Belair Bulletin

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Year 6 Sleep-out for the Homeless
Our Year 6 students are to be congratulated on their wonderful efforts around the sleep-out last Thursday evening. At this stage, well over a thousand dollars has been raised with several hundred in pledges still to roll in. Michelle from the St Vincent De Paul Society spoke to the participating students on Thursday evening about how the money raised would be used to support homeless people as well as people at risk of becoming homeless. Mr Beard’s soup kitchen was well patronised throughout the evening with most children tucking into the chicken, vegetable and noodle soup. For those more adventurous, there was pumpkin soup and a zucchini, leek, potato and bacon soup on offer. Thanks to the parents and teachers who also got involved on the night to help make the adventure so successful.

Education Week Celebration - Thursday 14th August.
Our fabulous Belair community is invited to join us to celebrate education Week. A range of activities are planned across this day. Class visits are staggered with Kinder at 10.00am, Years 1 & 2 at 10.30am and Years 3-6 commencing at 12.15pm and going through to lunch time. The 11.30am assembly will include a range of presentations, including senior choir, band, public speaking finalists and junior and senior dance groups. A book fair will also be operating on the day as we are celebrating Book Week at the same time. The canteen will be open at 10.00am-11.30am, selling coffee and cakes for $1.50 each.

Small Steps Invitation
Small Steps is a free anxiety awareness program for NSW parents and teachers. There are two sessions coming up in our local area: Tuesday 26 August 2014, 9.30am at Adamstown Public School or 6.00pm at Kotara South Public School. Please RSVP by 18th August to Adamstown PS on 4957 1114 and/or Kotara South PS on 4957 5317.

Should we be re-thinking that family holiday?
There was an interesting article in the weekend papers about the impact of children missing school for reasons other than sickness such as family holidays or special events. The article quoted research that suggests students who are involved in these activities perform at lower levels in assessments such as NAPLAN. There seem to be two aspects that contribute to the drop in performance. One is the work which is missed, which can lead to students not understanding associated concepts taught later. The other is the perception that school is not that important because it is OK to have a holiday. Up to 20% of our students have time off in any year period for family holidays. The other side of this coin is the wonderful experience of learning about other countries and cultures which enrich student’s lives.

Belair School Values and Beliefs
This week is the last opportunity to contribute to the process of identifying our revised set of values and beliefs. The school planning team will be reviewing responses this Friday. Data will be harvested on Wednesday in preparation for this meeting. There are only three questions to answer.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1qiA1Gw9s_XKHNI-Giv197_w82Gv9tk3YD9iao5UQZPg/viewform

Variety Showcase
“Another Place, Another Time”
Dates: 10th and 11th September 2014
Times: Matinee 10am, Evening 6pm
Cost: Matinee $10, Evening $12
Tickets are still available for purchase from the front office. 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. 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. Notes were sent home from teachers last week with both general and class specific information. All Variety Showcase notes will be on orange paper, so please keep an eye out for them.

ICAS Science
Congratulations to the following students who attained excellent results in the recent Science ICAS tests.
Distinction: Year 6: Rohan SH, Jared M, Year 5:Harriet D, Year 4: Tom P, Year 3: Lilly-Rose D
Year 5 Parent Information Session on Student Leadership and Year 6 Farewell

Year 5 parents are invited to join us tomorrow, Wednesday 6th August at 4.30pm in the library to hear about the process of electing Prefects and Captains for 2015. 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

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.

Canteen News

Chocolate Billabongs: $1 till sold out

New Ice Blocks ~ Fandangles ~ in 3 flavours Caramel Popcorn, Fairy Floss, Chocolate Marshmallow $1.50 each

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.

Louise Davidson Canteen Co-ordinator

Students' Awards

KA  Fletcher K, Emilia R.
KK  Payton G, Alexander J.
KM  Tasmyn A, Eliza B, Callan P.
KZ  Charlotte D, Archie C.
1B  Allia W, Xavier C.
1S  Hayley R, Oliver O'B.
1T  Tahlia B, Harvey W.
2H  Eliza S, Cooper R.
2K  Jonah H, Ella J.
2P  Maya A, Declan S.
3D  Milla S, George M.
3H  Thomas K, Madison W.
3W  Eva N, Ben A.
4M  Keely K, Nixon S.
4P  Ella A, Charli H.
4/5F  Cassie A, Jack A.
5B  Eden P, Jaxon A.
5/6M  Sam H, Kelsey T.
6G  Skye M, Oliver M.
6L  Zara H, Samuel C.
Band  Rowan M, Kelsey T, Sarah K.
Choir  Skye M, Evelyn F.
Dance  Makayla S, Annabel N.
Honours  Kids Care  Evy A, Sarah K.

Community News

Tigers Junior Cricket Registration Dates 2014–2015

For information on Registrations, times, dates etc please contact: Pete Davis – 0414 855707 or Darren Linsley – 0402 029917

Email: tigerscricketsecretary@hotmail.com

Nippers- Parent information session, Sunday 31 August 2014 from 4pm-5pm at the Stockton Surf Club (Pitt st, Stockton). All welcome.

Trivia Night- 12 Belair boys have been selected in the NSW Futsal team across the senior and junior divisions and will be travelling to Bendigo this September. The parents of these boys are organising a Trivia night to help cover the cost. All parents are welcome to attend. Cost on the night is $10 with snacks provided. Date:Friday 5th September 2014. Time: 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Venue: Adamstown Bowling Club (Glebe Road). RSVP Nikki Burdack 0450 871 659 or email nikkibird7@hotmail.com

Please note, parents are organising this event. No money will be handled through the school.

Canteen Roster

| Wed 6/8 | Robyn Scow, Rachel Simmonds |
| Thurs 7/8 | Nadene Collins |
| Fri 8/8 | Belinda Matthews, Kirsty Stone, Sandi Pitch |
| Mon 11/8 | Wendy Noble, Lola, Samantha Heallows |
| Tue 12/8 | Susan Sommers, Linda Clifford, Cath Tinson |

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

With this Newsletter you will receive: Belair Scholastic Book Fair Flyer All notes are available on our school website for your convenience