



BELAIR PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



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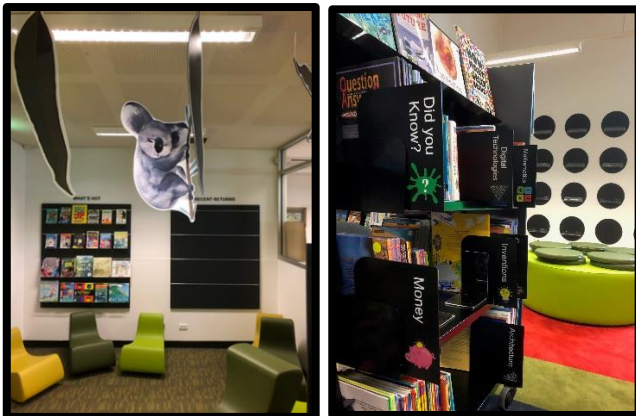
Week ending Friday 1 May 2020

Rob Houston
Principal

Leanne Twigden
Deputy Principal

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to term 2. After a longer than usual break I am hoping your time was well spent. Some really exciting things have happened while the children have been away. Our new library will be open for classes to visit next week. Here is a sneak peak, it is looking amazing!



Classes will tour the facility and learn about the new processes and routines, including a new cataloguing and borrowing system. While the library is now fully operational, we will be restricting numbers to no more than a class at a time supported by a planned induction for students.

We have installed new rubberised soft fall to the junior primary playground and swings and made repairs to the existing soft fall and added new bark chips where needed.



Great progress is also being made in the new adventure playground and we are on schedule for a mid-term finish.



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

MAY

Thur 7 Finance Committee meeting 2pm
Fri 15 Bulletin
Tues 19 Governing Council 6.30pm via
Mon 25 Sport Committee meeting 6pm
27/5-2/6 Reconciliation Week

JUNE

Mon 1 PA meeting 7pm tbc
Wed 3 OSHC Management meeting 2pm
Fri 5 Assembly Rm5 tbc
Mon 8 Queen's Birthday Holiday
Wed 10 Canteen Committee meeting 1.45pm
Tues 16 Education Committee
Tues 23 Governing Council
23/6-2/7 3 Way Conferences

Learning from home and learning from school

This week we have had 70% of children learning at school and 30% of children learning at home. With numbers expected to increase again next week we are now encouraging students to return to school. With the improved conditions and on the advice of South Australia's Chief Public Health Officer, Professor Nicola Spurrier, we feel confident in seeking this. The dual model of learning from home and learning from school is not the most effective or sustainable approach for our school but has been a necessity in the short term. While learning from home will be provided next week and the focus will be on core learning, it doesn't replace what can be provided at school. With at least 80% of students expected back, the school learning will naturally be moving forward at a faster pace.

However, we understand that if your child has a chronic medical condition or compromised immune system, you may wish to consult your GP or pediatrician when deciding if your child should return to school and we will work with you on this matter.

I believe as a school community we have all done our best, in this most difficult situation and we are encouraging you to resume your child's schooling in these improved conditions.



Respect

Responsibility

Creativity

Achievement



The week 2 learning from home program will be emailed to families this Friday. We are asking families who would like hard copies of this work to phone the school and arrange a time for pick up any time from Friday.

We remain committed to:

- Students practising social distancing strategies by not engaging in close friendly contact, hand shaking, hugging and similar interactions in the yard.
- Ensuring an even spread of students across the school yard by having R-2 students playing in the nature play area, junior primary oval, junior primary playground and the 'fake grass' area. Students in year 3 -7 accessing the asphalt spaces, year 6/7 playground and the oval.
- Students only using the drink fountains to fill their water bottles.
- Our school being temporarily closed if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19. We will then follow our protocol in line with SA Health.
- Toilets, sinks and troughs all having handwashing facilities.
- Daily wipe down of toilet cubicle locks, door handles, flush buttons and taps etc.
- More regular and thorough cleaning of door handles, light switches, and wiping down common areas such as meeting room tables, administration areas
- Daily regular cleaning of table tops
- Daily clean of play equipment prior to recess time

We are also asking for your continued support by:

- Sending absentee messages via our SMS (text only) phone no. 0418157103
- Ensuring all students are collected and off school grounds by 3.30pm.
- Dropping your child off at the beginning of the day outside of classrooms and meeting them outside of the classrooms at the end of the day, if you come into the school grounds.
- Respect social distancing guidelines, whilst in the school.

