



BELAIR PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



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Rob Houston
Principal

Leanne Twigden
Deputy Principal

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Music Concert

I am thrilled to be able to share our Belair Primary School Music Showcase for 2020. Our music students have been working hard all year and while we were unable to hold a live music concert we have been able to bring one to you virtually. Please follow the link below to the school Youtube channel where you will see our choir, strings groups and our bucket drummers. Special thank you to our music teachers Brett Williams, Anne Rodda and Lisi McGowran.

<https://youtu.be/13TOHSLwz7Y>

External School Review

Our recent External School Review has provided us with 3 valuable directions to assist with improving learning outcomes for our students. The full school report is now available for you to view on our school website. I have provided the 'Outcomes of External Review' from page 8 of the document for you to read below:

Belair Primary School has a collaborative culture with a commitment to enabling student agency and tracking students' learning progress. There is strong support for leadership and staff from parents and the Governing Council, and an understanding that school improvement is everyone's business and responsibility.

The principal will work with the education director to implement the following directions:

Direction 1 To increase and sustain higher band attainment in student outcomes, sharpen the clarity of measurable student-based success criteria, the planned strategic actions and teaching practices required for high-impact learning.

Direction 2 To stretch and challenge students, build teachers' capacity to deeply analyse what students need to demonstrate to achieve higher-bands, especially in mathematics and English, and to design and transform tasks accordingly.

Direction 3 To sharpen the challenge of practice for improvement, further develop teachers' understanding of, and practices in, evidence-based high-impact pedagogical practices.

Based on the school's current performance, Belair Primary School will be externally reviewed again in 2023

2020 DIARY DATES

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

TERM 4

NOVEMBER

Fri 13 School Colour Fun Run
Mon 16 Parent Association meeting 7pm
Wed 18 OSHC Management Committee
18-20 Year 7 camp
Fri 20 Scholastic Book Club orders due back
Yr 6 Sports Day (Blackwood HS)
Choir / Music Assembly
Mon 23 Yr 6/7 Aquatics (Pt Noarlunga)
Wed 25 Canteen Committee 1.45pm
Thur 26 Finance Committee 2pm
Fri 27 Bulletin
SAPSASA Softball Championships
Mon 30 Governing Council mtg 5.45pm
GC & Committee Dinner 7pm (Belair Hotel)
Dental for Schools visit (Rec & Yr 5,6,7)

DECEMBER

1-3 Dental for Schools visit (Rec & Yr 5,6,7)
Wed 9 Year 7 Graduation
Thur 10 Yr 6/7 Wallis Mitcham movie excursion
Fri 11 Last day term 4
Newsletter
Farewell Assembly
Casual Day
Early Dismissal

2021 - TERM 1

JANUARY

Wed 27 First Day term 1 2021

FEBRUARY

1-5 Dental for Schools

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

Assessment & Reporting - Portfolios

Portfolios are an integral part of Belair Primary School's assessment and reporting procedures.

From 2021 each term, 3-6 portfolio updates will be sent via Seesaw to parents regarding student learning. This information will be selected by students and teachers and reflects individual student achievement which crosses all learning areas (including English and mathematics).



Respect

Responsibility

Creativity

Achievement



Science news term 4 2020

This term we have enjoyed science incursions.

Year 1

Sciworld delivered a Chemistry Capers incursion for year ones. Students took part by mixing different chemicals to create a myriad of amazing reactions.



Students made lava lamps.



They watched Elephants' toothpaste erupt on a table

Year 3/4 had a Geology incursion. Students made a play dough model of the inner parts of earth as well as studying a range of different rock samples.



Shaking coloured sugar cubes in a jar to see the effects of weathering.

These will also include:

- Pre assessments, formative and summative assessments, peer assessment and self-reflections.
- Teacher feedback/student goals
- Examples of student work including videos, audio, photographs and graphic representations.
- Opportunities for parent feedback
- Parent information about the IB PYP

To complement this information, year level learning teams will provide a term overview at the beginning of each term.

