OSHC Management meeting 2pm
Wed 21 **Year 6 Expo and Year 7 Exhibition**
Sun 25 **Christmas Picnic 6 – 8 pm (JP Oval)**
Mon 26 Year 6/7 Aquatics (Pt Noarlunga)
Governing Council, staff & committee dinner
Tues 27 Year 6/7 Aquatics (Pt Noarlunga)
Wed 28 Kids Hope Party
Fri 30 Rm 20, 21, 22 to St Kilda

DECEMBER

Mon 3 Volunteer Morning Tea 10.30am (Hall)
Wed 5 Christmas Seminar (Hall)
Christmas Raffle Draw 2.30pm (Hall)
Fri 7 Assembly hosted by Carawatha 9am
Blackwood Christmas Pageant 6.30pm
Mon 10 JP Picnic
Tues 11 Yr 3s singing at Kalyra
Wed 12 Yr 7 Graduation
Yr 6 to SA Aquatic Centre
Thur 13 Yr 7 to SA Aquatic Centre
End of Year Reports go home
Fri 14 Farewell Assembly – SRC & Leaders 11.45am
EARLY DISMISSAL 2.10pm

bushfire contacts form as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

POLLING LETTERS

Material and Services Polling letters will be posted to families shortly. They are due back at the Front Office by 9am on **Friday 30th November 2018**.

ASBESTOS REMOVAL

FRIDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2018 after 6.30pm

Belair Primary School buildings and grounds will be closed due to asbestos removal from the Hall kitchen after 6.30pm on Friday 16th November 2018. Contractors will work onsite for a period of time before and after the removal.

The site will reopen on Saturday morning.



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VOLUNTEERS AND VISITORS

Reminders

- If you are visiting school please use the staff, Gym or Resource Centre adult toilets – student toilets are only for students
- The car park is for staff only

SPORTS DAY 2018

The close finish was a great end to a wonderful day!

Yellow	652 points	Well done!!
Red	651	
Green	637	
Blue	636	



YR 6 EXPO YR 7 EXHIBITION

Year 6 and 7 classes have been very busy over the past weeks inquiring into the transdisciplinary theme 'How the world works'.

The Year 6 students have been preparing for their Expo. They will present their inquiries to families and peers.

The year 7 students have been working both individually and within groups to inquire into an area of interest. Students will be presenting their inquiries in the Hall on Wednesday 21st November 6pm-7:30pm. The wider Belair Primary School community is invited to attend. We look forward to this showcase of learning!

PMA EARLY CAREER MATHEMATICS EDUCATOR

Congratulations Alischa Handley for receiving the "PMA Early Career Mathematics Educator for 2018". Alischa was presented this award at the Educators SA World Teachers Day Event, where 250 educators from all three sectors and the heads of all systems, sectors and education partners were present.

Well-deserved Alischa!



MUSIC CONCERT



Last week, 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 Let's Be Happy, Canon in D, William Tell and Dragonhunter.

Students also performed as soloists, in small groups, with a big finish from Hugh entertaining us with Summertime Blues on the drums.

Listed below are the students who participated.

Adriana, Aidan, Angeline, Ashleigh, Ava, Charlie, Chloe, Emily, Erin, Eve, Faith, Gretcha, Hugh, Imogen, Isabelle, Jinyi, Joanie, Kalle, Lexi, Lilka, Linnea, Mae, Mahlia, Maya, Mohammed, Morgan, Nithika, Noah, Olivia, Penny, Peta, Rani, Ruby, Ruth, Shardai, Sophie, Soren, Stella, Steve, Synnove, Talia, Tilly, Vanessa, Zarif & Zoe

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

RESOURCE CENTRE

Scholastic Book Club - Issue 8 was distributed during this week. The last day for orders is 9am Friday 23rd November.

Parents can do LOOP orders on line or if you wish cash orders can be sent to the Resource Centre. Thank you all for your support of this throughout the year. We have been able to get many great resources for our school.

As the end of year Stocktake has already commenced please get your children to return any overdue books ASAP.



