

Rob Houston
Principal



Andrea Hayden
Deputy Principal



2023 DIARY DATES

TERM 4

Dec

Fri 15

Farewell Assembly – 9:40am
Early Dismissal 2:10pm

2024 DIARY DATES

TERM 1

Jan

Mon 22

Mon 29

Administration Office Opens
First Day of Term 1

Feb

Mon 12 – Fri 16

Yr3 – Y5 Water Safety Week



Holiday Wishes

Thank you once again for your wonderful support across 2023. The school holidays are nearly here and I wish all our families, staff and students a happy and safe Christmas break!

Retirements, Farewells & Staffing 2024

Once again we are farewelling staff at the end of this year. I would like to thank classroom teachers Mrs Rebecca King and Mr Sam Helbig for their tireless work and effort teaching at Belair for the past two years. Mrs Rebecca King will be teaching at Burnside Primary next year and we will likely see Mr Sam Helbig in other capacities around our school next year.

Mrs Mary Stacey will be taking some well earned long service for term 1 and 2 of 2024.

After 12 months away Mrs Natalie Hall and Ms Sophie Marshall will be returning from maternity leave and sharing a reception class next year. Ms Emma Roberts is also returning from maternity leave for 2 days, sharing a year 2 class with Mrs Belinda Odell.

We welcome Jayne Stanfield from Hallet Cove East Primary School who will be teaching Dance and Drama from reception to year 6.

School uniform

We introduced our new logo to the school uniform back in 2021 and we committed to providing a 2-3 year grace period for families to get good wear from the old uniform. There have been recent queries in regards to when this grace period will be closing. The exact retirement date for the old uniform will be worked through Governing Council next year and while this process takes place the old uniform will remain suitable for school use.

Canteen

Please be advised that our Canteen will not be open on Monday 29th January. Julie will have the canteen open as usual from Tuesday 30th January.

First day back and pupil free / school closure day for 2024

The first day back for students next year will be Monday 29th January.

Pupil free days and school closure days approved by Governing Council for next year are as follows:

Term 2: Monday 29/4/24 (first day of term)

Term 3: Monday 22/07/24 (first day of term)

Show day: Term 3 Friday 6/9/24

Term 4: Monday 14/10/24 (first day of term)

There is one more pupil free day still to be determined and approved by Governing Council.

Vacation Care & Catastrophic Bushfire Days

On a catastrophic bushfire day our vacation care service 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 <http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au>

Please remember that Vacation Care Closures on Catastrophic Days will mean that no staff are allowed to be working on site on those days.

Advanced notice

Year 3-5 Water Safety lessons at Marion Outdoor Pool have been booked for 12th -16th February 2024. Students will receive more information and costs at the beginning of the year.

2024 CLASSES

Student Reports and notification of their 2024 classroom placement are being sent home today.

Developing our classes for next year has involved consultation with staff, students and parents.

Forming effective classes is about putting together a group of children who can learn and be taught together in the most favourable learning environment. The numbers in each year level cohort and the funding we receive for these go a long way to determining whether classes are straight year level or composite. The cap on numbers is 26 for the junior primary and 30 for primary. Next year no classes are at full capacity and there are 14 straight year level classes and 5 composite classes.

We use the program 'Class Creator' to help develop our classes at Belair. Teachers complete surveys for each child in the areas of academic achievement, social emotional / behaviour and special needs. A first draft of classes is generated from this information which is then worked on further.

Parents are invited to contribute to the class placement process. We have valued this information but please be aware this a 'feed in' process and we are only able to respond individually where placement matters are of the more complex nature.

We are looking forward to the following arrangements for 2024.

STAFF MEMBER	YEAR	ROLL CLASS
BENNET Rachelle	Rec	M12
MICHELL Liz	Rec	M13
Hall Natalie / Marshall Sophie	Rec	M14
Holmes Natalie / KRUEGER Lana	1	M9
SMITH Michelle	1	M10
ELLIS Margaret	1	M11
ODELL Belinda / ROBERTS Emma	2	P18
UPTON Tracey	2	P19
COWEY Natasha	2	P20
LAJOIE Kate	3	C16
HANDLEY Alischa	3	C17
KING Donna / Overall Tom	4	P21
BELLETT Tamsar	4	P22
BOWDEN Kristen / MAGAREY Marg	4	P23
BRIGGS Catie	5/6	W1
HUNT Nerida	5/6	W2
FARMER Ali	5/6	W4
OLIPHANT Claire	5/6	W7
MENTHA Sarah / VERRYT Tim	5/6	W8
Japanese –		W6
YOSHINO Keiko / OVERALL Tom		
PE – MARK Astrid		Gym
SCIENCE – Verryt Tim		W5
MUSIC – NEWTON Matt		Hall
DANCE & DRAMA – STANFIELD Jayne		Hall
IB PYP – HOLMES Natalie		Library

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Dear staff, students, and parents of Belair Primary School,

As you may be aware, Rob Houston's principal tenure finishes at the end of this year and a reappointment process has now been finalised. It gives me great pleasure to announce that Rob Houston has accepted another five-year tenure as principal of Belair Primary School from Jan 2024 to January 2029. I would like to congratulate Rob for his outstanding leadership and commitment to quality education at Belair Primary School.

