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Principal

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FROM THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

Mitcham Council proposed Monalta Drive Safety Improvements

On behalf of the Belair Primary School Governing Council, I write seeking your support and participation in the City of Mitcham's current consultation for the Monalta Drive Safety Improvements, closing Tues Dec 6th. The link to the online engagement page is located at

[MONTALTA DRIVE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS | YOUR SAY MITCHAM \(mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au\)](https://mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au)

The intersection of Monalta Drive and Main Road is one of the most dangerous, with several incidents involving local traffic and our students over recent years. The City of Mitcham has designed a solution which is highly constrained by available funding, and in the view of our Governing Council, does not go far enough to make strong improvements to school community safety. Our Governing Council will be lodging a formal letter as part of this consultation, but additional submissions from individual community members will ensure our voice is heard.

Our specific recommendations are:

1. That the crossing point is shifted further east away from Main Road: The proposed refuge point is too close. It requires students to cross two lanes of traffic at one time. When traffic is queuing to turn onto Main Road, access to the refuge will be blocked by the queuing car(s), resulting in a dangerous and difficult crossing environment that doesn't solve the problem.

2. A preference for a raised, wombat crossing further east than the proposed refuge: This would allow teachers to more safely shepherd children to the Pineira train station for school excursions.

3. Further improvements to the northern corner of the intersection: We would like to see the radius of the corner decreased to slow traffic turning left onto Monalta Drive from Main Road and insertion of speed cushions. We are concerned that the current design still allows this traffic to move very quickly around this corner causing potential incidents.

4. Increased width of refuge: currently appears to be at the absolute minimum width of 2m when the desirable minimum is 3m. A wider refuge will encourage reduced driver speed and more space for pedestrians/cyclists/accessibility users.

I seek your support in sharing our position on these matters.

2022 DIARY DATES

Gardening Club	Wed 1pm
Lego League	Thur 1pm
Minecraft	Fri 1pm
Eco Club	Fri 1pm

TERM 4

NOVEMBER

16-18/11	Year 6 Camp
Fri 18	Yr 3/4 Sci World Incursion
Mon 21	Parent Association meeting 7pm
Tues 22	Education Committee 6pm
Wed 23	Re-2 Sports Day – Program on website OSHC Management Committee 2pm
Thur 24	Yr 3-6 Sports Day – Program on website
Fri 25	Assembly hosted by Rm 10
Sun 27	Carols Night 6:30pm
Mon 28	Year 6 Pt Noarlunga Aquatics Governing Council & Committee dinner at Belair Hotel 6.30pm
Tue 29	Canteen Committee 1:45pm
Wed 30	School Tour

DECEMBER

Thu 1	Yr 5 to Old Adelaide Gaol Finance Committee 12:45pm
Fri 2	Grounds Committee meeting 10am Christmas Presentation at BPS PM Blackwood Christmas Pageant
Wed 7	Yr 1/2, Rm 10 & 20 to Botanical Gardens Softball Yr 1/2 Come n' Try 3:10pm
Thur 8	Yr 1/2; Rm 9, 19 & 22 to Botanical Gdns
Fri 9	Assembly hosted by Carawatha
Wed 14	Year 6 Graduation Day Softball Yr 3-5 Come n' Try 3:10pm
Fri 16	Final Assembly hosted by SRC Early Dismissal 2:10pm

Yearly Calendar

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

I would be happy to discuss this further with you and can be contacted via email: lisa.jamieson@adelaide.edu.au

Lisa Jamieson
Chair
Belair Primary School Governing Council

2022 BLACKWOOD CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Belair Primary School and Out of School Hours Care invite all students and parents to be part of the *2022 Blackwood Christmas Pageant* which will be held on Friday 2nd of December 2022.

Consent forms with details are being sent home with students or can be collected from the front office.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

We welcome all parents and caregivers to our next Education committee meeting on Tuesday 22nd of November at 6pm in the hall. We will be sharing Belair Primary School's journey with the Brightpath writing tool over the past four years and the results we have seen with students. If you are interested in attending please RSVP via the following link.

