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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back! We hope that children and families were able to find time for a break and some enjoyment during the recent school holidays. It has been great to welcome our young people back to school seeing them rested and ready for an exciting term ahead.

We have some terrific after school parent information sessions early this term. These include Parent Association funded family sessions for 'Where did we come from?' and 'What's happening to us?' next Thursday evening. The following week our Education Committee is hosting their next parent information night with a focus on 'Our Language of learning' at Belair PS and ways to use this language at home to support your children. You will find further information on these events in this newsletter.

PUPIL FREE DAY

On Monday teachers and school service officers participated in a day of training and development aligned to teacher work and the goals of our school site improvement plan. The morning was dedicated to further exploring ways to develop students as learning resources for each other and their student agency. Between morning tea and lunchtime staff collated student information for the mandated Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on school students with a disability. After lunch all staff participated in a workshop around understanding and supporting diversity within our learning community.

MOBILE DEVICES

The change in our school mobile device policy from this week is the inclusion of personal devices which includes smartwatches.

For the purposes of our policy, personal devices include mobile phones, smart watches and other digital devices that are capable of sending or receiving messages or calls and/or able to connect to the internet, and personal laptops or iPads that are not owned by the school and have not been brought to school by the student under our Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program.

2023 DIARY DATES

TERM 3

August

Wed 2	Parent Association meeting 9am
Thurs 3	School Tour Author Visit – Years 3-6
Fri 4	Assembly hosted by Rm 1/2D & 1/2E
Tues 8	Education Committee Debating at Pulteney Grammar 6.30pm
Thur 10	Finance Committee
Fri 11	Grounds Committee mtg 10am School Bulletin
Thur 17	Rec – Yr2 Bookweek Performance
13-20/8	MOMOYAMA Visit
Tues 15	Governing Council mtg 6.30pm
Fri 18	Assembly hosted by 1/2B
21-25/8	Bookweek
Tues 22	Debating at Pulteney Grammar 7.15pm
Wed 23	School Tour
Fri 25	Bookweek Parade
Mon 28	Parent Association mtg 7pm
Tues 29	Canteen Committee 1.45pm
Wed 30	OSHC Management mtg 2pm

Yearly Calendar

[2023-FAMILY-Yearly-planner.pdf \(belairps.sa.edu.au\)](https://belairps.sa.edu.au/2023-FAMILY-Yearly-planner.pdf)

Students are not be able to access their personal devices at any time during school hours, unless they have received an approved exemption from the school to use the device for a specific, agreed reason. This means both physical access and remote access (e.g. connecting with the personal device via hotspot or using paired headphones).

Students need to turn their devices off or place them in flight mode before putting them away. This includes taking off and storing any wearable technology that fits the definition of this policy, such as smartwatches. Students are then required to store their devices in their school bags and not access until the end of the school day.

This is a good time for all families to query the need and purpose of any devices that will need to be stored in school bags during the school day.

NAPLAN

Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN results will be sent home to families on Monday 7th August, week 3. This year there have been changes to the reporting of student progress in NAPLAN. Your child's NAPLAN report will show how your child is tracking against the new four levels of achievement known as proficiency standards.

The proficiency standards are:

- **Exceeding:** the student's result exceeds expectations at the time of testing.
- **Strong:** the student's result meets challenging but reasonable expectations at the time of testing.
- **Developing:** the student's result indicates that they are working towards expectations at the time of testing.
- **Needs additional support:** the student's result indicates that they are not achieving the learning outcomes expected at the time of testing. They are likely to need additional support to progress satisfactorily.

Therefore, "If your child is in the Strong or Exceeding category, it means they have demonstrated proficiency and that their literacy or numeracy skills are where they should be at this stage of their schooling. If your child has not yet achieved proficiency, then they will either be in the Developing category or the Needs additional support category." (ACARA CEO, David de Carvalho)

When you read your child's report, please take the time to celebrate the success that you see and/or identify areas for improvement. If your child is concerned with their results, remind them that NAPLAN isn't a pass or fail test and there are no rewards or penalties for the result your child achieves. Rather, their report is a point in time snapshot of their achievements in the important areas of literacy and numeracy and their results will help teachers to provide additional support in their learning.

SEMESTER 1 REPORTS

Semester 1 student reports went home at the end of last term. If for some reason you have not received your child's report please make contact with the school as soon as possible.

