

Rob Houston
Principal

Andrea Hayden
Deputy Principal



2024 DIARY DATES

TERM 1

Feb

Wed 7	Parent Association Mtg – 9am
Thu 8	Parent Information Evening – Year 3 – 6:15pm to 7pm
Fri 9	Assembly -
Mon 12	Water Safety Education Week – Yr 3-5
Mon 12	Parent Information Evening – Rec & Yr 5/6 – 6:15pm to 7pm
Tue 13	Parent Information Evening – Yrs 1 & 2 – 6:15pm – 7pm
Thu 15	Parent Information Evening – Year 4 – 6:15pm – 7pm
Tue 20	Governing Council AGM – 6:30pm
Thu 22	Momoyama Information Night
Fri 23	Assembly
Mon 26	Sports Committee Meeting – 6pm
Tue 27	School Photos
Wed 28	School Photos

Mar

Mon 4	Parent Association Mtg – 9am
Fri 8	Assembly
Mon 11	Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
Tue 12	Canteen Committee Meeting – 1:45pm
Wed 13	NAPLAN commences
Tue 19	Education Committee – 6pm
Fri 22	Assembly – Grounds Committee Meeting – 10am
Tue 26	Governing Council Meeting – 6pm
Wed 27	Easter Raffle Draw
Fri 29	Good Friday Public Holiday

Apr

Mon 1	Easter Monday Public Holiday
Tue 2	3 Way Conferences
Wed 3	3 Way Conferences
Thu 4	3 Way Conferences
Fri 5	Assembly
Fri 12	Early Dismissal – 2:10pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back

Welcome back and special welcome to all new students and families who have started at Belair Primary School this week. We wish you a long and rewarding educational journey with us.

We are very pleased to be providing one semester of Drama and Dance, one lesson a week for all classes in 2024 and we welcome our new teacher, Ms Jayne Stanfield, from Hallet Cove East Primary School who will be teaching the program.

We also welcome back from maternity leave, Mrs Natalie Hall and Mrs Sophie Marshall who are sharing a reception class and Ms Emma Roberts who is sharing a year 2 class with Mrs Belinda Odell.

Year 5/6 play ground

I am pleased to announce the year 5/6 playground will be replaced with a new year 5/6 playground during term 1. Students from year 3-5 participated in a co design process with staff and grounds committee late in 2023 via PE lessons. The new equipment will boost and replace what was becoming a very tired area of the school:

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.

GOVERNING COUNCIL

AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Governing Council will be held Tuesday 20 February 2024 from 6.30pm in the library

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PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

Parent Information Evenings will be held in classrooms over four nights during weeks 2 and 3 of this term.

WEEK 2

Thursday 8th February – Year 3 (6:15pm – 7:00pm)

WEEK 3

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Thursday 15th February – Year 4 (6.15pm – 7:00pm)

All sessions are held in classrooms.

The evening provides teachers with an opportunity to meet parents, outline the classroom program and answer questions.

To support your attendance at this evening a free crèche service will be provided in the OSHC room for children of school age (Reception to year 6). Preschool age and children at high school are not able to attend the crèche.

It is the responsibility of parents to sign their children in and out of the crèche on the evening.

OSHC bookings are essential to ensure adequate staffing ratios. Please return the tear off slip at the end of this newsletter to the Front Office by Tuesday 6th February for Year 3 Information Evening, and by Thursday 8th February for all Information Evenings during Week 3.

BYOD

Belair Primary School offers a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) learning environment for all students from year 3 to 6. We have stipulated devices to be iPads which are connected to the school's infrastructure and covered with a rigorous filtering program. iPads provide a unique and 'just in time' learning approach for students. The ability to be 'learning focussed' in a range of settings with all the tools that you need in the one place is what an iPad can powerfully provide.

Purchasing an iPad for your child in year 3 or 4 is a good time as these products will generally last them until the end of their primary schooling and will support the 1:1 iPad learning environment for our year 5/6 classes. The benefits of BYOD remain to be ownership, and out of school hour access. There will be iPads for shared use in the classroom for those who don't have their own.

