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29th July 2014 (Term 3)

**Year 6 Sleep-out for the Homeless**
This Thursday evening most of our Year 6 students will be returning to school to a meal prepared in a “soup kitchen” followed by a night out in the cold. This idea for this great initiative came from our school leaders who decided they wanted to do something for less fortunate members of our community. They are seeking sponsorship from the community with funds raised donated to St Vinnie’s for their work with homeless people. Local businesses have got behind the kids with support from the Teacher’s Mutual Bank as well as our local Woolworths.

People wishing to make a donation can do so through the Belair Sleep-out link:
This link is also on the school website.

**Belair School Values and Beliefs**
*(repeat message)*

In order to create the most effective school culture that promotes improved learning for all students, we must identify a set of core values and beliefs about learning. These values and beliefs will function as explicit foundational commitments to students and our community. The process of identifying our revised statement of values and beliefs will involve collecting feedback and ideas from our families, students, teachers and other school staff. The following link appears on our school website and will be made available through an email to our list subscribers and also via the school APP. If you prefer a paper version, please send a note to the office and one will be sent home. This link will remain active for two weeks. There are only three questions to answer.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1qiA1Gw9s_XKHNI-GIV197_w82Gv9tk3YD9ha05UQZPg/viewform?usp=send_form

**Student Safety**
We once again have barriers in our playground to keep our children away from a tree which dropped a branch yesterday. The tree will be reassessed and appropriate action taken.

Staff car parks are not pick up and drop off points unless parents are picking up a sick or injured child. Please help keep all our students safe by following our policies.

**Variety Showcase**

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“Another Place, Another Time”
Dates: 10th and 11th September 2014
Times: Matinee 10am, Evening 6pm
Cost: Matinee $10, Evening $12

Tickets are on sale from tomorrow. So all families have the opportunity to attend the concert, the maximum amount of tickets a family can purchase for a night performance is 6. There will be one Matinee (Wed 10th Sept) and two Evening Performances (Wed 10th & Thurs 11th Sept). The dress rehearsal will be held on Monday 8th September. Ticket order forms have been sent home with this newsletter. The correct money would be most appreciated. No refunds will be given, so please choose carefully. As order forms roll in they will be date stamped to ensure they are processed in the order they arrive. Tickets will be issued as soon as seats are finalised which may take a couple of weeks. We ask that parents bringing pre-school children consider attending the Matinee Performance. For both safety and operational reasons, no prams or strollers will be allowed in the hall during the performances. Belair school students will not require tickets for the show as they will all be supervised in classrooms until the end of the performance. Students will have the opportunity to see most of the acts during the dress rehearsal on the Monday.

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Teachers Writing new Maths Units

In recognition of the huge workload for schools around the implementation of four new syllabuses, schools have been given some additional professional funds for syllabus implementation. Over the past two weeks and this week teachers have been released for half a day to work in pairs re-writing our mathematics units which align with the new syllabus. By approaching the task in this manner, teachers then have more time to work together on the translation of these units into teaching and learning activities which meet the individual needs of students. We continue to use the maths text books as a component of student learning, however, these are a resource to support the learning of students, not the teaching program. The NSW Mathematics Syllabus drives what our teachers are teaching.

Year 5 Parent Information Session on Student Leadership and Year 6 Farewell

Year 5 parents are invited to join us next Wednesday 6/8/14 evening at 4.30pm to hear about the process of electing Prefects and Captains for 2015. The Leadership process will be from the start of Week 6 (10/11/14) until the end of Week 8 (28/11/14) in Term 4. More information will be sent home later this week.

Traditionally at Belair, Year 5 parents organise the Year 6 farewell, in conjunction with the Stage 3 teachers. This will also be discussed at the meeting.

Sign up for Email Communication

To date, 104 people have signed up to our school email list. To register, you can type the following into your browser, or alternatively, head to our website and click on the link in the news item. We will start using these email addresses next term.

http://eepurl.com/Wu40D

P&C News

Book Club: Orders are due back in by tomorrow, Wednesday 30/7/14.

Uniform Shop: now has stock of new iron-on crests.

School Jackets, Jumpers and Hats: are now available from the Canteen during opening hours 9.30am–2.00pm. Jackets $35, jumpers $25, hats $12, crests $6, and drink bottles $5.

Kind Regards P&C Committee

With this Newsletter you will receive:
Term 4 Calendar
Variety Showcase Ticket Order Form
All notes are available on our school website for your convenience

Students’ Awards

KA  Aleah K, Quinten W
KK  Ashton O, Lila H
KM  Emma C, Ana G, Tasmy A
KZ  Thomas B, Isabella W
1B  Laura B, Emily M
1S  Ruby N, Levi G
1T  Lucille W, Levi C
2H  Tristan D, Allira B
2K  Abbie R, Lucas W
2P  Lucase M, Maggie C
3D  Clare J, Kai J
3H  Charli N, Lynch S
3W  Levi R, Lily–Rose D
4M  Ella H, William T
4P  Claudia J, Jett C
4/5F  Luke R, Zac T
5B  Tom F, Emma B
5/6M  Nick F, Sarah P
6G  Phillip J, Lauren B
6L  Thorin J, Charlotte B
Band  Skye M, Jack M
Choir  Sam C
Dance  Elizabeth H, Sarah K
Honours  Rebecca H, Hayley M, Andy K

Canteen News

Chocolate Billabongs: $1 till sold out

Sushi: please remember if you want to order Sushi for lunch this Thursday, your order and money must be in at the canteen by tomorrow at 11am.

Roast Beef and Gravy Rolls: $2.50 until sold out.

RED DAY: Thank you to all the parents who came in to help. I really appreciate all the hard work you do for the canteen.

School Clothing now Available at the canteen: Jackets $35, jumpers $25, hats $12, crests $6, and drink bottles $5.

Louise Davidson Canteen Co-ordinator

Canteen Roster

Wed  30/7  Robyn Scow, Rachel Porter
Thurs  31/7  Gail Lacey, Kim Angeli
Fri  1/8  Cate Scudds, Cheryl Allington, Michael Liddell
Mon  4/8  Julie Foot, Sasha Swerves
Tue  5/8  Brooke Cotterell, Lorraine Smith

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