



# BELAIR PRIMARY BULLETIN



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**Week ending Friday 15 May 2020**

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## PRINCIPAL REPORT

This week saw levels of school attendance back to where they have usually been. After what has been an interrupted past 8 weeks, classrooms are now settling and getting back into the routine of day to day schooling. As this is occurring we are mindful there are still many differences to the way things were and that some of these will be here to stay for some time. Thank you once again to our school community for pulling together when it is needed.

## BEST WISHES & WELCOME BACK

I would like to wish Ms Kristen Bowden, room 6 classroom teacher, and her partner Daniel all the best as they plan for the arrival of their new family member later this term. Ms Bowden will be taking maternity leave for the rest of this year.

I am pleased to announce that Ms Annette Fiegert and Mr Luke King will be sharing the class until the end of 2020. Long term member of staff, Annette is returning from long service leave and Luke will be teaching with us for the first time after previously holding the position of assistant director of our OSHC service. Ms Fiegert will take room 6 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday while Mr King will have them on Thursday and Friday.

## MOMOYAMA EXCHANGE

Please read the letter attached to your email regarding the Belair Primary School and Momoyama Elementary School 2020 exchange.

## LIBRARY OPENING

The library has reopened for student borrowing this week. Students were given an opportunity to explore the space and were introduced to the new features. These include:

- genrefication of the fiction and non-fiction sections
- increased signage
- a variety of new furniture and seating
- new shelving including many front facing shelves to showcase book covers
- many new display areas, new decals and wall hangings reflecting our hills setting

## 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 – 2020

#### MAY

Tues 19 Governing Council 6.30pm via Zoom  
Mon 25 Sport Committee meeting 6pm via Zoom  
27/5-2/6 Reconciliation Week “In This Together”

#### JUNE

Mon 1 PA meeting 7pm tbc  
Wed 3 OSHC Management meeting 2pm via Zoom  
Fri 5 Assembly Hosted by Rm 5 “Virtual Assembly”  
Mon 8 Queen’s Birthday Holiday  
Wed 10 School Tour 9.30am tbc  
Canteen Committee 1.45pm via Zoom  
Fri 12 Grounds Committee 10am via Zoom  
Tue 16 Education Committee 6pm tbc  
Thur 18 Finance Committee 2pm  
Tue 23 Governing Council 6.30pm

#### JULY

Fri 3 Last Day Term 2 – 2:10pm Early Dismissal

The library will remain closed before and after school and at lunchtimes until further notice, in line with Social distancing directives. If you need to connect with library staff, please email or phone the school and connect with the extension for the library.

We look forward to welcoming parents and the broader school community into the library again in the future. Until then, please enjoy our video walk through of the new library, available on the Belair Primary School Facebook page.

## COVID 19 UPDATE

- In the event of a confirmed case of COVID-19 our school will be temporarily closed. We will then follow our protocol in line with SA Health and the Department for Education.
- Social distancing for staff - staff keep 1.5m distance at all times whether it be outdoors, classroom, staff room or meetings.



Respect

Responsibility

Creativity

Achievement



- Social distancing for parents / carers means dropping off or picking up children outside of classrooms and maintaining social distance at all times. Carawatha parents / carers still need to collect their children from the building.
- Families leaving the school grounds promptly and before 3.30pm is appreciated.
- Social distancing for visitors, parents / carers and staff – the admin area and uniform shop have been reconfigured to support social distancing for visitors.
- Communication/ Teacher contact - We are not holding face to face interviews or meetings with families at this point in time but we encourage the use of email, phone and see saw.
- Social distancing for students - Students practise social distancing by not engaging in close friendly contact, hand shaking, hugging and similar interactions. We ensure 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 access the asphalt spaces, year 6/7 playground and the oval.
- Students only using the drink fountains to fill their water bottles and hand washing remains a focus – students wash their hands regularly, particularly after using the toilet and before eating.
- Cleaning (extra 5 hours per day) – daily clean of playground, shared areas, classrooms, high touch surfaces and table tops.
- Before and after school traffic has returned to the old normal and remains to be very busy. '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 coming a little later at the end of the day or driving around the block when the Kiss and Drop zones are busy are real solutions. Limited parking is also available on each of these roads. We seek your support in providing a safe environment at all times for our students. Please note, the school Laffers Rd carpark, Church grounds and old hospital grounds are not available for parent parking.
- Volunteers – unfortunately our volunteer programs remain inactive until further notice. It is timely though for volunteers, or those wishing to volunteer to ensure that they have all the necessary approvals and permissions to do so. Please contact Shelley Pohlenz at the front office if you have queries in regards to this.
- Interviews and Reports – a report in a slightly modified format will be going home at the end of term 2. We are aiming for face to face 3 way interviews (teacher, student and parent) at the beginning of term 3, COVID 19 conditions allowing.
- Assemblies will be moving to the online space in coming weeks. Stay tuned on this one for some exciting developments.
- School sport will be discussed with the coordinators at the online sports committee meeting on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May. The government has made some announcements in regards to reducing restrictions which we now need to view within our school context and capacities.
- School of Languages will be online again for participating students next week and a return to face to face is being reviewed on a weekly basis.
- Private providers of Music and NDIS have returned to school and worked with students this week.