Year 3-6 students receive:

- Individual access to computer log in.
- A belairps.net account to access Google Apps for Education.
- Filtered access to the internet.
- Access to age appropriate apps

The specifications required for iPads (iPad, iPad Air, iPad pro) are:

- Camera (front and rear)
- Wi-Fi access
- Able to support the latest operating system
- If 4G/5G capable we ask that the device comes to school without the sim.
- Min 32GB
- Screen Size min – 9.7" (Ipad Mini's are too small for many apps and websites)
- Keyboards and Headphones (over ear, not in ear (buds, pods, etc) are recommended.
- iPad covers and screen protectors are required.
- Students with their own device will have them registered with our Mobile Device Management (MDM) then released when they leave our school.

WATER SAFETY EDUCATION WEEK

In week 3 of this term our Year 3, 4 and 5 students will be taking part in Water Safety Education Week.

Th students will travel in their class groups to Marion Outdoor Swimming Centre by bus for their lessons each day.

Students are expected to wear appropriate swimming apparel including a rash vest or t-shirt.

Full details of what to bring can be found on the information letter sent home this week.

PASTORAL CARE WORKER

Dear Families,

Happy New School Year! 2024 seems to have started well. I have loved reconnecting with families and staff this week. BPS is such a lovely, inclusive community. I truly believe we have the best staff at Belair Primary School. I know for a fact that they are committed to the students. Leaders, Teachers and SSOs put their hearts and souls into their work. I can't praise them enough and I could never do their jobs! Thankfully, I don't have to and I LOVE the job I have as Pastoral Care Worker at Belair.

I hope the rest of the year goes as well as the beginning, but the reality is, it probably won't. At some point your child will make a mistake, your child's teacher will make a mistake, you will make a mistake, and I will make a mistake – or two or three or more! We may need to forgive each other now and then, but we all have the same goals – to help our students become successful and content in life.

I hope you and your child(ren) have a fantastic year 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.

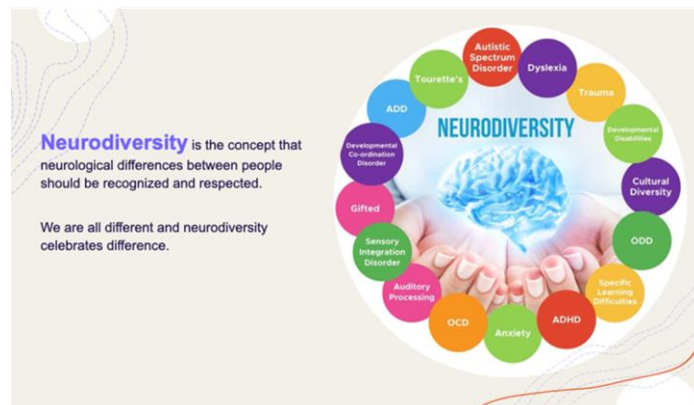
If you think I can be of help to you or you simply want to have a chat, feel free to stop by my office or contact me by phoning the front office or emailing sara.walding521@schools.sa.edu.au. You or your child can also leave me a note in my box in the front office. It sits on a little table just opposite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

All the best for 2024!

Sara Walding, Pastoral Care Worker

In school: Tuesday afternoon; Wednesday and Friday all day

NEURODIVERGENT MORNING TEA



If you are a parent/carer of a neurodivergent child (whether it is officially diagnosed or not) please feel welcome at our morning tea for you on Friday, 16th February at 8:50 am. This is an informal gathering where you can connect with others, express the joys and challenges of raising a neurodivergent child, and share resources and ideas. Please RSVP to sara.walding521@schools.sa.edu.au so we have a bit of an idea of how many might be attending.

