



# BELAIR PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Staff and students have been working together on defining, understanding and improving student agency in the classroom.

Agency occurs when the student is the agent and has an active role in their learning. They:

- are an active a participant and co constructor of learning
- have learning choices
- can talk about how they learn
- articulate the strategies that they use for learning
- can identify their next steps in leaning

The agency developing in our classrooms is most exciting to see when walking through classes this term I have noticed an emergence in student agency on a range of levels. When in Wirra I had students explaining to me the task choices they had between either inquiry, reading and writing. I also saw students responding to the agency questions that staff worked on together at our pupil free day in week 1. Before the school bell, Carawatha learners are writing words and phrases on white boards such as 'the fluffy cat' and 'the fluffy bunny' just for themselves. I've seen year 3/4 students negotiating reading material with their teacher and helper. In another classroom I had students explain to me how they can choose to work in different spaces across the room.

If you get a chance over the coming days, ask your child/ren about student agency and what it means for them. I would be interested in your feedback.

### 1:1 iPad classrooms

Belair Primary School is proud to offer a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) learning environment for all students. We have stipulated devices to be either iPads or iPad minis which are connected to the school's infrastructure and covered with a rigorous filtering program. IPads provide a unique and 'just in time' learning approach for students. The ability to be 'learning focussed' in a range of settings, with all the tools that you need in the one place, is what an iPad can powerfully provide.

In semester 2 of this year we will be trialling 1:1 ipad learning for all of our year 5/6 students and the year 4/5 class. Further information around this initiative will be sent home to parents of the students involved in the coming weeks. In short, students who currently do not have an iPad on a daily basis will be allocated one by the school which will only be available for school time use and will not be allowed to go home. The trial will allow for more streamlined planning for teachers and learning for

## 2019 DIARY DATES

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

### TERM 2 – 2019

#### JUNE

Sun 2 Working Bee at BPS - **CANCELLED**  
 Mon 3 Aldinga Camp – Rm 13 & 14  
 PA Meeting 7pm  
 Tues 4 Aldinga Camp – Rm 9 & 12  
 Wed 5 Aldinga Camp – Rm 15  
 OSHC Management Committee 2pm  
 Fri 7 Assembly hosted by Rm 22  
 Mon 10  
 Wed 12 Principal Tour  
 Mon 17 Illawonga Camp – Rm 10 & 11  
 Tues 18 Education Committee 6pm  
 Wed 19 Illawonga Camp – Rm 5 & 6  
 Thur 20 Finance Committee 1pm  
 Fri 21 Assembly hosted by Rm 20  
 Mon 24 Illawonga Camp – Rm 4 & 7  
 Tues 25 Governing Council 6.30pm  
 Fri 28 Toy Story 4 – Capri Theatre 6.30pm

#### JULY

Thur Mid-year Reports go home  
 Fri 5 Assembly hosted by Rm 3  
**EARLY DISMISSAL 2:10pm**

### TERM 3

#### JULY

Mon 22 **PUPIL FREE DAY**  
 Tues 23 First Day Term 3

#### AUGUST

Fri 9 Save the Date - PA Quiz Night

all students and establish an environment for all learners to participate in.

We will be looking for an increased uptake of BYOD in the future as participants in the trial demonstrate the benefits from the 1:1 learning environment.

### Working Bee

Unfortunately we have had a very small response to our proposed working bee this Sunday morning so we will be postponing this until later in the year, with the hope of having a more significant turn out.



Respect

Responsibility

Creativity

Achievement



## ASSEMBLY REPORTS

Room 15 presented a very powerful and emotional assembly last week. The children focused on the theme of National Reconciliation Week, 'Grounded in Truth' and decided to be courageous and share some truths about the shared histories of all Australians. They created six quality short films focusing on the histories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. After the assembly, all members of the school community were invited to raise our new Torres Strait Islander flag, as our school's commitment to reconciliation.



## RESOURCE CENTRE

Thank you everyone who supported the Scholastic Book Fair last week.

We received 10 new books for our library and commission totalling \$625.00, to be used for future purchasing of resources.

## WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

Belair Primary is once again participating. Please collect as many stickers as you can. Ask grandparents, neighbours and friends to help too.

There are collection boxes in the Front Office, the Resource Centre and at the Blackwood store. Earn & Learn continues until the 25th June so keep sending them in. Special thanks to the volunteers who come and help stick each day.

Thank you for participating.



## CANTEEN NEWS



Winter warming specials are now here. Meatball Mondays: delicious meatballs in a warm roll topped with cheese and Tuesdays is our Soup Day, winter warming soup served in a cup with a lid or you can bring in your own keep cup. Hot chocolates are also available every day and a great way to stay warm.

Important news! As we have now been using flexischools as our lunch ordering system since 2015 alongside the manual orders, the Canteen committee has decided that as of Term 3 this year we are going to streamline the ordering process and move solely to ordering online. This will make the process more efficient and easier for Canteen staff and volunteers as well as parents and students.

If you are not already registered to use flexischools please just go onto the website and follow the prompts. Please don't hesitate to contact me in the Canteen if you have any queries regarding the change.

As the weather cools please don't forget to use the Canteen we have some great winter warmer items for sale at recess; students will need to come over to the Canteen to see what these are as they will vary daily some of our snacks are; hot wedges, mini hot dogs, hash browns, ham and cheese subs just to name a few!

Thanks  
Julie  
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## PARENT ASSOCIATION

**Toy Story 4 Movie Night:** Friday 28 June; 6.30pm at The Capri.

Tickets are \$12 each, available via Flexischools and from the Front Office



**Parent Association meeting:** Our next meeting will be held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 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 [jprewett29@gmail.com](mailto:jprewett29@gmail.com) and we will respond asap.



## PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER

Dear Families,

### All work and no play . . .

I was just reading that the “latest” neurological research shows that unstructured play is essential for healthy brain development. It made me think of the old saying “All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy”. I was curious as to how long that phrase has been around, so I looked it up and discovered that it was first used in 1659! So much for the latest research ☺.

But it is worth thinking about how our children play. Do they get unstructured play time? Are our children so busy doing stuff, that they don't have time to just “be” and goof around with whatever resources might be around the place? In a 2007 clinical report published by The American Academy of Paediatrics, Dr Kenneth Ginsburg outlines that play can aid the development of:

- Creativity, imagination, dexterity, and physical, cognitive & emotional strength;
- Engagement, interaction with and manipulation of the surrounding world;
- Conquering fears & practicing adult roles;
- Self-confidence & resiliency;
- Learning to work in groups, share, negotiate & resolve conflicts;
- Healthy, active, coordinated bodies.

Sonic Learning (a Perth based company) has some suggestions for unstructured play:

- Spend a day in the park - but don't plan anything!
- Pay a visit to the library and let those budding brains explore.
- Revisit your back yard. You will be amazed what can be devised with some sticks, a garden hose and some nice, yummy mud.
- Plan more play dates. Friendships strengthened and the negotiation and collaboration skills learned will be invaluable.
- Keep those art supplies stocked. Then open that treasure chest and let the magic happen.

So go out and play this week!

Sara Walding, Pastoral Care Worker

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

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## AFL FOOTBALL – COORDINATOR 2020

The position of School Football Co-ordinator will become vacant next year, meaning an opportunity exists for an enthusiastic volunteer to get involved in organising teams, etc. for our many aspiring footy players.

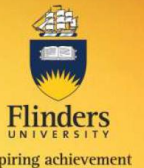
As we combine with St. John's Grammar to form our teams, the position is shared with a parent from that school so the workload is lessened somewhat and there will be plenty of guidance available.

As with all school sports, without a co-ordinator there are no teams, so please consider volunteering if you have an interest and some knowledge that may benefit the overall program. The position is not restricted to one person, so it can involve multiple people if desirable.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the outgoing co-ordinator, Jodie Prewett via email - [jprewett29@gmail.com](mailto:jprewett29@gmail.com)

## FLINDERS UNI PSYCH CLINIC

### FLINDERS UNIVERSITY PSYCHOLOGY CLINIC



#### What is the Flinders University Psychology Clinic?

The Flinders University Psychology Clinic (FUPC) is a clinical psychology service linked to the School of Psychology at Flinders University and is situated in the grounds of Flinders University. At FUPC postgraduate (Masters and Clinical PhD) provisional psychologists carry out assessments and therapy under supervision from a registered clinical psychologist. Our clinic also serves as a research facility and actively contributes to advances in psychological knowledge and scientifically based treatment methods.

#### Who comes to the Flinders University Psychology Clinic?

- The Flinders University Psychology Clinic accepts referrals in several areas:
- assessment and treatment of **anxiety** and **stress** in children and adolescents
  - assessment and treatment of **behavioural difficulties** in children
  - assessment and treatment of **anxiety disorders** in adults
  - **psycho-educational assessments** of children and adolescents (testing of cognitive ability and academic achievement)

We work with children and adolescents with a range of issues including school avoidance, selective mutism, generalised anxiety, obsessive compulsive disorder, adjustment to challenging events (e.g., parental separation), perfectionism and managing stress (such as Year 12). We also work with children (and their families) where behavioural difficulties in the home or school environments are a concern. For adults, referrals for a range of anxiety disorders including generalised anxiety disorder, social phobia and specific phobias are welcome.

#### How much do these services cost?

Fees for assessment and treatment of anxiety, stress and behavioural problems are set at \$30 for an initial intake interview (90 minutes) and \$20 per subsequent session (60 minutes). Fees for psycho-educational assessments (including initial interview, assessment, feedback session and report) are \$320 per assessment.

#### How do I make a referral?

Clients can self-refer by contacting our clinic at the details below:  
Phone: (08) 8201 2311  
Fax: (08) 8201 7675  
Email: [fupc@flinders.edu.au](mailto:fupc@flinders.edu.au)  
Website: <http://www.flinders.edu.au/sabs/psychology/services/clinic/>  
Opening Hours: Thursday & Fridays, 9am-5pm

[www.flinders.edu.au](http://www.flinders.edu.au)



## CANTEEN ROSTER

3 June	4 June	5 June	6 June	7 June
	Lana G	Teryl Overton	Raylene Sheehan	Jan Charles Emily Connor
10 June	11 June	12 June	13 June	14 June
<i>Public Holiday</i>	Mandy Mason	Carrie Simes	Sarah Coote	Belinda Blockow Linda Ogrowsky
17 June	18 June	19 June	20 June	21 June
Mackella Giles	Annette Harrison	Julia Brueggemann	Di Miles	Sarah Coote Lisa Howlett

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

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **BEACON EMERGENCY RELIEF** – Trading Table at Blackwood, outside chemist near pedestrian crossing - Saturday, 1 June 2019, 9 – 12.30pm,
- **CODE IT YOURSELF** - School Holiday Coding Camp, ages 7-13. Blackwood Memorial Hall July 16th. Book at [www.ciy.club/events/](http://www.ciy.club/events/) or contact Paul on 0491 093 811 for more details. Bookings strictly limited to 15 students. We are part of the Children's University so students can bring their passports.
- **Ready4SUCCESS** runs after school group programs which aim to support the Teaching and Learning and Care for the individual, that you provide your students, by *explicitly targeting* and improving skills - Robyn Whittle-Hughes, Director, Waite Street, Blackwood, 5051 Phone: 0402 278 769