



# BELAIR PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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**Week ending Friday 18 October 2019**

**Rob Houston**  
Principal

**Leanne Twigden**  
Deputy Principal

## CLASS PLACEMENT 2020

It's that time of the year again and preparation for next year's classes is now underway. Forming effective classes is about putting together a group of children who can learn and be taught together in the most favourable learning environment. Usually this means creating a group of students that has a gender balance, a range of learning abilities and a range of behavioural and social needs. Factors such as friendships groups, learning styles, social and emotional maturity and physical size are also considered when making up class groups.

Our process for creating classes for 2020 will include:

- By Friday Week 2 - Students create lists of other students that they would like to work with in 2020 for consideration.
- By Friday Week 2 - Staff provide information on the social, behavioural and academic needs of students.
- By Friday Week 2 - Parents are invited to contribute to the class placement process in writing via the week 1 newsletter. This is not a forum for choosing a teacher, we value parent suggestions in regards to their children on things such as; particular learning needs, views and opinions on the best type of class, aspects of their education which have been successful and friendship groups.
- *Parent input needs to be returned to the school front desk by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October, marked as confidential and addressed to the principal, Rob Houston.*
- Week 3-7 - Class placement process –developing classes for 2020.
- Classes finalised week 8 – final brokering (Principal / Deputy Principal and relevant parties)
- Students visit classrooms Thursday pm week 9
- Parents informed Thursday Week 9

*After consulting with staff, parents and students we aim to provide the best learning environments to meet the needs of our range of learners within the scope of the available structure. It is the responsibility of the Principal to make any final decision on classes and placement of students.*

## 2019 DIARY DATES

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

### TERM 4 – 2019

#### OCTOBER

Mon 21 Parent Association meeting  
Tues 22 Rm 18, 19, 20 to Botanical Gardens  
Reception parent information session 6-7pm  
Parenting Session 7-8.30pm hosted by PA  
Wed 23 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, due by  
Thur 24 R-7 Disco – details below  
SAPSASA Knockout Cricket & Mountain Biking  
Fri 25 Assembly hosted by Rm4  
Mon 28 Principal Tour 9am  
Dental for Schools 28-30/10  
Tues 29 Reception transition 9-10.30am  
Education Committee 6pm  
Thur 31 Reception transition 9-10.30am

#### NOVEMBER

Mon 4 Music Concert 6:30pm (Hall)  
Tues 5 Reception Transition 9am -12noon  
Governing Council 6.30pm  
Thur 7 Reception Transition 9am -12noon  
Finance Committee  
Fri 8 Assembly hosted by Rm13  
Mon 11 Remembrance Day  
PE Week  
Sports Committee 6pm  
Year 3/4 1:1 iPad Parent info session 7pm  
Thur 14 Sports Day  
Mon 18 Parent Association meeting  
Mon 25 Year 6/7 Aquatics at Pt Noarlunga  
Tues 26 Year 6/7 Aquatics at Pt Noarlunga  
Wed 27 Principal Tour 9am  
Thur 28 Volunteer Morning Tea 10.30am (Hall)

#### DECEMBER

Sun 1 Belair Christmas Picnic 6-8pm (JP Lawn)  
Wed 4 Christmas Seminar (Hall)  
Fri 6 Assembly hosted by Carawatha Unit  
Blackwood Christmas Pageant  
Mon 9 JP Picnic  
Wed 11 Year 7 Graduation  
Thur 12 Year 7 Excursion  
Reports and Class Placement letters go home  
Fri 13 Farewell Assembly 11.45am  
Early Dismissal 2.10pm



Respect

Responsibility

Creativity

Achievement



## NEW STUDENTS

A special welcome to our new students and their families who started at Belair this term: -

Joshua and Ashley in year 3

We wish you and your families a long and rewarding educational journey whilst at Belair Primary School.

## STAFF UPDATE

Claire Oliphant has won the recently advertised school improvement coordinator position, replacing Sarah Mentha who is on maternity leave for the remainder of the year. Claire's new role will see her working across the school leading and supporting our literacy and numeracy initiatives from reception to year 7. We are pleased to announce that Melissa Arthur will take up the class teaching position on the days that Claire will now be out of the room.

We would like to welcome back Lillie Sellentin who will step into the PE role behind Mellissa Arthur on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for the rest of the term.

Welcome also to Chloe Steele who is replacing Lisen Carlmark who has taken long service leave for term 4. Chloe has worked with room 21 previously this year and has developed a good rapport with the class. Chloe brings great enthusiasm and passion for learning and will maintain the close working relationship with room 22.

## R – 7 DISCO

Re-scheduled for Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October

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)

## 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 Rokewood. We researched different bird and possum species that make habitat in Rokewood scrub and measured the box size to make happy habitats for the animals in our school.

Lucy D

## SHOEBOXES OF LOVE

### Operation Christmas Child

Participation in this activity is voluntary and all items received will be greatly appreciated.



**Suggested items for a Shoebox – Five New “Somethings”**

1. Something to Love
2. Something to play with
3. Something to write/draw, with/on
4. Something of personal hygiene (no liquids)
5. Something to wear

If you wish to contribute, please send individual items or a collection of items (in an A4 size shoebox) to the Resource Centre by **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**.

## CANTEEN NEWS



Here we are Term 4 already!

