



BELAIR PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



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Rob Houston
Principal

Leanne Twigden
Deputy Principal

END OF TERM EARLY DISMISSAL 2:10PM



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Holiday Wishes

We are coming to the end of one of the most tumultuous years in our lifetime. I would like to thank the whole school community for your wonderful support during these different times. While things have been difficult, there have been many positives to reflect on throughout the year. 2021 will be an opportunity for a reset and a fresh start. We have learnt a lot and will be better prepared to manage any potential changes driven by the COVID-19 situation in the future. The school holidays are nearly here and I would like to wish all our families, staff and students a happy and safe Christmas break!

Student Reports and a letter regarding class placement are being sent home today.

2021

We are hoping for a settled start to the beginning of next year and we are able to have events such as assemblies and parent information evenings early in the term. We will be guided by the Education Department and SA Health on what and how events, visitor and volunteer participation will look like. We will keep you updated on these matters from the beginning of term 1.

Retirements & Staffing 2021

Once again we are farewelling a number of staff at the end of this year. Annette Fiegert is retiring and I would like to acknowledge the significant impact Annette has had on our school over the past 20 years. We wish her all the best in her pursuit of some new adventures.

Karen Gillespie has won a 12 month deputy principal position at Port Noarlunga Primary and we wish her every success in her new role.

Thank you to Laura Carpenter and Luke King for their time with us this year. Laura will be taking up a position at Annesley College and Luke at Hallet Cove R-12 school. Emma Murphy will be continuing in a 12 month position as assistant principal at Hallet Cove R-12. Lisen Carlmark and Pam Correll will be remaining on leave for 2021.

We will be welcoming Lana Krueger who will be teaching year 2 with Belinda Odell for 2 days and we welcome back Kate Lajoie who will be teaching year 5 with Greg

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

DECEMBER

Fri 11 Last day term 4
Newsletter
Farewell Assembly
Early Dismissal 2:10pm

Last week of JANUARY Holidays

Wed 20 Uniform Shop Open 10am-12noon
Wed 21 Uniform Shop Open 12noon-2pm

2021 - TERM 1

JANUARY

Wed 27 First Day term 1 2021
Uniform Shop open 8.30am

FEBRUARY

1-5 Dental for Schools

Dickson for two days and year 3/4 with Leanne Miller for one day.

Our specialist teaching team for 2020 will include; Dominic Graham – Science, Astrid Mark – Physical Education, Keiko Yoshino and Tom Overall – Japanese Phil Callen and Brett Williams – Music.

I would like to thank SSOs Maddie Day and Ellie Roberts for the great work they have achieved at our school this year. Maddie will be taking up a teaching position in Victoria and Ellie will be completing her teacher training.

Logo



A subcommittee of governing council was formed earlier in the year to oversee a refresh of our school logo.

After a wide consultation process which included every class, SRC, parent association, staff and governing council, a new logo was approved recently by the Governing Council. The new logo will appear on stationery from the beginning of next year and then will be gradually rolled out to other areas over a number of years. The subcommittee will be reconvening early next year to plan this process.



Respect

Responsibility

Creativity

Achievement



Language Awards

I would like to congratulate our School of Languages students who were recently acknowledged for their achievements at Bonython Hall, University of Adelaide.

Declan D	Award of Merit – French
Huon G	Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement – French
Karina H	Award of Merit – French
Oliver H	Award of Merit – French
Jessica H	Award of Merit – Chinese
Yiheng L	Award of Merit – Chinese
Annabelle Y	Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement – Chinese

