Happy Holidays
Another busy term is coming to a close. With camps, trips to Canberra, Sydney, Athletics and Cross Country carnivals, excursions and environmental days and lots lots more. Thank you to all the parents who have helped out along the way in the canteen, classrooms, uniform shop, at sporting events and in many other ways. We wish you all a happy and safe holiday period.

Parking Changes
Parking before and after school to pick up and drop off students continues to be an issue at Belair. Newcastle Council is about to make some changes which hopefully will alleviate some of the issues around parents being able to safely drop off and pick up students. These changes relate to Carolyn Street and Terence Street. A NO PARKING – “Kiss and Drop” zone is to be installed near the school entrances. In Carolyn Street the zone will be south of the school entrance (up the hill). In Terence Street the 5 minute parking will be converted to the new zone. The rules on a No Parking zone are as follows:

- The driver may stop for up to two minutes to pick up or drop off a child
- The driver must stay within three metres of the vehicle
- The stopping period must be no more than two minutes

It is hoped these new zones will make it safer for our children, make it less frustrating for parents trying to find a spot to pick up their child and speed up the process of picking up children.

Friday Out of Uniform
The last day of Term 1 is Friday April 12. This day is an out of uniform day where students are asked to make a gold coin donation to go towards charities supported by our student body.

Annual School Report
This week the 2012 Annual School Report will be published on the Belair School Website.

Moving Into the Teens
Today all students in Year 6 will be receiving a note about the Moving into the Teens program. Please keep a look out for this note.

NAPLAN Tests
The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy commence in Week 3 next term. These assessments are for Years 3 and 5. The NAPLAN assessment provides the school with great data to help evaluate the effectiveness of teaching programs for individuals and the school as a whole.

ANZAC Service
Our school ANZAC Service is being held this Wednesday 10 April in our school hall at 9.30am. Students are asked to bring in some flowers if possible to make a class dedication during the service. All students are encouraged to attend the ANZAC Service at Adamstown RSL on Thursday 25 April.

Mr Beard on Leave
Mr Beard is taking leave for the first three weeks of Term 2. Ms Jenny Crain will be relieving during his absence. Ms Crain’s class will be taught by Ms Narelle Stokes.

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Woolworths Earn & Learn 2013
This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school ~ and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths. From Monday 8/4/13 to Sunday 9/6/13, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. You will get 1 Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Points onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn sheet and when it’s complete, the Points Sheet can be dropped into the collection box here at the school or at the local store. At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students ~ including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts and Craft, sport and for our library. If you’d like to know more visit: woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn
J Crain, Earn & Learn Co-ordinator

Belair Swimmers Shine
The PSSA State Swimming Championships held at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre on 2/4/13 and 3/4/13. We had Parker and Emma Hopkins representing in individual events and Shelley Hill, Jasmine Sams, Maggie McCarlie and Emma Hopkins representing Belair PS in the Junior Girl Relay team. They all competed extremely well in all events: Our Junior Girls Relay team placed 15th out of 40 other schools. Emma's best placing was 17th out of 41 in her Junior Girls Butterfly and in the top 25 in her other 4 events. Parker placed 28 out of 40 in his Senior Boys Backstroke. Against some very talented swimmers from all over NSW, our Belair swimmers performed gallantly and did their school proud. Congratulations!

Cricket News
On 2/4/13 the Belair Cricket Team played against Stockton Public School on Hudson Park. Batting first Belair scored 129 runs then bowled Stockton out for 46 runs to win the game. The top batsmen were Joe Barnett retiring on 41 runs and Cadel Leeson retiring on 28 runs. Joe Gordon unexpectedly starred with the ball getting 3 wickets. Belair played very well!

Students’ Awards
KK  Lachlan Minehan, Emylia Player-Willoughby, Xavier McShane
KM  Allia Whyte, Teresa Walla, Sonny Martinella
KZ  Zane Cooney, Penny Graham, Daisha Ball
1M  Evie Style, Lucas Walshe
1S  Eleni Miskin, Luke Tottermann
1T  Elizabeth Lee, Cooper Rheinberger
2B  Austin Marsh, Niamb Bourke
2K  Ryan Coates, Alby Seberry
2M  Grace Dean, Nicole Allen
2/3P  Hannah O’Connor, Eleanor Moore
3B  Zane Green, Chloe Jones
3D  Amelia Stock, Lucy Moriarty
4C  Rush Wislanz, Isabella Loades
4D  Cassie Allen, Joshua Reilly
4/5F  Alexandra Tsamouras, Ezra Lancaster
5G  Sam Davis, Lily Martin
5/6J  Anna Moscato, Chloe Davison
6L  Jack Matthew, Mia Hancock
6M  Cooper Wicks, Abbey Whitton
Band  Sarah Keil, Finlay Barnett, Kelsey Turner, Thomas Westbury
Kids Care  Cameron Allinotte

Library News
Recently students were given notes reminding them of overdue books that needed to be returned. Please ensure that these books are found and returned to the library as soon as possible. If there are any problems please send a note to Mrs Gill in the Library. If books are not returned by the end of term a more formal letter will be sent to parents requesting that the book be paid for or replaced. Thank you for your assistance:

Mrs Gill, Teacher / Librarian

Canteen Roster and News
Wed 10/4  Dianne McNally, Patricia Nicholson, Robyn Scow
Thur 11/4  Christine Davies + HELP NEEDED
Fri 12/4  Cate Sculds, Averil Franks + HELP NEEDED URGENTLY

School Holidays
Mon 29/4  Staff Development Day ~ PUPIL FREE DAY
Tue 30/4  Staff Development Day ~ PUPIL FREE DAY
Wed 1/5  Teena Manuel, Robyn Scow, Belinda Amoedo

If you are unable to do your shift, please phone Louise 0438 516 744
Help is needed on Thursday and urgently needed on Friday this week. If you could help would you please call or text Louise.

- Macaroni & Cheese on sale for $2
- Ice Mony Triangles are back in stock 70 cents

I would like to say thanks to all the canteen helpers this term. Your time is greatly appreciated. Have a lovely holiday and see you all next term.

Louise Davidson Canteen Co-ordinator

With this Newsletter you will receive
Earn & Learn Sticker Sheets ~ Whole School
Moving Into The Teens ~ Year 6 only
All notes are available on our school website for your convenience