2015–17 Belair Public School

Strategic Directions

Last Wednesday evening all teachers and 15 parents attended a meeting to formulate strategic directions for the school’s next three year plan. The evening was highly successful with presentations of data from the various surveys of staff, students and parents as well as a look at NAPLAN summaries. There was also a brief rundown on current educational best practice trends. As a result of a rather intense three and a half hours, the following strategic directions emerged:

**STRATEGIC DIRECTION 1**
Adaptable, future-focused, critical and reflective learners who display resilience and creativity

**STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2**
Staff and Leader learning based on deep collaboration and quality feedback

**STRATEGIC DIRECTION 3**
Constructive learning partnerships across the school community

These strategic directions will be fleshed out with actions and outcomes and shared with our community early next year.

School Band Auditions

Auditions for joining the 2015 Belair Public School Concert Band will begin Wednesday 19th November with Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) auditions to be held in the band room from 12pm to 1pm with Ms Loredo (Band Co-ordinator) and Mr Lamond (Band Director). The following week the current band members will perform for Year 2 and they will be invited to audition for the remaining positions on Wednesday 3rd November.

Prior experience is not necessary to audition for the band. During the auditions students will be observed for their aptitude and suitability on the instruments available. Students from Year 2 and upwards who own their own (woodwind or brass) instruments wishing to join, should still attend auditions and indicate in their “Joining Band Agreement” that they will be playing their own instrument.

School App Issues

There appears to be some issues with iPhones with iOS 8 installed. The APP provider has been contacted and a solution will hopefully be available shortly.

Camp Quality Puppet Show – 4/12/14

This is a free educational program using puppets to deliver a fun and positive message about supporting children living with cancer and other serious illnesses.

The information shared aims to help children heighten their awareness of the need to care for and support others who may look, or be a little ‘different’, particularly because of physical problems, such as hair loss, because of cancer treatment.

Children frequently ask very thoughtful questions. We are able to answer most questions to satisfy their ‘need to know’ and concerns that they may have. We do not have the authority to answer complicated medical questions. If they occur, we will refer the child to make enquiries of a medical practitioner.

Thousands of children have seen the puppets, and have been delighted as the characters come to life, relating very well, the information given to the children on their own level. Puppets have, for many generations, been a fantastic communication tool. We trust that your children will benefit from the lessons they will learn through listening to our stories. There are two different presentations targeting younger and older students.

If you need to know details of the program, please do not hesitate to call the team on (02) 9876 0565. Mr Beard is also available to provide further information.

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Captain and Prefect Speeches

Next Monday and Tuesday K–6 will be listening to prefect nominees for 2015. Eleven nominees will present on each day and voting will be held on Wednesday 26/11/14. Results will be made public at Friday 28th assembly.

Book Packs for 2015

Notes are going home this week for 2015 Book Packs.

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We are requesting a deposit or full payment (see your class notes). Payments can be made online if preferred.

Debating News

The debating competitions for Belair students are now over. Congratulations to the Year 6 students who participated in the Premier’s Debating Challenge and Year 5 students who competed in the ‘Train on Squad’. While our Year 6 debaters displayed their skill with argument and rebuttal, the Year 5 students gained much in experience to strengthen these areas. They both showed commitment through giving up some lunchtimes and listening and following through with the advice of the adjudicators.

We have gained skills in convincing people, sportsmanship, leadership and confidence in speaking and will use all these skills in life. By: Saskia F, Elizabeth H and Zara H (Year 6 Debaters). In the ‘Train on Debating’ we have learnt how to work with a time limit efficiently and teamwork skills. We are looking forward to the Premier’s Challenge next year. By: Zoe M, Emma B, Harriet D and Katerina M (Year 5 Debaters).

Smoking – No Way

Kotara High School has asked for our support to help keep their kids safe. A small number of students from the high school have been smoking after school in the Hudson Park area. The high school has asked us to notify them of any such behaviour so they can respond immediately. This certainly is not the models we want our students to see as they leave school of an afternoon. Please contact Kotara High School or Belair office immediately and the message will be passed on to the high school.

P&C News

Last P&C meeting this year is Wednesday 26th November. If you are able to, please bring a plate of food to share.

Book Club: Last book club orders for this year went home last week. Orders due by Wednesday 19/11/14. Great Christmas gifts, surprises can be collected from office (leave a note with name / phone number) to request.

With this Newsletter you will receive:
- Book Pack Notes K–6
- Swimming Carnival Note Year 3–Year 6
- Decorate Your Cupcake Order Forms K–6
- Canteen Colouring in Competition Forms K–6

All notes are available on our school website for your convenience.

Students’ Awards

KA  Nathan G, Aleah K
KK  Macy W, Max Doolan
KM  Tom F, Taj A
KZ  William F, Matilda D
1B  Michael R, Tia F
1S  Bailey T, Amelia W
1T  Florie P, Harvey W
2H  Kiara G, Sam R
2K  Sam S, Jessica K
2P  Izzie Z, Tom D
3D  Joshua H, Emily T
3H  Nick A, Charlotte F
3W  Makayla S, Levi R
4M  Eleanor B, Nixon S
4P  Thomas P, Sophie A
4/5F  Matthew J, Hallie D
5B  Zane B, Hallie D
5/6M  Katrina M, Ioan R
6G  Ethan A, Ruby R
6L  Matt B, Hayley M
Choir  Harry T, Jared M
Band  James K, James R
Dance  Cassie A, Kiara G
Kids Care  Spencer B
Honours  Matthew J, Kai J

Canteen News

Next RED DAY

Decorate your Cupcake ~ Tuesday 2/12/14

Order forms and money needs to be returned by Thursday 27/11/14.

Colouring in Competition: forms need to be returned to the canteen by Friday 28/11/14.

Sushi: 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.

2015 help needed: if you would like to help in the canteen next year please contact Louise 0438 516 744.

Louise Davidson Canteen Co-ordinator