2021 STAFF LIST

STAFF MEMBER	YEAR	ROLL CLASS
GILDING Jess / ARSCOTT Sandy	R/1	CW1
STACEY Mary	R/1	CW2
MICHELL Liz	R/1	CW3
RANKINE Emily	R/1	Rm 17
HALL Natalie / GILDING Jess	R/1	Rm 16
ODELL Belinda / Krueger Lana	Yr 2	Rm 21
SMITH Michelle	Yr 2	Rm 22
UPTON Tracey	Yr 2	Rm 19
ROBERTS Emma	3/4	Rm 15
HANDLEY Alischa	3/4	Rm 14
MILLER Leanne / LAJOIE Kate	3/4	Rm 13
MENZELL Adam	3/4	Rm 12
KING Donna	3/4	Rm 11
COWEY Natasha	3/4	Rm 10
MAGAREY Margaret	Yr 5	Rm 9
DICKSON Greg / LAJOIE Kate	Yr 5	Rm 7
BRIGGS Catie	Yr 5	Rm 6
MENTHA Sarah / ROWORTH Carly	Yr 6	Rm 5
HUNT Nerida	Yr 6	Rm 4
Arthur Mel	Yr 6	Rm 3
VERRYT Timothy	Yr 7	Rm 2
FARMER Ali	Yr 7	Rm 1
Japanese – Yoshino Keiko / OVERALL Tom		Rm 8
PE – MARK Astrid		Gym
SCIENCE – GRAHAM Dominic		Rm 18
MUSIC – Callen Phil / Williams Brett		Hall
Library / IB PYP – Mayfield Natalie		Library

Vacation Care & Catastrophic Bushfire Days

On a catastrophic bushfire day our vacation care service will be closed. The best way for you to stay informed is through;

- **Bushfire Information Hotline; 1800 000 279**
- ABC Radio 891
- ABC TV
- The CFS website <http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au>

Please remember that Vacation Care closures on Catastrophic Days will mean that no staff are allowed to be working on site on those days.

2020 EXCURSION LEVY

Due to COVID 19 not all year levels have spent their excursion levy budget this year with the exception of the year 6/7 classes.

Rather than issue refunds or credit notes to parents/caregivers we will deduct any refund due from next year's excursion fee charges.

All students will of course still be allocated a budget of \$70 for excursions/incursions in 2021.

Any families who are leaving the school will be contacted to arrange a refund via bank transfer.

OSHC

OSHC ANNUAL CLOSURE

OSHC will close for two weeks from Monday 21st December 2020 and will re-open for vacation care on Monday 4th January 2021.

OSHC OPEN ON 25TH JANUARY 2021

OSHC will be open all day on the pupil free day on Monday 25th January. To book your child in, please call OSHC on 8278 7609

or email belair.OSHC537@schools.sa.edu.au

To book in, you will need to have completed the 2021 OSHC enrolment form for your child.

STUDENT VOICE ON MUSIC – YR 4-7

We asked Years 4-7 students about Music this year.....

What has been your favourite part about music this year?

- Learning how to play the ukulele, creating tunes on Garage band, and using Chrome Music Lab. Maddie
- I really enjoyed playing ukulele to different songs. I am proud of myself because I never tried to learn an instrument before. Lucy
- The free practise sessions were fun, because I could learn by myself. Louis
- My favourite part about Music was learning the chords for the ukulele and then playing it in a song. Thorsten
- Actively playing music. Josh
- I found playing ukulele the most enjoyable part. I play viola, so it's fun. Although it's very different, it's still fun to learn.

- I love the ukulele with the notes 'cause I loved the challenge. Aston
- Learning how to play the ukulele, because it was really fun to learn! Matilda
- Learning ukulele and coming to sing at lunchtimes. Also, I've become closer to my friends by figuring out what we all like. Willow
- I found that learning the chords and playing the ukulele was the most enjoyable. I liked playing along to the songs and working on my strumming. Laura
- I liked the fact that not everything has been centred around paperwork. Tamika
- Properly learning a new instrument from scratch. Matilda
- Ukulele, I liked actually learning how to play an instrument instead of just notes and beats. Neve
- I loved doing the hands on playing the ukuleles and learning new songs. Esther
- Applying our theory to actually learning an instrument as it gave purpose to the lessons and also being able to play well known songs using simple chords. Karina
- My favourite part of music this year was sitting on the fake grass playing ukulele with my friends. Kate
- My favourite part was when we could take a sheet of music and learn it on the ukulele with a partner. The reason for this being that I enjoyed playing the ukulele rather than learning the chords. Kiera
- My favourite part was learning and playing the ukulele. However playing 'Riptide' was my ultimate favourite. Sarah
- My favourite part of music this year was learning the ukulele, because I got to learn something new. Lexi
- My favourite part about music was playing the ukulele and the piano. Also choosing what songs to learn. Phoenix
- My favourite part of music was learning to play the ukulele. I enjoyed playing it for the first time. Celeste



What has been the most interesting thing about playing the ukulele?

