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Principal

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Deputy Principal

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### 2022 classes

It's that time of the year again and preparation for next year's classes is now underway. Forming effective classes is about putting together a group of children who can learn and be taught together in the most favourable learning environment. Usually this means creating a group of students that has a gender balance, a range of learning abilities and a range of behavioural and social needs. Factors such as friendships groups, learning styles, social and emotional maturity and physical size are also considered when making up class groups.

Our process for creating classes for 2022 will include:

By Friday Week 1

- Students create lists of other students that they would like to be with in 2022 for consideration.
- Staff provide information on the social, behavioural and academic needs of students.
- Parents are invited to contribute to the class placement process. This is not a forum for choosing a teacher, we value parent suggestions in regards to their children on things such as; particular learning needs, views and opinions on the best type of class, aspects of their education which have been successful and friendship groups.

Week 2 - 6

- Class placement process –developing classes for 2022.

Week 8

- Final brokering (Principal / Deputy Principal and relevant parties)
- Classes finalised

Week 9

- Parents informed Thursday
- Students visit classrooms Friday am

Parent input needs to be returned by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October, marked as confidential and addressed to the principal, Rob Houston.

After consulting with staff, parents and students we aim to provide the best learning environments to meet the needs of our range of learners within the scope of the available structure. It is the responsibility of the Principal to make any final decision on classes and placement of students.

If your child is not currently in year 6 or 7 and will not be attending Belair Primary School in 2022 please make contact with the front office.

## 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   | Wednesday | 1pm weekly     |
| Lego Coding Club | Wednesday | 1pm weekly     |
| Pokémon Club     | Friday    | 12.50pm weekly |
| Eco Club         | Friday    | 1pm weekly     |

### TERM 3

#### SEPTEMBER

22-24 Yr 6 Woodhouse Camp  
Wk 10 Student Led Conferences Times TBA  
Fri 24 Assembly hosted by Room 13

**Casual Day + Early Dismissal at 2:10pm**

#### OCTOBER

Mon 11 **Pupil Free Day**  
Tue 12 **First Day Term 4**  
Wed 13 School Tour  
Thur 14 Australian Girl Choir Auditions (OSHC @1pm)  
18-20 Year 5 Arbury Pk Camp  
Wed 20 Parent Association meeting  
New Reception Parent info evening (WebEx)  
Fri 22 Assembly hosted by Rm3&5  
Grounds Committee 10am  
Tue 26 2022 Reception Transition visit  
Wed 27 2022 Reception Transition visit  
Finance Committee mtg 2pm  
Thur 28 Kidz Biz Ed  
Fri 29 World Teachers Day

#### NOVEMBER

8-12 Sports Week  
Mon 8 Sport Committee mtg 6pm  
Music Concert 6.30pm  
Tue 9 School Tour  
Wed 10 Sports Day  
Thur 11 Remembrance Day

Yearly Calendar

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

### NAPLAN

Our students have once again performed very well in the 2021 NAPLAN assessment. Teachers are currently taking the opportunity to examine the results before the assessments are sent home on Thursday next week. Please make contact by phone or email with the class teacher or a member of the leadership team if you have any questions in regards to this year's NAPLAN assessment.

## School close down

I would like to recap the situation and dispel any rumours that may be circulating around last week's school close down event. School close down procedures are a requirement for all Department for Education schools. They are practised every year and we enact them if we perceive there is a risk to the safety of people on site. On a catastrophe scale, the vast majority of cases are at the lower end as we experienced last week.

- We had 2 youths on school grounds who didn't leave the school when asked
- Police were quick to attend and manage the situation and the youths were trespassed
- The youths were not local and it is unlikely that we would see them again
- We had a school assembly to explain the situation directly after the close down procedures before students went out to lunch
- Information regarding this matter was then provided to the school community. Unfortunately the email message and SMS did not arrive for some people at the same time. We have since learned that a web link can be attached to a SMS to ensure there is no delay between the two messages.
- There were no physical altercations, weapons or any harm to staff or students
- Teachers have been asked to address any misconceptions/rumours raised in the classroom with students. It would also be helpful for parents to do the same.

