



BELAIR PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter Number 1

Week ending Friday 1st February 2019

Rob Houston
Principal

Leanne Twigden
Deputy Principal

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is great to see everyone return this week for what is going to be a really exciting year.

Welcome to all our new families (see below) and our new staff Ms Donna King (Yr 3/4 teacher), Ms Penny Biar (teacher), Ms Betty Bishop (Japanese teacher), Mr Brett Williams (guitar teacher IMS) and Vanessa Krivikas (SSO – student support). I would also like to welcome back Renee Nash (SSO – student support) from maternity leave.

Bushfire Procedures & Catastrophic Days

It is extremely important at this time that all school community members are aware of the Belair Primary School Bushfire procedures. Information on this matter was sent home last term and to new families over the holidays and is also available on the school website.

Congratulations Leanne

Our senior leadership positions are tenured and become open positions for others to apply at the end of tenure. Our Deputy Principal position was advertised late last year and I would like to congratulate Leanne Twigden for winning back the Deputy Principal position here for the next 5 years. Leanne is a great school leader and advocate for our students and school. I am excited by the fact that she will be an integral part of our leadership team into the future.

Year 7's to high school

We have had a number of enquiries around when year 7 students will be going to high school. Our secondary school system will be taking all year 7 students from the beginning of 2022 so 2021 will be the final year of year 7 students at Belair. 2021 will be a unique year for us as both year 6 students and year 7 students will be graduating.

NEW STUDENTS

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

Rec: Abigail, Amelia, Archer, Archie, Ari, Arthur, Ava, Avalon, Charlie, Charlie, Charlie, Claire, Clara, Cody, Cooper, Declan, Elka, Elliot, Eloise, Emmeline, Finn, Fletcher, Freya, George, Grace, Halle, Harrison, Harvey, Henrik, Henry, Heston, Holly, Hyuna, Iela, Isaac, Issac, Jaxon, Jayden, Jessica, Jonty, Juliette, Kayden, Kobe, Lachlan, Lincoln, Lola, Lucas, Lucy, Lucy, Luey, Luka, Lukas, Mabel, Maisie, Maja, Manny, Monique, Olive, Olivia, Olivia, Oscar, Owen, Penelope, Phoebe, Phoebe,

2019 DIARY DATES

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

TERM 1 – 2019

February

Mon 4 PA meeting 9am
Tues 5 Parent Information Sessions
CW 1, 2, 3; Rm 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 at 6:15pm
Fri 8 Assembly hosted by Room 1
11-15/2 Yr 3-5 Water Safety Education
Tues 12 Parent Info Sessions Yr 1/2 6:15;
Yr 3/4/5/6 Rm 9,10,11,12,13,14,15 at 7:10pm
Fri 15 Bulletin
Tues 19 Governing Council AGM 6.30pm
Fri 22 Assembly hosted by Room 6
Mon 25 Sports Committee 6pm
Tues 26 School Photos
Wed 27 School Photos

March

Fri 1 Newsletter
Mon 4 Parent Association AGM 7pm
Wed 6 OSHC Management meeting 2pm
Fri 8 Assembly hosted by
Mon 11 Adelaide Cup Day
Fri 15 Bulletin
Mon 18 Yr 3/4 incursion, "The Human Race"
Finance Committee 2pm
Tues 19 Education Committee 6pm
Thur 21 Harmony Day
Fri 22 Assembly hosted by
Tues 26 Governing Council 6.30pm
Wed 27 3 Way Conferences commence 27/3 – 5/4/19

April

Rann, Reid, Rory, Ruari, Sarah, Scarlett, Sebastian, Tyler, Tyson, Yilin

Year 1: Annabelle, Ailsa, Holly
Year 2: Ayaan
Year 3: David, Jack, Millamae, Victoria, Zelig
Year 4: Amber, Ari, Jasper, Vevan
Year 5: Poppy
Year 6: Alannah
Year 7: Isaac

We wish these children and their families a long and rewarding educational journey whilst at Belair Primary School.



Respect

Responsibility

Creativity

Achievement



PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Parent Information Evening is being held over two weeks

WEEK 2

Tuesday 5th February 6.15 – 7.15pm

Reception, Rooms CW1, CW2, CW3

Year 7, Room 1, 2 & 3

Year 5/6 Room 4, 5, 7

Thursday 7th February

Yr 3/4, Room 13 6.30 – 7.30pm Crèche unavailable

WEEK 3

Tuesday 12th February

Year 1-2 parents 6.15pm – 7.00pm

(Rooms 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22)

Year 3/4/5/6 parents 7.10pm - 8.00pm

(Rooms 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15)

All sessions are held in classrooms.

