Thanks to our Community for their Great Support

As always, our wonderful Belair Community helped us out when it was needed. The tiered seating area in the hall was packed away in record time due to the fantastic crew which turned up on Wednesday afternoon to help out. One of our parents even brought along some of their employees to help. We are working on a special trolley design to make the moving of the pontoons an easier prospect in the future.

Dazzling Disco

Last Friday evening our P&C hosted another fantastic disco. Plenty of parents and teachers were on hand to supervise which helped the evening run very smoothly. Our students had a fun time and behaved beautifully. Thanks to the P&C disco team, who always do a superb job organising these great events.

Selective High School Applications Closing Soon

Applications for placement in Year 7 at a Selective High School in 2016 will be open to parents of students in Year 5 from 14 October to 17 November 2014. The application information booklet is available on the High Performing Students Unit’s website at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement.

School Planning Evening

There are still a few parent spots available for our planning evening tomorrow. If you would like to contribute to the development of the strategic directions for Belair School over the next three years, please come along. We will be working in the library from 3.30pm until 7.00pm. A light meal will then be served for people able to stay. If this sounds like you, please call the office on 4952 1735 tomorrow morning.

P&C Meeting

Due to several other events clashing, our last P&C meeting of the year has been postponed for a week. The new date is Wednesday 26 November.

Anti-Bullying Procedures

Any parent concerned that their child may be experiencing bullying, is advised to utilise the Bullying Notification sheet. This is available, with our school policy, on the Belair Public School website under the “Caring for Students” tab. Copies are also available through the office.

Bullying can take many forms including physical, verbal, cyber and exclusion. Such acts are considered bullying when there is a power imbalance (not just physical) and incidents are repeated. It is most desirable for students to develop strategies to overcome bullying themselves however, it is important we provide support when it is needed.

Date | Upcoming Events
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3–14 Nov | Swim School for Year 2
17th Nov | Selective High School Applications Close
18th Nov | Un-Camp Day for Band Members
26th Nov | P&C Meeting at 7pm
2nd Dec | Belair Walk to School Day
3rd Dec | Christmas Scripture Assembly at 11.30am
5th Dec | Year 6 Mini Fete
9th Dec | ESI Presentation Day at 9.30am
11th Dec | Swimming Carnival – Years 3–6
12th Dec | Year 6 to Year 7 High School Transition – KHS
15th Dec | Years 3–6 Presentation Day
16th Dec | Stage 3 Christmas Party Day
17th Dec | Stage 1 Christmas Party Day
19th Dec | Stage 2 Christmas Party Day
20th Dec | Year 6 Farewell
21st Dec | Last Day of School for 2014
Relieving During Principal Absence
In the event of Mr Beard being out of the school, Mrs Marsh will assume the role of Relieving Principal.

Band News
Any parent who has received a refund cheque due to the cancellation of this year’s Band Camp is asked to bank them as soon as possible.

Newcastle Permanent Building Society
Congratulations to the students who participated in this activity. Belair traditionally performs very well in this competition and this year was no exception. Our students received 41 Distinctions and 47 Merits. We also had two Year 6 students perform exceptionally well. Luke K won a District Award and Finlay B received a High Distinction.

Sydney Jewish Museum
Please note the following two recounts are an abbreviation of the original stories.

Last Thursday Year 5 went to Sydney for an excursion. We went to the Sydney Jewish Museum. We went there because we had read the novel, “The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas”. We met two Holocaust survivors who told us what it was like to be a Jew during the war. The museum was very sad and solemn but we heard many amazing stories. I think everyone would agree that the children’s memorial was a beautiful place for us to think about how lucky we are and remember to be kind to each other.

By: Ariane J

Last Thursday Year 5 went to Sydney to visit the Power House Museum. We went to the Space Exhibition and learned how to become Space Cadets. We found out what it is like in space and how a space shuttle operates. I give it five stars and definitely recommend going with the whole family.

By: Maddy S

Students’ Awards
KA  Fletcher K, Tahlia W
   KK  Joshua F, Amahli R
   KM  Laura N, Austin M
   KZ  Charlotte D, Deyango S
   1B  Harry A, Coco D
   1S  Oliver O, Hayley R
   1T  Alexander W, Helena M
   2H  Eden L, Leslie N
   2K  Luke T, Darcy H
   2P  Declan S, Ruby P
   3D  James G, James R
   3H  Jasmine B, Jensen R
   3W  Kade M, Lily-Rose D
   4M  Keely K, Conner D
   4P  Kiarli N, Conan J
   4/5F  Jack A, Kiara B
   5B  Dawn D, Sam P
   5/6M  Elizabeth H, Alex N
   6G  Lewis N, Georgia R
   6L  Samuel C, Charlotte B
Choir  Ariane J, Annabelle N
Band  Sarah K, Nicholas N
Dance  Eliza S, Kylee P
Honours  Matilda C, Olivia S, Eva N, Evy A
Principals’ Award  Jordan T

Canteen Roster

Wed  12/11  Robyn S, Rachael P
Thurs  13/11  Kathleen E, Sharon C
Fri  14/11  Karen R, Danielle W, Derek L
Mon  17/11  Irene T, Teresa T, Janelle K
Tue  18/11  Tina W, Natasha W, Lindsey M

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

Canteen News

Christmas Party: Invitations have gone out via email for our party. If you did not receive your invitation please contact Louise.

Sushi: Due to lack of orders this year we will no longer have Sushi each week. Our next Sushi day will be Thursday 4/12/14. Order forms will go home to remind parents. We will be trying weekly orders again next year.

Hot Dogs: $3 while stocks last, (only 30 available).

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