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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

**Library News**

We undertook a big initiative to refurbish and update our school library over the first half of 2020. The library team have been working extremely hard and while it's unfortunate we have been unable to have a public opening, our students have been putting our library to great use. With Book Week celebrations next week, we have taken time to reflect on the changes which have occurred and the book borrowing data that has come to light.

Library changes:

- new shelving promoting front facing books
- new borrowing system which can be accessed online
- sorting of non fiction books into PYP transdisciplinary themes and fiction books sorted into contemporary genres including 'Funny Faves' and 'Fantasy and Fairytales' etc
- new signage and stickers on books for easier sorting and locating
- new furniture, chairs, cushions, lounges and tables for students
- new wall decorations and hangings to reflect our native surroundings
- trained student library monitors to support library returns in the morning and at lunchtimes

Over the past 12 months we have seen a remarkable increase in student borrowing rates (see table). The average number of books borrowed per student 12 months prior to the upgrade was 47 compared to 71 books per student in the 12 months since. What an absolutely outstanding result.

	Library borrowing 12 months prior to upgrade	Library borrowing 12 months post upgrade	Increase
Non fiction	7270	10375	3105
fiction	11737	18646	6909
Picture fiction	9342	14001	4659
Total	28349	43022	14673

**2021 DIARY DATES**

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

TOM Practice	Tuesday	12.50pm weekly
Gardening Club	Wednesday	1pm weekly
Lego Coding Club	Wednesday	1pm weekly
Pokémon Club	Friday	12.50pm weekly
Eco Club	Friday	1pm weekly

**TERM 3**

**AUGUST**

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  
Tues 31 Kindy Transition visit with BJB Kind Canteen Committee 1.45pm

**SEPTEMBER**

1 - 3 SAPSASA Hockey  
Wed 1 Kindy Transition visit with BJB Kindy  
Fri 3 Grounds Committee  
**Mon 6 School Closure Day**  
9 & 10 Yr 3/4 to the Museum  
22-24 Yr 6 Woodhouse Camp  
Week 10 Student Led Conferences Times TBA  
Fri 24 Casual Day + Early Dismissal at 2:10pm

PA Quiz Night postponed TBA

Yearly Calendar

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

**Term 3 data collection**

There are a number of state wide assessments that are held throughout term 3 each year in our schools. Year 1 teachers are currently administering the year 1 phonics screening check (a recent Department for Education initiative). All year 1 and 2 students will also have their Reading Running Records assessed by the end of the term. Students from year 1-7 are participating in the ACER Progress Achievement Tests in mathematics and reading (PAT M /R) by the end of week 9. This does create a level of business for our school, collectively however, the information and data we receive supports the learning and wellbeing of our children.

## 2022 reception enrolments

If you haven't already enrolled younger siblings for Reception in 2022 please do so if you are joining us at Belair Primary. Our transition program for 2022 begins on the 31<sup>st</sup> August and further information is provided upon enrolment.

## YEAR 7 EXHIBITION

This week Belair held the Year 7 PYP Exhibition. Students inquired into the Central Idea 'The Arts can be used to explore and make sense of different cultures, time and places', exploring many varied areas of interest. Students confidently shared their learning with students on Tuesday and Wednesday and with their families on Tuesday evening. Congratulations to all our Year 7 students!



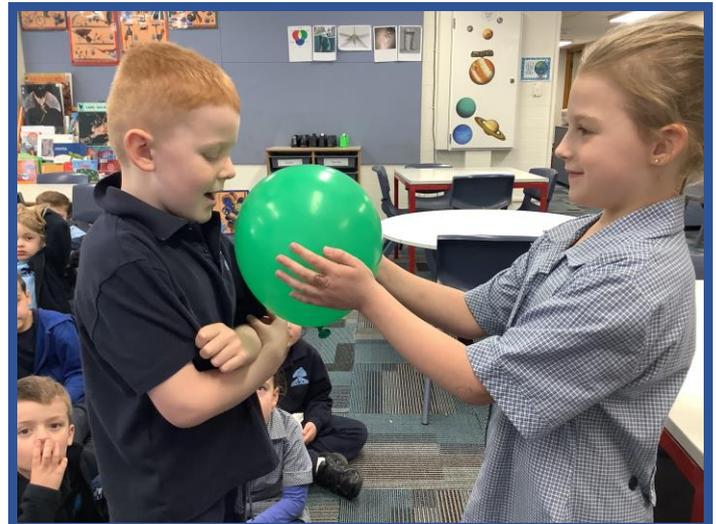
## STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

It has been great to see lots of fantastic learning occurring throughout the school so far this term. Students will have the opportunity to share some of this learning through Student Led Conferences. These will be held in Week 10 (not week 7 as previously advertised). Due to current restrictions they will be held in an online format again this year.

Please stay tuned for more information.

## SCIENCE NEWS

The Reception/year one classes have been inquiring into sound and light. We have spent time in Rokewood Scrub listening to all the sounds we could hear. We drew pictures of what was making the sounds and sorted them into quiet sounds and loud sounds then made books with our pictures. We held balloons while a partner talked into the balloon so we could feel the sound vibrations cause by our voices.

