



BELAIR PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



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Principal

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to term 3. We hope you all had a restful and safe time during the recent holiday break. It was great to see everyone on Tuesday looking rested and ready for another term of learning.

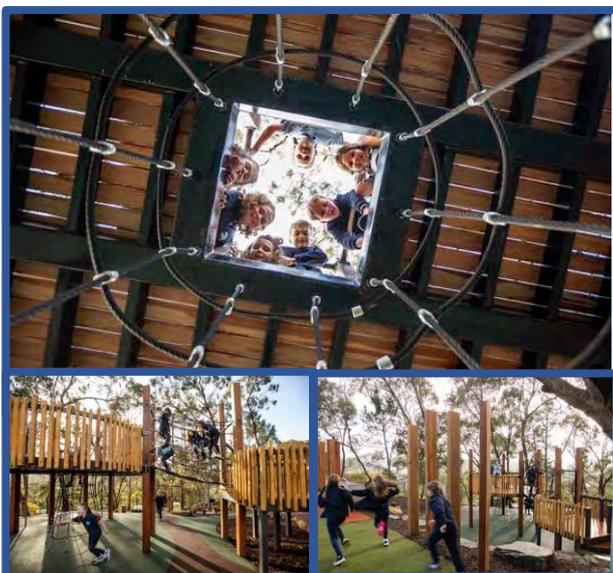
Staff had a very insightful day of learning on the Pupil Free day on Monday. We worked with a consultant around the tracking and monitoring of student progress in mathematics. This supports the work undertaken over the past two years. Teams will plan collaboratively for the remainder of the year with a strong focus on task design and moderation. To support this work, mathematics resources were audited, sorted and redistributed to classes.

A reminder that three way interviews are scheduled for week two and three this term. Details on how to book interview times were sent out on July 1st. Bookings close Monday 27th July at 5:00pm. If you have not received the initial email or have been unable to access the portal, please call and speak to Shelley or Karen.

As you may be aware building works for disability access ramps to the canteen, Japanese room, Carawatha unit and OHSK have begun. This work will continue for approximately three weeks. OSHC works however, will continue across the term.

NEW PLAYGROUND

Since week 10 last term students have been able to access the new playground. Lots of laughter, fun and exploring has been occurring during playtimes. What an amazing addition to our school environment.



2020 DIARY DATES

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

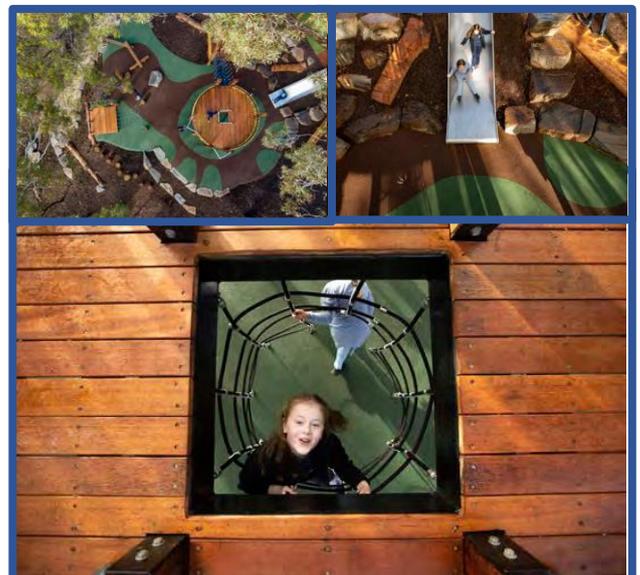
TERM 3

JULY

Mon 27 Parent Association meeting 9am (Staff Room)
27-30/7 3 Way Interviews (prior booking required)
Thu 30 Australian Maths Comp - sitting dates 30/7-6/8
Fri 31 SAPSASA KO Netball at Scotch College

AUGUST

3-6/8 3 Way Interviews (prior booking required)
Mon 3 SAPSASA KO Boy's Footy at Pulteney
Tue 4 SAPSASA KO Girl's Footy at Belair
Tue 4 Education Committee 6pm
Thur 6 SAPSASA KO Soccer at Flagstaff Hill PS
Fri 7 Book Club orders due
Tues 11 School Tour 9.30am
Thur 13 Finance Committee 2pm
Mon 17 Science Week
ICAS Science Comp – sitting dates 17/8-21/8
Sport Committee 6pm
Tue 18 Governing Council mtg incl External Review
Fri 21 **Pupil Free Day**
Mon 24 ICAS Digital Tech & ICAS English 24/8-28/8
Mon 31 ICAS Maths & ICAS Spelling Bee 31/8-4/9



Respect

Responsibility

Creativity

Achievement



NEW STUDENT

A special welcome to Calvin M and his family who started at Belair this term.

