



BELAIR PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



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PUPIL FREE DAY TOMORROW – FRIDAY 21 AUGUST 2020

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

There are a number of state wide assessments that are held throughout term 3 each year in our schools. Our year 1 teachers are currently administering the year 1 phonics screening check (a recent Department for Education initiative). All year 1 and 2 students will also have their Reading Running Records assessed by the end of the term. Students from year 3-7 are participating in the ACER Progress Achievement Tests in mathematics and reading (PAT M/R) by the end of week 9. This does create a level of business for our school, collectively however, the information and data we receive supports the learning and wellbeing of our children.

Music is Humming

While 2020 has seen many unexpected interruptions, one area which has been flourishing is our classroom music program and provision of wider options for students.

We employ two music teachers, Phil Callen and Brett Williams who work across 3 days to provide all classes with one lesson a week for one semester. Phil has provided an overview of his great work on Wednesdays and Thursdays for this newsletter. Brett works with us on Fridays and will feature his work in the next newsletter, showcasing our year 5/6/7 school choir and year 5/6 percussion group.

We are also a 'strings' focus school. Violin, viola and cello are taught by Department for Education Instrumental Music teachers, Ann Rodda and Lisi McGowran. Our students from year 3-7 combine to form our 'strings ensemble' every Monday in the hall. They have recently recorded their second piece for 'bell time' to be played over our speaker system in the coming weeks.

Students can also learn a range of other musical instruments run privately by Phil Bray. Lessons are held during school times and tuition fees are paid directly to him. Lessons currently on offer include recorder, piano, percussion and guitar. Please contact the front office for additional information.

Pupil Free day

At our pupil free day this Friday staff will be participating in literacy workshops and professional development in

- Brightpath Writing assessment & moderation
- The 'Big 6 of Reading' and the primary curriculum
- Review and update of the school literacy agreement

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

AUGUST

Fri 21 **PUPIL FREE DAY**
Mon 24 Mitcham GHS – Principal appts w/ Yr6 girls AM
Parent Association meeting 7pm
Tue 25 Mitcham GHS – Principal appts w/ Yr6 girls PM
Wed 26 OSHC Management meeting 2pm

SEPTEMBER

Tue 1 BJB Kindy transition visit BPS 9.15-10.15am
Canteen Committee meeting 1.45pm
Wed 2 BJBK transition visit BPS 9.15-10.15am
School Tour 9.30am
Fri 4 Grounds Committee 10am
Tue 8 Year 7 Exhibition
BJBK transition visit BPS 9.15-10.15am
Wed 9 BJBK transition visit BPS 9.15-10.15am
Tue 15 BJBK transition visit BPS 9.15-10.15am
Wed 16 BJBK transition visit BPS 9.15-10.15am
Tue 22 Student Led Conferences
Fri 25 **Casual Day**
End of Term Early Dismissal at 2:10pm

TERM 4

OCTOBER

Mon 12 **Pupil Free Day**

[Click to view our CALENDAR via 'Parent Information'](#)

External School Review

Thank you to staff, students and parents who participated in the external school review this week. The External Review Report will be provided to the school and placed on our school website once it has been completed.

STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is unwell and away from school for more than 3 days, please obtain a sick certificate from their doctor.

We require an Exemption form for family holidays of 4 or more days. Please contact the Front Office for this form.

To report a student's absence please send an SMS message to 0418157103.



Respect

Responsibility

Creativity

Achievement



Music News

This term Years 4-7 students have been learning about rhythm, notation and chords in music lessons. They have also been experimenting with technology to create music.

Rhythm and notation

We have used specially made cards and chopsticks to compose bars of notes and then clap/dance out the rhythm. This has helped give an understanding of the value of different types of notes e.g. crotchets (1 beat), quavers (half a beat) etc. We have sometimes shared this with other groups. This work is unlocking the structure and language of music.

Recently, we have been matching cards to rhythms created on Chrome Music Lab.