Thank you to staff, students and parents for their continued support and I wish everyone safe and enjoyable holidays.

Kind Regards,

Linda Richardson

Education Director

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Thank you to all the staff for your collegiality and professionalism in all that you have done. It has been a privilege to work with you this term and I am looking forward to our work in 2024.

Thank you to all the families, it has been wonderful to meet so many of you through your numerous and vital volunteer efforts. To the parents I have met through meetings, it has been great to work together to ensure the best outcomes for your child.

I have only been here for one term but I have already been able to see all the students of Belair embody the school values of respect, responsibility, achievement and creativity.

I hope all families have a great break over the next few weeks and I am looking forward to hearing all about the holidays next year.

SNAPCHAT

It has come to our attention that some of our students are accessing the social media app, SnapChat. Please be aware that SnapChat has a minimum age requirement of 13years plus. Although being accessed outside of school hours it is having a flow on effect to the well being of students while at school.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR GOVERNING COUNCIL

It's been another excellent year for the Governing Council, and we've progressed a number of important matters on behalf of our school community, highlights include:

- Continued effort on improving safety around our school through the Safe Movement Precinct Plan – a big win with works on Monalta Drive to commence in 2024 (stay tuned for more detail).
- Participated in the Primary Years Program (PYP) evaluation
- Participated in working group for the School's Site Improvement Plan
- Overseeing responsible budgeting and operation of the OSHC and Canteen
- Connecting and celebrating the significant progress on the School's Reconciliation Action Plan
- Provided regular feedback and input into key policies and initiatives – including communications, sports day format, Momoyama Exchange, school open day and mobile phones policy
- Written to the Minister for Education to urge action on the leaking Wirra Roof

A huge thank you to all our Governing Council members for all your efforts this year - Sarah Barrett, Mari Bornick-Sorhaug, Nic Brown, Angela Edwards, Ali Farmer, Michelle Hamlyn, Sam Hart, Andrea Hayden, Natalie Holmes, Rob Houston, Catherine Hutchesson, Lauren Kay, Ande Lim, Kim Messer, Louise Miller-Frost MP, Lynette Morris, Karla Pobke, Christine Rowland. Many of these Council members are also members of school committees – including Grounds, OSHC, Finance, Canteen, Sports, Education and the Parents Association. Each of these committees have also made significant achievements in 2023 – thank you to all of these volunteers.

Governing Council is a rewarding way to better understand and give back to your school. We would love to see new members and encourage you to nominate for one of the available positions in February 2024. If you have any questions or would like to know more – you're welcome to contact me at anna.dc@outlook.com

Anna Deller-Coombs

Chair, Belair Primary School Governing Council

OSHC NEWS

OSHC building: The OSHC building is repaired and we are moving back in this week. We'll be back in our building in time for the start of vacation care next Monday.

Vacation Care: We still have plenty of spaces on our incursion days and some spots still available on some excursion days. Please see the OSHC page of the school website for the program, or click on the link below.

[Dec/ Jan Program \(belairps.sa.edu.au\)](http://belairps.sa.edu.au)

MATERIAL AND SERVICES CHARGES 2024

Thank you for the responses we received from our latest poll amongst families for the Materials and Service charges for 2024.

From the responses we received, 87.00% of parents voted in favour of endorsing the proposal that the full amount of Materials & Service charge of \$400 be legally recoverable.

Parents will receive information about this when invoices are sent out in mid-January 2024

SPARTAN SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERING

Our final delivery of Spartan School uniforms has been made for this year. If you have ordered any uniform items, and have received confirmation from Spartan that they have been despatched, they are now ready for collection from the front office.

Deliveries will recommence early in the new year. Any orders placed prior to Tuesday 16th January will be delivered and available for collection from Monday 22nd January.

Any orders made for delivery to your home address will be despatched daily from Monday 8th January.

Our regular weekly deliveries will continue after this date.

You can order your uniforms via the link below:

[Belair Primary School – Spartan School World](#)

YEAR 5 CAMP

This term all the year 5s went on camp to the nature school, Arbury Park Primary School.

We were risk takers when we tried new food and ended up having new favourites. Although there were activities we were unsure about, we ended up having a great time. We started our camp called the Web Of Life. We needed to avoid the predators, top predators, as well as collect food and water. Some other activities were, the Mount George hike, the campfire with traditional Aboriginal stories with Trent Hill, orienteering, freshwater life where we got to look at insects under a microscope and team building skills. We also completed recycling duty, supper duty and breakfast duty.

