



BELAIR PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

On behalf of staff I would like to wish our school community a safe and unique Easter and school holiday. While it will be very different to what has gone on before, there will be an opportunity to look at and do things in new ways. It will be important for your children to take a break from participating in the school 'learning from home' program. There is a lot being prepared for when school returns. While spending this time at home, children who love their music, art, craft, puzzles or reading for pleasure should be encouraged to indulge. While the weather is mild, get them to take the opportunity to explore and be creative in the back yard. Remember, children experiencing some boredom can also be quite productive, as it will often lead to creativity and innovation with the use of down time.

The Department for Education remains committed to providing learning at home and learning at school from the beginning of term 2. We have planned with a 'less is more' approach, as there will be many unseen hurdles. The core learning will be the same for those learning at home and those learning at school. Every student will receive a package by email and via Australia Post before the start of term. We are aiming for this to arrive on Friday 24th April. The package will contain a range of resources and information to support 'learning from home'. School will begin on Monday, 27th April, this will not be a pupil free day as previously advertised.

School communication

Communication between home and school is going to be very important as we move into next term.

We will be utilising these platforms for communication between home and school:

- Reception, year 1, year 2, year 3/4 will use Seesaw, email, phone and Australia Post
- Year 4/5, year 6/7 will use Google classroom (for students only), Seesaw, email, phone and Australia Post

We have identified Seesaw to be the main communication mode between parents and school, for all year levels, in relation to the general 'learning from home' program.

The current class Seesaw accounts being used across the school will now be closed and will not be monitored until regular learning resumes at a later date. Please do not use these Seesaw accounts to contact your class teacher, or to post student learning.

2020 DIARY DATES

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

TERM 2

APRIL

Mon 27 First day T2 – Pupil Free Day CANCELLED

MAY

All dates to be confirmed.

May 4 Parent Association meeting 9am
May 5 School Tour
Fri 8 Assembly hosted by Rm 3 & 4
Tues 12 Education Committee 6pm
13-15 Dental for Schools visit
Fri 15 Bulletin

We have created a new 'learning from home' Seesaw class for each year level team (rec, year 1, year 2, year 3/4. Year 4/5, year 6/7).

Instructions on how to log into these new Seesaw forums will be sent home via the post and email on Friday 24th April.

This will be the only Seesaw class teachers will be monitoring. Our reception, year 1, year 2 and year 3/4 teams will have access for both parents and students to interact on this forum.

Year 4/5 and 6/7 teams will only use Seesaw as a communication tool with parents. Student work and feedback from teachers will occur through Google classroom.

We are planning for teachers to be available for questions about the learning program on Seesaw each day. For personal or sensitive matters please email your child classroom teacher directly.

Staffing Update

Next term we will welcome back Leanne Miller from long service leave. I would like to thank Anne Coleman for her excellent work with Rm 13 while Leanne was away.



OSHC

On 2 April 2020, the Australian Government announced the Early Childhood Education and Care Relief Package that gives families much-needed fee relief while supporting services to keep their doors open and employees in their jobs.

What do you need to know?

From 6 April to 28 June 2020, you won't need to pay fees when you access child care. This will ensure care remains available to you if you need it. We are prioritising care for essential workers, vulnerable and disadvantaged children and previously enrolled children.

For this period, the Government will provide direct funding to services so we can remain open. Because of this, Child Care Subsidy and Additional Child Care Subsidy won't be paid during this time. If you've recently submitted a claim for Additional Child Care Subsidy (Temporary Financial Hardship), and you are eligible, it will only be paid until 5 April 2020.

What do you need to do?

If your enrolment is still current, there's nothing you need to do. Please keep attending as you need.

If you've stopped your child's enrolment, you should contact us. Any families who are re-enrolling will need to confirm their new enrolment with Services Australia in their Centrelink online account through myGov.

Although you won't be getting Child Care Subsidy, you should make sure you stay eligible for Child Care Subsidy. This includes:

- continuing to care for your child at least 14% of the time
- meeting immunisation requirements
- telling Services Australia if you have a change in your circumstances.

On 29 June 2020, your Child Care Subsidy will start again as long as you stay eligible. There's nothing you'll need to do to start it again.

You should continue to update your family income estimate with Services Australia as necessary, especially if you get Family Tax Benefit. You can do that online in your Centrelink online account through myGov.

Where can you find more information?

To find out more, visit servicesaustralia.gov.au

FOOTBALL

Please note the 2020 SANFL schools competitions have been postponed until May 31st to align with the postponement of all other football competitions, however, we still need to know player registration details by Thursday 30th April 2020.

