Garden Opening a Success

The ceremony to open our Reconciliation Garden last Friday was a memorable occasion. Mr Beard, Principal, and Mr Weatherall, Aboriginal Liaison Officer DEC & President, Muloobinbah Local, Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) both made short and resonating addresses. These were followed by Kiarli and Grace who spoke of the link between students coming to Belair and growing as learners and leaders each year and the growth of the garden. The student body then moved to the garden area and, in the spring breeze, listened attentively to didgeridoo playing by Callaghan Campus (Wallsend) students and watched as Mr Nean performed a smoking ceremony. The ceremony concluded with our Captains and group of Aboriginal students unveiling our garden sign.

Kiarli and Grace’s speech is on display in the foyer, along with the unveiling cloth with a thumbprint from every student and staff member in the school last week, and photographs which will appear in this week’s Star newspaper.

Planning for 2015

To assist our planning for 2015, please advise the office if you are planning to leave or if you know of any families moving into our zone. Knowing accurate numbers of students really helps us to plan appropriately, well in advance. Thank you!

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers will be needed next Monday at 8.30am to help move sections of the platform in the hall to the new shed. Each section requires two adults to carry it. If you can help move a section, please let the office know.

Bandfest

On Thursday the 17th October the Belair Public School Concert Band competed in the Intermediate section of Bandfest, held at Warner’s Bay Performing Arts Centre, against seven other local school bands. The band gave an outstanding performance of Pink Panther Meets R2D2, Safe and Sound, and Smooth and came equal first with the Junction Public School Concert Band. Congratulations!!

These sorts of band opportunities and achievements would not be possible without the support of our wonderful school community, so the band would like to give a big thank you to all the teachers, music tutors, staff and parents for their support.

School Garden & Worm Farm

The garden has chocolate cucumbers, tomatoes, chives, lettuce and strawberries. We sell some of the vegies to give us money to buy new seedlings.

The worm farm is fed from the scraps collected from home and the fruit break buckets. We treat the worms like gold because they are treasures to us. Whenever we collect a worm we quickly take it out and put it back in the top of the worm farm to keep it safe. We always put the worm juice on the garden. The plants love it.

- Luc J & Harrison B
Year 5 Sydney Excursion – Payments Due

Payments of $50 per student are due for the Year 5 excursion to Sydney to take place next Thursday, 30th October. Please ensure that you have returned your child’s permission note and payment as soon as possible.

Band Camp

Currently, we have insufficient numbers to run Band Camp this year. Year 3 students will be offered places tomorrow. All students wishing to attend camp need to advise the office by Monday 27\textsuperscript{th} at the latest. Thank you for your attention to this.

Chess

Congratulations to Knights and Rookies who have been selected to take part in the Chess Finals Day next week.

State Athletics

On 15\textsuperscript{th} and 16\textsuperscript{th} October Emma H, Charlotte M, Elijah A, Christian S and Eleanor B competed in the 2014 State Athletics Championships. Emma competed in the long jump and came 17\textsuperscript{th}, and in the high jump, coming 11\textsuperscript{th}. Charlotte competed in the discus and came 5\textsuperscript{th}. Elijah competed in the 100m and placed 7\textsuperscript{th} in the finals. Christian ran in the 100m and 200m, coming 4\textsuperscript{th} in the 100m heat and 5\textsuperscript{th} in the 200m semi-finals. Eleanor competed in the 800m and came 5\textsuperscript{th} in the heat. Congratulations to all of our athletes. - Charlotte M & Elijah A

P&C News

Disco reminder

When: Friday 7\textsuperscript{th} November
Where: Our school hall
Cost: $5 per child or $10 per family
Time: Infants 5.30pm–6.40pm
Primary 6.45pm–8.15pm
Chips, drinks, lollies and flashing items available.
Bring your dancing shoes and we will see you there.

School Jackets, Jumpers and Hats: are now available from the Canteen during opening hours 9.30am–2.00pm.
Jackets $35, jumpers $25, hats $12, crests $6, and drink bottles $5.

Kind Regards P&C Committee

Community News

Charlestown District Cricket Club is providing coaching sessions at Kahibah Oval – Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 4.00pm, 5.00pm, & 6.00pm
Contact Chris Oliver – 0419 270911, 49206350, chrisoliver66@hotmail.com

Students’ Awards

KA Ethan S, Emelia R
KK Shaun J, Payton G
KM Michael H, Isabella B, Taj A
KZ Isabella W, Archie C
1B Luka J, Emily M
1S Thomas W, Morgan A
1T Penelope G, Thomas R
2H Allira B, Flynn A, Dominic S
2K Charlotte J, Kaylan V
2P Eleni M, Markus L
3D James G, Athiana K, Emily T
3W Sarah J, Flynn T
4M Chloe J, Connor M
4P Isabel C, Kiarli N
4/5F Zac T, Katerina R
5B Harriet D, Lauren T
5/6M Lily K, Luke M
6G Molly C, Oliver M, Lewis N
6L Alice K, Grant C, Georgia C
Band Jack M, Isabel C
Choir Ashley B, Emily K
Library Sam C, Emelie C

Canteen Roster

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If you are unable to do your shift, please phone Louise 0438 516 744

Canteen News

Thank you for a very successful red day and to all the volunteers. We couldn’t have done it without you. Hope to see you again.

Help Needed on Wednesdays if you can spare anytime it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Louise 0438 516 744.

Sushi: We need more orders each week to enable us to continue to offer sushi as a weekly lunch option. Please remember, if you order Sushi for lunch on Thursday, your order and money must be in at the canteen by tomorrow at 11am.

Louise Davidson Canteen Co-ordinator

With this Newsletter you will receive:
Term 4 Calendar
School Disco Flyer
All notes are available on our school website for your convenience