- I find all the different finger placements interesting, and how one instrument can make a heap of different sounds.
- New chords that I've never done before. Rory
- Learning a lot of chords, and realising that I like it and singing along. Willow
- I found learning and playing chords not only down but up, really interesting. The different combinations could make so many different rhythms and melodies. Laura

- I find how all those different finger placements interesting, and how one instrument can make a heap of different sounds. Mikayla
- With the ukulele, at first glance you wouldn't think there wouldn't be a huge difference in the sound (using chords), but there is. Thorsten
- Breaking the preconceived notion it was hard. Matilda
- Learning about how to position your fingers over the strings and how to then place them on the strings. I find this interesting because I used to play the viola and cello and I like to pick up on the differences in finger placing. Lilka
- The best part for me was being able to try and learn an instrument. I've always wanted to learn the ukulele in my spare time and I have one at home. I had never gotten around to it. Olivia
- I found it interesting how many chords there are, and how hard it is to switch to some during a song. Malakai
- The most interesting thing was knowing how many different songs you can play. Esther
- The most interesting thing I learned about the ukulele was how all of the chords and notes together sound cool. Emma
- The most interesting thing has to be the notes and the chords we learned and executing it in our music. Lucy
- Learning the different songs and seeing how the rhythm and notes varied depending on the song. For example 'Riptide' had a large number of G chords whilst 'California Blue' mostly consisted of chords 'A' and 'D'. Kiera
- Definitely learning the chords and progressing from chord to chord. Also learning how to play the different songs. Sarah
- I loved playing 'Riptide' and 'California Blue'. I think it was interesting to learn chords like Em and G because they were tricky at first. Celeste
- Getting to practise with Garageband and create songs as well using Chrome Music Lab. Dorothy



How has your skill level changed in using Music technology/apps?

- My skill level has improved massively as I didn't even know what it was a term ago. Kate
- I have improved with my rhythm making skills with the apps. I experimented with Chrome Music Lab, and got a sense of what chords sound nice together. Thorsten
- My skill level has improved a lot as I hardly knew how to use it before. Lauren
- I never used Garage Band before, and now I can make a song easily. Rory
- I had no clue how to strum, and now I do and I'm pretty good at it. Angie
- On Chrome Music Lab I placed different notes and learned how the different sounds corresponded with the placement and height of the notes. I also learned different notes and rhythms. Laura
- I have improved in my rhythm making skills with the apps. I experimented with Chrome Music Lab and got a sense of what chords sound nice together. Thorsten
- I learned about beats and how to keep a beat going, and how important a smooth rhythm is. Lilka
- I understand more terms in music. Neve
- I believe my skill level has changed with using technology apps because I use them frequently and observe what people with high experience are doing. Emma
- I think my skill level has changed in using music tech because I had never really used it before and this year I learned how to use it properly. Lucy
- My skill level has improved drastically. Before I didn't know how to play ukulele, or use Garage Band or Song Maker. But now I know 6+ chords, I can play 'Riptide' as well as how to use other apps. Kiera
- I think my skill level has gone from a 4 to a 6.5 at using the music/ technology/apps. Harry
- It has, I am better at creating different rhythms now. Dorothy



VANDALISM / PROPERTY DAMAGE

Over the past 3 weeks we have had damage to 3 toilet doors, Lemon trees stolen and plants uprooted.

Sturt police are investigating and extra patrols have been put in place.

With the long holiday ahead could we please ask that if you see anything suspicious or people hanging around the school grounds you contact Sturt Police on 131 444.

Thank You.

COMPETITION AWARD WINNER

Last term Room 6 entered the Andy Griffiths Treehouse Competition where students wrote and illustrated their own book. All entries were judged by Andy Griffiths and the top 100 entries won a gift voucher and 100 books for their school. We are pleased to announce that Rebecca from Room 6 was a successful entrant. This week Belair Primary received 100 new books for our library. Congratulations Rebecca and thank you.