ZONES OF REGULATION

The Zones of Regulation

2024 is an exciting year for staff and students at Belair Primary School. This week teachers, leaders, SSO's and students began their learning about the Zones of Regulation. The Zones is a curriculum designed to foster self-regulation and emotional control. It provides students and staff with a common language system they can use to communicate how they are feeling.

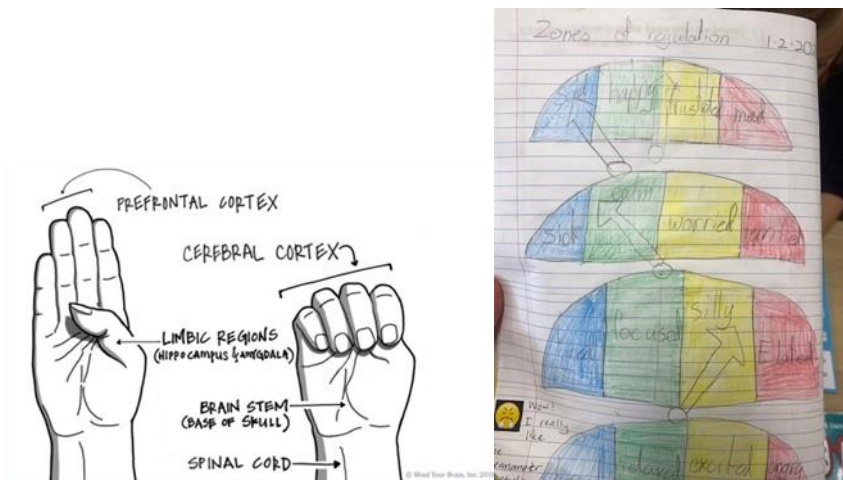
The program is being taught in each classroom across R-6 and teachers are being supported by a group of staff called Change Champions. Our Change Champions are working with the Department's Self-Regulation Service to develop their knowledge and understanding and implement proactive strategies to benefit all students.

Regulation is our ability to manage our emotions, attention, arousal level and behaviour. It involves the emotional part of our brain (limbic system) and our brainstem communicating with the thinking part of our brain (prefrontal cortex). Most importantly, regulation is a lifelong process. The Zones of Regulation provides a framework and curriculum for staff and students to develop proactive regulation strategies and a common language to understand and talk about regulation.

Classes across R-6 have begun their journey this week. I have been in classes and had explained the hand model of the brain as well as introduce the four Zones. It is exciting to see students talking about their brain and I encourage you to ask your learners about the brain and what they have been learning. There will be more information to come in future newsletters as well as a parent information session about the Zones of Regulation. Watch this space!

Lauren Kay

Assistant Principal



PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

Welcome to a brand new school year, and for the families new to the school, welcome to Belair Primary!

The Parent Association's primary role is raising funds to go towards special projects at the school to improve facilities and resources for our kids and we have a lot of fun putting on events such as the School Colour Run, which paid for the two brilliant murals which went up last year. The Parent Association run school Quiz Night raised funds for two acoustic cubbies for the Carawatha Unit!

Keep an eye on PA News in each school newsletter to get up to date info on any fundraisers, meetings, events or social activities coming up.

We would love to see some new faces in the PA! Please consider becoming a member, the commitment is as big or small as you can manage and it's a great way to keep up to date with school activities and get to know other families in the school. To become a member, just come along to our first meeting next week (details below) or you may prefer to be a non-member volunteer. We have a Facebook volunteer page if you would like to join - [Belair Primary Volunteers | Facebook](#)

For everybody else, we hope you'll be able to support us throughout the year by donating prizes, selling raffle tickets, buying things etc. It's all for the very best cause!

Parent Association meeting: The PA meets twice each term, in week 2 and week 6. Our first meeting is Wednesday 7th of February 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, please send us an email if you would like to join us – stacey@hargroves.net. Our second PA meeting (and AGM) – in week 6 – will be on Monday 4th of March at 7pm in the staff room.