Parents of Carawatha students are asked to:

- Collect your child and move out of the unit promptly
- Wait outside if there already a number of adults in the room
- Maintain social distancing

Car Parking Reminder

Work on the new playground has significantly reduced the parking capacity of the school car park. Staff are parking in the Laffers Rd school car park. Given the poor condition of the area and limited safe parking with children in mind,

there is no parking available for parents to use between 8am and 4pm on week days.

Please remember that 'Kiss and Drop' zones are provided on Main Road, Laffers Road and Rokewood Avenue as indicated by signs. Staff are on duty at each of these locations at the end of the day supervising students until 3.30pm. To avoid congestion, come a little later at the end of the day or drive around the block when the Kiss and Drop zones are busy are potential solutions to reduce congestion at the busy afternoon time. Limited parking is also available on each of these roads. We seek your support in ensuring a safe environment at all times for our students.

Please note, the Church grounds and old hospital grounds are not available for parent parking.

PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER

Dear Families,

I sometimes hear from parents these words, "You will think I'm an awful parent" or "People must think I'm a terrible parent" or worst of all "I'm such a bad parent". From time to time we all feel inadequate as parents. I remember the day I was appointed as the Pastoral Care Worker here at Belair Primary School. My eight year old daughter had one heck of a tantrum at school pickup because she didn't want to go to her appointment with a tutor. Let me tell you, it was a doozy. She screamed and ranted and carried on. I was intensely embarrassed and I also had no idea what to do. Here I was, meant to be a support person for families and I couldn't even control my own child.

I also remember a time when my children were both very young and a bad day was had by all. I spent most of my time yelling at my girls. When my husband got home I told him the neighbour probably called Families SA given my temper all day. His response surprised me and is just what I needed to hear. He said, "Oh yeah, I can imagine the conversation they had: *Hello Families SA? My neighbour is. . . normal!*" It made me laugh.

They say that you remember things better when emotions are attached to the event. Those two incidences are imprinted on my brain. My emotions at the time centred on my fear that I was in fact a bad parent and that everyone else thought I was a bad parent as well. Age and self-analysis has given me some discernment and I've figured out that I'm not a bad parent. I am very far from perfect, but not bad.

I've read a lot of books on parenting. Each author has a certain style of parenting and specific advice on how to raise kids. Some styles, I can relate to, others I can't. But, every book I have read on parenting has noted that the most important thing to do as a parent is to give your child **unconditional love**. If you do that, you've pretty much nailed the parenting thing!

Sara Walding

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In school: Tuesday afternoon; Wednesday and Friday all day



CANTEEN

Welcome back everyone.

Yes, we are open for business in the Canteen!



Great snacks available at recess and lunch times and of course lunch orders through Flexischools.

We continue to follow our strict food hygiene practices and I keep up with the extra cleaning of high touch areas throughout the day. Please continue to support the Canteen during this time.

Along with the all-time favorites of baked cookies and cupcakes, I have choc chip muffins and exciting new item "homemade muesli bars" only 80c each. Get in early to grab one of these delicious treats.

Unfortunately, during this time I don't have my usual wonderful volunteers helping in the Canteen. To help me manage, some of our less popular items are off the menu, however, I will do my best to have plenty of options and offer some delicious lunches and treats for you to enjoy. Friday is by far our busiest day (almost triple) in the Canteen for lunch orders. As I am on my own, to make it more manageable, please consider ordering on another day. Spreading lunches out over the week would help immensely.

The Canteen special to start the term off is:

"Bonza Belair Burgers" all only \$4

- Cheese Burger: Beef patty topped with melted cheese
- Hamburgers: Beef patty with tomato and lettuce
- Veggie Burger: Vegetable patty with tomato and lettuce ..." NEW" available from Monday 4th May (Add cheese to hamburger and veggie burger extra 50c)

Thanks Julie

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ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS

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.

SOCCER

SOCCER REGISTRATION

We have a new soccer calendar with a start in mid-July all being well. This will still give us 9 games and carnivals if permitted to do so. Registrations are open, please fill out the form and pay at the Front Office by May 31. We are always looking for coaches and referees, so please get in touch with me if you are interested veathika@gmail.com

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.

IN-SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY



In-School Psychology operates out of our school. Counselling is a free service offered to students. This is bulkbilled to Medicare through the Better Access to Mental Health Care Initiative. Students become eligible for this counselling service when their GP or Paediatrician refers them to a Psychologist. They are then entitled to a maximum of ten individual sessions each calendar year.

As this service is provided at school, during school hours, it is convenient and easily accessible to families.

The Psychologist works with students with a range of difficulties including,

- friendship problems
- social skills
- behavioural difficulties at home or school
- grief or loss
- anxiety
- depression
- fears/phobias
- anger management
- autism

If you feel your child would benefit from working with the Psychologist, please contact school leaders for more information.