

Rob Houston
Principal

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Deputy Principal

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are enjoying a really good start to the year. All classes have participated in our 'Striving for Success' program over the first 2 weeks. The program is linked to our IB PYP and is designed to enhance; students' sense of self and identity, student agency, work habits and relationships between students and staff. This week the weather has been warm and our year 3-5s have been enjoying the swimming program at the Marion Outdoor pool.

There has been good news with our Capital Works project. The renovation work has progressed to the point where the building site and fencing will be removed by Friday 10th March. Final completion, defects and handover documentation will be finalised over the last few weeks of term making things ready for classes to start in new spaces from the beginning of term 2.

Governing Council and AGM

You are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Governing Council next Tuesday 21 February 2023 from 6.30pm in the Hall.

We currently do not have enough nominations to fill all positions on Governing council for 2023 so we are extending the deadline for nominations to Monday 20 February 2023. Please see the nomination form attached if you would like to contribute to our school in this way. Elections will occur at the AGM

The Governing Council is a group of parents and staff who work collaboratively to provide a quality learning environment for your children. Meetings run for 1½ hours twice a term. Members are responsive to issues that arise and their role is to determine the views of our local community with regards to broad directions of the school. Governing Council advise the Principal of these community opinions and work to support educational priorities of the school.

COVID-19

Mask mandates and classroom closures have occurred in recent weeks at nearby schools. To help us maintain a safe and healthy school, please remember to keep your child/ren home if they are:

- unwell
- experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms

Please remember to notify us promptly if your child/ren tests positive for COVID-19.

2023 DIARY DATES

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FEBRUARY

Tue 21	Governing Council AGM 6.30pm
Thur 23	School Tour
Fri 24	Assembly tbc
Mon 27	Sports Committee 6pm via Zoom
Tue 28	School Photos

MARCH

Wed 1	School Photos (catch up / other group photos) District Swimming Carnival
Fri 3	Yr 6 Road Crossing Monitor Training
Mon 6	Yr 3/4 Mandala Drawing Incursion Parent Association meeting 7pm
Tue 7	Yr 3/4 Mandala Drawing Incursion
Wed 8	OSHC Management meeting 2pm
Fri 10	Assembly

Yearly Calendar

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

School, OSHC & Catastrophic Bushfire Days

On a catastrophic bushfire day our school and OSHC will be closed. The best way for you to stay informed will be through;

- Bushfire Information Hotline; 1800 000 279
- ABC Radio 891
- ABC TV, The CFS website or <http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au>
- Please remember that on Catastrophic Days no staff are allowed to be working on site.

2023 NAPLAN dates

This year we will be undertaking the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) in term 1 for the first time. Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, grammar and formalities assessments between Wednesday 15/03/23 and Friday 24/03/23.

Email problems

Our apologies, we are continuing to experience problems with the Department for Education newsletter email distribution tool. Unfortunately at times there has been quite a delay between when an email is sent from school and when it arrives for the recipient. We are working towards a better solution and we will keep you informed in coming newsletters and bulletins of the progress in this area.

COUNSELLING PLACEMENT

Belair Primary School is committed to supporting the well-being of students and families. Therefore, we are pleased to announce that we will again have a Master of Counselling Practice Student placed at Belair this year. Belair Primary has had three such placements in the past and they have proven to be a valuable addition to our school community.

Maria Naranjo-Mendoza will be our counselling placement student this year.

Maria is now finishing studies in a Master of Counselling Practice at Tabor College. This course is accredited by the Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia and is carefully structured to ensure safe, effective and quality delivery of counselling practice by Tabor's Masters students. Maria will be supervised by Tabor staff and will be monitored by Belair Primary School's student well-being team.

Maria is a mother of three boys - ranging from a teenager through to a primary school child and a toddler. Prior to pursuing a career in counselling, she has had vast experience in administration and human resource roles. Maria has volunteered for several organisations offering services to a diverse range of people including hospital patients, children living in poverty, the elderly, and youth groups.

Maria will be available to provide counselling services to students, parents and other family members on Fridays at Belair Primary School. There is no fee for the service.

If you would like to make an appointment for yourself or your child, you can contact Maria at tca209999@tabor.edu.au

COMMUNITY NOTICES

- GIRL GUIDES BOOK SALE** – \$1 Book sale and Sausage Sizzle, 8am – 1pm Saturday 25th February 2023, Belair Guide Hall, Dunns Reserve, Dunn Avenue, Glenalta

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2023 GOVERNING COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

I, _____ would like to nominate for a position on Belair Primary School Governing Council beginning in 2023 for a two year period.

Daytime Contact phone number: _____

Youngest child's name _____ Room No.: _____

I declare I have not been bankrupt or convicted of any offence of dishonesty, or of a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person.

Signed _____

RETURN TO THE FRONT OFFICE BY MONDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2023