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

This year 409 Belair students completed the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Congratulations to Georgia and Lucy for completing the Challenge for 9 consecutive years. We also had 14 students receive certificates for completing the challenge for 8 years. Well done to everyone who participated.



CANTEEN

We have reached the end of what has been a challenging year to say the least! I would like to thank all of my amazing Canteen volunteers all of your help is very much valued and appreciated. Also a big thank you to all of you that have supported the Canteen with placing lunch orders, supporting special events and giving the students some money to come in and spend.

I would like to wish all of our Grade 7's and the other students moving from Belair all the best in their next journey and to everyone, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and safe and happy holidays with your friends and family.

Well that's it from me, See you all in 2021

Thanks,

Julie 😊



PARENT ASSOCIATION

Despite Covid, the PA was able to organise a few successful events this year, including the World Teacher Day gifts, the Christmas raffle, the Colour Run and the Year 7 Graduation.

2020 has seen a lot of struggles for everyone, and for the PA this year is was no different with many of our events being cancelled. However, the events we were able to organise were difficult with low numbers of volunteers and I would like to say a special thank you to those few who have put in a tremendous amount of time and energy into making the events we had, especially the Colour Run, so successful! THANK YOU!

We would also like to thank Alice Goodall for taking on lost property this year and doing a marvellous job!

It's possible our PA will need to run differently next year if we have a similar situation so we would love to see some fresh faces as it would be a shame for our community to miss out on the fun events the PA has put on each year. If you are interested in stepping up to help out with these events and the PA please email stacey@hargroves.net, we would love to have you!

To our PA members and Class Parent Reps who are leaving the school - we will miss you and all the help you have given us over the years. Special shout out to Kristy Fairlamb who served so wonderfully as president for four years, what you have given to Belair during your time here has been invaluable. We wish you all and your families all the best for the future.

Have a wonderful Christmas break everyone, best wishes for the New Year. Merry Christmas!!

Stacey Hargroves, on behalf of the BPS Parent Association



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

If you are looking for a great gift idea why not purchase a digital Entertainment Book membership and help fundraise for our school. If you order now the school will receive an extra \$10 per membership on top of the 20% we already receive. Memberships last for 12 months and activation can be delayed for up to 3 months if you wish. If you wish to order please use this link <https://www.entbook.com.au/161b062> to our page.

Please note the hard copy book is no longer an option.

PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER

Dear Families,

We've finally come to the end of a very tumultuous year. For some this is the end of their child's first year of school. For others, it is the end of their child's primary years forever. In either case, a milestone has been reached. But whether this was your child's first year, last year or something in between, I think we can all be proud of what we have achieved as a community this year. The Belair Primary School community is amazing.

I am so proud of our students. Each child has his or her own unique challenges and the CoViD chaos of 2020

tended to magnify the difficulties. And yet, our students and families have managed with resilience and optimism.

I hope you have a great Christmas break. May you find peace in chaos and hope in uncertainty.

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

P.S. I know Christmas is not always filled with joy. This year, in particular, has been difficult. Many of us are grieving in some way. Much has been lost this year. Please feel welcome at the Blue Christmas service this Sunday.



CRICKET REGISTRATION

2021 Cricket Registrations are now due

2020 was a tough year for just about everything, school cricket included. But we're optimistic about 2021. Belair's performance in the SAPSASA tournament shows that cricket continues to be strong at the school and we'd like that tradition to continue. So, register for 2021 school cricket today!

The last day to register for 2021 cricket is **Friday 18 December**. Students that will be in years 2 – 7 in 2021 are eligible to register. Fees are \$35 for Master Blasters (Years 1 – 3) and \$65 for Grade cricket (Years 3 – 7). Parents who volunteer to coach or manage a team get free registration for their kids.

Registration forms are available at the front office or on the school website. Please contact Chris Della Vedova (cbdellavedova@gmail.com or 0432 843 605) with any questions.