Chrome Music Lab

Students are learning how to use sections of Chrome Music Lab (free on the internet) to quickly and creatively compose music and share it with others. In one section called 'Kadinsky' students are able to draw pictures and see what type of music it creates. In another section called 'Songmaker' they have composed melodies and accompanying rhythms. Students have shared their compositions with the whole class through airplay on the large screen.

Interested R-3 students have come to the Hall at recess/lunch times to experiment with this technology as well.

<https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/>

Music: Count Us In 2020

Year 4-7 students have been learning the Music Count Us In 2020 song 'You Won't Bring Us Down'. Music: Count Us In is Australia's largest school initiative and has a dual purpose – it advocates for music education by celebrating and promoting its value and offers training and resources to help teachers deliver music in the classroom.

Decades of research shows that learning music can help students' self-confidence, self-discipline and team work. It can help students engage in school and make healthy life choices. There are also strong links between music learning and academic skills in literacy and numeracy.

On November 5th all schools in Australia will join in 'Celebration Day' singing 'You Won't Bring Us Down' together:

<https://musicaustralia.org.au/program/countusin/about/>

Ukulele program

In a first for Belair Primary School, Years 4-7 students have learning to play the ukulele. thirty of these instruments have been purchased by the school. We have been learning about all aspects of the ukulele including tuning, playing chords in time to popular songs and working in small teams to play sequences of 4 chords in time to a rhythm. The first song we experimented with is an old favourite 'Stand By Me' a Ben E King song first performed in 1961.



Popular versions are by Enrique Iglesias:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NmFOGglez44>

and Imagine Dragons:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hmUcvyypAq8>

A beautiful version was performed in 2018 at the wedding of Prince Harry and Megan Markle:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=odZ9GVuyfkc>

Thursday Piano

At lunchtime, on Thursdays, interested students have been coming to the Hall to either play or listen to others play the piano. This was also offered to R-3 students in Semester 1. Students have been inspired by the music played or experimented with their own compositions.

Phil Callen

R-7 Music Teacher

August 2020

ROOM 21 ASSEMBLY

Last Friday Room 21 hosted the first assembly back in the hall to half of the classes with the other half watching in their classrooms. Students shared their learning about how people use systems of communication and performed a song about friendship in sign language.



MATERIAL & SERVICES FEES

A reminder that school fees are overdue.

If you have not already done so, please ensure that payment is made ASAP.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties please contact Bec in the Finance Office.

School Card Scheme is available to families who qualify under DfE regulations. This scheme helps families cover the cost of M&S fees. We encourage all parents/guardians who believe they may be eligible for this scheme to speak to our Finance Officer.

T: 83703733 E: dl.0524.finance@schools.sa.edu.au

All School Card applications need to be lodged online following the steps below:

STEP 1 Visit sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard

STEP 2 Select the type of School Card you would like to apply for (for example 'Type A') and follow the prompts.

STEP 3 Complete all mandatory fields. *Please note: you cannot submit your application unless all mandatory fields are complete.*

STEP 4 Once you have completed a page click on the 'NEXT' button.

STEP 5 Once you have filled out all pages click the 'SUBMIT' button. *Please note: if you exit the form without clicking 'SUBMIT' your details will be lost.*

If you have difficulty using the online application a hard copy can be submitted through the school.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Get your **FREE** Entertainment Digital Membership before this **SUNDAY 23rd AUGUST!**

DON'T MISS OUT, ONLY A FEW DAYS LEFT TO GET YOUR FREE 6 WEEK TRIAL!

Support local, **Support** your School and **Support** your Bank Balance!

- No payment details required
- No obligation
- Opt into trial only available until Sunday **23rd August**
- Simply go to the link below to activate your trial:

<https://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/161b062>

Start Saving and enjoy a world of entertainment today!
Thank you for supporting our School.

WORKING BEE

We will be holding a working bee on Sunday 20th September between 8.30am and 12.30pm and would really appreciate your help whether it is for an hour or two or the full 4 hours.