We wish Calvin and his family a long and rewarding educational journey.

LIBRARY

BOOK CLUB

This week students will be bringing home the latest Scholastic Book Club catalogue. Orders need to be in by Friday 7 August (the end of Week 3).

PREMIER'S READING Challenge

This year's Challenge finishes on Friday 4 September – just over 6 weeks to go!

Taking on the Challenge is a great way to improve literacy skills. To date, 50% of our students have completed the Challenge. With support from school and home we hope to make our final figure 100%.

Don't forget that this year, because of COVID-19, students can add any books to their list (no need to check for the Premier's Reading Challenge sticker).

PLAYGROUP

Playgroup starts again this Friday and continues every Friday of school term.

9am to 10:45am in the OSHC building. \$3 per session.

Parents/ grandparents /carers are welcome with their 0 to 4yr olds.

Please bring a healthy snack (individual serves) and be prepared for fun and friendship.

Keep in touch on our private Facebook group 'Belair Primary School Playgroup'.



SCHOOL GIVEAWAY

Please pop in or contact the Front Office on 8370373, if you're interested in this giveaway we found in our archives.



CANTEEN

This term begins with a big welcome back to everyone, especially my much appreciated volunteers. A reminder to those of you coming back and to anyone that would like to help in the Canteen, you all need your to have completed and returned volunteer documentation. If you need any assistance with this please contact myself or Shelley in the front office.

I am looking forward to a busy term so please support us by having a lunch order or giving the students some money to come over and see us for a delicious treat.

Canteen Special this term will start in week 2 and is Nachos...Corn chips topped with salsa and melted cheese \$5



Now that I have my helpers back we will also see the return of the sea chest fish pack and the birds nest chicken pack. Menus are updated daily on flexischools.

Lunch wallets are also in stock and are great in the winter months as they keep the food so much hotter than a paper bag. Only \$10 and available to order on flexischools or purchase from the Canteen.

Thanks
Julie
8278 6439

3D SURGICAL MASK CLIPS

To all of the wonderful students in Room 14 -Year 3/4 class at Belair Primary,

We are so grateful for your gift of the surgical mask clips. Your thoughtfulness and resourcefulness are greatly appreciated.

Your use of technology is wonderful and you have helped our doctors to do their job better, without having to worry about being uncomfortable whilst wearing their masks.

The clips are lasting very well and as we had some left over, I have sent them to Melbourne where my brother works. He is using them too because, as you will all know, everyone in Melbourne now has to wear a mask whenever they leave home!

Thank you all again and also to Ms Handley.

Please stay safe and well and remember to wash your hands properly and cough into your elbows.

From all of us at Belair Medical.



PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER

Dear Families,

(I put this in the newsletter a couple of years ago. This is one of those lessons I think we need to be reminded of more than once. So here it is again 😊.)

As a mum, I seem to spend a great deal of my time trying to protect my children from disappointment and failure. I have always wanted my children to perform well in school, sports or whatever task they may be undertaking.

When my girls were in primary school, I felt particularly distressed when they were disappointed for whatever reason – not being invited to a party, missing out on a free balloon, being given a second place ribbon at sports day (even though she came first), receiving an unwanted/broken gift from “Secret Santa”. Every ounce of me wanted to ‘fix’ what I perceived to be unfair for my daughter. Sometimes I was able to refrain from fixing the problem, sometimes I did step in.

Now that my girls are adults, I can honestly say I am very grateful for the failures and disappointments they had to endure when they were younger. More and more research is showing that our children need to learn how to deal with disappointment and failure. When we continually rescue our children from upsetting situations, they never learn how to manage the strong emotions that result. Without the skills to manage these feelings, as teenagers our children will be unprepared to manage the emotional roller coaster of the teen years.

One of the best things you can do for your children is let them fail. Let them experience disappointment. If they can learn to manage the feelings while they are young, surrounded by family who love them, they will be so much better equipped when the really hard things come along. Managing feelings requires practice. Our children need to practice!

The best test results my daughter ever had was a fail. Until that point, she had rarely received anything lower than an A-. And then seemingly out of the blue she failed a year 10 maths test. I don't know why she failed and I really don't care. From that failed test my daughter learned:

- She can fail a test and everything will still be ok.
- Her Dad and I love her unconditionally and her test results have nothing to do with how much we love her.
- What not to do before a big test. (I never asked her why she failed. I figured she knew and could work it out for herself.)