Volunteer Award 2020

If you are aware of a volunteer who has made a significant contribution to our school, you are invited to nominate them for our '2020 Outstanding Service Volunteer Award'. You may have noticed the particular work of a volunteer through contributions towards governing council, parent association, school sport, resource centre, canteen, student / class support, school clubs etc. If you have a person in mind, please provide a written nomination with their name to the front office by Friday 20th November. Your nomination should also include a summary of where the nominated person has been volunteering and how you believe this has contributed to our school community.

LEGO LEAGUE FINALS

Last Sunday Belair's Lego League team competed in the Adelaide regional final of this year's 'F.I.R.S.T. Replay' competition. Austin, Andrew, Isaac, Elias and Elliot were our competitors this year. We had our most successful year in the robot coding competition scoring a best round of 160 points. This placed us 6th out of 14 teams. Our robot design was judged as being an 'accomplished' design with some great features and use of sensors.





Reception students enjoyed a 5 senses incursion. They investigated optical illusions, sounds and smells.

In upcoming weeks year 4/5 students will have a Liquid Nitrogen show and the Star Lab is coming for year two students.

Dominic Graham

PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER

Dear Families,

I found the following at Search Institute (www.search-institute.org). I thought it would be worthwhile passing on to you.

Praise Pointers for Parents and Teachers

The ways parents and teachers praise young people makes a lot of difference in whether that praise is encouraging and motivating. Effective praise helps develop a "growth mindset" in which young people recognize that they can learn and grow through effort and practice. The following provides examples for praise that encourage youth to develop a growth mindset. Praise should be:

Purposeful, specific, and sincere

"Great game! You really passed well to your teammates." is more encouraging than, "Great game!"

Being concrete reinforces those behaviours. (If, however, you both know the player didn't pass well or it wasn't a great game, then this isn't sincere. The praise won't help the young person learn.)

Reinforce behaviour and effort, not "natural" intelligence

"Congratulations! I know you studied really hard." is more encouraging than, "Congratulations! You're really smart." The first option focuses on an action that can be maintained or improved. If you praise someone because of something fixed (such as "being smart"), it's harder to cope with failure.

Attainable and realistic

"That is a beautiful picture. I love the colours you picked!" is more encouraging than, "That picture is amazing! It could go in an art gallery." Inflated praise can backfire. It gives the impression that you have to meet exceptionally high standards, which you know you can't always do. That undermines motivation.

Information rich

"I love the salad you made. It has a nice mix of flavours and colours!" is more encouraging than, "I love your salad!" Giving more detailed information reinforces strategies that can be used when similar situations come up in the future.

Self-focused, not in comparison to others

"You made a lot of progress in correcting grammatical errors." is more encouraging than, "You did much better on this than many other students." Praising in comparison to others may motivate when we always win. But we feel defeated when we don't always win, so we aren't motivated internally to learn and grow.

Effort more than achievement

"I like how you took deep breaths to stay calm even when you were upset at your sister." is more encouraging than, "Thanks for not pushing your sister." The focus on effort emphasizes being able to grow and learn.

I hope this is helpful to you!

Kind Regards,
Sara Walding, Pastoral Care Worker

PARENT ASSOCIATION

PA Christmas Raffle

Our last fundraiser of the year. Your allocation of Christmas raffle tickets should have arrived home this week. If you'd like more, please ask in the front office. As well as buying and/or selling your tickets, we'd appreciate your help with prize donations - they can be left at the Front Office up until Monday 30th of November.



On **Monday 30th November** we'll be making up the prize baskets - can you help for an hour or so? Straight after drop off in the staff room. The raffle will be drawn on **Wednesday 2nd December**. Thanks for your support ... and good luck!

Christmas Picnic

Unfortunately due to Covid – 19 restrictions we will not be holding the Christmas Carols and Picnic this year.

End of Year Governing Council/PA Dinner

The end of year PA/Governing Council dinner will be held on 30th November at 7pm – venue TBA.

