



BELAIR PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL REPORT

There are a number of state wide assessments that are held throughout term 3 each year in our schools. Our year 1 teachers are currently administering the year 1 phonics screening check (a recent Department for Education initiative). All year 1 and 2 students will also have their Reading Running Records assessed by the end of the term. Students from year 3-7 are participating in the ACER Progress Achievement Tests in mathematics and reading (PAT M/R) by the end of week 9. This does create a level of busyness for our school, collectively however, the information and data we receive supports the learning and wellbeing of our children.

DAILY 5

The **Daily 5** literacy framework, has been incorporated into our 2019 school Literacy Agreement. Daily 5 is a framework created to eliminate busywork, develop student agency, increase student engagement, and accelerate learning. The framework includes the common expectations of the literacy block; Read to Self, Work on Writing, Read to Someone, Word Work, and Listen to Reading. The five tasks provide students with the opportunity to practice authentic literacy skills at the learner's developmental level.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Classes will be open to parents on Wednesday 11th September from 9.00 – 10.00am and 6.00 – 7.00pm for the annual student led conference. Students will be ready to share their learning portfolio during these times and 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 will be 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.

We will again be using a booking system for student led conferences. Further information around the booking arrangements will arrive in a separate email to families next week.

R – 7 DISCO

Thursday 19th September

Rec – Yr 2 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Yr 3 – 7 7:15 – 8:30 pm

\$5 door entry includes a drink

(If you wish, please bring a water bottle)

2019 DIARY DATES

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

TERM 3 – 2019

AUGUST

Fri 23 Bookweek PARADE / VIP Morning tea
Mon 26 Parent Association meeting 7pm
Tue 27 Year 7 Exhibition
Year 1 to Old Tailern Town
Wed 28 Principal Tour
OSHC Management meeting 2pm
Fri 30 Assembly hosted by Rm 9 & 12

SEPTEMBER

Mon 2 **SCHOOL CLOSURE – SHOW DAY**
Tue 3 ICAS Digital Tech Comp
Rec Transition visit
Wed 4 ICAS Science Comp
Rec Transition visit
Mon 9 ICAS Writing Comp
Rec Transition visit
Tue 10 Canteen Committee 1.45pm
Education Committee 6pm
Wed 11 Student Led Conferences
Rec Transition visit
Thur 12 ICAS Spelling Comp
Finance Committee 1pm
Sat 14 Festival Choir performance
Mon 16 ICAS English Comp
Rec Transition visit
Tue 17 Governing Council 6.30pm
Wed 18 ICAS Maths Comp
Rec Transition visit
Thur 19 **R-7 DISCO**
Tue 24 Momoyama Trip begins
Fri 27 Last Day Term 3
CASUAL DAY
EARLY DISMISSAL 2:10pm

OSHC

OSHC OPEN on School Closure Day

OSHC will be open on 2nd September, School Closure Day, and we will be hosting "Survivor Team Challenges". Children join a team and compete in physical and mental challenges, testing strategies to see which team will be the ultimate survivors.

Please email: Belair.OSHC537@schools.sa.edu.au, phone: 8278 7609 or drop into the OSHC service to book your child in for the day.



Respect

Responsibility

Creativity

Achievement



YEAR 7 EXHIBITION

The exhibition is the culminating, collaborative experience in the final year of the PYP. The exhibition is a process for students to explore, document and share their understanding of an issue of personal significance. This term, Year 7 students have been inquiring into the transdisciplinary theme 'How we organise ourselves' under the central idea 'Organisations are influenced by future and present needs'. They will be presenting their inquiries to the Belair Primary School community on Tuesday evening 6-7:30pm in the Hall. All welcome to attend.



ASSEMBLY REPORTS

Room 7's Assembly was about a variety of things to do with their inquiry of sudden geological events, technology, school camp and Art. They did a play featuring a tornado, an earthquake, a volcanic eruption and a rock slide. They made a stop motion video to show some information about the cars they designed in technology. They performed plays of different activities they did at camp and made an iMovie. Finally they made an iMovie to show some of their Murray River artwork.

By Millie



Room 18 and 19 have been learning about the structure of narratives. Narratives have an orientation (time phrase, setting and characters), complication (a problem) and a resolution (how the problem was solved).

We have been constructing our own narratives and sharing them with each other. Our focus has been on sentence construction and using adjectives to make our narratives more exciting and interesting.



BOOK COVERING VOLUNTEER MORNING

In the resource centre we are trialling the use of contact to cover our books. We will be holding a volunteer morning in week 7 to contact a number of books that are currently uncovered. The volunteer morning will be held on Friday 6 September from 8:30am – 10:30am in the Resource Centre. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. If you are able to assist please let Natalie know via email natalie.mayfield833@schools.sa.edu.au or inform the front office.

