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Belair Values and Beliefs Revised

Last Wednesday evening staff and some of the parents on the School Planning and Improvement Team met to work through the staff, parent and student responses to questions around values and beliefs we hold in relation to teaching and learning. After a very intense evening’s work, the following things which we value were identified:

✓ Equity  
✓ Engagement  
✓ A love of lifelong learning  
✓ Sharing the learning journey

We have identified a series of beliefs linked to these values and, most importantly, identified the things we will do as a result of our values and beliefs. This has been a very satisfying process, made all the better by the level of parent involvement. Thank you to all the parents who completed the online survey and also the parents who contributed directly to the process last week. We are currently finalising the format for publishing these statements and will share with the school community in the near future.

Education Week Celebration

It was lovely to have so many of our parents and friends join us last Thursday to celebrate Education Week. Thank you to Mrs Tagaroulias for putting the day together and congratulations to our students who presented wonderful performances on the day.

Anti-Bullying Policy

Belair Public School has a comprehensive Anti-Bullying Policy. One component of the policy is the Bullying Notification form. Parents concerned that their child may be a victim of bullying should complete the notification which is on the website under the Caring for Student / Student Safety tab. The form is also available through the school office.

It is important, however, to differentiate between bullying and simply a one-off problem between two students or an ongoing personality clash. The two key elements which point to bullying are an imbalance of power and repeated actions. The power imbalance does not necessarily relate to strength or size, and bullying can be verbal or even involve exclusion. If you are unsure of how to proceed, please contact your child’s teacher.

Variety Showcase

“Another Place, Another Time”

Wednesday 10th September: Matinee 10am (tickets $10)  
Evening 6pm (sold out)

Thursday 11th September:  Evening only at 6pm (sold out)

We have had a sensational response to ticket sales for Variety Showcase. Both evening performances are sold out. Tickets are still available for Wednesday’s Matinee show (cost: $10) Tickets will be sent home with students in envelopes on Monday 25th August.

Important: please check your tickets carefully and keep them in a safe place as you will need them for entry. Despite our best efforts, unfortunately due to the large demand, not all people will be seated together. 

Student performances: all students will participate in all three shows (Wednesday Matinee, Wednesday Evening and Thursday Evening).

The evening show will commence at 6pm in the hall with the band. It is anticipated that the show will finish at about 8.30pm. A more accurate time will be sent home to families when the timetable has been confirmed.

Student supervision during evening performances: All students will be supervised in classrooms by teachers before and after their performance on the stage. Students are encouraged to bring along a game and a book to read (no electronic devices). All students will remain in classrooms until the end of the concert when they will be collected by parents / families at the same time. Parents and families will be required to sign a sign in / sign out sheet to collect their children. Younger students may like to bring a pillow and a blanket. Teachers will be sending home class notes about costumes, class items, etc. Please keep a look out for these as they will be on orange paper. Any questions just ask your classroom teacher, band, dance or choir teachers depending on activity.

Date | Upcoming Events
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20/8 | P&C Meeting at 7pm
25/8 | Variety Showcase Tickets go home
26/8-28/8 | Belair Students go to Kotara HS Art Show
27/8 | Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition
28/8 | Netball and Soccer Gala Day
29/8 | Regional Athletics ~ Selected Students
9/9 | Indigenous Literacy Book Swap
10/9 | Variety Showcase ~ Matinee 10am, Evening 6pm
11/9 | Variety Showcase ~ Evening 6pm
Parent Concern with Other Students

Parents with concerns relating to the behaviour of other students must not address these directly to the child involved either at school or outside the school if it is a school related issue. We love the fact that our playground is a welcoming place for all parents and ask that any concerns are addressed through appropriate channels.

Safety around our School

Parents and community members are reminded to be safety conscious whilst driving around our school. Our streets are very narrow and visibility can be difficult. The pedestrian crossing in Terence Street is not designed as a drop off spot. Please keep the crossing clear at all times and park in allocated places.

The police have been alerted and will be patrolling to help keep our students safe.

Kotara High Art Show

Our students have been invited to attend the Kotara High School Art Show next week. Belair children will walk over to KHS and be treated to a guided tour by students from the school. As this is covered by the “Walking Excursion” permission note, a note will not be sent home. Our classes will be out of the school for one hour in total for this activity. Please see the timetable below to ensure there are no clashes with family appointments:

Tuesday 26/8/14: 4M, 4P, 3W, 5B
Wednesday 27/8/14: 6G, 6L, 1T, 2H, 3H, 3D, 1S, 1B
Thursday 28/8/14: 2P, 2K, Kinder, 5/6M, 4/5F

If you have any questions, please see your child’s teacher.

Dance Group News

Auditions for the 2014 / 2015 Dance Group will be held:
% Juniors 8am Monday 25/8/14
% Seniors 8am Wednesday 27/8/14

Anyone wanting a note should see Mrs Mounser.

Premier’s Spelling Bee

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Premier’s Spelling Bee 2014. Tully A, Finlay R, Joshuaua R and Alex N will be headed to the Regional Final at Hamilton Public School on Wednesday 10th September. We wish them all the best.

P&C News

Book Club: Issue 6 brochures have gone home. Orders are due back by Wednesday 27th August.
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

Students' Awards

KA Ruby A, Samuel B
KK Xavier H, Macy W
KM Dimitri H, Isabella B, Atticus B
KZ Charlie W, Madeleine H
1B Kynon H, Callan F
1S Isla M, Jaiden A
1T Ava H, Alexander W
2H Eden L, Flynn A
2K Shikiah H, Blake W
2P Elizabeth L, Lucas D
3D Charlotte R, Luc J
3H Aidan M, Priyah L
3W Makayla S Elliott L
4M Jack N, Rylee P
4P Claudia J, Oliver M
4/5F Jameson C, Natac D
5B Kealey C, Reuben H
5/6M Katina M, Ioan R
6G Alexandra T, Ethan A
6L Cooper T, Mikaela V
Band Tully A, James K, Phillip J, Elise C
Choir Kiarli N, Isabel c
Dance Claudia K, Abby A
Honours Kelsey T

Canteen News

New Iceblocks: Fandangles (carrot popcorn, fairy floss, chocolate marshmallow) $1.50.
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.
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Louise Davidson Canteen Co-ordinator