

Belair Public School Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 6

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Principal's Message ~ Warwick Beard

Greetings everyone,

We are beginning to head into the very busy final stretch of 2016.

Teachers are currently writing reports, planning is being put into place for end of year functions and major planning is underway for the carols evening planned for Friday 2 December.

We already have over 500 of our community indicating they will be in attendance. This is shaping up to be a wonderful community evening with singing, music performances, student led carols, a Christmas market and a special visitor for the students. Please check the flyer in this newsletter for more details.

We currently have approximately ten percent of our families who have responded to the annual survey. The survey link below will take 10–15 minutes, depending on the number of comments you would like to make.

We look forward to receiving feedback from more of our families

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One of the key questions which will impact on how the school uses its resources next year relates to the cost of extra-curricular activities including sporting, cultural and academic events requiring teachers to accompany students.

Options include: splitting classes to avoid the \$450 per day casual costs; using school finances to fund all such activities, or; a small levy to subsidise the cost of a casual.

We look forward to receiving your responses.

Our school calendar tends to be very full with a range of exciting, engaging activities in which students can participate. To help families understand the scope of activities planned and estimated associated costs, we have provided a general outline listing the activities for 2017 later in this newsletter. This should help families plan and budget for major excursions such as the Year 6 Canberra trip.

Regards

Warwick Beard

Principal

Belair Public School

Assembly Class of the Week

Congratulations 2B on being the award winning class at assembly for Week 5. Well done! Thank you to 4K for a very entertaining assembly item!

How Can You Help Your Child Build Resilience?

Continuing from last week, some more interesting information about helping children develop and maintain resilience focusing on children aged nine to ten years old.

How Resiliency Develops in Children

		The Nine- to Ten-Year-Old		
		Ready To	Need Help With	9-10 Snapshot
Relationships and Reaching Out	Emotional Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> understand and care more about the feelings of others treat people with respect and use good manners start getting support from peers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> dealing with their expanding and more demanding social world treating other adults with respect, while still being assertive 	<p>Children in this age group are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> much more conscious of comparing themselves (and their abilities) to other children more influenced by peers a little more able to control anger and other feelings developing more independence, can feel OK about being away from parents for longer periods of time less naturally optimistic, more likely to hold onto bad feelings for longer periods of time able to participate in and enjoy group activities still highly influenced by parents' ideas because they have not yet reached the age of preteen and teen rebellion
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> learn simple strategies to calm down or get their minds off of bad feelings (e.g. switching activities to distract themselves or being by themselves until they feel better) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> bad feelings, which can sometimes be harder to get over at this age understanding other people's emotions talking about feelings and emotional experiences 	
	Competence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> pay attention and control behaviour for longer periods take on more household chores and responsibilities think about how their behaviour impacts future situations and events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> being realistic following through with things they have to do (like chores and homework) dealing with disappointment as they learn they aren't "awesome" at everything they try 	
		Optimism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> start learning to judge and understand experiences, situations and possibilities in a more realistic way (Younger children can be overly optimistic.) 	

Girls and boys may develop and display resiliency in different ways.

A boy's response to being upset is often physical, while girls generally learn to talk about feelings earlier than boys.

The important thing is to not expect the exact same resiliency development in boys and girls.

What Parents Can do to Help

- Assist your children in discovering activities or strategies that help them feel better when they are stressed.
- Ensure that children's lives are not too busy. Some need more 'down time' than others.
- Make sure children have time to play. Unstructured play and other enjoyable activities help children deal with their stress.
- Teach children to take slow, deep breaths in stressful moments.

Regards
 Kathie Colley
 Deputy Principal
 Belair Public School

School Calendar for 2017

Event Activity	Approximate Cost	Timeline
Book Packs	\$35 – \$65	November / December 2016
Stage information nights		Week 3, Term 1
Year 4 Camp	\$250	6–8 March
Grandfriends' Day + Book Fair		17 March
Athletics Carnival	\$12	27 March 27
Parent teacher initial interviews		Weeks 7 and 8, Term 1
Year 6 Canberra Excursion	\$350	8–10 May
NAPLAN		9–11 May
Life education Years K–4	\$15	Mid May
Interrelate Year 6	\$20	Terms 2 Weeks 7–10
Premier Reading Challenge		March–August
Cross Country		Late Term 1
StarStruck	\$100	16–17 June
Education week		Late July
NADIOC Week		30 July
Book Week / Parade / Fair		14–18 August
Science Week		12–20 August

Premier Sporting Challenge		Term 3
Creative Arts Evening		20 September
Hunter Dance Festival		Term 3, Week 2
Dance auditions	yes	Week 9, Term 3
Mothers' Day Stall	yes	10 May
Fathers' Day Stall	yes	30 Aug
Band auditions	Yes	November
Art Show		Late Term 3
Swimming Year 2	\$90	November
Swim Carnival	\$12	December
Carols at Christmas		Late Term 4
Presentation Assembly 3–6		Last Week Term 4
Presentation Assembly K–2		Week 8, Term 4
Excursions all stages	various	Various
Year 5 Sydney Excursion	\$85	Term 3
Christmas Party K–6	\$10–15	Last week Term 4

Cluster Enrichment Day ~ Coding

Last Wednesday 26 October, 25 students from Stages 1, 2 and 3 participated in an exciting day based on Coding.

