



# BELAIR PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



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**Rob Houston**  
Principal

**Leanne Twigden**  
Deputy Principal

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The new playground is officially open from Monday next week. Children have been allowed to explore the new play space with their class teachers since Wednesday. It has been a long time coming but has definitely been worth the wait.

### External Review

Our External School Review (ESR) postponed in term 1, has been rescheduled for Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August next term. All Department for Education schools are externally reviewed over a 3-4 year period, our last ESR was in February 2016 and the report is available on our web site. The directives from the last review were to:

1. Ensure all students progress every year, and retain higher levels of learning over time, by enabling them to demonstrate their achievement, against and beyond the SEA.
2. Build teacher capacity to make consistent evidence based judgements against achievement standards, by firmly establishing collaborative processes to support the moderation of assessment tasks and student work.
3. Strengthen differentiated teaching processes by making effective use of data, surveys and formative assessment information, to monitor and refine learning goals with students, and to use as the basis of feedback for growth.

We have been very focussed in addressing these directives as evidenced by the goals, targets, actions, challenges of practice and success criteria outlined in our 2019 – 2021 Site Improvement Plan and reported on through the 2018 and 2019 School Annual Reports. During the evaluation the External Review Team will be consulting with staff, students and parents.

### Year 7 Exhibition Year 5/6 Expo

It is an exciting time of year as our Year 7 students begin their Exhibition for 2020. This year the Year 5 and Year 6 students will be participating in an Expo, a modified version of exhibition, focussing on self-management skills.

Due to COVID-19 year 6/7 students reordered units of inquiry to allow for more lead in time for Exhibition and Expo. Some year 4/5 units have also moved. These changes allow the Year 6/7 Exhibition/Expo and year 5 Expo to run concurrently. Year 5 students and year 6/7 students will work separately, to ensure the inquiries are best tailored to curriculum requirements at different year levels. All students in year 5/6/7 will be given the

## 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

#### JULY

Fri 3 Casual Day – Jar of Jam donation for Kick start for kids  
Mid-Year Reports go home  
Last Day Term 2 – 2:10pm Early Dismissal

### TERM 3

#### JULY

Mon 20 Pupil Free Day  
Tues 21 First Day Term 3  
Mon 27 Parent Association meeting 9am (Staff Room)

#### AUGUST

Thur 13 Finance Committee 2pm  
Mon 17 Science Week  
Sport Committee 6pm  
Tues 18 Governing Council mtg incl External Review  
Fri 21 Pupil Free Day

opportunity to participate in workshops around action and concepts as these are important components of the PYP.

We look forward to supporting students on this journey and seeing student learning presented in Term 3.

### Holiday and term 3 building works

Beginning in the holidays, disability access ramps will be installed to the canteen, Japanese room, Carawatha unit and OSHC.

The construction of the new OSHC ramp will require Vacation Care and Before and After School Care to work differently from the beginning of term 3. Current access to the OSHC building will not be available and two new entries to the service will be built next week. Point of first access to OSHC will be on the north western corner of the building. Clear pathways and fencing will be provided.

### ICAS & Australian Maths Competition

We have many engaged and enthusiastic students here at Belair who we would like to challenge in 2020.

For nearly 40 years ICAS and the Australian Maths Competition (AMC) have taken place each year in schools throughout Australia. Your child is invited to participate this year. ICAS and AMC provide an opportunity for all Year 3 – 12 students to gain a measure of their own



Respect

Responsibility

Creativity

Achievement



achievement in an online testing situation. They provide teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in the areas of Digital Technologies, English, Mathematics, Science and Spelling.

All students receive a certificate and an individual student report.

If you wish your child to participate in these 2020 academic competitions, open to year 3 - 7 students, please complete the entry form, attached to the newsletter email.

- ICAS - Science, English, Spelling Bee, Mathematics, Digital Technologies
- Australian Maths Competition

**Entries with payment are due no later than Friday 3 July**  
(last day term 2)

### Year 7 to HS

The latest Department for Education update on the 2022 Year 7 to High School initiative has been attached to this newsletter email.

### Interviews

Three way parent, student, teacher interviews are being scheduled for the second and third week of next term. Further information regarding the format and the online booking procedures will be emailed home early next week.

### Pupil Free Days and School Closure

Pupil free days are an essential component of our school improvement agenda. Governing Council has approved the following pupil free days for term 3:

Monday 20 July – Numeracy focus

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August – Literacy focus

As there will be no Adelaide Show this year, the school closure scheduled for September will not be going ahead.

### Reports

Currently staff are working on semester 1 school reports. Semester 1 has been significantly interrupted by the COVID 19 situation so the report will be based on 8 weeks of assessed learning, when there was sufficient school attendance, weeks 3-7 of term 1 and weeks 3-5 of term 2. Given the short period of time for assessment all teachers will be using the equivalent statements, not A-E grades.