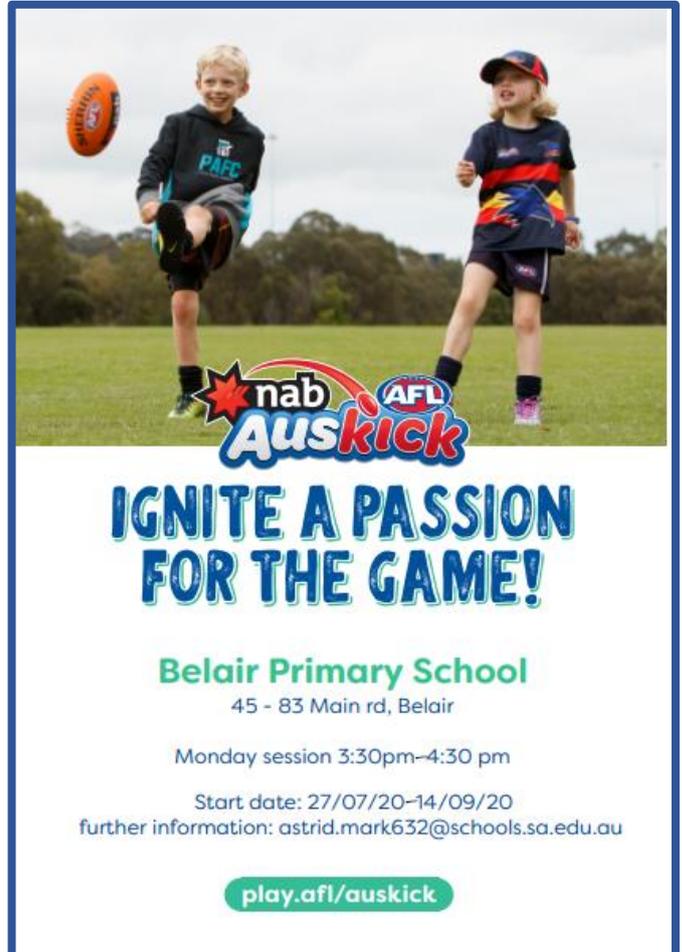
It seems counter-intuitive, but one of the best things you can do for your child is to let her fail. Let him be disappointed. Don't do his homework for him. Let her have the satisfaction of getting recognition for her own achievements or, on the other hand, facing the consequences if she doesn't do what she should. By all means, guide and support your children, but don't rob them of life experiences and learning that they need to have. And of course the most important thing of all is to let your children know that they are loved unconditionally, irrespective of their achievements or failures.

“... we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.” (Saint Paul)

Warmest regards,

Sara Walding, Pastoral Care Worker
sara.walding521@schools.sa.edu.au

AUSKICK FOOTY



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IGNITE A PASSION FOR THE GAME!

Belair Primary School
45 - 83 Main rd, Belair

Monday session 3:30pm-4:30 pm

Start date: 27/07/20-14/09/20
further information: astrid.mark632@schools.sa.edu.au

play.afl/auskick

BASKETBALL

BASKETBALL CALL OUT 🏀🏀🏀 YEAR 3

Is your child in year 3 and keen on trying basketball? We have some vacancies in our school team, and unfortunately will need to forfeit the rest of the year if we can't fill the spots! We ideally need two players, boys or girls. Games are on Tuesday afternoons at the Blackwood Recreation Centre and training is on Thursdays from 5.30 - 6.30pm at the school gym.

If you are interested, please let the basketball coordinator, Tania Campbell know at 0402902660 or tania@sparklecommunications.com.au



Special Interest Football Program

ATTENTION YEAR 7 BOYS

There are approximately 25 Year 8 places reserved for 2021 for students selected to be involved in the Blackwood High School Australian Football Program.

The application form is available on our school website www.bhs.sa.edu.au or by calling 8278 0900. Forms must be completed and returned to Blackwood High School by Friday 25 September 2020.



Students must wear appropriate clothing and footwear for the trial.

The trial will be held at Blackwood High School on Wednesday 2 December 2020. Time will be advised via email.

Further information regarding the Football Program is available from the Program Manager, Mr Nick Liddle, at the school on 8278 0900.



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2ND HAND UNIFORMS

We are always in need of spare clothes for our sick room. If your child has grown out of trousers / long fleecy pants / shorts / skorts / even socks & jocks, they'd be most welcome.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **KIDS VOLLEYBALL** - boys and girls aged 8-13. The competition is played with a softer/lighter ball, on a smaller court, with less players and with many rule modifications to ensure the younger players can still learn the skills of the game whilst having a great time as well. the fixtures are due in early next week so please get your nominations in by Friday! Please call Nina Mathison on 83631265 at Westbourne Park Community Centre, or visit <https://www.volleyballsacom.au/szcompetitions>
- **MOUNTAIN BIKING PROGRAMS** Head for the Hills has a range of Mountain Bike programs commencing soon, including 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