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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### COVID Restrictions

Thank you to all families, students and staff for your support of the current COVID restrictions impacting on our site. Your cooperation enables us to do the best work we can in support of the learning program for our students. I am unsure of how long these restrictions will continue but will keep you updated on changes when they occur through our 'COVID-19 Updates' delivered via email.

### Home Learning

I would like to acknowledge the great work of our parents stepping up to plate and playing such a large role in the learning that occurred at home during the lockdown. Over 100 families responded to our home learning survey and your positive feedback was greatly appreciated. Most of the feedback of what didn't work was focussed on the stresses and strains of managing children at home while also fulfilling other work and care commitments, all of which are very understandable. After reflecting on parent and staff feedback, in any future lockdown situation we will be looking to improve the home learning experience by implementing the following actions:

1. Year 5-7 students with school iPads will take them home. This will free up devices for other siblings who may have been sharing other family devices.
2. Video conferencing opportunities through Google Meet or Webex will be scheduled regularly over a week for parents and students in year 3-7.
3. Video conferencing opportunities through Webex will be scheduled regularly over a week for parents and students of R-2 students participating in home learning.
4. Videos of how to do tasks will be provided on Seesaw (R-4).
5. Providing a loan service to families experiencing hardship with accessing devices.

### OSHC not charging for cancellations

Given the recent lockdown and the overall impact this has had on families, we have decided not to charge late cancellation fees for OSHC bookings over this period. This does have a financial impact on the service and similar situations will need to be looked at on a case by case basis in the future.

## 2021 DIARY DATES

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

Debating Practice	Monday	1pm weekly
Tournament of Mind	Tuesday	1pm weekly
Gardening Club	Wednesday	1pm weekly
Lego Coding Club	Wednesday	1pm weekly
Eco Club	Friday	1pm weekly

### TERM 2

#### AUGUST

Tues 10 Governing Council 6.30pm via Webex  
Thur 12 Kidz Biz Ed – postponed. Future date tba  
Fri 13 Assembly hosted by Rm21  
Mon 16 Sports Committee meeting 6pm via Zoom  
Tues 17 Yr 7 Exhibition  
Wed 18 School Tour 9.30am  
Fri 20 Yr 6/7 SAPSASA Basketball  
23-27/8 Bookweek "Old Worlds, New Worlds"  
Mon 23 Athletics District Carnival  
Tue 24 School Tour 9.30am  
Wed 25 OSHC Management meeting 2pm

#### SAVE THE DATES

Fri 3 Sept PA Quiz Night  
Mon 6 Sept School Closure Day

#### Yearly Calendar

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

### Vandalism

Over the past 3 school terms we have been experiencing repeated school vandalism on a regular basis over the weekends. The areas targeted have included the friendship benches, fixed seating, school vegetable gardens, junior primary playground and school roofs and balconies. These incidents are causing distress to students and staff. We ask that if you see anything happening on our school grounds, after hours of a suspicious nature, please call and report to police on 131144. We would also appreciate being informed back here at school on the Monday after.

### Parent Engagement Survey

On Monday 2 August you should have been invited to participate in the 2021 parent engagement survey via email or SMS.

I would encourage all families to participate in this year's survey.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL ENROLMENT

This term enrolment offers for secondary school will be sent to the families of our year 6 and 7 students. It is important for you to know that not all schools will send out their enrolment offers at the same time, but they will be sent as close as possible to 13 August 2021.

Most families will receive their offer via email. If you think you have not received your enrolment offer from your secondary school, you need to check your junk folder for an email from [education.noreply@sa.gov.au](mailto:education.noreply@sa.gov.au).

If you did not provide an email address on your Registration of Interest form, you will receive your enrolment offer in the mail or it will be handed to you by your child.

If your enrolment offer has not arrived by email, post, or been sent home with your child by 18 August, please let the Front Office know and we can follow up with the secondary school on your behalf.

If you need support to accept your enrolment offer, it is best to contact your allocated secondary school and they can step you through the process.