Too Sick For School?
As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It's often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice if needed.
School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

Mental Maths Strategies
We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we're helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

GRIP Leadership Conference
On Wednesday 21st May the Belair Captains and Prefects attended the GRIP leadership conference at Newcastle Panthers Club.
At the conference our leaders met with leaders from other schools and participated in discussions and activities to further develop their understanding of the qualities that make good leaders. They learnt that they must lead with generosity, responsibility, integrity and always remember that they are there to serve others. The students finally wrapped up the day with a brainstorming session asking them to think of projects, which they run, which will improve their school community.
Overall our leaders came away from this fun and productive day excited by the prospect of being able to better serve their school.

Community Member to tell Awabakal Stories to Stage 2
Stage 2 are looking forward to Mr Craig Aspinall telling the Awabakal Dreaming Stories this Thursday. Students will use this experience to create their own stories to share with others during our NAIDOC Day celebrations on Wednesday 25th June

Congratulations Ms Pritchard
We were delighted to hear that last Thursday Ms Pritchard gave birth to a baby boy. Mrs Emily Allars has taken over the reins of 2P and is looking forward to getting to know the children and families of her new class.

Executive Changes
As a result of Ms Pritchard’s leave, Mrs Tagaroulias has stepped up into the position of Assistant Principal for Stage 1. Other Assistant Principals are: Mr Baker, Stage 3; Ms Crain, Stage 2 and Mrs Marsh, Early Stage 1.
These members of the Executive have responsibility for overseeing the learning and welfare of all students in their stage and work closely with classroom teachers. Information about your child’s education and wellbeing can be sought through the class teacher and can also be supported through the Assistant Principal.

School Evaluation and Improvement
Team Members Needed
There are still a couple of vacancies on the School Evaluation and Planning Team. No particular skill set is needed for parents to be involved. The school is keen to get broad representation from parents on this team to ensure community voice is a key feature of our school moving forward to best meet the needs of all students. Parents wishing more information on the way the team works and the commitment involved, please contact Mr Beard.

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School Banking
School banking is collected on Wednesday mornings at 9am. To ensure your child’s banking is collected on time please send your child’s bankbook to school on Tuesdays so it is received at the collection point on Wednesday morning.

World Environment Day
Next Thursday, 5 June, Belair Public School will participate in World Environment Day by reducing our lunch waste. Please unwrap all pre-packaged food at home and use reusable containers to bring your lunch to school. The Primary Environment Committee will also be conducting an investigation where they will determine the amount of rubbish produced on a typical Belair lunch and compare the results with Thursday’s binless lunch day.

Dance Groups
We have just received some exciting news regarding the junior and senior dance groups. They have both been accepted into the Hunter Dance Festival and will perform on Monday 21st July. Congratulations girls, well done!

Sport News
Rugby League ~ On Tuesday 20th May the Rugby League boys went to Windale Oval to play in the Knights Knockout, we played five games, leaving our best result a draw. The boys that scored the tries were Kye, Matt and myself. By Jack M 5/6M
Futsal ~ On Monday 26th our school sent two talented Futsal teams to Howzat to compete in the Regional Futsal Championships. Both teams did very well and one team came fifth and the other team came second and have made it to the State Titles which will be played at the end of this term.
Zone Touch Football ~ Last Friday Emma, Madison, Joshua, Cooper, Jared and Grant represented our school at the Zone Touch Football Trials. All students played very well. Congratulations to Jared, Cooper and Emma for progressing to Regional Touch Trials this Friday.
PSSA Basketball ~ Last week Emma represented the Hunter Region at the PSSA Basketball State Championships in Albury. The team played six games and won three. Overall they placed 9th out of 14 teams from all over NSW.

P&C News
Entertainment Books ~Today reminder letters went home to families who have not yet paid for or returned their Entertainment Book. If you receive a reminder please finalise your account quickly.

Students’ Awards
KA Ally K, Liam S
KK Tarn C, Charlotte M
KM Dimitri H, Taj A
KZ Isabella W, William F
1B Harry A, Coco D
1S Angela F, Casey H
1T Bella S, Reid B
2H Tristan D, Olivia S
2K Amelia T, Jonah H
2P Eleni M, William L
3D Ben S, Samara P
3H Jasper H, Jasmine B
3W Jye L, Hannah O
4M Lily H, Marija T
4P Hamish M, Grace B
4/5F Zoe Mc, Lily P
5B Jasmine S, Rush W
5/6M Kelsey T, Vivian D
6G Lewis N, Skye M
6L Lauren I, Yzabella Mc
Dance Ava G, Zara H
Choir Matilda C, Abbie H
Band Ruby R, Will T, Elise C, Cooper T
Honours Certificate Grace D, Sophie R, Molly C, Lilly C, Connor M
Kids care Award Charlotte R, Emily K, Jaijani L, Kiarli N

Canteen Roster

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

Canteen News
✓ Hello Pandas are no longer available from the canteen (now classed as a red item)
✓ Finger Buns ~ are now $1.40
✓ Nachos with sour cream is available for a limited time $3.50
✓ Help is needed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, if you would like to do Canteen please text Louise.
✓ Gluten Free items now available:
  - Sesame Snaps 50 cents
  - Apricot or Fruit Salad Bites 80 cents
  - Chicken Nuggets 50 cents each
  - Chicken Noodles $2.50

Any other ideas would be appreciated. Please email Louise Belaircanteen@gmail.com

A friendly reminder that the canteen is not allowed to reheat food brought from home.

Kind Regards P&C Committee

Louise Davidson Canteen Co-ordinator