HATS

As per our school policy, moving into term 3 means all students need to be wearing their school hats when outside. Please make sure your child /ren have their hats to wear at school.



PARENT ASSOCIATION

Thank you to everyone who attended the Belair Primary Movie Night. Another sold out and fun event with the Belair Primary community!

Family seminar - next week: The Parent Association is putting on a Parent Family Seminar on Thursday night, 3rd August



Run by Kidz Biz Ed, the evening will be split into two sessions:
'Where Did We Come From?' (Years 2-4): 6:40pm – 7:30pm
'What's Happening to Me?' (Years 5-6): 7:40pm – 8:30pm

A flyer has been emailed out to all parents with all the information and a form to send into the front office so we can confirm numbers, we look forward to seeing you there!



School quiz night: A date has been set! 22nd of September. Tickets for tables will be available soon. We need lots of help to run this super fun night so if you are interested in helping with the event please let us know if you would like to join the committee!

Entertainment Books: If you would like to order a book please follow the link below.

[Belair Primary School \(entertainment.com.au\)](http://belairprimaryschool.entertainment.com.au)



Parent Association meeting: Our next meeting is Wednesday 2nd August at 9am in the staff room. Meetings go for about an hour. Come along to hear what's happening in the school, offer help, or throw your ideas into the ring. All parents and carers 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 and we will respond asap.

PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER

I have just ticked over 20 years as the Pastoral Care Worker at Belair Primary School and I have loved every minute of it! I get to work with intelligent, committed and compassionate people. The staff at Belair are outstanding. But, the best bit is working with the kids. I love how kids think and how they see the world. It keeps me young. I don't know if it will keep me young enough to last another 20 years, but you never know! Here is a reminder of what I do at Belair.

As the Pastoral Care Worker, I'm here as a resource to staff, students and parents. My role is to:

- Provide social and emotional support to students, carers and staff.
- Be a role model and mentor for students.
- Support students in school engagement.
- Be available to students, parents and staff as a listener and support person.
- Provide information regarding resources and agencies available to assist families.
- Work with others in the school and its community to develop services, programs and strategies that meet the needs of children and families at our school.
- Be a resource for staff, students and parents regarding spiritual matters and questions. Please note that this is only if requested. It is not my role to promote any particular religious belief. However, when requested by parents, this is something I can provide and is inclusive of all religious beliefs. While this aspect of the role may not be important to everyone, it is very valuable to a number of families in our community.

Qualifications: Pastoral Care Workers are required to have a Certificate IV in Pastoral Care and undertake additional professional development training each year. I am also a qualified counsellor with a Master's Degree in Counselling. While the role is not that of a counsellor and I am not required to have counselling qualifications, the skills have been very handy.

If you think I can be of help to you or you simply want to have a chat, feel free to stop by my office or contact me by phoning the front office or emailing sara.walding521@schools.sa.edu.au. You or your child can also leave me a note in my box in the front office. It sits on a little table just opposite the finance window.

Sara Walding, Pastoral Care Worker

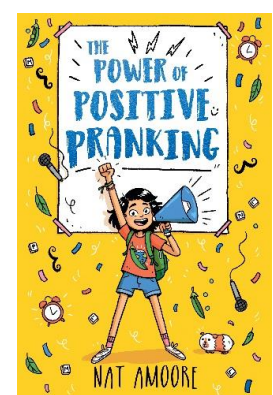
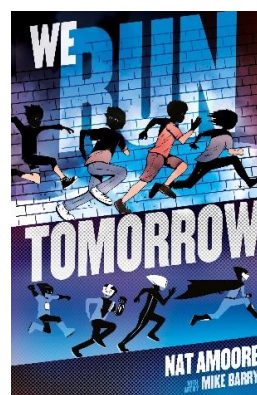
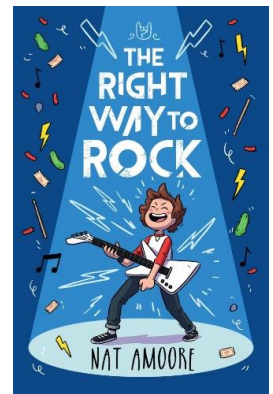
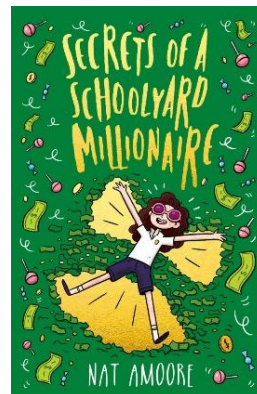
In school: Tuesday afternoon; Wednesday and Friday all day