All students in year 2 and above are welcome to join. Games are Saturday mornings during terms 2 and 3. Usually one practise after school during the week. We always struggle to get coaches/team managers, so any assistance with this is much appreciated. Here is the link for more information:

<http://belairps.sa.edu.au/course/football/>

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

While the current situation precludes us from dining out many restaurants in the Entertainment Book are now increasing their takeaway options so that you can enjoy a delicious meal at home.

If you would like to order the new digital Entertainment Book and help fundraise for our school please use this link <https://www.entbook.com.au/161b062> to our page.

Please note the hard copy book is no longer an option – it is digital only and membership runs for 12 months from the time of activation so if you would prefer to wait until later in the year to join that is perfectly fine. We will advertise more widely later in the year when we move into more certain times.

ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS

The sitting dates for the ICAS Academic Competitions are in August and September this year. Information to families will be forwarded and available near the end of term 2.

PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER

Dear Families

If you are like me, you are struggling with a whole lot of information from a whole lot of sources right now. It seems we all want to do the right thing when it comes to whether we keep our kids home or not, how to home school, how to answer our children's questions, how to keep them socially connected and engaged. There is so much information! And that is just regarding our children. Managing the other aspects of our lives is just as confusing, distracting and overwhelming, and in some cases even more so.

The questions are big: What is the right thing to do? What is the right way to homeschool? Where to from here?

Unfortunately, there are no answers because nobody knows for sure. This has never happened before. But, in all this uncertainty, I know one thing for certain: You will make mistakes, your child will make mistakes, your child's teacher will make mistakes, others will make mistakes. We will all need to forgive each other now and then.

When it comes to home schooling, what I want to say to you as parents is: You know your child best. Trust your instincts, you are the expert when it comes to your child. The main thing is to love your kids like crazy, care for them and yourself, and look after others.

I like a sign I saw in front of one of the local businesses. It said something like:

Stay Positive
Have Gratitude
Be Kind

Please be in touch if you need support.

Sara Walding, Pastoral Care Worker
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APPLY NOW FOR 2021!

Special Interest Boys Football Program

Do you have a genuine interest in football?

Are you interested in improving your skills and knowledge in all areas of the game?

The selection criteria will include:

- potential high level of ability/performance indicated through skills testing and trial
- a high level of coachability
- a positive sporting attitude
- a positive attitude towards school and study
- a history of high standard of good behaviour, attendance and social skills
- recent member of a football team (club or school)
- a documented high level of ability/performance.

Visit the school's website www.bhs.sa.edu.au to download an application form.

Please contact Nick Liddle (nick.liddle@bhs.sa.edu.au) for more information.

Applications due Thursday 14 May 2020.

Special Interest Netball Program

The Netball Program is aimed at students who:

- Want to develop in all aspects such as playing, coaching and umpiring
- Demonstrate skill and a commitment to netball
- Wish to spend time in further development
- Aim to compete at a higher level than that of the average student.

Entry to the program is by application which is able to be downloaded from the Blackwood High School website and a trial process conducted by Netball SA at Blackwood High School.

Selection criteria will include:

- potential high level of ability/performance indicated through skills testing
- a positive sporting attitude
- a positive attitude towards school and study
- a history of high standard of good behaviour, attendance and social skills
- member of a netball team (club or school)

Visit the school's website www.bhs.sa.edu.au to download an application form.

Please contact Peta Maher (peta.maher@bhs.sa.edu.au) for more information.

Applications due Monday 11 May 2020.

Trials for the Special Interest Programs will be held at Blackwood High School in May, date and time to be confirmed.



APPLICATION TIMELINE FOR

HEATHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Special Interest Programs



**HEATHFIELD
HIGH SCHOOL**

Look at Special Interest Program Information

MARCH

Look at all information regarding Special Interest Programs on the school Website

- Volleyball
<https://www.bhs.sa.edu.au/volleyball-applications>
- Entrepreneurial
<https://www.bhs.sa.edu.au/entrepreneurial-home>

Access Application Forms

MARCH

Applications can be found via the school website at:

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Applications - Reports & Recommendations

APRIL

- A copy of your most recent school report must be uploaded with your application. We are looking for the right attitude rather than the highest grades.
- Ask your principal, teacher or a school leader to provide your recommendation and we will contact them once all applications have been received.
- For volleyball applications we will also need to contact a referee, this could be a sporting coach.
- Entrepreneurial program applications require students to consider a problem worth solving. You can check out the example ones at:
<https://www.bhs.sa.edu.au/entrepreneurial-apply>

APPLICATIONS CLOSE
FRIDAY, 1 MAY (WEEK 1, TERM 2)



SPECIAL INTEREST ROWING PROGRAM

APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 8 ENTRY IN 2021

Dear Year 7 students and families

Due to COVID19 restrictions the Application process has changed. Please refer to our website for details if you would like to apply for our Special Interest Rowing Program in 2021.

Website: <https://uhs.sa.edu.au/rowing/>



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