<https://forms.gle/qnFzuTMq5e4Vp2xw5>

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

BLACK FRIDAY SALE! For the first time ever, when you support our school's fundraising with a purchase of an Entertainment Membership from us between 6.00pm, Thursday 24th November and 6.00pm, Monday 28th November AEDT you will receive a second membership **FOR FREE**. Yep, that's double the fun, double the dining, and double the savings!



This year's Entertainment Membership is packed with hundreds 25% off or 2 for 1 offers from all your favourite local restaurants, takeaways, attractions, shopping and more. Plus, for only \$69.99 you only need to use your membership twice and you'll save what you spent on it. So order now to get double the savings!

Most importantly, 20% of every Entertainment Membership purchased through us goes directly towards supporting our school's fundraising!

Thank you so much for your support ❤️

Order here at our fundraising page:

<https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/161b062>

CANTEEN

Our Halloween celebrations in the Canteen were fantastic again this year. Thankyou to all of you who donated and came in for your spooky purchases.

Next week are our Sports Days and the orders for lunches have now closed however we will have a limited amount of sausages for sale on both days. Note no other orders will be available on these days.



We will also be having a cake stall and if you are able to donate any lovely baked goodies for us to sell it would be greatly appreciated.

Reminder that the Canteen is cash only so remember to bring along, or give your children some money so they can get themselves a treat on the days.

Canteen will be open for your Sports Day treats from 9-1:30pm selling ice creams, slushies, drinks and snacks.

Coming up in week 8 we will be celebrating Christmas with our very popular annual Xmas Donut treat. I will email more details regarding this next week.

As we near the end of the term I am starting to run down our stock levels so please keep an eye on the flexischools menu for up to date items.

Thanks

Julie

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SOFTBALL

T'Ball Come 'n Try (current year 1 & 2s)

We are inviting all **year 1 & 2s** (boys and girls) to come and try T'Ball on Wednesday **7th December**. Players will meet on the oval straight after school and will finish at 4pm. We will mix the teams and play a scratch match which will be a lot of fun! Please advise me of your intention to come so I can organise the teams.

Softball Come 'n Try (current year 3s, 4s & 5s)

We are keen to have some current **year 3, 4, 5s**, to join our A & B teams (boys and girls). Come out on **14th December**. We'll meet on oval straight after school and finish up 4.15pm.

No equipment is needed as we can supply everything. If you're keen the softball players can purchase a mouthguard (not needed for t'ball).

Janie Hutchison

Softball Coordinator

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PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER

Dear Belair Families,

Some Things Never Change

Ah, it's spring. The birds are everywhere, the flowers are beautiful, the air is warm (sometimes), the pageants are so fun, and all the children are absolutely feral! (Well, maybe not all of them.)

What happened? I keep thinking of that movie, *The Stepford Wives*, where all the real wives are replaced with 'perfect' fake wives. Except I think somebody has taken our real children and replaced them with out-of-control ones.

Perhaps it's not the children at all. Perhaps as parents we are finding it more difficult to deal with ordinary events given all the stress and demands on our time as we enter the Christmas Season. It's probably a bit of both.

Sadly, I have no pearls of wisdom that can fix the problem. Just take a deep breath, love your kids unconditionally and try to enjoy the ride. While I don't have any answers, what I said in my first newsletter this year still stands: Over the course of the coming weeks, months and years; our children will make mistakes, you will make mistakes, I will make mistakes and teachers will make mistakes. We will all need to forgive each other now and then.

In the meantime, if you are struggling with your children, it may help to know that you are not alone. Consider the following quote by one famous (and extremely frustrated) individual:

"Youth today loves luxury. They have bad manners, contempt for authority, no respect for older people, and talk nonsense when they should work. Young people do not stand up any longer when adults enter the room. They contradict their parents, talk too much in company, guzzle their food, lay their legs on the table, and tyrannize their teachers."

