Integrating the Use of Technology into Stage 2

Year 3 have been using their BYOD and school devices to research interesting facts. It has been a lot faster to locate appropriate facts with more devices in the room, and has been especially useful as we are learning about information texts this term. Our learning includes learning how to locate facts in words we can understand and how to write these facts in our own words to avoid plagiarism.

By Harrison and Aidan

This term Year 4 began to bring their own digital devices. It's a privilege and we have to be responsible. We use our devices during Genius Hour when we research a topic which we are passionate about. This activity also helps us to improve our research skills.

By Rylee, Ella, Olivia, Emma

Swim School for Year 2 Starts Next Monday

Don't forget our Year 2 Swim School starts next Monday 3rd November for 10 days. All money and permission notes need to be returned to your child’s class teacher by tomorrow. Please remember to pack all swimming requirements for your child each day. All parents are encouraged to have their children participate in this activity considering we live so close to the lake and the coast. Swimming and water awareness is a lifelong skill which saves lives.

By Harrison and Aidan

Staffing

Ms Crain has accepted the position of Relieving Principal at Windale Public School for two years commencing Monday November 3rd 2014.

Band Camp Cancelled

Unfortunately, due to a lack of numbers Band Camp has been cancelled this year. To honour the interest of students who did nominate to go to camp from Belair, Adamstown PS, Tighes Hill PS, Kotara HS, Ms Loredo and the Camp Team will organise an Un-Camp Day at Belair on Tuesday 18th November, where all band members can get together and participate in a variety of music, drama and sport activities. The day will be at no cost. An information note will follow from Ms Loredo.

Head Lice

We have had a few cases of head lice reported to us lately so we are asking parents to check their child's hair and treat appropriately.

ICAS Maths Results

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the ICAS Maths competition:

Year 3:
- High Distinction – Hayden B
- Distinction – Samuel Hawsworth
- Merit – Connah R, Mia B

Year 4:
- Distinction – Finlay R, Tom P
- Credit – Rowan S, Kye P, Hamish M, Elia B
- Merit – Connor M, Joel M, Olivia J, Olivia H, Eleanor B

Year 5:
- High Distinction – Alex N
- Distinction – Zane B
- Credit – Lauren T, Makeley N, Jack M, Harriet D
- Merit – Ariane J, Jaxon A

Year 6:
- Distinction – Luke K
- Credit – Jared M, Andy K, Samuel C, Riley C, James B, Finlay B
- Merit – Rohan S, Lewis N

Date | Upcoming Events
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30th Oct | Sydney Excursion ~ Year 5
 | Transport Excursion ~ Kindergarten
3rd Nov | Belair Walk to School Day
3-14 Nov | Swim School for Year 2
6th Nov | Kindergarten 2015 Transition Meeting 9.30am in Hall
7th Nov | School Disco
 | Infants 5.30pm – 6.40pm
 | Primary 6.45pm–8.15pm
17th Nov | Selective High School Applications Close
18th Nov | Un-Camp Day for Band Members at Belair
19th Nov | P&C Meeting at 7pm
2nd Dec | Belair Walk to School Day
 | Canteen RED DAY
3rd Dec | Christmas Scripture Assembly at 11.30am
5th Dec | Year 6 Mini Fete
Year 3 Awabakal Reserve Excursion
Gunyahs, Ochre and Magnificent Views
Last Friday Year 3 went on an excursion to the Awabakal Education Centre. After a short bus ride we went into a room filled with artefacts. Trish, our Educator, showed and explained the uses of each artefact such as boomerangs, shields, coolamons, spears, woomeras and clubs. We even made our own paper coolamons. We then went for a long walk through the Awabakal reserve. We visited a waterhole where Awabakal people used to camp and cook. We went to Redhead Lagoon which was surrounded by paperbark trees. The water in the lagoon was very dark. Trish told us a Dreaming story about how Redhead Lagoon was made. We sat enjoying the tranquil setting with lots of birds. In a clearing in the bush we made miniature gunyahs using paperbark, sticks and leaves which was lots of fun. After lunch we walked to the headland cliffs where we could see along Redhead beach to Belmont to the south and Glenrock and Merewether beaches up to Port Stephens to the north. All students thoroughly enjoyed themselves especially trying out ochre which we found during the walk.

Year 4 Glenrock Excursion
On Friday Year 4 went to Glenrock for an excursion to talk about how Aboriginal people lived. Gary, our Ranger first talked about some plants that were used as traditional food and are still eaten today. We tested water at Flaggy Creek and then we saw some waterfalls. During recess Gary told us a story. It also started to rain. What a nuisance! Then we went to the beach, it was fun! Gary told us another story there. It was an amazing day, we all loved it.

Understanding How Your Child Learns
Public Talk and Discussion
Presenter:
Tony McLaughlin
Tony is an experienced teacher, educator and educational consultant formerly with the Department of Education and Communities now with Big Steps Education.
Where: Belair Public School Hall
When: Wednesday 12 November 2014 at 7.30pm
Cost: Free
The evening will consist of an interactive presentation on Understanding How Your Child Learns followed by general discussion.
NB: the contents of this discussion aren’t necessarily the views held by Belair Public School or the Department of Education and Communities
For further information contact Tony McLaughlin:
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Students’ Awards
KA
Alexandros R, Mia J

KK
Alexandra C, Alexander J

KM
Ruby F, Eliza B, Atticus B

KZ
Josie W, Damien R

1B
John-Lucas B, Daisha B

1S
Cameron A, Lachlan F

1T
Georgia M, Ashton C

2H
Harry H, Olivia S

2K
Lani W, Lucas W

2P
Cameron M, Isabella Y

3D
Ben S, Grace D

3H
Ally S, Priyah L, Ryan C, Mason M

3W
Hollie M, Aiden l

4M
Charlotte R, Zac T

4P
Jarvis V, Imogen B

4/5F
Lily P, Luke R

5B
Flynn B, Megan H

5/6M
Elijah S, Sarah P

6G
Abby A, Tama N

6L
Yazabella M, Keira S

Band
Amy S, Ryan C

Choir
Ella B, Matilda C

Library
Luka J, Emma C

Kids Care
Luka J

Honours
Katerina M

Canteen Roster

| Wed | 29/10 | R Scow |
| Thurs | 30/10 | G Lacey, N Collins |
| Fri | 31/10 | B Matthews, L Cooper, S Patch, K Stone |
| Mon | 3/11 | W Noble, T Manuel |
| Tue | 4/11 | S Sommers, I. Clifford, C Tinson |

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

Canteen News

Meal Deals: Only come with milk, juice or water – not sports water.

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

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

Louise Davidson Canteen Co-ordinator