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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SAFM Back 2 School

Exciting news, SAFM breakfast radio presenters, Bec, Cosi & Lehmo will be broadcasting from Belair Primary School next Wednesday, June 2, from 6am-9am and you are invited!

The team are keen to spend the morning with as many students and families as possible!

There will be a coffee van for parents, the Canteen is selling muffins and cookies, and fresh fruit will be provided by Pick A Local, Pick SA for students.

The team will be broadcasting until 9.00am but we will be running to our normal school routine from 8.30am. Please remember, all students arriving prior to 8.30am must be supervised by an adult.

Capital Works update

As you would be aware funding of \$5million has been provided to Belair Primary School as part of the Modular Schools Capital works program. As needs and expectations around learning have changed, this a wonderful opportunity to improve the learning spaces of Building 1, Wirra and Building 2 Peroomba and Minno.

Our project will as a first priority address accessibility challenges the school is facing by providing equitable access to all levels of Building 2 and locating and providing for an accessible change facility. Buildings 1 and 2 will undergo renovations to increase the size and quality of their learning areas, enhance the functionality of withdrawal and teacher preparation spaces and consolidate storage. Connectivity between buildings and the rest of the school will also be enhanced. We have completed phase 1 of the project and are excited to be moving into phase 2 where the final design plans will be completed. We are looking forward to sharing the plans once they become available. We remain on track for project completion in 2022.

- Phase 1: Project Inception Completion
- Phase 2: Concept and Schematic Design Completion
- Phase 3: Design Development Completion
- Phase 4: Construction Documentation Completion
- Phase 5: Tender & Contract Award Completion
- Phase 6: Construction Commencement
- Phase 7: Completion

Note: these dates are subject to DfE / school signoff within allocated timeframes.

2021 DIARY DATES

Monday Afternoon	Uniform Shop open 3:00 – 4:00 PM
Wednesday Morning	Uniform Shop open 8.30 – 9.30 AM
Gardening Club	on Wednesday 1pm weekly
Lego Coding Club	on Wednesday 1pm weekly
Eco Club	on Friday 1pm weekly
TOM Practice	on Tuesday 12.50pm weekly

TERM 2

MAY

- 27/5-3/6 Reconciliation Week
- Mon 31 Parent Association meeting 7pm
- 31/5-1/6 Rm12/13 Yr 3/4 overnight camp Aldinga

JUNE

- Tues 1 Rm14/15 overnight camp Aldinga
- Wed 2 SAFM Back 2 School radio broadcast
- Rm10/11 overnight camp Aldinga
- OSHC Management Committee mtg 2pm
- Thur 3 Knock Out Footy
- Fri 4 Assembly hosted by Rm22
- Mon 7 String Students to Victor Harbor
- Tues 8 School Tour 9.30am
- Wed 9 Canteen Committee mtg 2pm
- Thur 10 X Country State Championships
- Fri 11 Bulletin
- Year 7 classes to the city
- Grounds Committee mtg 10am
- Mon 14 Queen's Birthday Holiday
- Tues 15 Education Committee 6pm
- Debating at Cabra Dominican College 6.30pm
- Thur 17 Finance Committee 2pm
- Fri 18 Assembly hosted by the music team

Yearly Calendar

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

- April 2021 (now completed)
- June 2021
- August 2021
- September 2021
- October 2021
- October 2021
- June 2022

Year 7 to High School

The latest information from the Department relating to the move of Year 7 to high school in 2022 has been added to this newsletter.

Camps & Excursion Form

We are now using the Department's recommended camps and excursion form. This looks a little different and is double sided with consent needs on one side and details of the excursion / camp on the other. The document is email friendly but still needs to be returned as a hard copy as parent / carer signatures are required.

Sun Safety Term 2

Staff have been working on the review of the school sun safety policy which will be finalised by the end of term 2.