We have learned from the experience that our procedures worked well and that we can improve how we communicate with families after the event. We are hoping not to experience any similar situations in the future but we are committed to remaining ready to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

## Precinct Safe movement - Way 2 Go

Over the past 2 terms our school Governing Council and the City of Mitcham have been working together on:

### Providing safe access to and from Belair Primary School:

- Investigating methods to slow traffic in the school vicinity
- Investigating new safe crossing points for students on Monalta Drive
- Encouraging 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:

- Investigating the best use, improvement and future management of the Council's pick up and drop off zone on Laffers Road

- Repairing and formalising verge parking on the eastern side of Main Road immediately approaching the Monalta Drive intersection
- Reviewing and seeking investment in footpaths on both sides of roads in the immediate school locality
- Reviewing and addressing anomalies between signage and road markings for on-street parking on Monalta Drive
- Ensuring compliance with relevant Australian Standards

The Mitcham Council has identified that a number of the issues raised will be addressed in the next 12 months. They have also strongly recommended that we engage with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport's school safety 'Way 2 Go' program which may provide avenues for further funding.

The Way2Go program encourages safer, greener and more active travel for our school community. It aligns closely with our school aim to create a more sustainable world and will provide students with a real pathway for action. A number of surveys will be distributed to students, staff and families which will provide the basis for the program to begin. Please access the parent survey through the link below. Students and staff will participate in separate surveys here at school

Way 2 Go parent survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JDDWF29>

## R-2 Water Safety Program

It is unlikely that we will be able to reschedule the R-2 Water Safety Program which was due to occur in the week of the state wide COVID lockdown, earlier this term. We will continue to talk with the facilitator and pursue any opportunities that may become available.

## STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Next week Belair Primary School will be holding Student Led Conferences. Student Led Conferences form an important part of our assessment and reporting policy and are an opportunity for students to demonstrate agency as they select elements of their learning to share. Students Led Conferences are held between students and their families after preparation at school with teachers. This is an important opportunity for students to lead the conference and discuss what they consider are important areas of their learning, teachers are not explicitly involved.

Due to current COVID restrictions Student Led Conferences will be conducted at home. Next week information from your child's teacher will be sent home via Seesaw. Reception - Year 5 and Year 7 Conference information will be sent home on Thursday, Year 6 Conference information will be sent home on Tuesday. We encourage families to take the time to sit down together and enjoy sharing your child's learning.

## ARBOUR DAY

Our Year 3-7 class SRC representatives joined students from St John's Grammar and members of the Mitcham Council to celebrate Arbour at Monalta Reserve. Students were involved with planting a variety of trees and plants in the reserve, including some large trees which will be there for many years to come. All students represented our school well and got their hands dirty!



## OSHC

### Vacation Care & Pupil Free Day

There are still some vacancies on our incursion days for October Vacation Care. The Vacation Care forms are on the school website.

OSHC will be open on the 11<sup>th</sup> October Pupil Free Day (first day of Term 4). Our program will be 'The Amazing Race Cultural Challenge'. To book your child in, email [belair.oshc537@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:belair.oshc537@schools.sa.edu.au), call OSHC on 82787609 or drop into the service. **Bookings are essential.**

### BUSY BELAIR STUDENTS

Belair students had a busy weekend filled with the Festival of Music performance and Tournament of Minds (TOM) competition.

Our choir comprised of 34 students from Year 5-7 and they performed with 1300 students from public schools all over South Australia.



Our TOM team comprised of 6 students from Year 5 - 7 and competed in the Social Sciences category.

Congratulations to our choir and TOM students.



## CANTEEN

As we say good bye to winter and hello to the warmer days our menu has some changes. Hot choc and soup is no longer available but we see the return of our choc milkshakes, more ice blocks and ice creams and next term some great specials.



Thanks to everyone that joined in the fun of show week, we sold a whopping 150 canteen show bags, sold a lot of show time treats and lots of fun was had.

Once again as it's the end of the term I would like to thank all of my fantastic Canteen helpers, I couldn't do it without you all. On that, thinking forward to next year and we will lose a good amount of helpers so if you're thinking you might like to give volunteering in the Canteen a go we would love to have you. Just make contact with me next term and I can add you to the roster.

Thanks and enjoy the holidays, Julie 8278 6439  
Canteen contact: [Julie.croft558@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Julie.croft558@schools.sa.edu.au)

## PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER

Dear Belair Families,

The other day my adult daughter did something that made me really proud of her. Actually, I'm often proud of my children, but on this occasion, I told her so. I told her how I noticed her generosity and that I was really proud of the young woman she had become. She absolutely beamed. Her face told me how important my words were to her.

