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2024 DIARY DATES

TERM 2

May

- Mon 6 Sports Committee Meeting – 6pm
- Wed 8 Parent Association Meeting – 9am
- Fri 10 Assembly hosted by P20
- Tue 14 Southern Heights District Cross Country
Yr 5/6 Debating @ Pultney Grammar 7:15pm
Canteen Committee Meeting – 1:45pm
Education Committee Meeting – 6pm
- Thu 16 Finance Committee
- Fri 17 Graounds Committee 10am
- Tue 21 Governing Council 6:30pm
- Thu 23 SAPSASA Girls Football
- Fri 24 Assembly hosted by W4
Colour Run
- Mon 27 Rec – Year 2 Swimming Week
National Reconciliation Week
- Thu 30 SAPSASA Boys Football

Jun

- Mon 3 Mabo Day
- Tue 4 Yr 5/6 Debating @ Pultney Grammar 7:15pm
- Thu 6 SAPSASA Cross Country Championships
- Fri 7 Assembly hosted by W1
- Mon 10 King's Birthday Holiday

[2024-Family-Calendar-1.pdf \(belairps.sa.edu.au\)](https://belairps.sa.edu.au/2024-Family-Calendar-1.pdf)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back

It's hard to believe the year is moving so quickly and we are now in the month of May.

We have welcomed new families to our school this term and look forward to them being a part of our great learning community. Welcome Addison D, Jack D, Brooke D and Maksim L.

EMS

As previously shared we have moved across to a new Electronic Management System (EMS) since the end of last term. This is a big change for our school and you will find many things working differently such as semester 1 school reports, attendance reporting, unexplained absence notification text, billing procedures and host email changes.

As we work our way through the full transition to EMS we will be sending out regular EMS updates across the term highlighting more detailed correspondence on new the processes and procedures.

Pupil free day

Our pupil free day Monday was spent working in 3 key focus areas; 2024 school reports, further staff training with Zones of Regulation and the Place Value Assessment Tool (PVAT) for mathematics.

2024 school report

The 2024 year 1 – 6 school report will be very similar to what has been used by the school for the past 6 years but will now be generated through the new EMS system, therefore you will notice some slight changes to the format. More information on this will be sent home as the term progresses. We will also be taking the opportunity this year to review our assessment and reporting processes, with the view to customising the report template for 2025 to best suit our needs.

PVAT

Our final session of the pupil free day focussed on Dr Ange Rogers Place Value Assessment Tool (PVAT). The PVAT is a diagnostic tool allowing teachers to dig deeper into student misconceptions around place value. Students across R-6 will undertake the PVAT over the coming weeks. Teachers will then deep dive into the data collected and plan targeted teaching to address misconceptions. If you have any questions please reach out to your child's classroom teacher for more information.

ZONES OF REGULATION

Strategies!

During our Term 2 pupil free day staff undertook the next part of our learning about the Zones of Regulation. We further explored the Zones and developed our knowledge of how to support our students with the use of regulation tools to manage their feelings and levels of alertness. Teachers will continue to build student understanding and knowledge about the Zones and how regulation strategies and tools can help us. When speaking with students it is important to reiterate that the use of tools are not always to get us back to the green zone. All the Zones are okay! Tools help support us to manage the Zone we are in.

Blue Zone Tools: Increase or reserve energy level in our body.

Green Zone Tools: Help us stay focussed and maintain energy levels in our brain.

Yellow Zone Tools: Help us to manage and meet higher energy levels needs.

Red Zone Tools: Help us to stay safe and manage our energy level when they are overwhelming.

Here are some of our favourite tools we use throughout the day.



DR LOWITJA O'DONOGHUE

Friday the 8th March was the state funeral for Aunty Lowitja O'Donoghue. Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue AC CBE DSG was a former resident of Colebrook Home. At Belair Primary School, we lowered our flags to half-mast as a sign of respect of her amazing achievements and life.

Students in W4 used this opportunity to learn about her achievements, Colebrook House and flag protocols. It was also International Women's Day so the students from W4 celebrated Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue's life as not only a campaigner for Indigenous peoples, but also as a woman.

Catherine Hutchesson MP, Member for Waite, read out some of our student reflections in Parliament on the 9th April as State Parliament reflected and celebrated the life of Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue. Ramih, Emily and Will, whose work was shared about Dr O'Donoghue, will now be in the history books for ever.

Ramih: Dr Lowitja O' Donoghue was a great representative for international women's day because of all the work she has done for Aboriginal men and women. She has worked in the days when most men would work and women would stay home. But being such a proud Aboriginal woman, she has fought her way throughout her wonderful life. She should get a state funeral because she has been powerful and she should be remembered as a strong woman.

Emily: I believe that Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue is an amazing role model to represent International Women's Day because of her outstanding achievements for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples rights.

She was part of the Stolen Generation and taken from her mother when she was 2 years old. She only saw her mother again 30 years later. She was the first Aboriginal Nurse in South Australia. Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue dedicated her life to the health and well-being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. She also worked really hard for reconciliation and the right for Indigenous Peoples to vote. She was an inspirational leader and woman and the perfect example to represent International Women's Day.

She should get a state funeral because of her extremely amazing work that she has done for our country. The service will honour Dr O'Donoghue's lifelong work to improve the health, and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Will: Dr O'Donoghue has been awarded numerous honours in recognition of her contribution to promoting Aboriginal rights, including: Membership of the Order of Australia (the first Aboriginal woman to become so), Australian of the Year in 1984, Australian National Living Treasure and a Papal honour from Pope John Paul II. Dr O'Donoghue is a great representative for International Women's day because she stands up to women's rights and Aboriginal people. It is very unfortunate that she passed away because she is very important in the Aboriginal community.