Belair students joined with Adamstown PS and Kotara South PS students to extend their skills.

They had a rich, valuable experience where they worked with high levels of persistence, resilience and creative thinking to create a number of products. We would like to say a very big thank you to Miss Kelly, our teacher librarian, for sharing her expertise with Stage 1 students.

Chess News

Last Wednesday 9 November, the Rookies Chess team went to Broadmeadow PCYC for the chess finals.

Out of 40 schools that participated, Belair PS made it to the top ten schools for the Rookies chess competition.

The students who attended were Harry C, Dominic S, James C and Harrison G. These students demonstrated great chess skills for beginning players. It was fun and challenging day with all students displayed great sportsmanship.

We would like to say a very big thank you to Mrs Colley, for transporting the Belair Rookies' team to the venue.

Spelling Bee

Last Wednesday 9 November Elizabeth L from 3 / 4F competed in the State Spelling Bee Championships in Sydney.

Elizabeth made it to the third round against the best 43 Stage 2 spellers in the state.

Well done Elizabeth!

Elizabeth also recently attended the Presentation Ceremony for the Newcastle Permanent Primary Maths Competition.

She was awarded a perpetual trophy for being the first placed student in the Year 5 section.

The trophy is now on display in the office foyer.

We are extremely proud of Elizabeth and her achievements.



November P&C Meeting ~ Postponed

The November meeting of the P&C will take place on Wednesday 23 November.

Christmas Carols and Market Evening ~ Friday 2 December

Last chance to indicate the number of sausages your family is likely to consume on the night. If you have not yet let us know, please jump on the link below to help with catering.

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Planning Room ~ Student Behaviour Management

From time to time a student will not meet the high standards of behaviour we set here at Belair School.

When a breach of our behaviour expectations occurs a student may be required to have a session in the "Planning Room".

Planning room is operated by a member of the school executive and it is designed to provide an opportunity for children to reflect on their behaviour and make a plan for their future behaviour. It is not intended as a punishment and should not be seen as such. Usually we find that one trip to the Planning Room is sufficient for a student to overcome their poor behaviour choices and that is the end of the matter. If the student is not successful in implementing their plan, other strategies may be put in place. Classroom behaviour issues are managed by classroom teachers with support from the school executive where required.

It is our goal always to educate students in all aspects of their life and see any behaviour incidents as a learning opportunity.

Year 6 Mini Fete



The Year 6 annual mini fete is fast approaching.

It will be held on Friday 25 November.

As usual there will be lots of fun activities, delicious food and of course the scary haunted house! There will also be a white elephant stall to sell lots of treasures.



Late Afternoon Pick-ups

School finishes at 2.55pm.

In the event of an emergency and you are running late to pick up your child at the end of the day, please notify the school office. The child can then be picked up from the office. A message will be made available to the class teacher.

Please explain any changes to afternoon pick-ups to your child and the teacher (if necessary) first thing in the morning to avoid confusion. Children will be instructed to go to the office in the event they are not picked up.

Information for Parents of Year 7, 2017 Students

An important update for parents applying for a School Opal Card
for students attending Year 7 in 2017

As of 8th November 2016, Kotara High will endorse school travel pass applications online.

Online endorsement replaces paper forms and manual endorsement processes, making processing times faster and replacing the need to manually post paper forms to Transport for NSW.

There is now no longer any need for parents or guardians to print application forms and forward them to Kotara High for endorsement.

Once completed online, the application will automatically be sent to the Kotara HS to endorse. Endorsed applications will then be automatically sent to Transport for NSW for processing.

Once an application has been approved, students travelling in the Opal network will receive a School Opal card.

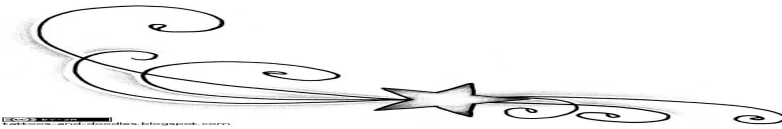
The school will verify that that each student's school enrolment details (grade, address, residency status or visa subclass number) are correct.

Please complete this online ASAP as Kotara HS is still waiting to receive applications.



