

**Rob Houston**  
Principal

**Andrea Hayden**  
Deputy Principal



## 2023 DIARY DATES

### TERM 4

#### November

Mon 20	Year 6 Camp – Mylor Adventure Camp 2 day/ 1nt
Wed 22	Parent Association Meeting – 7pm 1/2B & 1/2C Excursion - Art Gallery OSHC Management Meeting
Thu 23	1/2E Excursion - Art Gallery Rec 2024 Transition Visit Cabra Yr 7 Transition
Fri 24	Assembly hosted by 1/2B 1/2A & 1/2D Excursion - Art Gallery
Sun 26	Belair Christmas Picnic & Carols
Mon 27	Year 6 Aquatics 5C Excursion – Adelaide Gaol
Tue 28	Canteen Committee Meeting 5B Excursion – Adelaide Gaol
Wed 29	Yr3/4 Excursion - Glenthorne Adv Park 5C Excursion – Adelaide Gaol
Thu 30	St John's Grammar Yr 7 Transition Urrbrae High School Yr7 Transition Kids Hope Mentor Party 9:45am-10:30m Volunteer Morning Tea 10:30am – 11:15am

#### December

Fri 1	Christmas Presentation – 9am Grounds Committee Meeting – 10am Blackwood Christmas Pageant
Mon 4	Strings Ensemble Pizza Party -12pm Governing Council Meeting – 6pm Governing Council & Committee Dinner 7pm @ Belair Hotel
Thu 7	SRC Partnership Presentations Blackwood High School Yr 7 Transition Unley High School Yr 7 Transition
Fri 8	Mitcham Girls HS Yr 7 Transition Unley High School Yr 7 Transition
Tue 12	Carrawatha Excursion – Thorndon Park
Wed 13	Year 6 Graduation
Thur 14	Year 6 Excursion – Cinema
Fri 15	Farewell Assembly Early Dismissal 2:10pm

[2023-FAMILY-Yearly-planner-1.pdf \(belairps.sa.edu.au\)](#)

## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Thank you for the way in which I have been welcomed to the Belair PS community. I have certainly hit the ground running. I have had extensive teaching experience and been deputy principal at Hallett Cove East since 2018, with some acting principal time, so it has been difficult for me to say goodbye to everyone there. It has been a pleasure to get to begin to know your children over the last five weeks and I really appreciate the friendly greetings from children, parents and grandparents alike. I have lived in the area, or not too far away, all my life. On my first day of yard duty it was a special moment for me to walk around Peroomba and look across to the national park knowing my great grandfather had worked there as a gardener so many years ago.

Thank you to the school community members who helped at the recent Working Bee.

On Monday night we had the impressive Instrumental Music Concert where about fifty five Belair students were able to showcase their learning from the year. It was a privilege to be there to see our students challenge themselves to do their best. It was wonderful to see so many families be able to appreciate the great job that our students did. A special thank you to BPS music teacher, Matt Newton, and instrumental teachers, Tim Nott, Lisi McGowran, Phil Bray, Sarah Butler and Katie Roper.

## SPORTS DAYS 2023

Across Wednesday and Thursday this week we held the R-2 Sports Day and the 3-6 Sports Day. There are contributions from so many people across the school to make these days such a success. All teachers, SSOs, canteen staff, groundsman and leaders ensured the two days ran smoothly. We would, however, like to acknowledge the extra work done by Astrid Marks and the Year Six Sports captains. Astrid organised and ran excellent Sports Days where students had maximum participation and fun. The Year Six Sports captains are to be congratulated for the manner in which they ran the events on the R-2 day and their leadership across both days. It was also wonderful to see so many family members be able to support their children on these days. The students especially would like to thank Luella and Peter Clarke again for organising and running the wheelchair event on both days.



The final result across for the two days was a close one:

Blue:	678 points
Red:	663 points
Yellow:	662 points
Green:	653 points

Our Year 6 Sprints Champions were Seth W and Jordan H.





## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR 2023 NOMINATIONS

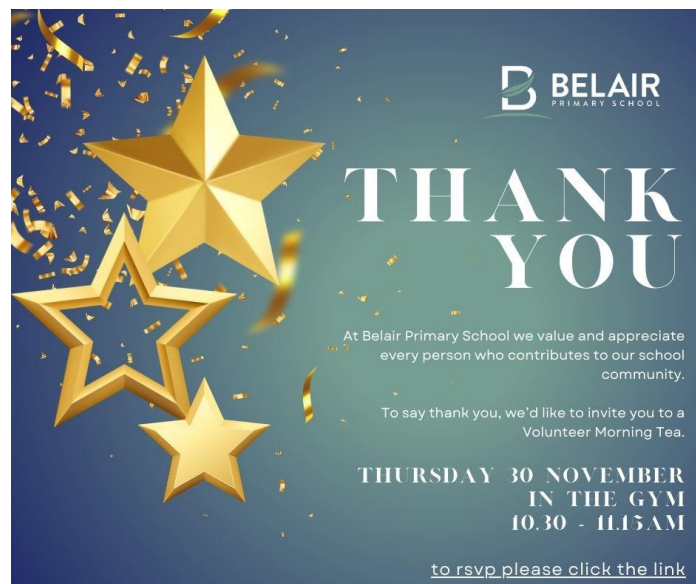
Last call for nominees, if you are aware of a volunteer who has made a significant contribution to our school, you are invited to nominate them for our '2023 Outstanding Service Volunteer Award'. You may have noticed the particular work of a volunteer through contributions towards governing council, parent association, school sport, library, canteen, student / class support, school clubs etc. If you have a person in mind, please provide a written nomination with their name to the front office by tomorrow, Friday 17th November. Your nomination should also include a summary of where the nominated person has been volunteering and how you believe this has contributed to our school community.



Click the link below to nominate someone.

[Volunteer of the Year Award 2023 \(office.com\)](https://office.com)

We would like to extend an invitation to all our volunteers to a Volunteer Morning Tea as a small thank you for your contribution to our community. The official invitation with details is attached, please note rsvp is essentially for catering purposes.



Click the link below to RSVP

[Volunteer Morning Tea \(office.com\)](https://office.com)

## PRIVATE PROVIDERS 2024

When a family employs allied health services such as a speech pathologist they may seek to have this service provided at school during the school day. If the session with the private provider does not impact the delivery of the curriculum to your child or others and we can accommodate an area that provides the teacher with a line of sight for duty of care then we can negotiate for this to happen. The school's first preference is always for the session to be conducted outside of school but we understand that this is not always possible for all families.

This is an extensive process that can only be finalised at the beginning of the year, when your child is settled in to their new class, but we can begin the paperwork this year. This process only needs to occur once each year if the provider remains the same.

Should you wish for your provider to do a one off observation the documentation required is much simpler.

Could you please inform us if you are thinking that you would like your child's private provider to continue here at school next year or if you would like this to occur? You need to have discussed this with your child's current teacher.

Please email the front office and mark it attention Andrea Hayden. The front office will email you back a letter from Mr Houston about 'Private Providers at Belair Primary School' and a department request form.

Once Andrea has heard from the current class teacher she will organise a time for a meeting as indicated on the letter from Mr Houston.

Once approval has been confirmed the meeting between the private providers and school leadership will need to occur during the first few weeks of term 1 as the 2024 class teacher will need to be consulted.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November Ida and Leo, two of our SRC Executives, attended the Blackwood RSL Remembrance Day service. They showed their respects by laying a wreath on behalf of Belair Primary School.



In Recognition of Remembrance Day, Room 5A completed this poppy quilt art. A beautiful and thoughtful way to stop and think about the importance of this day.



## ICAS

Last term a number of our students participated in ICAS competitions. Students were able to elect to participate in six literacy and STEM papers, including English, Mathematics, Science, Digital Technologies, Writing and Spelling Bee. The questions aim to push students to their academic limits, as well as test higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills.

Many of those who participated were acknowledged last week at our assembly. I would like to congratulate the following students who results we have now received.

### ICAS Spelling Bee

Distinction - Connor C, Leo W, Tate F

Credit - Harvey S, Christian P, June L

Merit - Lucy N

### ICAS Mathematics

Credit - Avalon L, Samuel M, Jessica H, June L, Leo W, Tate F

Merit - Tyson H, Scarlett W

### ICAS Writing

Credit - Eloise S, June L

## PASTORAL CARE WORKER

Dear Families,

There is a lot of research around the benefits of being grateful. When we find those things in life for which we are grateful, our perspective changes. It changes our attitude and it is lasting.

Last week, as I sat in assembly, I was filled with gratitude. Gratitude for a job that is so much fun. Gratitude for students who help me see the world from a different perspective, teach me things, and make me laugh. Gratitude for parents and carers who contribute so much to our community and love their children with all their hearts. And finally, gratitude for my work colleagues who are committed, kind, inspiring and fun!

That sense of gratitude continued all throughout the weekend and is still going. I was reminded of a friend of mine who made a commitment to find something to be grateful for every day. She began posting photos on Facebook. She said "a photo a day for each day ...of things that I'm deeply grateful for....that make my heart sing and my soul rejoice". Each day she posted something new. She posted beautiful photos of scenery, crazy photos of her family, her comfortable bed, even her dirty dishes – yep dishes because, she said, it "means we have eaten".