ASSEMBLY REPORTS



Climbing out from their teacher's cupboard, Room 3 assembly was a digital, science, dance fusion. They used their animation and movie-making skills to help explain scientific principles such as Newton's laws of motion, gravity and friction. This combined with dance, drama and an experiment demonstrating the incredible strength of friction, room 3 had their audience talking about science for the rest of the day.



Room 20 hosted the assembly in week 4. Dressed as scientists, students shared how they have been pushing themselves to the limit through their exploration of 'How the world works' and forces. They shared iMovies of their pursuit of pushes and pulls on the playground and Japanese fugu kites which need force to fly. Working with their buddy class (room 6), the children talked about why buddies are so special and shared some of their joint learning. Congratulations to Room 20 on a fantastic assembly!

The SRC finished the assembly with a moving reading of *Flanders Fields* and a minute's silence for Remembrance Day.

CANTEEN NEWS

Well what a fabulous day we had celebrating Halloween in the Canteen. The lines out of the door were the longest I've seen in the Canteen, so a big thankyou to everyone who donated the amazing spooky treats, thank you to the Year 7s who helped serve and a special mention to my black cat helper (aka Belinda) for her hard work helping me on the day. Photos can be seen on our Canteen Facebook page.



Sports Day is this week and we are looking forward to another great day in the Canteen and I will fill you in on that in the next newsletter. Go teams!

I will be shortly starting to look at end of term and that includes Christmas Donut treat (week 8), end of year Canteen menu (weeks 8 & 9) and of course looking at the roster for term 1 2019, so if you are able to help in the Canteen in 2019 let me know and I can get started on that. Please keep an eye out for more info on these things soon.

As you can see by all the events and things happening term 4 is an extra busy term so if you are rostered to help in the Canteen and you can't make it can you please let me know so I can find a replacement for you.

Thanks
Julie

PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS



PA Christmas Raffle: Our last fundraiser of the year. Your allocation of Christmas raffle tickets should be arriving home shortly. If you'd like more, please ask in the front office. As well as buying and/or selling your tickets,

we'd appreciate your help with prize donations, gift boxes and baskets - they can be left at the Front Office up until Monday 3rd of December. On Monday 3rd December we'll be making up the prize baskets - can you help for an hour or so? Straight after drop off in the staff room. The raffle will be drawn in week 8 on Tuesday 5th December, 2.30pm. Thanks for your support ... and good luck!

Christmas Picnic - Sunday 25th November, 6-8pm: All families are invited to join in a relaxed picnic evening on the lawns above the Rokewood Scrub for our sixth Parent Association Christmas Picnic (Catriona's very last one).

Bring a picnic rug, your own picnic and drinks and sing along with family and friends.



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A family choir made up of students and grown-ups will lead the singing, and be accompanied by a band of fabulous dads. It really is a whole lot of fun.

- Students in Year 2 – Year 7 are invited to sing in the choir.
- Students in pre-school, kindergarten, Reception and Year 1 are asked to participate in two items on the night – no practice required.
- Grown-ups attached to our students in some way (parents, carers, grandparents, long lost uncles...) are all invited to join the singers.
- All rehearsal details and practice tracks are available at <https://sites.google.com/view/bpschristmaspicnic2018>

Please let Catriona Byrne (mother of Stella in Year 7) know if you and/or your child would like to join the singers.

EMAIL: catriona@byrne.net.au TEXT: 0409 994 200

FACEBOOK:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/belairbabes/>

Lost Property & Sick Room Linen Roster: Just a reminder that all unnamed lost property items are donated or disposed of at the end of the year. Now might be a good time to head to the lost property and check through the cupboard for any items that might belong to your family. Thanks to all the Class Parent Reps and helpers who have volunteered their time to sort and return all the lost property this year. Your efforts have been very much appreciated.

Position Available: PA President

Pay: nil. Reward: high. ☺

The position of Parent Association President will be vacant from the beginning of next year. This year is the 4th year Kristy Fairlamb has filled this position. The Parent Association is integral to the running of so many things at Belair; lost property, fundraising, graduation night, etc. Without a leader it will fail to do what it's always done – support the families and provide funds for extra facilities for students. It's an extremely valuable job and we need you. Are you a good leader, or would you like to try your hand at it? Do you enjoy doing things for your child's school? Would you like to organise a dedicated team of parents to run events throughout the year? It's not a difficult role, and Kristy will be available to show you everything you need to know. Anyone interested in finding out more about this job in the school community is encouraged to contact Kristy Fairlamb for more details.