We have lots going on both in the school and also in the Canteen this term. We start off with Halloween Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> (week 3) and I am once again celebrating in the Canteen. Donations of spooky goodies are greatly appreciated. Either, drop them off in the Canteen on the day, or the day before.

Next in line is Sports Day. This is the biggest special event day of the year in the Canteen. Orders for sausage sizzle and sushi will be open on flexischools very soon and all orders need to be done online this year.

I will be sending home volunteer slips next week so if you can help out for half an hour on the day please fill it in and send it back to me. More information regarding Sports Day will come out soon.

Have a great start to the term

Thanks, Julie (8278 6439)

## PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER

Dear Families,

Dr. Justin Coulson is an Australian psychologist and parenting expert with a great sense of humour and excellent parenting advice. A friend sent me the following link to a video of one of his speaking engagements: <https://www.facebook.com/happyfamilies.au/videos/1136759133200653/>. It is only 5 minutes and worth watching. (Note: I could not find this particular clip on any platform other than Facebook. So I apologise if you don't have Facebook. Dr. Coulson has a number of other videos on YouTube.)

In a nutshell the three principles for happier families are:

1. Love – spelled T-I-M-E
2. Limits
3. Laughter

You can also visit [www.happyfamilies.com.au](http://www.happyfamilies.com.au) for lots more parenting tips.

I hope you have a great term!

## PARENT ASSOCIATION

### HOW TO BUILD RESILIENCE IN YOUR KIDS

**Positive Parenting Seminar next week, Tuesday 22 October!**

The Belair PS Parents Association is proud to present a positive parenting seminar on Tuesday 22 October at 7pm at the school. Guest speaker Madhavi Nawana Parker from Positive Minds Australia will provide us parents with some practical, research-based tools to improve young people's emotional resilience. Madhavi is a social emotional development specialist, published author and counsellor. Sponsored by the BPS parents' association, there is a small cost to secure your booking: \$5 pp for parents of Belair PS children. \$10 pp for local parents from other schools. To book seats, visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/BFBPV>

### World Teacher Day

A big thank you to all those parents who brought in plates of goodies for our teachers on Wednesday Week 1. It was a wonderful morning tea to celebrate and appreciate our teachers. Thank you!

**Cadbury Chocolate Drive:** Our annual Cadbury chocolate came to a close last term. If you're yet to return your \$60, can you please do this as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Also, there are 3 boxes remaining to be sold. 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.

**SAVE THE DATE: Christmas Picnic - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 6-8pm.** We're delighted to announce the sixth 'Christmas Where the Gum Trees Grow' Picnic. A twilight Christmas Picnic for the Belair Primary School community and friends, hosted by the BPS Parent Association. Featuring traditional, fun and Aussie carols led by the Belair Primary School Family Choir. Stay tuned for more details.

**Parent Association meeting:** Our next meeting is being held next week on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 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.

**Contact the Parent Association:** If you want to ask the PA a question or make a comment or suggestion, please email [stacey@hargroves.net](mailto:stacey@hargroves.net) and we will respond asap.

## CRICKET



Term 4

From Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 3.30-4.30pm at Belair PS

To register visit <https://www.playcricket.com.au/club-finder/club-details?id=160260>

## TENNIS AT BELAIR PS

Thursdays at lunchtime





## CANTEEN ROSTER

21 Oct	22 Oct	23 Oct	24 Oct	25 Oct
Jan Waller		Raylene Sheehan	Di Miles	Mallory Chatfield Susan
28 Oct	29 Oct	30 Oct	31 Oct	1 Nov
	Lana G	Kimberley Heinrich	Raylene Sheehan <b>HALLOWEEN</b>	Belinda Blockow Natalie Nagy
4 Nov	5 Nov	6 Nov	7 Nov	8 Nov
Josie C	Emily Connor	Jan Waller	Di Miles	Liz Spencer Kerry Levett
11 Nov	12 Nov	13 Nov	14 Nov	15 Nov
Lisa Jamieson		Jo & Craig B	<b>SPORTS DAY</b>	Linda O Josie C

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

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **ILLUMINA VOICES** – Dynamic Women’s Choir; Too Good To Be True; St Peters Lutheran Church on Sunday 17 November at 2.30pm; \$25 tickets available [trybooking.com/BCXWZ](http://trybooking.com/BCXWZ) Blackwood, or at the door. Enquiries: 0419869801 or visit [www.illumina.org.au](http://www.illumina.org.au)
- **LIGHT PARTY CARNIVAL** - A Halloween alternative Thurs 31st October 5:30 – 7:30pm; Hawthorndene Oval , Across the street from Apex Park/Joan’s Pantry, 7 Watahuna Ave, Hawthorndene; Free entry; Giant Games | Face-painting | Bouncy Castle | Craft; Dress bright; \$2 Sausage sizzle and \$1 drinks (GF & Veg); Brought to you by the Local Christian Churches
- **RAINBOW GIRLS** - open to girls from 7 to 21 years; A family friendly organisation; Activities suit girls and boys; Open night - Friday 18th October, 2019 in the Hawthorn Masonic Centre, 6 Wattle Avenue, lower Mitcham at 7.30 p.m. followed by supper. To assist with catering please register at: [rainbowgirls74@gmail.com](mailto:rainbowgirls74@gmail.com) Lorraine Rayner 0417082631