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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

NAPLAN 2022

If you have a child in year 3 or 5 and have not received their NAPLAN assessments, which were sent home at the end of last term, please make contact with the school as soon as possible. Our students have once again performed very well and are performing consistently above South Australian and Australian mean (average) scores in every area of NAPLAN. Please see the tables below, more detail on our NAPLAN performance will be provided in the 2022 School Annual Report and AGM.

YEAR 3 NAPLAN MEAN SCORES

TEST ASPECT	BELAIR PRIMARY	SOUTH AUSTRALIA	AUSTRALIA
Numeracy	414	389	400
Reading	469	427	438
Writing	440	412	422
Spelling	454	413	418
Grammar	468	420	433

YEAR 5 NAPLAN MEAN SCORES

TEST ASPECT	BELAIR PRIMARY	SOUTH AUSTRALIA	AUSTRALIA
Numeracy	511	479	488
Reading	539	504	510
Writing	485	472	484
Spelling	511	498	505
Grammar	528	487	499

Instrumental Music 2023

We have opportunities for beginners in our Strings (year 3-6), Woodwind (year 4/5/6) and Brass (year 4/5/6) programs in 2023. Department for Education (DfE) music teachers provide small group tuition once week along with an ensemble and band session, weekly. The only cost for families are book purchases and instrument hire if needed.

We are also looking to expand our DfE instrumental program through Percussion next year.

2022 DIARY DATES

Debating Practice	Mon & Wed 1pm
Gardening Club	Wed 1pm
Lego League	Thur 1pm
Minecraft	Fri 1pm
Eco Club	Fri 1pm

TERM 4

NOVEMBER

Mon 7	Music Night
Tue 8	Governing Council 6.30pm
Wed 9	School Tour
Fri 11	Assembly hosted by Japanese (Tom's group) Carawatha to Cleland
Sat 12	SCHOOL CLOSED – Asbestos removal
16-18/11	Year 6 Camp
Thur 17	School Tour
Mon 21	Parent Association meeting 7pm
Wed 23	Re-2 Sports Day
Thur 24	Yr 3-6 Sports Day
Fri 25	Assembly hosted by Rm 10
Tue 22	Education Committee meeting 6pm
Sun 27	Carols Night
Mon 28	Year 6 Aquatics
	Governing Council & Committee dinner
Tue 29	Canteen Committee 1.45pm

DECEMBER

Thu 1	Finance Committee 12.45pm
Fri 2	Grounds Committee meeting 10am Christmas Presentation at BPS PM Blackwood Christmas Pageant
Wed 7	Year 1/2 classes to Botanical Gardens
Thur 8	Other Yr 1/2 classes to Bot. Gdns
Wed 14	Year 6 Graduation Day
Fri 16	Final Assembly hosted by SRC Early Dismissal 2:10pm

Yearly Calendar

[2022-FAMILY-Yearly-planner.pdf \(belairps.sa.edu.au\)](https://www.belairps.sa.edu.au/2022-FAMILY-Yearly-planner.pdf)

Notes have recently gone home but please contact the front office if you have missed them and your child has an interest in participating in any of Strings, Woodwind, Percussion or Brass if you have not already done so.

Term 4 overviews

Term 4 year level overviews have been emailed home earlier this week. The overview provides you with an update of what is happening in the different learning areas across the term for each year level team.

BYOD 2023

With Christmas approaching we have had many parents seek information about the BYOD program at Belair Primary School.

Belair Primary School is proud to offer a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) learning environment. We have stipulated devices to be iPads which are connected to the school's infrastructure and covered with a rigorous filtering program. iPads provide a unique and 'just in time' learning approach for students. The ability to be 'learning focussed' in a range of settings with all the tools that you need in the one place is what an iPad can powerfully provide.

Purchasing an iPad for your child in year 3 or 4 is a good time as these products will generally last them until the end of their primary schooling and will support the 1:1 iPad learning environment for our senior classes. The benefits of BYOD remain to be ownership, and out of school hour access.

Year 3-6 students receive:

- Individual access to computer log in.
- A belairps.net account to access Google Apps for Education.
- Filtered access to the internet.
- Access to age appropriate apps

The specifications required for iPad (iPad, iPad Air, iPad pro):

- Camera (front and rear)
- Wi-Fi access
- Able to support the latest operating system
- If 4G/5G capable we ask that the device comes to school without the sim.
- Min 32GB
- Screen Size min – 9.7" (iPad Mini's are too small for many apps and websites)
- Keyboards and Headphones (over ear, not in ear (buds, pods, etc.) are recommended.
- iPad covers and screen protectors are required.

Students with their own device will have them registered with our Mobile Device Management (MDM) then released when they leave our school.

SCHOOL PARENT SURVEY

Last opportunity

Thank you to those who responded to the 2022 Department for Education survey. We are still seeking feedback from the school community regarding areas for development identified in the last two parent surveys. Our survey asks you to consider what the school is currently doing in certain areas and what else it could do from your perspective. These responses will be used to shape improvement direction moving forward. Our survey was advertised in the last newsletter and has been extended as we need more participation. Please click on the following link to respond <https://forms.gle/64ywowCfecVbwkYH8> this survey will be closed on Monday the 7th of November.