The evening provides teachers with an opportunity to meet parents, outline the classroom program and answer questions.

To support your attendance at this evening a free crèche service will be provided in the OSHC room for children of school age (Reception to year 7). Preschool age and children at high school are not able to attend the crèche.

It is the responsibility of parents to sign their children in and out of the crèche on the evening.

OSHC bookings are essential to ensure adequate staffing ratios. Please return the tear off slip at the end of this newsletter to the Front Office by Monday 4th February for week meetings and by Wednesday 6th for years 1-4.

GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM 19TH FEBRUARY 2019

The Annual General Meeting of the Governing Council will be held Tuesday 19 February 2019. Drinks and nibbles will be served in the staff room from 6.00 pm, with a chance to talk to staff and current Governing Council members. The AGM commences at 6.30pm in the Resource Centre.



The Governing Council is a group of parents and staff who work collaboratively to provide a quality learning environment for your children. Meetings run for 1½ hours twice a term. Members are responsive to issues that arise and their role is to determine the views of our local community with regards to the broad directions of the school. The Governing Council advise the Principal of these community opinions and work to support educational priorities of the school.

We have vacancies for 2019 and are calling for nominations from members of the school community to stand for Council for a 2-year period. The nomination form is attached to this newsletter and is due back to the Front Office by Wednesday 13 February 2019.

For more information, please contact Rob Houston.

ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS

In 2019, the format for the ICAS Academic Competitions has changed. Details will be forwarded to families shortly.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School photographs will be taken in term 1, on **Tuesday 26th February** and **Wednesday 27th February**.



MT LOFTY RANGES CATASTROPHIC DAYS

A reminder to parents that our school is closed on days that are classified as catastrophic in the Mt Lofty Ranges fire district.

We are required to practise our bushfire evacuation procedures during the bushfire season.

There will be drills carried out in term 1 and in term 4 in order for everyone on the site to be familiar with and understand their responsibilities in the event of a bush fire threatening the school. Teachers will be discussing the procedures with classes.

CANTEEN NEWS



Welcome back everyone I hope you all had a lovely break. A warm welcome to all new families. If you have any questions in regards to the Canteen please feel free to pop in, give me a call or an email I'm here to help.

There have been just a couple of changes to the menu this year so if you don't use flexischools for your orders then please collect a menu from me in the Canteen so you have the up to date menu.

Re-usable lunch wallets are in stock and on special ... only \$10 until Feb 15th so don't miss out get yours now! These wallets are the only ones we accept for lunch orders as they fit in the class boxes, have a place for student's names and orders on the outside, are eco-friendly, easy for the students and canteen helpers to use, insulated, durable and great value for money.

I still have some spots that I need to fill on the Canteen roster so if you are able to help this term please contact me in the Canteen. I would love for you to join our band of merry helpers.

Canteen specials and special days will come later in the term and I will keep you all informed as they get closer.

Have a great start to the year

Thanks
Julie, 8278 6439





Welcome to a brand new school year, and for the families new to the school, welcome to Belair Primary.

The Parent Association's primary role is raising funds to go towards special projects at the school to improve facilities and resources for our kids. Keep an eye on PA News in each school newsletter to get up to date info on any fundraisers, meetings, events or social activities coming up.

We would love to see some new faces in the PA, please consider becoming a member, the commitment is as big or small as you can manage and it's a great way to get to know other families in the school. To become a member, just come along to our first meeting next week, details below. If you're new to the school, it's a great way to get to know other parents in the school. You may prefer to be a non-member volunteer.

If you'd like to help with activities from time to time but can't get to our meetings, please fill in the slip at the end of this newsletter and drop it in to the front office or send an email with your details to the address below.

For everybody else, we hope you'll be able to support us throughout the year by donating prizes, selling raffle tickets, buying things etc. It's all for the very best cause!

Parent Association meeting: The PA meets twice each term, in week 2 and week 6. **Our first meeting is Monday 4th of February 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.

Our second PA meeting (and AGM) – in week 6 – will be on Monday 4th of March at 7pm.

Class Parent Representatives: We need a Class Parent Rep for your child's class. Class Parent Reps help to create a supportive network in the classroom with the teacher, have a social role with class parents, and are an important point of contact with the Parent Association. The most important aspect of this role is finding parent volunteers when your class is rostered on for lost property and sick room linen a couple of times a year. Other aspects of the role may include communicating between the PA and the parents, organizing coffee catch ups, etc. If you are interested in volunteering for this role, please speak to your class teacher.

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.

Dear Belair Families,

It is great to be back at Belair Primary School in a brand new year! I'm excited about what might happen this year – the growth I will see in the students, the friendships I will make with parents, camps, excursions – there is so much going on.