It struck me that I hadn't actually told her I was proud of her for quite a while. I give her a lot of advice and guidance, but I had not told her she was an amazing person lately. It wasn't until I saw her happiness at my compliment that I remembered how important my encouragement of her is. Kids need that no matter what age.

A few years ago the Australian Research Alliance for Children & Youth did some research on what students wanted to hear from their parents/carers.

The top two responses were:

1. Focus on the positive, express pride in their achievements often and express acceptance of who they are as a person
2. Remind them that their parent, carer or support person loves them unconditionally, and is always there to help

During these stressful days when there is so much to think about, it is easy to lose sight of the importance of encouragement for our children. Maybe during these school holidays you can make a point of telling your children how proud you are of them.

Sara Walding, Pastoral Care Worker  
[Sara.Walding521@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Sara.Walding521@schools.sa.edu.au)

In school: Tuesday afternoon; Wednesday and Friday all day

## PARENT ASSOCIATION

**BELAIR HOTEL FUNDRAISER:** During the month of July the Belair Hotel donated \$5 from each dinner sold on a Monday night to the school as part of their supporting local campaign. This raised just over \$1000 for Belair Primary so a huge thank you to The Belair Hotel for their generous support! There will be another chance for this fundraiser either later in the year or early next year also.

**QUIZ NIGHT: New Date 12<sup>th</sup> November!!** Please contact Kerry ([Kerry.Levett@internode.on.net](mailto:Kerry.Levett@internode.on.net)) to confirm your table for our new date or get a table of 10 together and pay via the front office, it's going to be great! Also, we need lots of prizes for the raffles on the night and wine for the 'wine wall', if you could bring in your donations to the front office that would be hugely appreciated, thank you!

**PARENT FAMILY SEMINAR: 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 **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 9am 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 and 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) and we will respond asap.

## CANTEEN ROSTER

| Week 10; 20 Sept | 21 Sept     | 22 Sept       | 23 Sept       | 24 Sept                              |
|------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| Jan Waller       | Bri Meldrum | Mary Narayana | Janet Wooding | Belinda Blockow<br>Josie Caltigirone |
| Week 1; 11 Oct   | 12 Oct      | 13 Oct        | 14 Oct        | 15 Oct                               |
| Pupil Free Day   | Di Miles    | Janet Wooding | Di Miles      | Mallory Chatfield<br>Susan Chatfield |

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

# HAVE A BLAST!

Belair PS  
Junior Blaster  
Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> October, 3:30-4:15pm  
@ Belair PS

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **COROMANDEL VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE** - Circus Workshop with Lolly Jar – Friday 8 October, 9:30 to 10:30am – \$5 per person - 5-9yrs; Circus Craft Class with lolly Jar – Friday 8 October, 11-12 noon, \$5 per person – 5-10+ yrs; Circus Workshop with Lolly Jar – Friday 8 October, 12:30 to 1:30pm, \$5 per person – 10+yrs ALL bookings through the Centre 8370 6880
- **BOOST KIDS WELLBEING COUNSELLING** – Education Specialist – focus is on developing proactive strategies for success. Call Ali 0430548608 to chat about your child's needs
- **FLAGSTAFF HILL GOLF CLINICS** – Wednesdays. To book or find out more visit: [www.fhgc.com.au/golf/junior-golf](http://www.fhgc.com.au/golf/junior-golf)
- **SEACLIFF SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB** - open day 16th October 2021 - Surf Life Saving is a great way to make friends, improve fitness, build social skills, team building, beach safety, encourage confidence in the water, Surf Life Saving is fun for the whole family! Please contact Janelle Scrivener 0438215215 for more information
- **LANGUAGES ALIVE!** The School of Languages will again be offering the across-sector R-7 **Languages Alive!** Holiday Program in September-October 2021. It will provide students with interactive language learning opportunities in Chinese, Japanese, and Spanish, from 10.00am-3.15pm. Thursday 30 September 2021; St John's Grammar School (R-6 Campus), 42 Sheoak Road, Belair; \$10 per student per day; For tickets go to: <https://www.ticketebo.com.au/languagesalive/>
- **LUNCH BAG FOUND** – A large navy and green floral lunch bag has been handed, belonging to Lucy Devonish. Please collect from the Belair PS front office