



BELAIR PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



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Principal

Leanne Twigden
Deputy Principal

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Early dismissal

There have been recent changes to the early school dismissal process. Our Governing Council and the Department's Chief Executive, approves a 1 hour early dismissal on the last day of the school term, 4 times a year. Parents must now provide the school with written consent for their children to be dismissed early from school at these times.

This consent for approved early dismissals on the last day of term is only needed once at the time of enrolment unless the parent withdraws it by notifying the principal (or their delegate). This new consent form will be sent home with students tomorrow. Please fill in and return to school as soon as possible.

Students who do not have written consent from their parents to be dismissed will be supervised at the school until normal dismissal time.

The 2021 dates for end of term early dismissal are Friday 9 April, Friday 2 July, Friday 24 September and Friday 10 December.

Safety of our students

Children's safety is being compromised after school on Rokewood Ave due to poor decision making from some parents who are stopping in the middle of the road and allowing and/or calling for their children to come on to the road and get into the car. Unfortunately this is an accident waiting to happen and we implore families to be doing the right thing at pick up time. We have also had a near miss with a parent pulling over at the yellow line meaning students needed to walk behind the fence and on to the road to get in the car. I am asking all road users to show patience and understanding at school pick up and drop off time.

Year 5 1:1 iPad learning

We are pleased to be able to offer 1:1 iPad learning for our Year 5 students for the rest of their time at our school. This will assist with transition and building a strong skill set for entry into High School in 2023. We are able to provide iPads to all students, who require them, due to the many year 5 students participating in the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program and the recycling of older iPads in the school. More detailed information is being sent home to all year 5 families.

Sun Safe Policy review

A governing council sub-committee including parents and staff are currently reviewing and updating the school sun safety policy. The policy update will continue into next term but one of the new aspects of the policy will require

2021 DIARY DATES

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

TERM 1

MARCH

Tues 30 Easter Seminar
Wed 31 School Tour
Lacrosse Carnival
Easter Raffle Draw

APRIL

Fri 2 Good Friday
Mon 5 Easter Monday
Fri 9 Last Day Term 1 – 2:10pm Early Dismissal

TERM 2

APRIL

Mon 26 ANZAC Day holiday
Tues 27 PUPIL FREE DAY
Wed 28 Gardening & Lego Coding Club 1pm

MAY

Mon 3 Debating Practice 1pm
Tues 4 Debating at Cabra 6.30pm
Wed 5 Parent Association meeting 9am
Fri 7 Assembly hosted by Rm7
Grounds Committee 10 am
Cross Country Carnival
Mon 10 NAPLAN week
Tues 11 Education Committee 6.30pm
Wed 12 Rm 16 & 17 to Ayers House Museum
Thur 13 Carawatha to Ayers House Museum
Finance Committee meeting 2pm

Yearly Calendar <http://belairps.sa.edu.au/newsletters-2/>

all students to be wearing their hats from the beginning of term 2. Further information will be forthcoming in future newsletters.

OSHC

All Vacation Care excursions are full but we still have vacancies for all incursions. The program is on the school website. To book in, please complete the form and email or bring it in to the service.

OSHC is open for the Pupil Free Day on Tuesday 27 April and we are taking bookings. Our incursion for the day is 'Kings, Queens, Knights and Castles'.

To book in, please call 8278 7609 or email belair.oshc537@schools.sa.edu.au



Respect

Responsibility

Creativity

Achievement



SAFE MOVEMENT PRECINCT

Our school Governing Council has requested the City of Mitcham Council commence a whole of Precinct Safe Movement Plan to make the roads, pathways and pick up/drop off zones a safer place for all users. Governing Council is asking the City of Mitcham to address the following issues:

Providing safe access to and from school

This may include:

- Investigating methods to slow traffic in the school vicinity
- Introducing new safe crossing points for students on Monalta Drive
- Encourage safe active travel to and from school for children and parents cycling
- Reviewing car parking and drop off areas for the convenience and safety of families
- Ensuring motorists passing the school area are aware that they are entering a school zone and adjust their driving to suit

Addressing existing anomalies and poor infrastructure

This may include:

- Investigation into the best use, improvement and future management of the Council's pick up and drop off zone on Laffers Road and the school's adjacent unsealed area – noting that the school has had to close this area as a car park due to the safety and wellbeing of students and visitors at inconvenience to the school
- Repairing and formalising verge parking on eastern side of Main Road immediately approaching Monalta Drive intersection
- Reviewing and seeking investment in footpaths on both sides of roads in the immediate school locality
- Review and address anomalies between signage and road markings for on street parking on Monalta Drive
- Ensure compliance with relevant Australian Standards

In mid-April, City of Mitcham Councillors we will vote on a package of budget projects that will go out to Community consultation. To ensure that our project, raised by Governing Council, is in that package, concerned families should email

electedmembers@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au and the local MP Sam Duluk at waite@parliament.sa.gov.au to make their voices heard. For further information you may contact kerry.levelt@internode.on.net or lisa.jamieson@adelaide.edu.au

There will then be that community consultation in late April / early May prior to the final budget vote in early July.

SCIENCE NEWS

Reception and year 1 students have been inquiring about changing materials by bending, folding and stretching. Ask your child how many times can you fold a piece of paper in half or which brand of gummy snake is the stretchiest.

Year 2 students have been checking out different pull and push forces. Ask them if they can make plasticine float.

For Year 3-4 students it's all about materials with rooms 10,12 and 13 investigating the different properties of bag materials and rooms 11, 14 and 15 inquiring into packaging.

Year 5 is all about solids liquids and gases. For a simple experiment to do with your child and investigate how hot gases take up more space put some hot water in an empty 2 litre milk bottle. Screw on the lid and give it a gentle shake. Observe what happens to the bottle. Then remove the lid tip out the hot water and put the lid back on. Run some cold water over the outside of the bottle. What happened next?

Year 6 students are inquiring into chemical and physical changes. We have started by melting ice and will continue on with burning candles and dissolving salt amongst others.

Year 7 students are nearing the end of research projects looking at science as a human endeavour. Ask your child what they are researching and what connections they have found between our environment and scientific research.

Popular with everyone is the live stream on YouTube of "Geldingadalir fra Fagradalsfjalli", the volcano spewing lava in Iceland. Children have either been shocked at how close people are getting or declaring their desire to go there and see it for real. Here is a link if you want to watch at home,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BA-9QzIcr3c>

LUNCH TIME BAND

Our names are James and Jacob, we have a new school band called "Out of Bounds". We perform in the hall at recess and lunch. The music teacher Phil Callen has helped us so much, provided us with amps, guitars and a drum kit. We are not the only ones in the band. We also have Cody as band manager, Elliot on drums and Arlo on rhythm guitar, as well as Jacob on bass guitar and James on the lead guitar. Malakai has just taken on lead vocals. During recess and lunch on Wednesdays, we have a great turn out of students who come to watch us perform and sometimes even request songs for us to play. We are really aiming for performances to the whole school community later in the year.



BUGS & SLUGS

On Tuesday 23rd of March Chris from 'Bugs & Slugs' brought her collection (live and otherwise) for rooms 19, 21 & 22 for our unit of inquiry, How the world works: Living things grow and change. We saw the range of change through many different insects, from egg to larvae, to pupae to adult. We learned that as some insects change, they shed their skin and that some lifecycles have a set time while others can alter to suit environmental changes. This incursion added new knowledge to our understanding of lifecycles of living things.



PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER

Dear Belair Families,

The joy of the game

Have you played a new game with 5 year-olds lately? This is what happens when you teach "Go Fish" to 5 year-olds: (If you don't know how to play "Go Fish" click [here.](#))

It starts with everybody smiling because this is a new game and it is fun to learn a new game. As each child receives his/her cards the excitement grows. The children are young, but they can grasp the idea of making pairs. The student to go first immediately reveals ALL her cards to the other students and says, smiling, "Does anybody have any of these cards?" With delight, the other students reveal all of their own cards and gleefully hand any matches to student number one. At this point the game is pretty much over. Student number one has all the matches. Everyone is smiling and laughing. Students exclaim, "Look how many pairs you have!" to student number one.