Equivalent statements:

A= Excellent achievement of what is expected at this year level

B= Good achievement of what is expected at this year level

C= Satisfactory achievement of what is expected at this year level

D= Partial Achievement of what is expected at this year level

E= Minimal Achievement of what is expected at this year level

Any areas not assessed in this report will be covered in the semester 2 report. Reports will be sent home on the last day of term.

## VOLUNTEERING AT BELAIR PS

As COVID19 restrictions begin to ease we are pleased to welcome our volunteers back on site with a staggered approach. Starting with sports coaches next week (week 10) followed by Kids' Hope and canteen helpers from week 1 of term 3 and classroom volunteers from the beginning of week 3 next term.

Before commencing/recommencing volunteering you need to ensure that the following documentation has been returned to the school Front Office:

1. Completed Volunteer Application form
2. DfE online induction certificates – RAN-EC and General Induction
3. Site induction information and role description read and signed induction checklist
4. Signed volunteer agreement
5. Working with Children screening – required for sports coaches, canteen volunteers, camps and homestay hosting

You may have completed some of this already – please email [shelley.pohlenz223@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:shelley.pohlenz223@schools.sa.edu.au) to check where you are up to in the process and what you need to do, before volunteering.

All volunteers on site between 8.30am and 3.30pm are required to sign in at the front office, collect and wear a volunteer badge and fill out a COVID19 Site Entry Form. They must also sign out when they leave.

## MOMOYAMA UPDATE

This term year 6/7 students have been working on promoting Australian tourism by making a poster and video about iconic Australian places/sports/food/activities in both Japanese and English. These videos and posters have been shared with Momoyama students, in place of their exchange visit. Our students have also decorated Australian animals for Momoyama students as a sign of our friendship and these will be sent to Japan soon. Although we had to cancel this year's exchange program, we will maintain and strengthen our friendship in an online form.



## ECO CLUB

Eco club has been busy mapping all the nesting boxes around the school. Using a newly purchased purpose built camera they have been recording various animals that are living in the nesting boxes. The most common residents are Ring Tailed possums. Some boxes had up to three possum in a single nesting box. Students will periodically check on the nesting boxes and keep a record of the inhabitants.



## CANTEEN



As we are reaching the end of term 2, I would like to thank you all for supporting your Canteen. It has definitely been challenging at times but we have gotten through, so thank you.

Now that we only have a week to go before holidays our stock levels are being reduced, but as always flexischools is up to date daily on what I have available.

Good news, the re-usable lunch wallets are now back in stock and available to purchase from the Canteen or from the flexischools menu. At this time of the year these wallets are brilliant as they keep the food much hotter than just in a paper bag. Please consider purchasing one!

We are looking at our volunteers starting back again in term 3 and my current helpers will receive an email from me shortly which will include the roster. If you don't receive it or you would like to help in the Canteen please get in touch with me in the Canteen.

A reminder that all volunteers are required to have the up to date volunteer requirements before helping in the Canteen, please contact myself or Shelley in the front Office if you have any queries regarding this.

I hope you all enjoy the holidays and I am very much looking forward to a great and somewhat back to normal term 3. 😊

Thanks  
Julie  
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## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Entertainment Books have an exciting offer coming in time for the school holidays. Information will be sent home with your child soon.

## BELAIR JEAN BONYTHON KINDY

Enrolments for Belair Jean Bonython Kindergarten are now due. If you wish to enrol your child for 2021, please contact Lynette Jones. In person, by phone 82783392 or email [lynette.jones60@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:lynette.jones60@schools.sa.edu.au)

## PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER

Dear Belair School Families,

The following is a great excerpt from an article by Sharon Jaynes. I've put this in the newsletter before, but I think it is worth reading again as I find it quite funny and encouraging. 😊

**Trick Skis** by Sharon Jaynes

The key things to learn when you first hit the slopes are: how to slow down, how to stop, and how to get up once you fall. The rest is easy. The first thing Steve learned was how to get up, because the first thing he did was fall.

To slow down, I taught Steve to turn his skis sideways, to weave back and forth across the mountain, instead of going straight down. He would go straight for a while, and then when his speed picked up, he would turn his skis sideways to slow down. The only problem was, he had a tendency to turn too far to the side and end up with the skis pointing up the mountain, which meant he would be going down the mountain, backwards, when he started moving again. This was not good!

Finally, he figured out a plan. He explained, "When I try to turn, if I turn too much, I could just continue turning 360 degrees, making a complete circle. That will still slow me down and I won't end up going downhill backwards." It was a sight to behold, but it worked.

Near the end of the day, a lady who was very impressed with Steve's acrobatics, complimented him on his trick skiing. She raved, "Your circles are beautiful! Can you please teach me how to do them?"

He obliged, of course, and performed a few circles for his admiring fan. She thought he was an expert skier and did not realize that he was just going in circles to survive.

Isn't that the way it is sometimes? We may look at others and think that they have it all together. We may want to be like them, perform like them, be organised like them, or have well-behaved children like them. But the truth is, they are probably going in circles, just like we are, doing whatever it takes not to go downhill backwards.