Student Awards

KCA	Danielle J, Hannah H	2B	Next week	5C	Lucy S, Zeke A
KM	Christina Y, Tiana B, Kaikoa F	2L	Next week	5P	Keely D, Ryan C
KZ	Declan W, Dekoda S, Nicholas R	2PB	Next week	5S	Charlie A, Charlotte R
K/1A	Hannah M, Chloe L	3H	Eloise T, Florie P	6G	Sam M, Lucy B
1B	Oscar M, Beau P	3M	Isla M, Jaiden A	6J	Zac T, Olivia H
1M	Luke C, Lachlan W	3/4F	Georgia J, Kiara G	<i>Additional Awards</i>	
1S	Nicolas C, Rory U	4BE	Ruby P, Flynn A	Dance	Lani W, Emma C
		4K	Lucas S, Luke T	Library	Mia S, Lexie B, Emma D
				Honours	Felix P, Molly B, Thomas M, Lucy B



Canteen Roster and News ~ (Canteen Supervisor Sonja 0438 684 401)

Focus Flavoured Water is now \$2.50 and will be discontinued once the current stock has been sold.

<i>Wed 16/11</i> Robyn S	<i>Thurs 17/11</i> Nikki N	<i>Fri 18/11</i> Rebecca R, Karen K, Perin P	<i>Mon 21/11</i> Melissa W	<i>Tues 22/11</i> Natasha W
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P&C Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 23 November at 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome!

Book Club:

Issue 8 goes home this week. Orders are due back by Wednesday 23 November.

Christmas Raffle:

Raffle Tickets were sent home last week. If you would like more (or did not get yours) you can get some from the school office or contact Felicity Charlton on 0428 872 132.

Please return money, stubs and any unsold tickets to the locked box in the school office by Friday 25th November.

1st Prize – \$1000 Westfield Gift Voucher

2nd Prize – \$500 Westfield Gift Voucher

3rd Prize – Gift Basket from Priscilla's Palace valued at \$200

The raffle will be drawn at the Belair Christmas Carols on Friday 2nd December 2016.

Help Needed!

Thank you to all who have volunteered to sell Raffle Tickets at Westfield on Thursday 17th and Sunday 27th November.

We do need more volunteers for the following times:

- **Thursday 17th – Between 4pm – 7pm**
- **Sunday 27th – Between 11:30am – 4pm**

Even if you can only spare ½ hour that would be very helpful.

If you can help at other times not listed above, that would be great too – it would mean two people on the desk selling tickets instead of one.

Please contact Felicity Charlton on 0428 872 132 with your availability.

Uniform Shop:

The Uniform Shop is open each Monday morning 8.45am–9.30am.

Upcoming Events Extended Version

- * 23/11 P&C Meeting at 7pm
 - * 25/11 Year 6 Mini Fete
 - * 30/11 ES1 and Stage 1 Presentation Day
 - * 2/12 Belair Christmas Carols Night
 - * 7/12 Scripture Christmas Assembly
 - * 8/12 Swimming Carnival at the Forum
 - * 8/12 Year 6 Farewell
 - * 9/12 Reports go home today
 - * 12/12 Stage 2 and Stage 3 Presentation Day
 - * 14/12 ES1 and Stage 1 Christmas Party Day
 - * 15/12 Stage 3 Christmas Party
 - * 16/12 Stage 2 Christmas Party
- Last day of school for students

Community News

VoicePlus Music Camp

10 - 12 January 2017

Do you have a creative child who loves to sing?

Have a blast with like-minded kids in Sing offs, Play Offs, open Mic sessions with specialist tutors, dance, art & science fun 'n games, improve your voice, performance skills and confidence and get a buzz out of filming your final performance on the last day.

"Our kids had a fantastic time, in fact, they said they didn't want to come home and could it please be a whole week next time!"

SAVE \$35.00!

Early Bird applies until 20th December

BONUS FREE extended hours 8.30am-5.00pm

NUMBERS LIMITED

TO REGISTER email us: admin@julieloganmusic.com.au

Questions? Please email or call: (m) 0414 848 741 or (p) 02 4963 2026



Belair Public School and Belair P&C Present:

Christmas Carols

Friday 2nd December 2016

A Community Event
for Everyone!

This is an alcohol and smoke free event

GATES OPEN 4:30pm
MUSIC from 5pm
OFFICIAL OPENING
5:30pm
Gold Coin Donation
@ Entry
(optional)

MARKETS + FOOD
Sausage Sizzle
Coffee Cart
Snow Cones
Christmas Gifts
Glow Sticks and Candles
BRING YOUR CASH!
(no eftpos)

Entertainment includes
performances by
Belair Students and
Community Members:
Special Guest Appearances by
Catherine Britt
Renee Price, and another
very special, very red
guest!

*Bring a blanket, a picnic
and join the fun!*

