



BELAIR PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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Week ending Friday 14th December 2018

Rob Houston
Principal

Leanne Twigden
Deputy Principal

END OF YEAR EARLY DISMISSAL – 2:10PM

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Holiday Wishes

The school holidays are nearly here and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for all the hard work and extra time that they have put in over the year to make 2018 a truly enriching experience for our children and young people. I would like to wish all our families a happy and safe Christmas break!

Student Reports and a letter regarding students' class placement are being sent home separately today.

Retirements & Staffing 2019

Once again we are farewelling a number of staff at the end of this year. As some of you may have heard, Virginia Saul is retiring and I would like to acknowledge the significant impact Virginia has had on our school over the past 25 years. Virginia's commitment to teaching Japanese has left a wonderful legacy for Belair Primary School. The Momoyama exchange program, the Japanese Garden, and an outstanding Japanese learning program will remain. Thank you Virginia.

Helga Lazner, one of our cherished SSO's will also be retiring. I would like to acknowledge the work that Helga has done at our school since 2005. She has been integral to supporting students with individual learning needs and has had a profound impact on improving learning outcomes for many students during her time with us. Thank you Helga,

While only with us for this year, Pennie Humby will be retiring after over 40 years of service with the Education Department. Pennie has had a highly distinguished career, much of which has been dedicated to working with students with special needs. All the best in your retirement Pennie.

I would like to thank Alexander Forbes for his dedicated work with our year 6/7 students over the past 2 years. Alex has won a permanent teaching position at Burnside Primary School from the beginning of next year.

Donna King will be joining us in 2019 taking one of the year 3/4 classes. Donna is a highly regarded teacher who has won a permanent teaching position at our school. She will be leaving 2 schools to join us, Meadows Primary and The Nativity School, Aberfoyle Park.

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

DECEMBER

Thur 13 End of Year Reports go home
Fri 14 Farewell Assembly – SRC & Leaders 11.45am
EARLY DISMISSAL 2.10pm

2019

TERM 1

JANUARY

Mon 28 Australia Day holiday
Tues 29 First day term 1, 2019

FEBRUARY

Tues 19 Governing Council AGM 6.30pm

Vacation Care & Catastrophic Bushfire Days

On a catastrophic bushfire day our vacation care service will be closed. The best way for you to stay informed will be through;

- Bushfire Information Hotline; 1800 000 279
- ABC Radio 891
- ABC TV
- The CFS website <http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au>

Please remember that Vacation Care closures on Catastrophic Days will mean that no staff are allowed to be working on site on those days.

CLASS PLACEMENT 2019

Included in your child's report is a letter advising you of class placement for 2019. All children have contributed to the placement process by nominating preferred friends.

On Friday 14/12/2018, children will visit their 2019 classroom and meet the teacher/s and fellow classmates.

Should you have significant concerns regarding your child's placement, please refer to the letter you will receive in your child's report folder for details of this process.



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REPORTS

This afternoon you will have received your child's end of year report for 2018. 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.

2019 STAFF LIST

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

MATERIAL AND SERVICES CHARGES 2019

Thank you for the very positive responses we received from our latest poll amongst families for the Materials and Service charges for 2019.

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 2019.

FAREWELL FROM SAUL SENSEI

It is with mixed feelings that I say farewell to the Belair school community of which I have been a part for 25 years. I consider myself fortunate to have always worked with families that acknowledge the importance of Languages and have had wonderful support from them during this time.



My life has been enriched by the children I have taught and I have learnt far more from them than they have from me! Although I have plans for my retirement, it is the excitement of the students as they walk into the Japanese room and the friendship of my wonderful colleagues that will leave a gap in my heart.

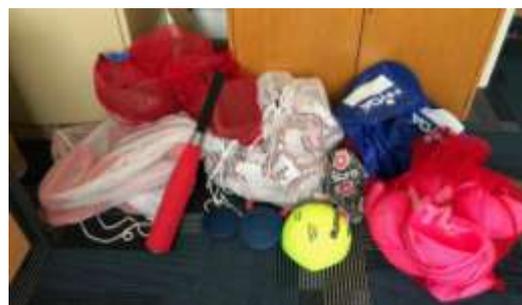
I've always felt Belair to be a unique, innovative and very special school. This is driven home to me again as I reflect on my teaching career and prepare to say sayounara to it.

Arigatou for the memories, Belair's staff, school families and especially the fantastic students I have had the pleasure of teaching. Itsu made mo wasurenaide – I will never forget you all.

Virginia (sensei)

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS

This year the school community was involved in the 'Coles Sports for Schools Program'. This program involved collecting vouchers from Coles to earn new sports equipment. Every voucher received went towards our tally and we were able to order eighty-five different pieces of sport equipment. This included soccer balls, rugby balls, footballs, hoops, athletics equipment, hand trampolines and ball kits. A big thank you to the school community for their support and dedication. We look forward to using this equipment in the new year. (Some items not included in picture)



UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

In the last week of the summer holidays the uniform shop will be open –

Thursday 24/1/19 12 noon – 2 pm
Friday 25/1/19 10 am – 12 noon

Regular term opening times are –
Monday afternoon 3 – 4 pm
Wednesday morning 8.30 – 9.30 am



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.

Mr Peter Tiffin from the Rotary Club of Coromandel Valley joined us as an honoured guest for the celebrations. Peter presented Citizenship Awards to Chloe H and Steve R 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 Caitlin D. 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.