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.

PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER

Dear Families,

As a mum, I seem to spend a great deal of my time trying to protect my children from disappointment and failure. I have always wanted my children to perform well in school, sports or whatever task they may be undertaking.

When my girls were in primary school, I felt particularly distressed when they were disappointed for whatever reason – not being invited to a party, missing out on a free balloon, being given a second place ribbon at sports day (even though she came first), receiving an unwanted/broken gift from “Secret Santa”. Every ounce of me wanted to ‘fix’ what I perceived to be unfair for my daughter. Sometimes I was able to refrain from fixing the problem, sometimes I did step in.

Now that my girls are adults, I can honestly say I am very grateful for the failures and disappointments they had to endure when they were younger. More and more research is showing that our children need to learn how to deal with disappointment and failure. When we continually rescue our children from upsetting situations, they never learn how to manage the strong emotions that result. Without the skills to manage these feelings, as teenagers our children will be unprepared to manage the emotional roller coaster of the teen years.

One of the best things you can do for your children is let them fail. Let them experience disappointment. If they can learn to manage the feelings while they are young, surrounded by family who love them, they will be so much better equipped when the really hard things come along. Managing feelings requires practice. Our children need to practice!

The best test results my daughter ever had was a fail. Until that point, she had rarely received anything lower than an A-. And then seemingly out of the blue she failed a year 10 maths test. I don't know why she failed and I really don't care. From that failed test my daughter learned:

- She can fail a test and everything will still be ok.
- Her Dad and I love her unconditionally and her test results have nothing to do with how much we love her.
- What not to do before a big test. (I never asked her why she failed. I figured she knew and could work it out for herself.)

It seems counter-intuitive, but one of the best things you can do for your child is to let her fail. Let him be disappointed. Don't do his homework for him. Let her have the satisfaction of getting recognition for her own achievements or, on the other hand, facing the consequences if she doesn't do what she should. By all means, guide and support your children, but don't rob them of life experiences and learning that they need to have. And of course the most important thing of all is to let your children know that they are loved unconditionally, irrespective of their achievements or failures.

“ . . . we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.” (Saint Paul)

Warmest regards,

Sara Walding, Pastoral Care Worker
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SOFTBALL

Softball season is nearly over, and to celebrate I'd like to invite all softball families to join us for cake and more cake on 8th December. The presentation will be held on the oval and will start after the B2 match. We should be finished around 11.30am.

Please let me know if you can/cannot make it.

Further news, I'm anticipating a rise in numbers next year from the soon to be Yr 3s (because we keep spreading the word that summer softball is fun). So I'm inviting any keen parent to come to me to discuss how they can become a coach. If you know about softball you are already ahead of me!!

Janie

Softball Coordinator

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SAPSASA MOUNTAIN BIKE EVENT

Eight Belair students competed in the 2018 School Sports SA Mountain Bike Event in Shepherd's Hill Recreation Park on Thursday 25 October. With over 12 primary and high schools competing Belair Primary school came 5th overall (the only primary school in the top 5) based on ride times and number of participants. The students competed in both team and individual events.

In the individual races Dillon won the U13s and Cade won the U15s. Well done boys! They were a joy to watch zooming down the trails!

The U13s mixed team comprised Emily, Lenny and Izack, the only mixed team in the comp. They came first against another U13s team, but didn't get awarded as there weren't enough teams competing. However, overall they placed around 26 (out of 43 teams).

The U15s team comprised Mike, Isaac and Ashley. While they didn't get a place either, they were in the top 6 in the U15s and overall they placed in the top 20.



The kids behaved exceptionally well and displayed an amazing and supportive team spirit. The team race went for over 2.5 hours with each participant doing at least 2 laps. Izack kept the U13s motivated volunteering to do an extra lap, and Ashley managed to squeeze in an

additional final lap with only minutes to spare, pushing his team up the ladder.