Students will not be required to wear their hats during term 2 under the new policy unless the UV rating is above 3. Hats will be required for terms 1, 3 and 4

VOLUNTEERING AT BELAIR

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers. We truly appreciate all of the assistance you give us around the school each day including helping in the canteen, library, classrooms, committees and after school sports coaching and coordinating. You all make a huge difference to life in our school community.

Last week was National Volunteer week and while we will celebrate our volunteers at a function later in the year we were delighted to be able to send our 2020 volunteer award winner, Janie Hutchison to a special Department for Education Volunteers week morning tea. If you would like to become a volunteer at Belair please contact the Front Office for an application form.



EXHIBITION AND EXPO

The Exhibition is an exciting experience in the final year of the PYP. The Exhibition is an opportunity for students to explore, document and share their understanding of an issue or area of personal significance. Exhibition is student-initiated, designed and collaborative. Students will be working under the transdisciplinary theme 'How we express ourselves', with Year 6 and 7 in the early stages of this process. Exhibition presentation evenings will be held next term in week 4 for Year 7 and week 10 for Year 6s.

Year 5 students will have the opportunity to complete Expo, a chance for students to develop self-management and collaboration skills and present to their peers, ahead of their Exhibition next year.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Last chance for a special offer from the Entertainment Book for you!

For the first time ever, anybody who purchases a \$69.99 Single City Membership will be upgraded to a Multi City Membership valued at \$119.99 for FREE! That's a \$50 saving and access to over 10,000 offers!!!

As we are currently unable to travel overseas, people are exploring Australia and New Zealand a LOT more, which makes the Multi City Membership the perfect option.

Multi city memberships include 21 cities and regions across Australia, New Zealand and Bali.

Purchase your membership before 11.59pm Monday, May 31st to receive this special offer and 20% of the purchase will go to our school fundraising.

Follow this link for further details and to make your purchase. <https://au.entdigital.net/orderbooks/161b062>

OSHC NEWS

The July Vacation Care program will be on the school website from Friday 4th June.

JAPANESE ASSEMBLY

This year, we had a Japanese assembly for the first time. 18 students from Year 5, 6 and 7 volunteered to be the committee members. They spent several lunch times and their own time to prepare their items. We also featured 'kabuki dance' played by the string ensemble members. Congratulations to the committee members and the string ensemble students who showcased many aspects of Japanese learning at Belair.



CANTEEN

As term 2 is now well under way we have introduced some of the ideas that were brought forward by the SRC team. Mexican Mondays and the Pop em Chicken have become very popular and the homemade Spaghetti Bolognese is a big hit. Make sure you give them a try next time you order.

Tuesday, we had our first ever Pancake special in which we had an overwhelming 430 pancake orders. As you can imagine this made our task challenging but the SRC's put their heads down and worked very hard for us to eventually get all the pancakes cooked, served and the Canteen cleaned up. Fantastic effort from all of you and thank you to all the students and staff for your patience.

Also to Di and Josie who assisted with cooking throughout the day, and Annette and Ande who came in, organized and cooked a delicious Gluten Free pancake option, thank you all 😊

Wednesday this week has seen the return of the hot chocolate machine. Delicious homemade hot chocolate served in a cup (with a lid). Now available to order online or purchase from the Canteen at recess and lunch \$2 a cup

Thanks all, Julie
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Julie.croft558@schools.sa.edu.au

PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER

Dear Families,

You've probably heard the quote, "Life is not meant to be easy." I've heard it many times, usually when somebody is going through a particularly difficult time. Someone will be facing a trying situation and I will hear them say with a sigh, "Oh well. Life is not meant to be easy."

They are heavy words, aren't they? When you say them out loud you can almost feel them land on your shoulders. They are the kind of words that make you feel weary and discouraged.

But, did you know that the words are not the full quote. Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw penned the phrase in 1921. What he actually wrote was: "Life is not meant to be easy, my child; but take courage: it can be delightful."