THE LANGUAGE OF LEARNING

On Tuesday 8th August the Education Committee will be hosting the next parent information night. This session will focus on our Language of learning and ways to use this language at home to support your children. Places are limited, please register via the following link. <https://forms.gle/DCL2YvXdU44TqE4D9>

AUTHOR VISIT

Next week we will be welcoming author Nat Amore to the school as part of our Bookweek celebrations. She is the author of 'We run tomorrow' and award winning 'The power of positive pranking'. Nat will be conducting author talks with the Year 3-6 students on Thursday. Signed copies of Nat's books are available to order, if you are interested please see the flyer included.



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**Author Visit
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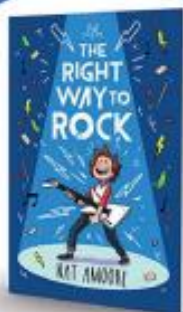
Nat Amooore



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fiction in 2019



2022 CBCA
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of the 2021
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Children's Literature



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click on link below:

education.qbd.com.au/0360007221/belair-primary-school-nat-amooore-author-visit/

REMEMBER!

Get your orders in by
SUNDAY AUG 13th 2023
and the books will be delivered to
your school and signed by NAT!



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**QBD
BOOKS**

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138 Rundle Mall,
Adelaide
SA 5000

CANTEEN ROSTER

31 July	1 Aug	2 Aug	3 Aug	4 Aug
Julia		Jacki Anderson		Raylene Sheehan Dannii Olsen
7 Aug	8 Aug	9 Aug	10 Aug	11 Aug
Julia		Linda Ogrowsky	Mandy Mason	Sam Betros Belinda Dohring
14 Aug	15 Aug	16 Aug	17 Aug	18 Aug
Ann Phillips	Emily Connor	Jacki Anderson	Ellie Magarey	Dannii Olsen Raylene Sheehan
21 Aug	22 Aug	23 Aug	24 Aug	25 Aug
Julie	Jan Waller	Holli Renton	Belinda Blockow	Penny Nettlefold Sam Betros
28 Aug	29 Aug	30 Aug	31 Aug	1 Sep
Julia		Janine Wedding	Di Miles	Brigid Agnew Josie Caltigrone
4 Sep	5 Sep	6 Sep	7 Sep	8 Sep
	Jodie Hirst	Janet Wooding	Raylene Sheehan	Sarah Coote Karli Bowes
11 Sep	12 Sep	13 Sep	14 Sep	15 Sep
Julia		Jan Waller	Rebecca Fitzgerald	Emily Connor Jan Charles
18 Sep	19 Sep	20 Sep	21 Sep	22 Sep
Lisa Jamieson		Bek Brown	Sam Betros	Catherine Gray Janet Wooding
25 Sep	26 Sep	27 Sep	28 Sep	29 Sep
Julia	Saraid Martin	Kylie Parrott	Raylene Sheehan	Josie Caltigrone Belinda Blockow

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES



**-NOVICE-
-INTERMEDIATE-
-ADVANCED-**



TERM 3 CLINICS (7 weeks)

WHEN: Every Wednesday 2nd August – 13th September
TIME: 4pm – 5pm
COST: \$65

To book or find out more visit:
www.thgc.com.au/golf/junior-golf

Coromandel Community Centre Connect Contribute Celebrate



Boys with their dad or father figure don your apron and join us for this four session program. Cooking and Connection is a local program aimed at teaching cooking skills and increasing confidence in the kitchen.

An opportunity to learn new BBQ skills and menu planning. Beginners welcome.

All food supplied. Experienced Chef facilitator.

10yrs plus.

Dress for the weather. Enclosed shoes.

When: Wednesday
Dates: 2,16,30 August & 6 September 2023
Time: 6 to 8.30pm
Cost: \$40 per family pre paid for all sessions

Maximum of 10 people
 Contact the Centre on 8370 6880 or visit www.coroalive.org.au



Boys & BBQs