As these students played their game, it struck me that what was happening was something I hadn't seen in a while: it was the joy of the game. No one cared who had the most pairs. It was just fun helping someone collect their pairs.

No one was looking to win. No one was upset at losing. Thinking about it makes me smile even now! The joy of the game.

I wondered, *at what age does the joy of the game change and become all about winning?*

I think we can learn something from these 5 year-olds! Now don't get me wrong. I LOVE competition. I am the most competitive person in my family. I think competition is healthy and important. But, when the focus is all about winning, there is no joy in the process.

Mark Le Messurier and Madhavi Nawana Parker, who created the *What's the Buzz?* program, say this, "You are a TRUE WINNER when you have fun playing the game. A TRUE WINNER knows that showing friendly behaviours is more important than the winning bit of the game. Play to have fun during the game – not to just win at the end!"

I bet they learned that from 5 year-olds.

Have a great break. I hope you get the chance to find joy in your games during the holidays.

Sara Walding, Pastoral Care Worker

In school: Tuesday afternoon; Wednesday and Friday all day.

CANTEEN



Wow Term 1 is almost over. Where did that time go? Our Sushi special day in week 6 was a great success and from what I've heard from the students they were delicious. Thank you to my extra helpers that day, Josie, Di and Annette we were certainly busy packing the 500+ sushis 😊

To finish the term off we will be celebrating Easter in the Canteen in week 10. Mon – Thurs we will have an Easter Special Lunch Offer via Flexischools ordering...

"Ham and Cheese Croissant, cookie and a choc milk \$6"

And on Wednesday and Thursday we will have our annual Easter Treats for sale at both recess and lunch so start collecting your loose change to give to the kids so they can join in the celebrations.

We are also asking for donations of any Easter themed goodies we can sell on those days. Any donations can be dropped into the Canteen in week 10 and will be appreciated. Need some ideas? Head to our Canteen FB page and check out some of the photos from previous years, they are amazing! Donations don't have to be in large numbers anything would be fantastic.

Our SRC Team have come up with some new ideas for the Canteen for special days and also some menu items so keep an eye out for those coming in Term 2.

Have a very safe and Happy Easter

Thanks Julie

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BELAIR JEAN BONYTHON KINDY

Enrolments for Belair Jean Bonython Kindergarten are now due. If you wish to enrol your child for 2022, please contact Lynette Jones. In person, by phone 82783392 or email lynette.jones60@schools.sa.edu.au

PARENT ASSOCIATION

PA AGM News: We had a wonderful AGM a few weeks ago and are thrilled to announce we now have co-presidents Kate Hanna and Stacey Hargroves leading the charge, as well as our new vice-president Bec Fitzgerald, Secretary Kristy Rosie, Treasurer Amanda Mason, Parent Network Co-ordinator Don Clancy, and Governing Council Rep Jayne Dowling! Thank you so much to all our new members for stepping up this year!!



Easter Raffle: By now all raffle tickets will have been sent home in your youngest child's bag. We'll be making up the hampers/baskets on Monday 29th of March, so put the date in your diary if you've got an hour or so to spare straight after school drop-off. It's always lots of fun! We are also using Fairtrade chocolate

as much as possible this year for both the raffle and the eggs that go out to the children in their classrooms.

The Raffle will be drawn on **Wednesday the 31st of March**, good luck to all families!

Entertainment Books: With holidays approaching and more venues now reopening it's a great time to invest in an entertainment book. You will not only be saving yourself money but at the same time raising money for your school without having to do a thing. How easy is that! 20% of the purchase price comes directly to the school.

For a limited time you can also receive a BONUS eGift Card but be quick offer ends 15th April 2021. Look out for the flyer that will be coming home soon with information on how to order your digital copy or follow the link below and start saving.

<https://au.entdigital.net/orderbooks/161b062>

PA Facebook Volunteers Group: a Facebook group has been set up to allow for easier communication for anyone who would like to help out throughout the year. If you would like to be a part of this group please go onto the page Belair Primary Volunteers

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/4098870430176522> and request to join, we appreciate any and all help with our events throughout the year.