Thanks to Scott Harris who was the parent rep on the day, responsible for first aid, lollies and hot coffee (for the adults). Other parents attended were Natasha Bennett and Jessica Wilson.

<https://speedhive.mylaps.com/LiveTiming/WUTKNIBO-2147483663/Sessions/WUTKNIBO-1073741837>



4 Seymour Street, Eden Hills SA 5050

**2019 Year 8 Parent/Caregiver
Information Evening
TUESDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2018
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 in 2019**

**Year 7 Student Transition Day
WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2018
8:45am - 3:00pm**

We are looking forward to meeting you at
these events.



Parents/Caregivers of Primary
School students are warmly
invited to an

INFORMATION EVENING

on our
**IGNITE Program for Gifted and
Talented Students**
(including the ACER Assessment)

When: **Wednesday 12 December 2018**

Time: **6:30pm**

Where: **Glenunga International High School
in the Performing Arts Centre**

To register your interest in attending this information evening
please follow the link <https://www.trybooking.com/445469>
Assessment will be held on Saturday 23 February 2019
at Glenunga International High School



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BASKETBALL

Belair School Basketball Club Presentation Night will be held on Monday 10th December at 6pm in the school gym. All players, coaches and families are invited to attend.

Registrations for new and existing players (Year 3-7) are now being taken at the front office for 2019. Current year 2 students, who will be in Year 3 in 2019 are also invited to register. We would encourage both boys and girls to register. Sporting registration forms can be collected, and payment can be 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.

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.
- New teams will be randomly chosen to not benefit any friendships or skill level i.e. no tryouts or requests accepted from registration forms. The only consideration to be made is due to transport arrangements in which one family relies on another to ensure players attendance.
- No 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. Registration will be on a first come first serve basis, according to date of payment.
- 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.

General Basketball Information for Parents

Currently we have all our teams playing at the Blackwood Recreation Centre. The basketball competition runs for the entire year during school terms. Girls playing in mixed teams often play in the year level below e.g. year 4 girls play in the year 3 competition.

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

Court fees are approx. \$7 per player are paid each week to the Recreation Centre.

Coaches are needed for the children to participate. No expertise or previous experience is required. If you are interested in coaching a team please contact Carla Davison on 82782082 or davisons@tpg.com.au. Unfortunately, if we have no coaches, we have no teams. Ideally teams of 7 or 8 players are formed. Trainings are usually before or after school during the week, dependent on the coach's availability.

Any additional questions or queries please contact Carla Davison on 82782082 or davisons@tpg.com.au

School Basketball Presentation Night Monday 10th of December in the GYM



6 pm Year 3 & 4 Parents vs Kids BB game
6:30pm Formal presentation & Trophies
7:30pm Year 5 & 6 shooting competition
7:45pm Year 7 Parents vs Kids BB 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)



END OF YEAR - CANTEEN ROSTER

19 Nov	20 Nov	21 Nov	22 Nov	23 Nov
	Lana G	Raylene S	Ellie M	Michelle D Belinda B
26 Nov	27 Nov	28 Nov	29 Nov	30 Nov
Mackella G	Mandy M	Raylene S	Sarah C	Jan C Emily C
3 Dec	4 Dec	5 Dec	6 Dec	7 Dec
Jan W	Bea Ellis CHRISTMAS DONUTS	Julia B	Catherine G	Mallory C Susan
10 Dec	11 Dec	12 Dec	13 Dec	14 Dec
Jodie P	Lana G	Bek C	Tania C	Belinda B Heidi W

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **CAROLS AT KINGSWOOD** – City of Mitcham, Kingswood Oval; Sunday 2nd December; 5 – 8.30pm; Free Camel/Pony rides face painting, Jumping Castle, entertainment
- **MOVIE IN THE PARK** – Coro Community Centre; Friday 16th November; TAD The Lost Explorer and the Secret of Kind Midas; Family Fun 6 – 8pm; Movie at sunset; Cost gold coin donation
- **MEN'S BREAKFAST** – Blackwood Hills Baptist Church, Speaker: Andrew McDonough; Saturday 17th November 7.30am. RSVP Michael Houston 0403656537 or mjhouston7@gmail.com