Caitlin, Chloe and Steve 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 Kristy Fairlamb and the Parent Association for their work in preparing the Hall and providing the beautiful Graduation Cake at the conclusion of the formalities. Your contribution is always appreciated.

Thank you to the year 7 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 2019. Good luck for your future.

ASSEMBLY REPORT



In week 6, room 6 and 7 ran a Space Themed assembly. The students worked in small groups to present information about the philosophy of the planets, the Solar System, gravity, the Space Station, space travel and the impact of space junk on our environment. There were creative drama performances, dances and skits to make the assembly fun and exciting.

Well done Room 6 & 7.

PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER

Dear Families,

What an amazing year it has been! I am confident in saying that in all my 15 years at Belair Primary School, this has been my busiest year. I am hoping that I supported and assisted everyone who needed it, and that no one fell through the cracks. I know that there were many students that I wanted to see more often than I actually saw them. If you or your child did happen to fall through the cracks, I sincerely apologise. I am looking forward to being more organised next year.

I have learned a lot this year - there is always something to learn. I hope you and your children have learned a lot as well.

We saw a few changes this year with the transition to a new principal. But, there is one thing that has not changed – the wonderful community that is Belair Primary School. This is a true community where people look after people and care about others. The students here are fabulous and that is a credit to parents. Keep up the good work everybody ☺.

I hope that you have a wonderful break with your children.

Warm regards,

Sara Walding, Pastoral Care Worker.

P.S.

Holy Innocents Anglican Church will be hosting a Blue Christmas Service for those who are finding the call for 'joy and goodwill' just a step too far this year. If you have experienced grief or are experiencing grief and wish to gather with others who share those feelings this Christmas, then we invite you to attend Blue Christmas: Light in the darkness, pathways to hope.

Blue Christmas

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

Friday
21 December, 7:30 pm

An ecumenical service for all people.
Hosted at Holy Innocents Anglican Church
29 Sheoak Rd., Belair



2019 CRICKET REGISTRATION

If your son or daughter is keen to play school cricket in 2019, registrations are due by the end of the day on Friday. Cricket is played in Term 1 and 4 on Saturday mornings. Students that will be in years 1 – 7 in 2019 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, Cricket Coordinator chris.della.vedova@bigpond.com or 0432 843 605 with any questions.

SOFTBALL

What a lovely end to our season, final games played at home in the pouring rain! We played on regardless, and celebrated at the end with cake and trophies.

I wish to thank all the players for coming out to practice in the rain and sun, and coming along to the matches every Saturday. I enjoy coaching you all, and love seeing the skills develop. Next year I would like to see you all come back for some more fun in the sun!



Please come along to our come 'n try - **Wednesday 30th January after school to 4.30pm.**

Registrations are due 1st February 2019. More details will be released on the school's website in coming weeks.

Finally, we said goodbye to Chloe H, our year 7 player. We've enjoyed having you on our team Chloe and wish you all the best for high school.

Janie Hutchison, Softball Coordinator
janie.hutchison@gmail.com 0406 627 277

BASKETBALL

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



REGISTER NOW

IGNITE at Aberfoyle Park High School

IGNITE is a specialist program for students with high intellectual potential. Aberfoyle Park High School is the official Department of Education school for gifted students in the southern metropolitan area of Adelaide.



HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILD IS GIFTED?

The characteristics of gifted children vary; however, many display some or all of the following traits:

- High levels of curiosity and deep levels of knowledge in one or more area
- Excellent creative thinking and ability to problem solve
- Strong empathy for social justice
- Highly developed sense of humour



Initial selection is based on performance in the Australian Council for Education (ACER) Gifted and Talented Assessment.

Year 7 students in 2019 are eligible to sit the test for a place in the IGNITE program for 2020.

IGNITE TEST
SATURDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2019
9 AM - 1 PM
ABERFOYLE PARK HIGH SCHOOL

REGISTER YOUR CHILD TO SIT THE TEST AT: www.aphs.sa.edu.au

A registration fee of \$120 applies for non-school card holders. Registrations close Friday 16 February 2019.

For further information visit our website or contact ignite@aphs.sa.edu.au

COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **SPEAK MOVE & LEARN** – combined Speech and Movement Therapy Groups; Mondays and Thursdays at Belair Community Centre, 1 Burnell Drive, Belair; Improving children and teens language, motor and social skills. Innovative, fun structured weekly group programs. Visit our Facebook page or website www.speakmovelearn.com.au or call Sally on 0431713909
- **CODE IT YOURSELF** - School holiday coding and 3D printing camps, ages 7-13. Blackwood Memorial Hall Jan 17th and 23rd. Book at www.ciy.club/events/ or contact Paul on 0491 093 811 for more details. Bookings strictly limited so get in fast
- **SCHOOL HOLIDAY COACHING CLINIC** – Glenlea Tennis Club; Skills training, technical analysis, nutrition and match play; 9am to 12pm ; Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th & Friday 21st December. Todd Langmann 0419902775 Register at langmanandleytennis.com
- **SOFTBALL SA** - School Holiday Tball extravaganza on Saturday January 19, 2019. West Beach field. This event is a great opportunity for children aged 4 to 10 to have a go at Tball; It's cheap (\$5); to register www.baseballsa.com.au



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