Overall the camp was a great experience for all of us.

Tilly and Mitchell from 5A



2024 CRICKET REGISTRATIONS

School cricket registration for the 2024 season is now open on the school website!

Cricket at Belair operates under the supervision of the South Australian Cricket Association (SACA).

We offer Master Blaster Cricket for Years 2 and 3, plus Grade cricket from Years 4 to 6.

Season: Terms 1 and 4

School cricket runs on the calendar year

Age Requirements

Students from years 2 to 6 are eligible to play

Game/Training Information

Games are played on Saturday mornings at various local schools starting week 2 or 3. Start times for games vary based on year level. Coaches will advise game times and location each week.

Trainings are held weekly either before or after school and are organised by the coach.

Parent help is greatly appreciated and necessary for our continued success. Parent assistance, will be required for coaching and scoring. Please consider how you may be able to help in order to ensure a successful season for your children.

Coordinator details

Tim Levett

timothy.levett@gmail.com

A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

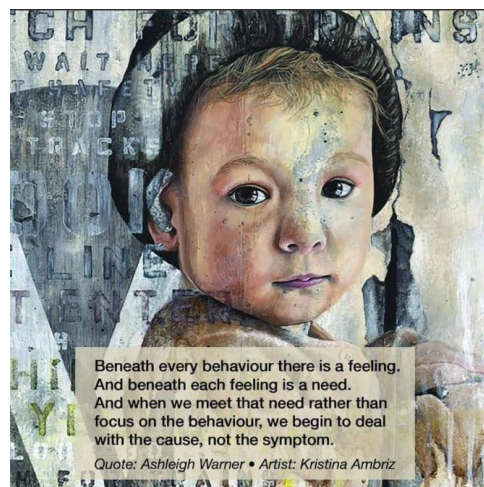
Dear Belair PS community

I started my placement as School Counsellor at the start of the year. During this time, I have met some wonderful families and their children as well as the school staff who have been always so welcoming and supportive. As I have said to the families I work with, even more than the help I might have been able to provide to them, children have taught me some life lessons that I will cherish forever.

I have learnt how to just 'be' with them; how to engage and carefully look with wonder at those beautiful innocent eyes, as they light up playing a game or sharing with me those aspects of their lives they feel so proud of. I have learnt that for our children, their feelings and emotions are very strong and 'real' and that as much as we want to think children are 'resilient', they aren't made of steel. They are allowed to feel those feelings knowing that they have a safe place to land, where they will be accepted just as they are.

I have been constantly reminded of how important it is to appreciate the small things life brings.....our kids won't always be this little and they won't depend on us for long. One day we'll wake up and they will be adults, looking for their car keys, and leaving home.....

As my time at Belair Primary comes to an end, I sincerely hope that you have found some value in the work I've done with the children. I'm certainly leaving the school a little bit wiser and with an overflowing heart.



A special thanks to Sara Walding for all her support and guidance throughout the year. You are so lucky to have such a wonderful and committed human being at the school like Sara, who is always willing to help with open arms and a generous heart.

I'm planning to continue counselling families, children, and adults privately, from the start of next year. Feel free to reach out anytime, I'll be very happy to help. I'm leaving my contact details below.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a prosperous and very blessed new year. I hope to see you around!

Maria Naranjo Mendoza Email: mnaranjomendoza.calmacounselling@outlook.com

Mobile: 0435 600 109

PASTORAL CARE WORKER

Dear Families,

It seems like yesterday it was the beginning of the year and I was consoling some of our new reception students who were having difficulties separating from parents. Now, all of a sudden, the end of the year has arrived and our reception students have performed at assembly with amazing confidence.

I always have mixed emotions at the end of the year. On one hand I'm excited about all the celebrations. On the other hand, I am well aware of the pain and sorrow some families feel at this time of year. Where ever you are on that spectrum of joy and sorrow, I hope you have some precious moments with your children over the holidays, and time to reflect on what is good in life.

Shalom,

Sara Walding, Pastoral Care Worker

Sara.Walding521@schools.sa.edu.au

PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

This year the Parent's Association had a very successful year with a number of our traditional events, including the Belair Movie Night watching Elementals, the School Quiz Night, which raised money for two acoustic cubbies for the Carawatha Unit, the Family Christmas Carols, year 6 Graduation and both the Easter and Christmas raffles.

Special thanks also to Sum Lock and Tennille Gibson for running the carols so beautifully again this year, as well as the School Dad Band and the wonderful singers and volunteers on the sausage sizzle.

We were also particularly thrilled to see the murals completed this year, paid for by funds raised from the Colour Run in 2022!