Wow. What a change. Words of discouragement have become words of hope. My Child. Courage. Delightful. These are words that lift us, encourage us - even when things are hard.

I wonder why the quote got shortened over time? I think we need to move back to the original words. So, as you tackle the ups and downs of parenthood, and life in general, let me say to you, "Life was not meant to be easy, my child; but take courage: it can be delightful!" I hope you find courage and delight every day.

Kind regards,
Sara Walding, Pastoral Care Worker
sara.walding521@schools.sa.edu.au
In School: Tuesday afternoon; Wednesday and Friday all day.



PARENT ASSOCIATION

Save the Date: The Parent Association is putting on a Parent Family Seminar on the **12th August**, run by Kidz Biz Ed, on topics 'Where Did We Come From?' (years 2-4) and 'What's Happening to Me?' (years 5-7). More details will be sent out closer to the date.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the Easter Raffle one of the biggest to date! With 90 baskets we raised just over \$1850 for the school!

Class Parent Representative Role: The Parents Association are working on the Class Parent Representative role, an important link between parents in your class, the PA and the Governing Council. If you are already acting as a class rep, or are interested in being involved please get in touch with Don at donclancy75@gmail.com. We notice the following classes have Parent Reps so far- CW1, CW2, 6, 16, 21, and 22.

PA Facebook Volunteers Group: a Facebook group has also 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 Belair Primary Volunteers group page <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 **Monday night 31st May at 7pm 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

We will respond asap.

BASKETBALL

CALLING ALL YEAR 7s!

We have three year 7 basketball teams this year. One with all female players, and two all-male teams. We currently have player shortages across all three teams, for a range of reasons! If we can't find additional players, we may need to merge these three teams into two.

If you are in year 6 or 7 and keen to give basketball a try, please let us know. We would love to have you join one of these teams!

Year 7 teams play on Mondays after school. Training is currently held on Monday mornings before school for the two boy's teams, and Thursdays straight after school for the girl's team.

If you are interested, please contact school basketball coordinator – Tania Campbell on 0402 902 660 or tania@sparklecommunications.com.au

CANTEEN ROSTER

31 May	1 June	2 June	3 June	4 June
	Annette Harrison	Kylie Parrott	Linda Ogrowsky	Belinda Blockow Kerry Levett
7 June	8 June	9 June	10 June	11 June
Charlie Hargroves	Mandy Mason	Lana Giannakopoulos	Raylene Sheehan	Sarah Coote Kate Smith
14 June	15 June	16 June	17 June	18 June
PUBLIC HOLIDAY		Janine Wedding	Di Miles	Emily Connor Jan Charles
21 June	22 June	23 June	24 June	25 June
Lisa Jamieson		Jan Waller	Catherine Gray	Dannii Olsen Mary Narayana

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **DIVING SOUTH AUSTRALIA** – SA Aquatic & Leisure Centre; Contact Brad Szurgot, Operations Manager on 0400746466 or Email: operations.manager@divingsa.com.au; www.divingsa.com.au
- **KX PILATES** is a dynamic, high intensity, low impact reformer Pilates workout. The KX workout takes just 50 minutes to tone, lengthen and strengthen. With 70+ classes a week on our 7 day schedule, beginner through to advanced level classes and flexible pack options there is something to suit all fitness levels and lifestyles. Unit 4/233 Main Road, Blackwood; 08 7112 0499; www.kxpilates.com.au
- **THE CHILD & ADOLESCENT SLEEP CLINIC** at Flinders University provides treatment for sleep problems in childhood and adolescence (including infants from 6 months of age). We have a study running, offering sleep treatment and a free sleep study for children aged between 7 and 13 years of age who have trouble sleeping. I have attached further information with details. We would appreciate if you could distribute this to parents, teachers, and other school staff, including newsletters, notice-boards and/or website. Feel free to call Hannah on 0479 007 899 or the clinic on 8201 7587 with any questions.
- **AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR** – Free Open Day Saturday 19 June; Register now at www.ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc or phone 1800338142





Australian Early Development Census

School newsletter (external)

Playing our part to build a national picture of child health

In early 2021, our school, along with thousands of others across the country will begin preparations for the fifth Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

The AEDC gives us a national picture of the development, health and wellbeing of children in their first year of full-time school. Since 2009, the census results have helped communities, schools and governments plan services and develop better policies to target support for children and families.