Socrates on the young people of Athens, 500 B.C.

Some things never change!

Warm regards from,

Sara Walding, Christian Pastoral Support Worker (Chaplain)

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Please note that I won't be available for the running/walking group on Monday, 19 November. But, feel free to go without me!

PARENT ASSOCIATION

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:

Your allocation of Christmas raffle tickets will be arriving home shortly. If you'd like more, please ask in the front office. As well as buying and/or selling your tickets, we really need and appreciate your help with prize donations - they can be left at the Front Office up until Friday 2nd of December.



On Monday 5th December we'll be making up the prize baskets - can you help for an hour or so? Straight after drop off in the staff room.

The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 7th December. Thanks for your support ... and good luck!

CHRISTMAS CAROLS: 27th November at 6:30pm

Led by the Belair Primary Family Choir who have been excitedly rehearsing this term. There will also be a sausage sizzle this year! \$3 a sausage. Come along, join in and let's celebrate Christmas together!

End of Year Governing Council/PA Dinner: The end of year PA/Governing Council dinner will be held on Monday 28th November at 7pm – venue TBA.

Parents Association Meeting: Our Next meeting will be this coming **Monday night 21st November at 7pm** in the staff room. Meetings go for about an hour, come along and find out what's happening this term and how you can help, all 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.

GLENUNGA INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

discover
Ignite Program

When:
6.30 - 7.30pm on Tuesday 6 December 2022

Where:
Glenunga International High School's Performing Arts Centre

Register online:
gihs.sa.edu.au/specialist-programs/ignite

IGNITE PROGRAM FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS
Assessment for entry to the 2024 Ignite Program will be held on **Saturday 25 February 2023** for students commencing Year 7 in 2024

www.gihs.sa.edu.au

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Family Carols

Presented by the Belair PS Parents' Association

BELAIR CHRISTMAS PICNIC

27 Nov 2022 | 6.30pm | BPS Oval
(or gym if inclement weather)

SUSAGE SIZZLE
BYO PICNIC SET-UP
INVITE FAMILY
AND FRIENDS

Scan the QR Code to FIND OUR MORE

Or head to: cburford@783103

SCAN ME

Calling all volunteers!

WHAT: TO SIZZLE SOME SAUSAGES
WHERE: BELAIR FAMILY CAROLS
WHEN: ON SUNDAY THE 27TH OF NOVEMBER
FROM 5:00 UNTIL 6:30.

We are looking for 3 volunteers for each time slot:

- 5:00 - 5:30
- 5:30 - 6:00
- 6:00 - 6:30

If you can help, please email jayne.dowling318@schools.sa.edu.au

CANTEEN ROSTER

21 Nov	22 Nov	23 Nov	24 Nov	25 Nov
Ann Phillips	Mandy Mason	R-2 Sports Day	3-6 Sports Day	Janine Wedding Catherine Gray
28 Nov	29 Nov	30 Nov	1 Dec	2 Dec
Di Mil		Ellie Magarey	Linda Ogrowsky	Emily Connor Jan Charles
5 Dec	6 Dec	7 Dec	8 Dec	9 Dec
	Donut Treat Raylene Sheehan	Jan Waller	Di Miles	Sarah Coote Karli Bowes
12 Dec	13 Dec	14 Dec	15 Dec	16 Dec
Lisa Jamieson		Sam Betros	Kylie Parrott	Belinda Blockow Josie Caltigirone

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **CITY OF MITCHAM** - 25th Carols event, on Saturday November 26 at Kingswood Oval from 5 – 8pm. For further details <https://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/Learn-and-explore/events/carols-celebration>
- **DEVELOPING MINDS** – Helping kids & teens feel calm, confident, co-operative and cope with challenges. Group programs are facilitated by our experienced child psychologists. To register for any of our group programs – please visit www.developingminds.net.au/group-programs