I'm here to support your child (and you) as a pastoral care worker. Such a role is wide and varied. It can range from tying shoes in the yard to having coffee with parents to assist families in crisis.

I love my job! I have had many jobs over the years and other careers, but this is my calling. When I reflect on why I do what I do, I always remember my favourite quote: *A hundred years from now, it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove . . . but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child.*

If you think I can be of help to you or you simply want to have a chat, feel free to stop by my office (next to the uniform shop) or contact me at

sara.walding521@schools.sa.edu.au

I will be in school on Wednesdays and Fridays all day, as well as Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Some groups you might be interested in this year are:

- The **Wednesday Morning Walking Group** is back! Parents are welcome to join me for a walk through Belair National Park after drop off. We meet just outside the front office (where the alphabet letters are painted on the pavement) leaving at about 8:50 am. We arrive back at the school at about 10:00 am. We go at whatever pace suits people, and prams are welcome. Dogs are welcome too, but if you want to bring your dog, we ask that you don't bring him/her onto school grounds as some children are quite frightened by them. We can meet you and your dog at the gate on Laffers Road. If you think you might be coming, let me know so that I don't accidentally leave you behind.
- **Wednesday Afternoon Group** for Parents of Children with Special Needs. This is an informal group that meets at 2:30 on Wednesday afternoons in my office. We share what is happening with our children as well as tips and ideas that have been helpful. We laugh a lot and cry sometimes. Any parent is welcome to come. Your child does not need a specific diagnosis for you to attend.
- **Foster Parent Group** – This group meets a couple of times a term and aims to support parents in the unique role of being a foster parent. Similar to the above group for parent who have children with special needs, this group is informal and a safe place for foster parents to share.

Kind regards,

Sara Walding, Pastoral Care Worker

sara.walding521@schools.sa.edu.au



SOFTBALL

What a great turnout we had for our softball come 'n try! There is another one on Wednesday 6th February, which I hope will be cooler, please come along if you are interested.

I do need to know numbers by Tuesday 5th February, so please let me know if you might come on 6th so I can include your child in a team. This does not mean you are committed, it just helps me get a gauge on numbers. For the rest of us, please fill out a sport application form (found at Front Office) and hand in to the Front Office with payment. All game details and costs can be found on the school website in the After School Sport section, <http://belairps.sa.edu.au/course/softball/>

Training is WEDNESDAY straight after school 3.20 – 4.30 on the school oval.

If there are any questions please don't hesitate to ask me.

Thanks,

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

SOCCER

A big thank you to Adam Brown, Paul Stuchbery, Kellie Howe and Tim Kau for their time and effort coaching the 2018 teams.

The Coordinator role position is now vacant, if there is anyone interested please contact Mallory at blairm76@hotmail.com for further information. Soccer relies on the support and volunteering from parents and family. Please consider a coach, manager or referee position for this year. Information and training provided.

Soccer registration for 2019 season starting in term 2 via the front office.

Cost for this season is \$40 per player.

Thank you. ☺☺☺

BELAIR FOOTBALL 2019

Please register your interest for the 2019 football season by April 12 (end term 1).

An information letter will be emailed shortly and registration forms will be available with the info letter, on the Belair PS website or from the Front Office.

Cost for this season is \$60 per player.

Jodie Prewett
jprewett29@gmail.com
0455615066

BASKETBALL

Belair Basketball registrations are still being accepted for year 3 students up until the end of week 2. We are also looking for coaches for year 3 players. Year 3 play on Tuesday after school at the Blackwood Recreation Center. For all other year levels please check with the basketball coordinator as most teams are now full. Email davisons@tpg.com.au to confirm. Training will commence in week 2 and games at the Blackwood Recreation Center commence week 3. Coaches will be in contact at the beginning of week 2 to confirm practice and game times.

As for the other year levels, most teams are full, so please direct any enquiries to me, as I cannot guarantee a spot for anyone, but will do what I can.

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

NETBALL REGISTRATION – WINTER 2019

We would like to hear from all students who would like to play netball for Belair Primary School in the coming 2019 Southern Area Junior Netball Association season (S.A.J.N.A).



Netball is played in terms 2 and 3 and is open to players in grades 3-7 (or players who turn 8 before the end of the season).

If you are keen to play netball for Belair Primary School please go to the school website - After School Sports - for more information and to access the registration/medical/consent and uniform ordering forms.

Please have your netball registration forms/payment in to the front office **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 8th MARCH!**

Teams are entered based on numbers of players registered and no team nomination changes can be made after the close of registration.