Children don't miss any class time, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information for the census. The AEDC gives us data at a school and community level - it isn't an assessment of individual children.

Some teachers have also noticed that completing the assessments made them more aware of the needs of individual children and the class as a whole and that the census results are useful in planning for transitions to Year 1 and developing class programs.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary. Parents/carers don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census.

To find out more about the census and how communities are using the data to help children and families visit the AEDC website: www.aedc.gov.au.

If you have any questions, you can contact Leanne Twigden, Deputy Principal on 8370 3733.

YEAR 7 TO HIGH SCHOOL IN 2022



Parent Update Week 5, Term 2 – 2021

A focus on your child's learning

As you probably know, high schools differ from primary schools in their learning structure and schedule. Your child has had one class teacher and classroom for most of their lessons in primary school.

In high school, they will move between different classrooms and be taught by a wider range of teachers who are specialists in their fields.

Readiness for a more mature setting

We know from our pilot program that year 7s are well and truly ready for high school.

The pilot involves three public high schools that began welcoming year 7s in 2020 to provide us with early insights on the move. Having listened to the experiences of their students, families and staff, we know the vast majority of year 7s quickly settle into high school and benefit from the new learning and social opportunities it offers.

Pilot program students have told us they enjoy the independence, peer interactions and responsibilities of high school, which also reflects the experiences of students interstate. All other Australian states already teach year 7 in high school. Queensland and Western Australia made the move most recently in 2015.

High school learning content

All South Australian school students learn the Australian Curriculum. This will not change as year 7 moves to high school. Teachers will support your child to adjust to high school expectations and will help them to build confidence in their learning.

Many students in our pilot program acknowledged there was an expectation they would work hard and complete assignments on time in high school. Parents were proud of how their children rose to this challenge. Students also said they felt supported to achieve by their new high school teachers.

"My teachers make me feel very calm because they reassure me that I can do the work and I'm not going to fail," – pilot school student.

Access to specialist teachers and resources

Under the Australian Curriculum, year 7 is designed to be taught in a high school setting, with access to specialist resources such as fully equipped science laboratories, performing arts spaces, kitchens and design and technology equipment. Many high school teachers also have additional training in particular learning areas.

Beyond the classroom, high schools offer extra-curricular opportunities to extend your child's social, academic and physical learning, such as sports, debating, clubs and music groups.

"You've got teachers that are teaching subjects they specialise in, rather than in primary school it's one teacher," – pilot school parent.

Specialist teachers

Our high school teachers are trained and have access to evidence-based approaches and professional learning to teach adolescent students.

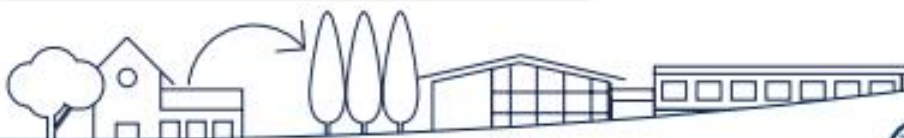
We are bringing more than 100 primary teachers into our high schools and offering them additional professional learning to prepare for the year 7 to high school move. Students and school communities will continue to benefit from their extensive accumulated knowledge of year 7 curriculum and teaching methods.

Our high school teachers are also being offered additional professional learning in the lead-up to the move, to ensure they are confident and ready to teach year 7s.

Where to find out more

Stay informed through your school and the Department for Education's website: www.education.sa.gov.au/7toHS

Or share your feedback with the project team by emailing: Year7toHS@sa.gov.au



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