Coffee and a sausage sizzle will be provided.

We will be focusing on the Nature Play area, Rokewood Scrub, Junior Primary Playground, Oval and the Tori Gate as well as a clean-up around the classroom buildings.

This will involve weeding, pruning, mulching, putting stones in the creek bed, removing twigs and debris, creating road base paths, replenishing Soft fall, removing steps, a shed, and an obstacle course as well as removing cobwebs from the buildings and pressure washing the verandas.

We look forward to seeing you there. Please follow the link below and complete the registration form so that we know numbers for catering, equipment and planning purposes.

<http://belairps.sa.edu.au/belair-primary-community-events/>

CANTEEN

It has been wonderful to welcome all our amazing volunteers back. And, because they are back, I am now able to do a Canteen Special...so get ready for it,

Chocolate Donut Recess Treat... Tuesday 1st September

Orders are now open on flexischools, for only \$3.50 these delicious donuts will go down a treat for the students.

These are from a small local bakery so orders close at 6pm on Tuesday 25/8/20.

Nacho's special is still available daily. \$5 for delicious CC's topped with melted cheese and salsa

The other big news in the Canteen is our new "Krazy Krush" slushy machine. We have replaced the old slushy machine with Krazy Krush which is Australian made and owned, and offers a lot more flavours for us to choose from. It still complies with the right bite strategy and is a fruit based drink. Only \$2 a cup

Thanks
Julie
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SAVE THE DATE: The Colour Run

Friday 13th November – after lunch

We hope to get this super fun event back on track next term, so save the date!

Information will come out closer to the date next term.

3D PRINTING SUCCESS

As a result of conversations with both Room 14 and 10, students created more mask clips for a local Victorian school where Ms G's sister works. Here is the article that was included in the newsletter from Anderson's Creek Primary School.

Students attending Belair Primary School in South Australia, where Jo's sister is an Assistant Deputy Principal, have thought about us Victorians in Stage 4 lockdown. Using technology and a 3D printer, they have sent across marvellous little mask holders.

Jo had been commenting to her sister that the elastic on her face mask was pulling behind her ears making them sore.

This little nifty invention was printed out on a 3D printer. The elastic from each side of the mask attaches to the hooks on either side and there you have it - Pain free mask wearing.

Thank you Belair Primary School students. We love your problem solving skills!

Anderson Creek Primary School, Victoria



Dear families,

When did freight trains become so annoying?

Just the other morning I was walking to my other job when I was held up by a very long freight train. I was frustrated. The train was so slow! I was in a hurry. I couldn't go anywhere. My Fitbit stats for my walk would be all messed up!

And then I had a sudden thought. *When did freight trains become so annoying?* My girls and I used to love freight trains. Freight trains were big, powerful, and noisy. They were exciting! The cars seemed to go on forever. We counted the cars. We wondered what was in the containers. We wondered why some cars were empty. We guessed from where the train was coming and where it might be going. Freight trains were fascinating in all kinds of ways.

So, I pondered my question, *when did freight trains become so annoying?* I can't pinpoint a specific day, but I know it happened when my life became a perpetual cycle of being in a hurry. I am always in a hurry. I hurry to school and hurry home from school. I hurry to my meetings. I hurry through the grocery store. I hurry to my next task. I am always thinking, "What's next? I must hurry!"

My constant state of hurrying was brought to my attention by a young student one day. This endearing young person always peppers me with questions: "What are you doing?" "Where are you going?" "What is that?" One day, he asked me, "Why are you in a hurry?" I had to stop because I didn't have an answer. I had no reason to hurry. No one was waiting for me. I didn't have a meeting. I didn't need to be anywhere in particular at that moment. I was hurrying because that is what I always do.

I am hurrying through life, and all of a sudden, the wonder of freight trains becomes the frustration of freight trains.