Coaching - every team also needs a coach! Please indicate on your registration form if a parent/carer/sibling etc is keen to coach a team.

Please contact Kerrie Wooding for further enquiries – 0414 492 442

CRICKET

Registrations for cricket in 2019 are due by the end of the day on Friday 1/2. Students from year 1 - 7 are encouraged to have a go at school cricket. Registration forms are available at the school office

Don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.
Chris Della Vedova (chris.dellavedova@unisa.edu.au)



CANTEEN ROSTER

4 Feb	5 Feb	6 Feb	7 Feb	8 Feb
Jan Waller	Luella Clark	Penelope Carrick	Di Miles	Linda Ogrowsky Roslyn Limb?
11 Feb	12 Feb	13 Feb	14 Feb	15 Feb
Alaina Frost	Raya Bolt		Jane Burford	Belinda Blockow Natalie Nagy
18 Feb	19 Feb	20 Feb	21 Feb	22 Feb
Ruth Harris	Emily Connor	Rikki Skrodall	Catherine Gray	Belinda Blockow Kerry Levett
25 Feb	26 Feb	27 Feb	28 Feb	1 Mar
Lisa Jamieson	Raylene Sheehan	Jo and Craig Baulderstone	Tania Campbell	Mallory Chatfield Susan

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **POSITION VACANT** – Cleaner wanted for a small business here in Belair. Approx 15 hours a week (flexible) in the Belair Blackwood area. Please phone MacKella on 0422907437
- **ROAMING CLASSROOM FOR REBEL GIRLS** - This exciting Fringe event will be held at the Australian Science and Maths School on Saturday 2 March from 10am-12noon. Run by the team from Code Like a Girl, it targets girls aged 6-12 years to experience or further develop their coding skills. The cost is \$15 per child. Teacher supervision will be provided during the event. More details and tickets are available at <https://codelikeagirl.org/states/sa/2019/march/roaming-classroom-for-rebel-girls-at-the-adelaide-fringe-saturday-am/>

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The Parent Association needs you

I _____ (name) am happy to be contacted by the PA if there are jobs to be done for PA activities from time to time throughout the year.

My youngest child _____ Room _____

Email address _____

Phone _____





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Governing Council Nomination Form

Governing Council is the body within the school that, together with the Principal, is responsible for governance of the school.

The Council consists of 15 members in total - 11 parent representatives, 1 Parent Association representative, 2 staff representatives and the Principal.

Below are our current members:

Continuing members:- Aaron Osterby, Adam Thompson, Alison Glastonbury, Danielle Sherman, Kerry Levett, Paul Hutchison

Retiring members:- Merrilyn Larusson, Karla Pobke, Phil Wooding, Louise Petherick, Lisa Jamieson

Positions are held for 2 years. There are 5 in 2019. Now is your chance to have some input into the school by nominating for Governing Council.

If you would like to nominate for the Governing Council please complete the form below and return to the Front Office by Wednesday 13 February 2019. Elections will occur at the AGM on Tuesday 19 February 2019.

NOMINATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ON THE NIGHT

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2019-2020 inc GOVERNING COUNCIL NOMINATION RETURN-SLIP

I, _____ would like to nominate for a position on Belair Primary School Governing Council beginning in 2019 for a two year period.

Daytime Contact phone number: _____

Youngest child's name _____ Room No.: _____

Signed _____

Return to the Front Office by Wednesday 13th February 2019.



PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT - CRECHE REGISTRATION FORM

I, _____ would like my child/ren registered for the crèche on Parent Information Night in the OSHC building.

- Tuesday 5th February 2019
 - Reception, Rooms CW1, CW2, CW3
 - Year 7, Room 1, 2 & 3
 - Year 5/6 Room 4, 5, 7

- Tuesday 12th February 2019
 - Session 1 Year 1-2 parents (Rooms 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22) 6.15pm – 7.00pm
 - Session 2 Year 3/4/5/6 parents (Rooms 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15) 7.10pm - 8.00pm

Please circle the date/s your child will be in the crèche.

Child's name _____ Age: _____ 5/2/19 and/or 12/2/19

Child's name _____ Age: _____ 5/2/19 and/or 12/2/19

Child's name _____ Age: _____ 5/2/19 and/or 12/2/19

Child's name _____ Age: _____ 5/2/19 and/or 12/2/19

Unfortunately, we are not equipped to provide the necessary care for pre-school aged children.

Bookings are essential to ensure adequate staffing ratios.

Please return the tear off slip at the end of this newsletter to the Front Office by -
Monday 4th February for the Reception/Year 4/5/6/7 meetings
Wednesday 6th February for years 1-4 meetings

Signed _____

Mobile phone number _____