ECO CLUB

Recently eco club has been exploring the 10 nest boxes in various places around our school. We have been using a telescopic camera to view what is inside the boxes. Our findings were 5 possums, 2 empty boxes and 3 lorikeet nests, one with a rainbow lorikeet. We also have more bird and possum nest boxes to put in rookwood. We researched different bird and possum species that make habitat in rookwood scrub and measured the box size to make happy habitats for the animals in our school.



CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you everyone that has now switched over to using our Online ordering system Flexischools, we have already noticed the difference in the Canteen...no more chasing students for correct orders or money, no waiting for all the boxes to arrive, no counting coins, just to name a few! If you haven't made the switch yet please do so, just head to www.flexischools.com.au and follow the prompts. All of our special event days including Sports Day Lunch will be done online only so you will need to be registered for those anyway.

More re-usable Lunch wallets have arrived so if you are after one of these again you can order and pay through flexischools or you can come into the Canteen and get one.

I am very pleased to say that we have moved forward another step in reducing our use of plastics in the Canteen, we now have paper cups for slushy's along with paper straws and we have also switched to wooden cutlery instead of plastic!

The Canteen is also a collection point for the students and staff to drop over their soft plastics and we will recycle that also.

Week 7 is Show Week and we will once again this year sell our Canteen Showbags, these will contain Canteen items so they will follow the right bite Healthy Eating Criteria but be a bit of fun too.

Thanks,

Julie (8278 6439)



PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER

Dear Families,

This article is for all our fabulous dads and granddads. Father's Day is next week-end and I want to recognise the dads in our community. The role of fatherhood seems to have evolved significantly over the years. I imagine that along with a lot of fun and joy, being a dad can be a bit confusing/frustrating/hard at times. I reckon dads might find it a little harder than mums to connect with others. Therefore, I have compiled a list of a few of the local men's groups.

THANK YOU dads for your efforts.

Blokes Breaky at Blackwood church of Christ – First Saturday of the month 7:30-9:00 am. \$10 which includes a fully cooked breakfast and generally a speaker. Contact: Don Hemer 8278 3090 / 0448 882 511 or the Church office 7222 9235

The Shed at the back of the Belair Uniting Church – Wednesday mornings 9:30-12:00. A group of men who recycle old and discarded bikes. Contact the Blackwood uniting church on 8 278 7699

Mud Sweat and Gears bike club - Saturday 9am at the entrance to Belair National Park, great for any level. An elite group rides on Saturday at 7:30 am. Contact Morris Alan 0421 997 011.

The Romeos – monthly lunch organised by Mitcham Council.

Also while not strictly men, groups such as Lions and Rotary are great for connecting and giving back to the community.

There is plenty around, but if none of these suit you, maybe you are inspired to start a Belair Dads' Group? 😊 I would be happy to help you set something up.

Happy Father's Day!

Sara Walding, Pastoral Care Worker



We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our supporters, without whom the night could not have been the success it was.

Belair Fine Wines	Blackwood Hire
National Pharmacies Blackwood	Woolworths
Yoga Garage	Coles
Jennie Howe – Kinesiology	Jacobs Creek
We Deliver	Southern Cross
Aus Stereo	Belair Hotel
Pilates Studio Blackwood	Glow Co
Carly Dabinet Makeup	Peter Daly Plumber
Cellarmasters Barossa	B3 Coffee
Ackermans and Dyer's Bakery	Dawn Jennifer
En Pointe Ballet School	Penelope Carrick
True Value Blackwood	Karkoo Nursery

Parent Association meeting: Our next meeting is being held next week on **Monday 26th August 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.

TENNIS LESSONS AT BELAIR PS

Term 3 & 4 Lunch Time Tennis Classes

REC – Year 4



Professional Tennis coaching at Belair Primary School during lunch time on Tuesday / Thursday.

Enrol NOW to secure your spot – FREE RACKET for new players

Ben O'Brian is a Professional Tennis Coach and the head coach of Blackwood Tennis Club. Ben is looking to provide world class tennis education in the most convenient way possible.

Call or book online to register your spot now. Numbers are limited. www.mastertennisacademy.com.au

For more information, please contact Ben on: 0458428383

PARENT ASSOCIATION



Cadbury Chocolate Drive: Thanks to all the families who opted in for our biggest fundraiser of the year and all the extra donations.

We still have some spare boxes that need to go. 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.

QUIZ NIGHT: We had a wonderful night at our 'School Formal' quiz night on Friday August 9th! Thank you everyone who turned up in costume, and threw money in for the chance to win some of our fabulous prizes to help us raise just over \$2000!

CRICKET



Students in Years 1-7

If you have a child who is interested in playing cricket in 2019, please read on!