If you would like to see the official Hansard from Parliament House for the day, please click here:

<https://hansardsearch.parliament.sa.gov.au/daily/lh/2024-04-09/5?sid=c5aa77b16f88404e8d>

RECONCILIATION WALK 2024

Join Us for the Blackwood Reconciliation Walk - Sorry Day 2024

You are warmly invited to join us for a significant community event - the annual Blackwood Reconciliation Walk hosted by the Blackwood Reconciliation Group.

Event Details:

- Date: National Sorry Day, Sunday, May 26th 2024
- Time: Starting at 11:30 AM · Meeting Point: 358 Shepherds Hill Rd, carpark on the corner of Gladstone Rd and Shepherds Hill Rd (Map of walk)
- Route: The walk will extend down the footpath, culminating at Colebrook Reconciliation Park at 12:30 PM

Why Join Us?

The Sorry Day Walk is an occasion for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians to come together in the spirit of Reconciliation to commemorate the Stolen Generations. It marks the beginning of National Reconciliation Week and this year recognises 100 years since the first removals of First Nations children in April 1924 from Oodnadatta and the subsequent establishment off the former Colebrook Training Home at Eden Hills, as well as 30 years since the establishment of the Blackwood Reconciliation Group.

BLACKWOOD RECONCILIATION WALK 2024
HOSTED BY BLACKWOOD RECONCILIATION GROUP

Join Aboriginal Leaders on National Sorry Day for a short walk and community picnic with music, speeches, food and family friendly activities.

SUNDAY MAY 26
11:30AM - 4PM

Meet at 11:30: Gladstone Rd carpark, next to Blackwood RSL & walk to Colebrook Reconciliation Park for official opening.

Scan for details

Logos: Australian Government, South Australia, Blackwood Reconciliation Group, and a 'NOW MORE THAN EVER' slogan.

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What to Expect:

The event will feature a Welcome to Country, cultural performances, speeches from Aboriginal leaders and other dignitaries including the Governor of South Australia, all ages activities and workshops and much more. Participants are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch or purchase from the BBQ or catering vendors and join in the afternoon's program of events. For further details and updates please visit the BRG Walk Facebook Event.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at this significant local event.

THANKYOU TO OUR PARENT ASSOCIATION



Late last term our Parent Association purchased, and very generously, donated two Sounds Booths to our school.

One of them, renamed "The Nest", is living in the Carawatha learning space. It is proving to be very popular with the students!

We are so grateful to our Parent Association for providing something that is a real asset to our learning spaces.

Thank you!

PASTORAL CARE WORKER

Dear Belair Families,

Welcome back to term two! It's nice not having to find my hat. I hope you had a lovely break with your children.

New Work Days

Please note that my work days have changed slightly. I will now be at the school:

Monday afternoons; Wednesday and Friday all day. I will also be around on Thursdays, but I don't have a specific time for Thursdays.

Parents of Neurodivergent Kids

· Wednesday Afternoon Drop-in. If you have a neurodivergent child, please feel welcome to drop into the library on Wednesday afternoons from 2:30. This is an informal gathering where parents can connect on a regular basis.

· Friday morning Teas. We have scheduled morning teas for parents of neurodivergent children for Friday week 3 (17th May), and Friday week 7 (14th June). We meet in the staff room at about 8:45. Julie from the Canteen usually has some delicious cookies and fruit for us.

Food support

Just a reminder that I have a supply of non-perishable food items for those that may need it. Feel free to collect on behalf of a friend. I can also arrange home-cooked meals for families who might be encountering some difficult times.

Kind regards,

Sara Walding, Pastoral Care Worker

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In school: Monday afternoon; Wednesday and Fridays all day.

2024 FOOTBALL REGISTRATIONS

Our Year 3/4 football teams are in need of a few more players to be able to field a team for the winter season.

If your Year 3 or 4 student would like to put on a pair of footy boots and give football a go this season, please contact our football coordinator Lisa Jamieson: lisa.jamieson@adelaide.edu.au

CANTEEN NEWS

Once again the Canteen will be offering a variety of hearty, healthy and delicious food and drink items this term along with some daily specials and new ideas. Be sure to look out for our specials on flexischools and on our socials.

Week 4, 20-24th May is "Canteen Week" and to celebrate we will be having some new and exciting things happening. Colouring in, and other competitions where you can try your luck to win a prize, meal deals and specials, and naming rights to a food item for the term just to name a few. Canteen Week is a great time to celebrate everything about the Canteen from thanking our wonderful volunteers to celebrating that we have a wonderful Canteen available for us to use 5 days a week. Keep an eye out on our FB page and on your inbox for more information.

To start off some of our new ideas we are introducing "Principals Pick". Mr Houston is going to share one of his favourite lunch items from the Canteen menu and that will then be a special item for you all to order and enjoy. We will then add some other VIP picks including some of the students favourites ☺

"Rockin' Recess" is new and available on the menu so check out some new recess items and don't forget to pop in at recess to see what warm, new and delicious treats we have for you.

All Canteen purchases can be made through the Flexischools ordering platform. This service is available for fruit time, recess and lunch everyday of the week allowing you to order meals and ensuring students have access to our nutritional and tasty Canteen fare.

I am very excited to be introducing these new and fun ideas into the Canteen for everyone to enjoy, have a fantastic start to term 2.

Thanks

Julie

Canteen Manager

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COFFEE CART

With the mornings getting chillier, don't forget to visit our resident barista, Rory from Let There Be Coffee, every Wednesday morning!

Rory will be set up every Wednesday morning under the COLA from 8:00am – 9:00am.





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SUNDAY
05.05 2024

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 11AM - 4PM

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