I realised as I stood there, watching the train, I had a choice. I could get all huffy and mad because I was stuck; or I could marvel at the power of a freight train. I could count the cars. I could guess from where the train came, and where it was going. I could remember how exciting freight trains are to little girls.

There was nothing I could do to change the fact that I had to wait for a freight train. I had no choice regarding my situation. The choice was in my attitude and the thoughts I chose to contemplate. As I thought about the delight freight trains brought to my young girls so many years ago, I found myself smiling. It was a good moment. An unhurried moment. I need more of those. Do you?

Sara Walding, Pastoral Care Worker

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In school: Tuesday afternoon; Wednesday and Friday all day

CANTEEN ROSTER

24 Aug	25 Aug	26 Aug	27 Aug	28 Aug
	Annette Harrison	Amanda Waldock	Josie Caltigirone	Emily Connor Jan Charles
31 Aug	1 Sep	2 Sep	3 Sep	4 Sep
	<i>Donut Treat</i> Mandy Mason	Jan Waller	Raylene Sheehan	Kerry Levett Linda Ogrowsky
7 Sep	8 Sep	9 Sep	10 Sep	11 Sep
Penelope Carrick		Janine Wedding	Di Miles	Sarah Coote Michelle Dunstone
14 Sep	15 Sep	16 Sep	17 Sep	18 Sep
Lisa Jamieson	Jan Waller	Belinda Blockow	Janet Wooding	Jodie Hansen Tania Campbell Merrilyn Larusson
21 Sep	22 Sep	23 Sep	24 Sep	25 Sep
	Ellie Magarey	Dannii Olsen	<i>Helper needed</i>	Belinda Blockow Josie Caltigirone

**If you are unable to work please try and swap with someone else first and then let me know. Thanks*

COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **OCTOBER BASKETBALL SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP** - 6- 8 October from 9am to 4pm daily at Wayville Sports Centre, \$190/child For more on community programs: <https://www.adelaide36ers.com/pages/community-programs>
- **BELLEVUE HEIGHTS TENNIS CLUB** – re-construction due for completion in October. Justin Tredwell 0415289733 www.justn2tennis-coaching.com
- **MARRIAGE COURSE ONLINE AT CORO UNITING CHURCH** - The Marriage Course is for everyone, whether your relationship is great or there are areas you know need work.. More information about this online course can be found on the CoroUniting website. www.tinyurl.com/tmc-online-2020 . The Marriage Course Online runs for 7 weeks and starts on Wednesday 19 August. The cost of \$50/couple includes all resources. Register and pay online at tinyurl.com/tmc-online-2020 or ring David Buxton (0438 500 375) with any questions.
- **CHILD & ADOLESCENT SLEEP CLINIC AT FLINDERS UNIVERSITY** provides assessment and treatment for common sleep problems in childhood and adolescence Michelle Tonkin, Provisional Psychologist, Child & Adolescent Sleep Clinic, Flinders University, School of Psychology, Ph. 8201 7587 or email casc.enquiries@flinders.edu.au
- **WESTBOURNE PARK UNITING CHURCH NETBALL CLUB (WPUCNC)**. We are preparing for the upcoming Summer 20/21 Netball season, which commences 6/10/2020. Sarah Nobbs, WPUCNC Admin wpucnc@hotmail.com
- **INTERNATIONAL RAINBOW GIRLS** - “Handcraft Night” on Friday 7th August, 2020 in the Hawthorn Masonic Hall, 6 Wattle Avenue, Lower Mitcham at 7.30 p.m. For further details please ring Lorraine 0417082631 or email: rainbowgirls74@gmail.com
- **GYMNASTICS** - Classes are held at Marion Leisure & Fitness Centre OR Westbourne Park Community Centre. Come and try to see if this is the sport for your child! For inquiries please call Head Coach Ksenia on - 0481 210 070 or email - aelita.rhythmicgym@gmail.com <https://aelita-gymnastics.com>
- **GIRL GUIDES** – The World is Waiting for her at Girl Guides – Please phone 0433261013 for more information