When my friend started her gratitude commitment she was experiencing illness and chronic pain that was debilitating. The pain was excruciating and it was with her every day for months on end. She was very sick and yet she found something to be grateful for every day. It carried her through.

I wonder what would happen if we found something to be grateful for every day?

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

## DOGS AT SCHOOL

Dogs are not permitted on school grounds. We also ask that they are kept on a lead and closely supervised, near our gates, during drop off and pick up times.

## CANTEEN NEWS

Well we all know that term 4 is a busy one! We started off celebrating Halloween and that was a great day, thank you to everyone that donated, volunteered and to the students for coming in and joining the fun.

Sports Days are also great days at Belair and again I thank everyone for their help.

I have also been working hard towards some new items to upgrade our menu this term and into next year. These include some additions such as; healthy salad boxes, rainbow wraps, munch and crunch tubs ( hummus, carrot and celery sticks) and fresh fruit tubs.

I have also deleted some not so healthy items such as the rainbow sticks (yoghurt sticks), fruit gems and choc chip muffin. These have been replaced with fresh fruit, munch and crunch, apple muffins, banana bread and the very popular new apple blackcurrant frozen cups.



With these items being fresh fruit and veg we need your support to keep them on the menu by ordering them. We don't want to be throwing away any of our delicious fresh food.

I know we still have a way to go this term but I would like to take this chance to give a huge thankyou to all of my fantastic Canteen volunteers for all of their help and support they give me in the Canteen. I couldn't do it without them, and I thank and appreciate you all

If you would like to join our band of merry helpers in 2024 please contact me in the Canteen, I would love to have you onboard. We do lose quite a few helpers this year as their children move on, so I do have lots of vacant spaces.

Thanks

Julie

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## PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

Thank you to all who attended the School Quiz Night, it was a great success and raised funds to buy an acoustic cubby for the Carrawatha Unit, which the Parents Association topped up to buy a second acoustic cubby! Special thanks to Katrina Tucker, Don Clancy, Rachael King, Kristy Rosie and Charlie Hargroves on the committee, and a huge thank you to Kerry and Tim Levett who ran the evening and organised the event.

**BELAIR FAMILY CHRISTMAS CAROLS:** Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 6:30pm.

The family choir is busy practising, get ready for a wonderful night on the main oval. Bring a picnic or enjoy our sausage sizzle fundraiser! We have EFTPOS this year so no need to bring cash. See you there!

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** Drawn on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December. All donations of gifts, toys, snacks and baskets/bags would be greatly appreciated! Raffle books should be coming home next week so keep an eye out in your child's bag.

**Parent Association meeting:** Our next meeting is Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm 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](mailto:stacey@hargroves.net) and we will respond asap.

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov
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Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Tue 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Thu 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec
	Jodie Hirst	Janet Wooding	Raylene Sheehan	Sarah Coote Karli Bowes
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec
	Jacki Anderson	Bek Brown	Rebecca Fitzgerald	Emily Connor Jan Charles
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Thu 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Lisa Jamieson	Saraid Martin	Linda Ogrowsky	Sam Betros	Belinda Blockow Josie Caltigrone

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



The poster is for a Christmas carol event. It features a large silver Christmas ornament on the left with the text 'THE CITY OF MITCHAM'S Carols AT KINGSWOOD OVAL WITH Flinders University'. To the right of the ornament is the 'CITY OF MITCHAM' logo. Below the logo is a green banner that says 'FREE COMMUNITY EVENT Celebrate with us!'. The background is dark blue with white starbursts and red and green musical notes. The text 'STAGE SHOW BEGINS AT 7PM' is in green. Below that is a list of activities: 'Face painters • Story Time • Circus workshops', 'Welcome to Country and Yidaki performance', 'Christmas singing • Nativity scene • Delicious food stalls', and 'Christmas markets • Silent disco • Kids' activities'. Below the list is 'SPECIAL GUEST — FATHER CHRISTMAS!' in green. The date and time 'SAT 9 DEC 2023 5-9PM' are in large white letters, followed by the location 'KINGSWOOD OVAL, BELAIR ROAD, KINGSWOOD' in red. At the bottom, there are logos for 'GOLD PLUS PARTNERS' (Flinders University, Wallis Cinema) and 'SILVER PARTNERS' (TED TURNER SIGNS, regis aged care). The hashtag '#MITCHAMCAROLS' and the website 'mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/carols2023' are at the bottom left, and a QR code is at the bottom right.

THE CITY OF MITCHAM'S  
**Carols**  
AT **KINGSWOOD OVAL** WITH  
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