Farewell to Kristy Fairlamb

The PA would like to especially thank our past president Kristy Fairlamb for all her service to the school. As her children are now moving on to high school, this year was Kristy's final year on the PA and we have been very lucky to have her on our team in all her various roles but particularly as president for 4 years, which saw the most successful years of fundraising to date! Thank you Kristy.

Contact the Parent Association: If you want to ask the PA a question or make a comment or suggestion, please email stacey@hargroves.net and we will respond asap.

OSHC – VACATION CARE

OSHC News

The December/January Vacation Care program will go online next week. Any queries, please call OSHC on 8278 7609 or email belair.oshc537@schools.sa.edu.au

CANTEEN

What a busy but fun times during term 4. We have celebrated Halloween with great success, the kids loved it! This week we have Sports Day which is always amazing, followed by **CHRISTMAS DONUTS** on **Tuesday the 1st December** at recess. Orders are now open on flexischools and will **close on Nov 25th @ 6pm** ... visit now and order so you don't miss it!



As we near the end of the term/year we will as usual be running down all the stock in the Canteen. There will always be plenty to choose from and flexischools will be updated daily. If you order in advance you will need to keep an eye on this as you may need to change your order as items become unavailable. Thanks 😊

I am also starting to prepare the term 1 2021 roster and have sent an email to my current helpers to let me know if you are once again available, to those of you that would like to help in 2021 we would love to have you on the team so just get in touch via email, phone or pop in and see me.

Thanks all

Julie

Canteen: 8278 6439

STUDY IN POLYCYSTIC OVARY SYNDROME



Adolescent females diagnosed with polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS)

needed for a research study looking at


whether meditation improve quality of life in adolescents with PCOS

If you are a female **aged 12-22 years** and **diagnosed with PCOS**, you can help us with this study in Adelaide evaluating a simple strategy to improve quality of life in adolescents with PCOS.

This study has been approved by the Women's and Children's Health Network Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC/18/WCHN/168), Adelaide, South Australia.

If you are interested in finding out more information about this research, please contact Dr Alexia Peña (paediatric endocrinologist) on 8161 8134 or via email alexia.pena@adelaide.edu.au.

CANTEEN ROSTER

16 Nov	17 Nov	18 Nov	19 Nov	20 Nov
	Annette Harrison	Amanda Waldock	Raylene Sheehan	Kerry Levett Michelle Dunstone
23 Nov	24 Nov	25 Nov	26 Nov	27 Nov
	Mandy Mason	Dannii Olsen	Raylene Sheehan	Sarah Coote Josie Caltigirone
30 Nov	1 Dec	2 Dec	3 Dec	4 Dec
Penelope Carrick	Nancy Diao 	Janine Wedding	Di Miles	Emily Connor Jan Charles
7 Dec	8 Dec	9 Dec	10 Dec	11 Dec
Lisa Jamieson	Jan Waller	Belinda Blockow	Janet Wooding	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

- **CORO COMMUNITY CENTRE** – Garage Sale Trail 20 November; SA Water Community Engagement 27 November; First Aid course 11 December Visit www.coro.live.org.au for more information
- **BLACKWOOD SCOUT GROUP** – Be prepared to join Scouts! Come and try 3 visits for free. Ph. 83703374 or email blackwood@sa.scouts.com.au for more information
- **THE CORNER UNITING CHURCH** - live Christmas musical production. Please watch the movie trailer <https://youtu.be/Q5WFr8RLdAU> If you wish to view the full movie, please contact Carolyn David-Berginat at The Corner Uniting Church, carolyn.david@thecorner.org.au or Ph. 0439871465
- **YMCA SA JUNIOR PARLIAMENT** - YMCA SA Junior Parliament program opening of applications! YMCA South Australia Junior Parliament is a non-partisan program providing a platform for young people aged 12 - 15 to have their say on important issues, build skills and parliamentary education. The Junior Parliament program will run over three days, the 14-16 December, at the Nunyara Conference Centre. Applications for the Junior Parliament program close November 30. For more info: <https://www.sa.ymca.org.au/what-we-do/youth-empowerment/junior-parliament>