Class Parent Representatives: We need a Class Parent Rep for your child's class. Class Parent Reps have a social role with class parents, and are an important point of contact with the Parent Association. More information on this role will be provided on the upcoming parent information nights. Please contact us if you are interested.

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.

CANTEEN NEWS

Hi All, It is great to be back and I'm looking forward to the year ahead. The Canteen is stocked and ready to go for all your lunch orders and recess/lunch snacks.

We are open 5 days a week for recess and lunch as well as lunch orders but we need you to use us so we can keep those days and also keep our prices as low as we can.

For those of you new to the school here's a few FYI's but certainly feel free to contact me with any questions.

· All of our lunch orders are online only so head over to flexischools.com.au to see the menu or to register your children ready to place your order.

Flexischools also has an app for your phone to make ordering even easier

· We are open Mon- Fri for lunch orders and for over the counter sales at recess and lunch. Cash only in the canteen and not large notes preferable please. Our snacks range from \$1 - \$2.50

· The Canteen operates with volunteers and we are always in need of more helpers, parents, grandparents, carers all welcome. Contact me for more information if you'd like to help out we would love to have you.

· We have a Canteen FB page to keep you up to date with what's happening in the Canteen so jump on and join. Belair Primary School Canteen

Whilst I endeavour to keep all of our prices as low as I can unfortunately in the current climate our suppliers have increased their prices and therefore we have had to increase some of ours. I have kept the majority of our menu the same price but there has been some price increases. If you are giving your children money to spend in the Canteen \$2 will definitely cover a treat

I have also 'greened' up our menu with some healthier options so please consider those for your lunches.

Canteen specials and special days will come later in the term and I will keep you all informed as they get closer.

Have a great start to the year

Thanks

Julie

8278 6439 Julie.croft558@schools.sa.edu.au

2024 CRICKET REGISTRATIONS

Registrations for school Cricket in 2024 are due by the 7th of February. To register your child, please visit the Cricket page on the school website asap.

Games for term 1 begin on the 17th of Feb and run through to the 23rd of March. Term 4 dates will be known closer to that time. Cricket is open to children from Year 2 to Year 6.

If you have the ability to coach (even part-time), please let us know during registration. School sport relies on the generosity of parent/guardian helpers.

2024 SOCCER REGISTRATIONS

For those interested in their children playing soccer for the school, the season is from late May to early September, with Year 2s and up eligible to play. Our focus is participation and learning. Training starts in May, and is once per week at a time determined by each team's coach, games are Saturday mornings with start times varying between 8:30 and 12:30.

A registration link and more information will be in coming newsletters, but if you would like to know anything more for now, please contact Adam Thompson, Soccer Coordinator at adam@torgan.com.au.

CANTEEN ROSTER

WEEK		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	29 th Jan – 2 nd Feb				Di Miles	Raylene Sheehan
2	5 th Feb -9 th Feb	Julia		Jan Waller	Di Miles	Sam Betros Belinda Dohring
3	12 th Feb – 16 th Feb	Julia		Janine Wedding	Bec Brown	Catherine Gray Raylene Sheehan
4	19 th Feb – 23 rd Feb	Ann Phillips		Jacki Anderson	Mandy Mason	Kirstie Wicks Dannii Olsen





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2024 GOVERNING COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

I, _____ would like to nominate for a position on Belair Primary School Governing Council beginning in 2024 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 THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2024



BELAIR PRIMARY SCHOOL OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Main Road,
BELAIR 5052 S.A.
Phone: 8370 3733
FAX: 8370 2651
Web: www.belairps.sa.edu.au
Email: belair.OSHC537@schools.sa.edu.au



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Department for Education

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT - CRECHE REGISTRATION FORM

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Please circle the date/s your child/ren will be in the crèche.

Child's name _____ Age: _____ 8/2/24, 12/2/24, 13/2/24, 15/2/24

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Unfortunately, we are not equipped to provide the necessary care for pre-school aged children.

Bookings are essential to ensure adequate staffing ratios.

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Signed _____

Mobile phone number _____