Parent Association meeting: Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 5th May at 9am** in the staff room. Meetings go for about an hour. Come along to hear what's happening in the school, offer help, or throw your ideas into the ring. All parents and carers are welcome!

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

FOOTBALL

Aussie Rules footy games commence Sat May 8 (or Tues May 4 if we can get enough for an all-girls team). Expressions of interest for school footy for boys and girls, Year 2 and up, need to be sent to -

lisa.jamieson@adelaide.edu.au by Tues April 6 so teams can be finalised. Games will be at a fixed location at the Waite campus (opposite Urrbrae high school on Fullarton Rd). Costs to be paid direct to SANFL (price to be confirmed), with families able to use their government sports voucher; details forthcoming. Training will be after school on a week night, starting Term 2, Week 1. Coaches also required; please contact Lisa Jamieson if interested.

REMEMBRANCE DAY PROJECT

Community Remembrance Day Project

Belair Primary School has a long fence line on Main Road and we thought it would be a nice idea to get a community project up and running for a display for Remembrance Day. This will involve the crocheting or knitting of black and red poppies which will be put onto a backing to spell out a message.

You may have seen something like this at the Brighton Jetty in the last couple of years.

So if you like to knit or crochet and would like to get involved please start making red poppies with black centres. Size is generally about 7cm diameter – anything around this size would be good. Patterns can be found by looking online or if you would like a crochet pattern that we have tried please contact the office. This might be a great opportunity for grandparents to teach their grandchildren the skill of crochet or knitting.

Please leave donations at the office.

Thank you.



SOFTBALL

Our Softball T-Ball Competition has come to a close for this term. What a successful season the T-Ball team (years 2-4) have had so far winning two matches and drawing one. Thanks to all the parents who did their bit ferring kids to their matches, helping with coaching, equipment, scoring, and keeping the excited youngsters in their batting line up. A massive thanks to my two young coaches, Isabelle & Hannah, who have continued to coach this young team for the second year running. Both girls bus it up from their respective High Schools to coach the team and everyone really appreciates it, plus the kids have a ball with you both!

Our older teams have equally had a very successful start to the season, winning matches and gaining plenty of game skills along the way. Both A and B1 teams will have their last game this Saturday.

Well done again to the T-Ball team and I'm looking forward to seeing more success in term 4!

Janie Hutchison
Softball Coordinator
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CANTEEN ROSTER

29 Mar	30 Mar	31 Mar	1 Apr	2 Apr
	Bri Meldrum	Raylene Sheehan	Catherine Gray	GOOD FRIDAY
5 Apr	6 Apr	7 Apr	8 Apr	9 Apr
EASTER MONDAY		Janine Wedding	Di Miles	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

- **FLAGSTAFF HILL GOLF CLUB** – Aust. Jnr Golf Program – Term 2 Clinics (6 weeks) Every Wednesday 12 May – 16 June, 4-5pm, Cost \$65; www.fhgc.com.au/golf/junior-golf
- **HELEN RICE TENNIS SCHOOL FRENCH OPEN GRAND SLAM CLINICS** in the April School Holidays. Helen Rice Tennis School Ph: 0428 988 873 Web: www.helenricetennis.com.au
- **SA CHURCH BASKETBALL** – are running skills sessions at Blackwood Recreation Centre; for ages 6 and up; a good opportunity especially for students in Reception to Year 2 to start learning before playing from Year 3; sachurchbball@gmail.com; or visit sachurch.baskeball.net.au or call 0476262011
- **CODE CAMP OPERATIONS HERE** - join us at our school holiday camps, designed to teach kids how to code, DJ, animate, or film; contact Ediandra Cayabyab 0478222311 ops@codecamp.com.au for more information
- **MOUNTAIN BIKE SKILLS FOR GIRLS** Head for the Hills is offering a new mountain bike skills program just for girls. The Girls After School MTB Skills program will be delivered weekly at the Craighburn Farm from 4:15pm - 5:45pm on Mondays. For more information, visit headforthehills.net.au/girls
- **ADVENTURE PLUS! SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM** - April 20 - 23, \$65 per day. More details @MylorAdventureCamp Facebook or www.eventbrite.com.au/e/2021-adventure-plus-holiday-program-tickets-140945861867