2013 Annual School Report
The Annual School Report has been completed and uploaded to the school website. Thank you to all parents who contributed through participation in surveys, focus groups and thanks also to the community and staff members of the school improvement team.
This year’s ASR contains reports of activities across the grades as well as highlights of the many academic, sporting and cultural achievements of our students in 2013. Recognition must also be made of Ms Crain who did much of the legwork in leading the evaluations and compiling data for the report.

Year 6 Canberra Excursion
I had the pleasure of accompanying our Year 6 students on their Canberra excursion. This was one of the most delightful excursions with which I have ever been involved. Our Belair students drew positive comments again and again from the staff and educators at the various ports of call along the way. People were impressed with not only the wonderful behaviour of our students, but also with the level of engagement and high quality of questioning. Thanks to the parents who came along to help care for our students on the trip and thanks to our wonderful Year 6 teachers for the time and effort put into organising this excursion.

Robogals
Yesterday we were lucky enough to have the “Robogals” group from Newcastle University run 5 x 1 hour workshops for our Stage 3 classes.
“Robogals” is an international, student-run organisation that aims to increase female participation in Engineering, Science and Technology through fun and educational initiatives.
The experience was amazing! In our 1 hour robotics workshops, the students were able to construct and program LEGO NXT robotics kits, which included a central CPU brick that is programmed using a simple, visual interface to use components such as light sensors, colour sensors, sound sensors, motors, sound outputs, etc.
As well as building and programming the robots, the workshop included a brief introduction to the different types of engineering, and how engineers impact our daily lives. We would like to thank Hayley & James and all the volunteers for sharing their passion of engineering and robotics with us.

Online Payments Off to a Great Start
Many of our families have already jumped onto the online payment option now available through the Belair Website. There are a couple of things, however, which parents need to note.
1. P&C monies such as raffle tickets, Entertainment Books (coming soon) and canteen purchases must be paid in the traditional manner. It is only school events and purchases which can be paid through the website.
2. Please ensure you only pay for one child at a time as our invoicing system does not support payments for multiple students in the one transaction.
3. If paying for the Year 3-6 ICAS competitions, please make note in ‘other’ box i.e. Maths, Science, English or Writing, so we know what competition you want your child to enter. If you want your child to enter all competitions for $41 there is no need to identify the different competitions.
4. Please ensure receipt numbers are recorded on permission notes. There is no need to send in receipts, simply store either electronically or print your own copy.

ANZAC School Service
Our traditional school ANZAC service will be held on Thursday 10th April at 9.30am in the hall. Parents and community members are welcome to attend.

Students wishing to contribute to a class boutique are welcome to bring in a few flowers to their classroom.

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Student Invoices
Today invoices have gone home to families detailing your account. Please note if your child is in the school band a part payment of $60 is required if not paying in full. ICAS competitions are optional for students in Years 3-6. If paying online please remember each student must be a separate transaction.

Scripture Assembly
Tomorrow 2nd April whole school Scripture Assembly will be held in the hall commencing at 12.20pm, parents are welcome. Non Scripture students will be catered for.

Zone Cross Country
Last week our school team competed at the Zone Cross Country carnival at Mayfield. All our runners did very well.
We achieved 3 first places, 2 third places, a fourth place, and 2 seventh places.
Well done to these six runners who have confirmed their place at Regional Carnival: Eleanor B, Claudia K, Chris L, Zac T, Zachary Mc, Emma H.

Belair School APP
The App is a free download from the Apple or Android store. To sign in use: Username: community Password: Belairps

P&C News
Bookclub ~ The K-2 Bookclub has received an order for a “Make and Create” craft book, but there is no name attached. Please contact Johanna on 49208020 if this is your order.

Entertainment Books are on their way!
The entertainment books have been a great fundraiser for Belair over many years. They will go home with note takers on Tuesday 8th April, if you do not wish to keep the book please return it to your child's classroom asap. If you would like to keep the book prompt payment is appreciated. Please DO NOT use the Belair electronic payment system to pay for your books.
If you have any questions regarding the entertainment book please contact Vanessa McNally, 0419 652982

Easter Raffle: Our Easter raffle will be drawn next Monday 7th April at 2pm. Please feel free to join us for the draw. Tickets are still available from the office. We still require donations of Easter eggs and baskets. Thanks to the families that have already donated eggs and returned tickets.

Kind Regards P&C Committee
With this Newsletter you will receive:
Family Invoices
All notes are available on our school website for your convenience

Students’ Awards
KA Ruby A, Brodie F, Zen J
KK Tayn C, Payton G
KM Byron B, Ruby F, Austin M, Michael H
KZ Josie W, Alex W
1B Tia F, Luke P
1S Isabella W, Jaiden A
1T Sonny M, Helena M
2H Evie S, Flynn A
2K Shikiah H, Blake W
2P Christina Z, Harry C
3D Joshua H, Alicia P
3H Molly B, Charlie A
3W Kade M, Makayla S
4M Ella H, Zac T
4P Kari E, Brayden H
4/5F Christopher L, Kiara B
5B Rebhen H, Eden P
5/6M Sam H, Lily K
6G Harry T, Alexandra T, Ioan R
6L Keira S, Grant C
Dance Nicole A, Zoe Mc
Choir Jack M, Emma H
Band Connor M, Joshua R
Honours Elliott R, James G

Please note due to privacy issues we have decided to only print students' first names and initials for award winners

Canteen Roster
Wed 2/4 | Lara Miller
Thurs 3/4 | Kathleen Evans, Sharon Cooper
Fri 4/4 | Michael and Jodie Lidbetter, Karen Kyte, Aliissa Hughes
Mon 7/4 | Irene Tsimouas, Teresa Turner, Janelle Kelly
Tue 8/4 | CLOSED ~ Athletics Carnival
If you are unable to do your shift, please phone Louise 0438 516 744

Canteen News
Donut and Milkshake Day is Wednesday 9th April. Please return your order and money to the Canteen by Thursday 3rd April. (Help will be needed on this day).
Lunch orders MUST be written on paper not plastic as it rubs off.
If you would prefer a wrap instead of a burger or sandwich please write this clearly on the lunch bag.
❖ New item ~ Belair Beef Burger $4.00
❖ Our Chicken Schnitzels are homemade
❖ New Promotion ~ purchase any piece of fruit and you will receive a free gift

Louise Davidson Canteen Co-ordinator

Community News
Kotara OOSH / Vacation Care ~ not operating in the school holidays.
Charlestown and New Lambton will be operating.
Blackbutt Reserve Junior Ranger Day ~ Tuesday 15 April
Contact blackbuttnadmin@ncc.nsw.gov.au or 4904 3344
Kids Classic Concert, Civic Theatre, Saturday 9th April ~ 2pm tickets at the door
Contact: Julie@julieloganmusic.com.au or 4963 2026
Visit the Wetlands in the Holidays
Go to www.wetlands.org.au for dates, times and costs