Sara Walding Pastoral Care Worker

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## CROSS COUNTRY

In week 6 all classes competed in a Belair School Cross Country Championship. Everyone did a great job and contributed to their team's score. Congratulations to all age group winners:

2007: Thorsten C, Ashleigh S.

2008: Curtis B, Maddie A

2009: Finn D, Alice B

2010: Eli B, Hayley M

2011: Josh S, Talia B

2012: Liam M, Micaiah W

2013: Cody M, Ailsa G

2014: Declan D, Scarlett W

It was incredibly close but the points came out with a clear winner. Congratulations to all the team and the participants.

4<sup>th</sup> place was Red Team with 262 points

3<sup>rd</sup> place was Yellow with 331 points.

2<sup>nd</sup> was Green with 362

And in 1<sup>st</sup> place with 429 points was the Blue Team.

Thanks to all the sport captains for helping out with timing and scoring. We hope everyone enjoyed it and we hope this continues for the following years to come.

Thank you from the Blue captains Halli F and Levi M



## FOOTY

Footy registrations still needed for the 7 week season starting Term 3, Week 2. We are especially short on year 5/6 players. Boys and girls very welcome.

Registration forms available at front office or on <http://belairps.sa.edu.au/course/football/>. Cost is \$60. Registrations close next Tuesday June 30.

Please contact [lisa.jamieson@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:lisa.jamieson@adelaide.edu.au) if you have any questions.

## BASKETBALL

Dear basketball families!

A quick update. Basketball training is able to recommence from 29 June - Coaches will be in contact individually with teams to make arrangements. Some may choose to recommence training in the final week of term 2 - others may choose not to recommence until term 3.

In relation to games, the Blackwood Recreation Centre doesn't yet have a set date to reopen for team sports. They are hopeful that it will be early in term 3, but not yet confirmed at this stage. As soon as we know, we will advise all Coaches. The Centre has advised that they will give at least a week's notice before recommencing games.

Any questions in relation to basketball, feel free to contact me on [tania.lyle@internode.on.net](mailto:tania.lyle@internode.on.net) or 0402 902 660.

Thanks  
Tania Campbell

## NETBALL

Thank you to all those that have registered for the upcoming 2020 winter netball season for Belair.

I am pleased to say that we have now filled all of our teams and our coaches are looking forward to getting back in training and playing after a delayed start.

Wishing each of our 8 teams a fabulous season!

Kerrie  
Netball Coordinator

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **GRASSHOPPER SOCCER** - We are back at Lockleys, Mt Barker and Unley (Saturday) For more information visit our website, [www.grasshoppersoccer.com.au](http://www.grasshoppersoccer.com.au) or Contact Bobby by phone 0480129125 or email [innersouth@grasshoppersoccer.com.au](mailto:innersouth@grasshoppersoccer.com.au)
- **FLAGSTAFF HILL GOLF CLUB** – School holiday clinic; Friday 17 July; 11am-12.30pm; \$25. Term 3 clinic (6weeks); Wed 29 July – 2 Sept; 4-5 pm; \$65 To book or find out more, pls visit [www.fhgc.com.au/golf/junior-golf](http://www.fhgc.com.au/golf/junior-golf)
- **GUITAR TUITION** – with Brad Iversen, Cherry Gardens. Please phone 0413551987, for more information.
- **GRAND SLAM TENNIS CLINICS** - Helen Rice Tennis School Wimbledon Grand Slam holiday clinics in the July School Holidays. Phone: 0428988873 or email [helenricetennisschool@gmail.com](mailto:helenricetennisschool@gmail.com) or visit [www.helenricetennis.com.au](http://www.helenricetennis.com.au)
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- **READY4SUCCESS** - Programs or about auditory processing, working memory and learning. Contact Robyn Whittle-Hughes [ready4success@live.com.au](mailto:ready4success@live.com.au)
- **MOUNTAIN BIKING PROGRAMS** - Head for the Hills has a range of Mountain Bike programs commencing soon, including the Holiday Geocache Adventure, Holiday Skills Clinics and Term 3 After School Skills. These programs focus on the key skills of mountain biking and will develop the students: Bike handling and balance, control and trail reading, etc. For more information, visit [headforthehills.net.au](http://headforthehills.net.au)
- **EN POINTE BALLET SCHOOL** - Looking for something fun to do in the school holidays? 2 hour Frozen workshops for children aged between 3 and 10 years. Bring a friend, a sibling or a cousin and let’s dance!!! There will be craft, snacks and a short movie too! Spaces are limited. See more detail below. <https://www.trybooking.com/BKDNQ>
- **EN POINTE BALLET SCHOOL BELAIR** - Offering pre-school dance, Classical Ballet, Hip Hop, Musical Theatre and Jazz and Adult Ballet Fitness. Taking Term 3 enrolments now. Enquire below or phone Sarah on 0419866765. <https://www.enpointeballetschool.com.au>