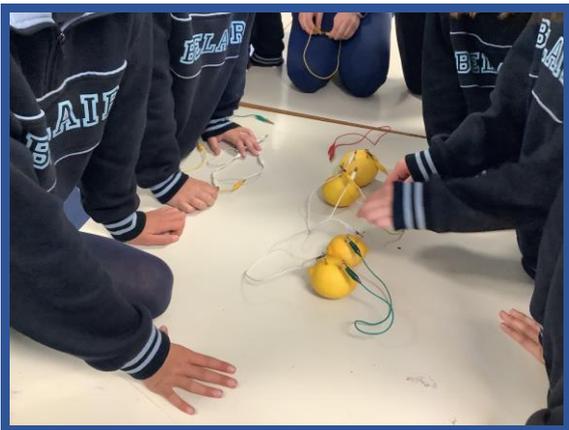


We have also been talking to each other using tin can telephones.



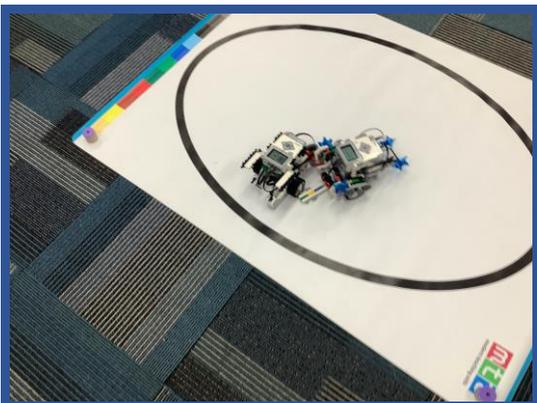
Year 6 students are inquiring into electricity and the transfer of energy.

They were all in the learning pit when they were given a globe, a wire and a battery and asked to make the globe light up. We saw some great persistence, trial and error and excitement when we achieved success. After learning about how batteries work we made some using lemons that were able to light up a globe.



### Lego Club

The Lego club have been researching, building and coding their EV3 brick robots to compete against each other in a robot sumo competition. We had a lot of fun and learnt new skills. We have some great Lego builders and coders at Belair.



## PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER

Dear Belair Families,

The last few weeks have been really disappointing for some - cancelled sports, cancelled camps, cancelled parties. Our Covid world means that disappointment could be just around the corner and we can never be certain that our plans will eventuate.

However, I received this encouragement that I just had to share with you.

### ***Not everything is cancelled***

*Sunshine is not cancelled*

*Spring is not cancelled*

*Love is not cancelled*

*Relationships are not cancelled*

*Reading is not cancelled*

*Devotion is not cancelled*

*Music is not cancelled*

*Dancing is not cancelled*

*Imagination is not cancelled*

*Kindness is not cancelled*

*Conversations are not cancelled*

*Hope is not cancelled*

Sara Walding, Pastoral Care Worker

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## OSHC SPRING CARNIVAL

OSHC will be open on the School Closure Day, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

We are running a Spring Carnival day.

**Bookings are essential.**

To book your child in, please call OSHC on 82787609 or email [belair.oshc537@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:belair.oshc537@schools.sa.edu.au)

## 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.

## 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 18 August, please let the <insert contact details i.e. Front Office/Enrolment Officer> know and we can follow up with the secondary school on your behalf.

## PARENT ASSOCIATION

**QUIZ NIGHT: POSTPONED, new date TBA:** Unfortunately due to current covid restrictions the Quiz Night has been postponed until later in the year.

**Parent Family Seminar: NEW DATE 28<sup>th</sup> October.** The Parent Association is putting on a Parent Family Seminar, 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 information and how to book will be coming out closer to the date.

**Parent Association meeting:** Our next meeting will be held on **Monday night 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 7pm via zoom**. Meetings go for about an hour. If you would like to join to hear what's happening in the school, offer help, or throw your ideas into the ring please send me an email and you will be sent and invite to the zoom meeting.

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

We will respond asap.

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Great gift idea for Father's Day!!

Until the end of the month, you will receive a BONUS \$40 Woolworths, BIG W or Freedom eGift Card when they purchase a Multi City or Multi Plus Membership or a \$20 Woolworths, BIG W or Freedom eGift Card when they purchase a Single City Membership. Plus, one extra month FREE! As well as going in the draw for some other great prizes.

Hurry! Offer ends on Wednesday 1st September 2021!

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **GIRL GUIDES IN BELAIR** have vacancies now. 'Belair Tawny Guide Unit' for girls aged between 6-10 years meet in the Belair Guide Hall, Dunn Avenue, Glenalta on Wednesdays from 4.30 – 6pm. For more information, contact the District Manager, Jan on 0433 261 073 Women over the age of 18 yrs. can become Guide leaders. If you would like some information on what Girl Guides can offer you, give Jan a call.
- **FREE PARENTING SEMINARS** - 'My child and me' for parents/caregivers of children aged 3-12; 'Living with young people' for parents/caregivers of teenagers. We also have some specific workshops for multicultural families, dads and young parents; a follow up workshop; as well as topics like Cyber Safety. More information about these workshops can be found [here](#). Delivered in a relaxed and informal style these 2-3 hour workshops offer parents helpful information and a choice of simple, practical strategies based on the latest parenting research and using information from [Parenting SA](#). The workshops are FREE and are designed to be interactive with videos, activities and time for parents to discuss information together in small groups.
- **SOUTH ADELAIDE NETBALL CLUB** - Summer Trial Dates; City Night Division & Suna; Sunday 22/8 and Sunday 29/8 at Westminster College, Marion. Please contact Mark Siebum at [msiebum@unitedequipment.com.au](mailto:msiebum@unitedequipment.com.au) for more information
- **FLAGSTAFF HILL GOLF CLINICS** - Term 3 golf clinics now on. Please contact Emma Water on 8270 2300 or Email: [admin@fhgc.com.au](mailto:admin@fhgc.com.au) for more information or visit: [www.fhgc.com.au](http://www.fhgc.com.au)
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