Chris Della Vedova, Cricket Coordinator

BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

REMINDER - 2021 School Basketball 🏀 registrations are due!

If your child wants to continue or begin playing school basketball for Belair Primary in 2021, please get your registration form in **before 18 December**, as the season starts early in term 1, 2021. Let's hope 2021 is a smoother year for sport than 2020 has been!

The basketball program is available for all children in years 3 to 7, and the annual registration fee is \$37. There is then a weekly game fee payable to the Blackwood Recreation Centre (this isn't much, around \$7 per week per child).

Basketball is played year-round, so Terms 1 through to 4 inclusive.

You can register your child at the front office, or contact them to obtain the 2021 form (the form has also been circulated to all families by email from Janita). If you have any queries, please get in touch.

Many thanks!

Tania Campbell, Belair Basketball Coordinator

tania.yle@internode.on.net or 0402 902 660

SOFTBALL NEWS

It's been a tough year in softball, having our competition interrupted back in March and then in November. However, we still managed to have fun in between all the craziness. We continued training at school and organised some scratch matches, blending teams so the year 2s got to play alongside the year 7s.

I was very fortunate to be able to have some primary school leavers, Hannah and Isabelle, come back and coach our youngest team. The girls have enjoyed coaching and have given their team a positive introduction to the game. They hope to be back next year to do it all again.



I am very proud of the team I coached, our B1 team. They had some excellent moments on the field and, despite the season being cut short, have become quite adept at playing the game. I look forward to next year to see you all continue to improve and follow in the footsteps of our revered A team.



Our A team remains undefeated for the season and we are all so proud of our year 6s & 7s for gaining and holding on to that title. I hope you can see how you came, you

saw and you conquered the softball game. Best of luck for high school, girls!



For those wishing to sign up for softball please fill out the sport registration form and hand to the front office. We start in year 2 & 3 playing T-Ball, with years 4-7 playing softball. Please see school website for information on costs, trainings & matches:

<http://belairps.sa.edu.au/course/softball/>

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Janie Hutchison

Softball Coordinator

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0406 627 277

POSITION VACANT



ATTENTION FOOD LOVERS

Large Secondary School looking for an experienced person with food handling skills.

Casual up to 15 hours a week.
Needs to be flexible.

CV and Cover Letter to be forwarded onto
sharna.smart@bhs.sa.edu.au by
Friday 18 December 2020.

For further information on the position, contact
Louise Williamson on 8278 0948 during the
hours of 1:30pm and 2:30pm.



Is your student Gifted or Talented?

Applications for ACER *ignite* assessment are now open.

ignite is a specialised learning program for gifted and talented students offered by the Department for Education.

Students are selected for entry into Year 7/8 for the *ignite* program through an ACER (Australian Council for Educational Research) assessment.

Saturday 20 February 2021 for Year 6 students applying for Year 7 2022
 Saturday 27 February 2021 for Year 7 students applying for Year 8 2022

Register for this assessment via the website of your preferred school.
 Applications Close Friday 12 February 2021.

Aberfoyle Park High School 8270 4455 www.aphs.sa.edu.au	Glenunga International High School 8379 5629 www.gihs.sa.edu.au	The Heights School 8263 6244 www.theheights.sa.edu.au
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ACER is a recognised international leader in the development of educational assessment and reporting tools for schools and systems and is the provider of the assessment foreentry into the *ignite* Program.




COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **CHRISTMAS MOVIE** - A locally made Christmas movie is now available online for your convenience https://youtu.be/F_5imPbawXs Carolyn David, The Corner Uniting Church 0439871465
- **VILLONY VIRUS COMES TO TOWN** - Written by Lake Macquarie Clinical Psychologist Janice McKay; Inspired by her separation from her grandchildren during COVID 19
- **THE ATHLETE'S FOOT** – School Rewards - \$5 is donated back to Belair PS every time you buy a pair of shoes from The Athlete's Foot.
- **HOLIDAY FUN** - Want to do something fun during the holiday season? Why not give pottery a shot? Make something with your own hands and get creative. Classes for both adults and children. For more details head to <https://www.facebook.com/VayaPottery> or call 0481869319.