As in previous years we plan to run teams in the senior Grades (A, B, and C) as well as the Kanga teams. Typically, A Grade is comprised of players from Year 7/6, B Grade from Year 6/5, C grade from Years 3 - 5. Kanga players are typically from Years 1 - 3.

The Nomination Process for 2019:

Parents or players will need to collect a registration form from the front office, complete the details for your child and return the form to the school with the appropriate fee (see below) by Wednesday, 25 September.

Teams and Play:

Teams will be based on the returned registration forms and expressions of intent. Players will be placed in teams appropriate to their year/skill level and as near as possible with players from similar classes. Games are on Saturday mornings and are scheduled to begin in Week 1 of Term 4.

Grade Cricket vs Kanga:

For younger players (Years 1 - 3) - Kanga Cricket is recommended. This form of the game is faster paced and uses soft balls and plastic bats. No previous cricket experience is required and the main goal of Kanga cricket is to get kids used to the game and to develop some skills. However, children that have played organised cricket previously (e.g. club cricket, Milo T20 blast, Rising Stars) may find Kanga a bit basic for their liking. In this case, we can move players up to a younger C grade side. Please contact the coordinator to discuss this option.

Fees:

\$65 for players in senior teams (A, B, & C) and \$25 for Kanga players. If there is more than one child from the same family playing, the second child is at half the fee. Fees cover the season which includes both Terms 1&4.

Uniform:

Senior players: white cricket trousers and white collared shirt. Shirt should be tucked into pants during matches. The school has a range of equipment available, but players

may bring their own equipment as well. It is also a good idea to purchase an abdominal guard (box).

Kanga players: Blue shorts and school shirt.

Coaches, Training:

As occurs every year, we may require more coaches to help out with teams. School cricket cannot run without parent support! We need parents to take responsibility for their child's sport. It is a great opportunity to spend time with your child and others. You also don't need to be a cricket expert or buff. If you are interested, please contact me. Coaching is not too time consuming and all the rules, hints and tips will be provided. In the past we have had two parents share coaching responsibility for a team, which seems to work very well.

Training is arranged by the coach at the time and venue that most suits their availability. Training is usually straight after school but may start later depending on the coach. Once players and coaches are established, coaches will contact players and advise of the training details.

If your child (boys and girls) would like to play in 2019, please complete the registration details as soon as possible.

If you would like to help, please contact me as soon as possible. Chris Della Vedova, Belair Schools Cricket Coordinator (cbdellavedova@gmail.com or 0432 843 605)

SOFTBALL

Warmer weather is around the corner and that can only mean one thing, softball season! Term 4 is the end of our season where we play around 6 or 7 games, have an opportunity to be a part of a carnival and finish the season with presentations.

We have three teams heading into term 4: year 3/4 team, year 5 team and year 6/7 team. If you have not tried this sport but would like to give it a go it's \$25 for term 4, we have only a few spots left. Training starts the first Wednesday in term 4, after school to 4.30pm and games are on Saturday mornings. For more details please see the After School Sports page on the school's website: <http://belairps.sa.edu.au/course/softball/>.

Janie Hutchison
Softball Coordinator
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CANTEEN ROSTER

26 Aug	27 Aug	28 Aug	29 Aug	30 Aug
Raya Bolt	Lana G	Teryl Overton	Raylene Sheehan	Jan Charles Emily Connor
2 Sept	3 Sept	4 Sept	5 Sept	6 Sept
CLOSED		Penelope Carrick	Sarah Coote	Jane Burford Linda Ogrowsky
9 Sept	10 Sept	11 Sept	12 Sept	13 Sept
Mackella Giles	Annette Harrison	Julia B	Di Miles	Sarah Coote Belinda Blockow
16 Sept	17 Sept	18 Sept	19 Sept	20 Sept
Jan Waller	Luella Clark	Catherine Gray	Ellie Magarey	Michelle Dunstone Liz Spencer

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **WILDCATS SUMMER NETBALL** – Trials start on September 15th 2019 Please visit <http://www.adelaidewildcats.com.au/> for more information or contact Maria at netball@adelaidewildcats.com.au
- **MARION TENNIS CLUB** - Open Day: Sat 31/8 - From 1-3pm; Sausage and Drink Included. Come and get some tips from Tennis Australia Club professional Coach Justin Tredwell.."The little ones are sure to have some fun and can join a coaching programme or even a team! " Justn2tennis@gmail.com Book Free Trial: 0415289733
- **STURT BASEBALL CLUB** – Trials 25th September from 11 – 2pm - To register your interest please complete this short survey before Sun 18th August at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H23775K>
- **KIDS TAEKWONDO CLASSES** - Fitness, Resilience, Confidence, Discipline, Respect.- enrolments open now - Enquiries Ph: 0412965905 or Email: info@worldtaekwondo.com.au