To everyone on the Parent Association, especially those new members who joined this year, and in the general school community who have helped and supported - by volunteering, attending, wrapping, photocopying, distributing, meeting, singing, cooking, serving, donating, setting up, packing up, putting up, taking down, laughing, buying, selling, organising, guillotining, designing, and more laughing ...

THANK YOU!

To our PA members who are leaving the school - we will miss you and all the help you have given us over the years. An extra special thank you to Mandy Mason who has been our PA Treasurer for the last few years but who has supported the PA for 15 years and has been a valued parent at the school for 22 years! Mandy has volunteered her time for almost every school event, which is a huge commitment and she will be most sincerely missed. We wish you all and your families all the best for the future.

For those families returning to Belair PS next year, please consider taking a role on the Parent Association. It's a great bunch of people, there are always other members who can show you the ropes, and you'd be welcomed with grateful and open arms. Please contact stacey@hargroves.net if you are interested in joining.

Have a wonderful Christmas break everyone, best wishes for the New Year.

Merry Christmas!!

*Stacey Hargroves
on behalf of the BPS Parent Association*



CANTEEN NEWS

That's a wrap for 2023!

Thankyou to all of my amazing volunteers, I could not do it without you all.

Thankyou also to everyone for supporting your school Canteen, we aim to provide a service to our families, students and staff and continue to strive to have a fantastic Canteen service for you to enjoy.

I wish all of the students leaving us for high school or other adventures all the best in your next journey.

Looking forward to an exciting 2024

Have a very safe and Merry Christmas and enjoy the holidays

Thanks

Julie

Last week Belair Primary School's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) was submitted for approval to Narragunnawali. Over the past year we have established our RAP working Group which consists of our principal, teachers, the SRC and parents. To assist with the planning of the document, a Reflection Survey was completed which provided a snapshot of the current state of reconciliation in our school. As a Working Group, we wrote a Vision for Reconciliation which we shared with the SRC for their feedback. 14 Actions were written with detailed deliverables. Earlier this year a RAP One-Pager was created to share with the students and staff explaining the essential elements of our RAP. We look forward to sharing our Reconciliation journey with the school community next year.

BELAIR PRIMARY SCHOOL

Reconciliation Action Plan



What is it?

Belair Primary School are in the process of creating a Reconciliation Action Plan which is also known as a RAP.

How are they created:

Schools develop a RAP through Narragunnawali: Reconciliation in Education which is a branch of Reconciliation Australia. Narragunnawali supports all schools and early learning services in Australia to foster a higher level of knowledge and pride to teach and share in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and contributions.

RAP Working Group

We are at the start of our journey where we have created a working group which has school leadership and teachers from the junior, middle and upper primary. We also have some parent volunteers and we have invited some SRC to join us. Having a diverse selection of people within the group ensures we have a range of different perspectives.

Belair Primary School's Vision Statement

At Belair Primary School we acknowledge that we are situated on Kurna Land. We recognise the diversity of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the custodians of the land, sea and skies.

We are committed to reconciliation and ongoing respectful partnerships. This will be embedded and reflected in our philosophy, values and practice. We will listen, learn, celebrate and commemorate by having authentic connections with communities and the environment.

It is everyone's business!

It is important to remember that reconciliation is everyone's business, and for everyone's benefit, so our RAP is not the sole responsibility of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members.

It is everyone's responsibility.

RAP

The Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) is our school's formal commitment to reconciliation.

Reconciliation

Reconciliation is the process of bringing people with differences together and helping them understand each other (kids.britannica.com)

COMMUNITY NOTICES



ROYAL LIFE SAVING
NSW/ACT/NT/QLD/VIC/WA

Online enrolments closing soon!!

HOLIDAY SWIM

\$40 for 5 days of lessons!*

*pool entry fees may apply. Higher awards start from \$50

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Holiday Swim

Coromandel Community Centre Connect Contribute Celebrate



SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY

HADO—Beyond Sports

This Augmented Reality game is new to Australia.

Be a part of the launch of this interactive game in Adelaide.

Checkout this official trailer <https://hado-official.com/en/>

Teams of 3 vs 3. Ages 10 to 15yrs. Maximum 24 Minimum 18 players

Wear appropriate clothes and footwear

When: Monday 22 January

Time: 10:30am to 1:30pm

Where: 442B Main Road
Coromandel Valley

Cost: \$15 per person Pre Paid

<https://events.humanitix.com/hado-school-holiday-activity>

Light snack included

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JOIN US FOR A FUN &
INTERACTIVE SESSION OF
SKILLS AND DRILLS

DATE: Sunday 21 January 2024

VENUE: Marion Leisure & Fitness Centre
Cnr Oaklands Road & Rosedale Ave, Morphetville

TIME & AGE: 10.00am - 11.00am, 5- 7 years
11.30am - 12.30pm, 8 - 13 years

COST: Free

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