Homework Discussion

We have had a terrific response to the homework survey. The results below certainly show a diversity of views from our community. In addition to the data below, there are thirteen pages of comments from our community. This information will inform the way forward with Belair’s approach to homework in future years.

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<th>Survey Questions</th>
<th>Disagree</th>
<th>Agree</th>
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<td>Homework is beneficial to my child</td>
<td>47%</td>
<td>53%</td>
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<td>Homework is hard to fit into our busy family schedule</td>
<td>30%</td>
<td>70%</td>
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<td>The quantity of homework is appropriate</td>
<td>42%</td>
<td>58%</td>
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<td>Homework helps parents understand what children are learning in class</td>
<td>34%</td>
<td>66%</td>
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<td>Homework set for my child is pitched at the right level of difficulty</td>
<td>25%</td>
<td>75%</td>
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<td>It is important for homework to be consistent across classes</td>
<td>29%</td>
<td>71%</td>
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<td>I want my child to be set homework</td>
<td>45%</td>
<td>55%</td>
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Variety Showcase

“Another Place, Another Time”
What a delightful time we had at Belair last week. Our Variety Showcase performances “Another Place, Another Time” will be a memory highlight for all of us, particularly our wonderful students. An amazing team effort brought together this high class performance. Thanks to all the teachers, office and ground staff and parent sewers and costume hunters for contributing to this great community event. Congratulations to the Showcase Committee under the leadership of Mrs Marsh and Mrs Tagaroulias for managing the complexities of putting Variety Showcase 2014 together.

ICAS English

Congratulations to the following students who achieved excellent results in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools English test.


**Year 5:** Credit: Jaxon A, Jack A, Emma B, Tim B, Harriet D and Alex N;

**Year 4:** Credit: Eleanor M, Kye P, Merit: Connor DP, Ella B, Finlay R, Rowan S and Zac T;

**Year 3:** High Distinction: Chloe C, Distinction: Rohan M, Lucy S, Credit: Tully AM, Mia Bai, Lily-Rose D, Sarah J, Eva N, Hannah O and Daimon W.

After a very busy term, we are all heading for a well-earned rest. To those of you able to have time off with your children, have a lovely break.

School resumes on Tuesday October 7.

Ice Bucket Challenge Accepted

This Friday following assembly, Mr Baker, Mr Watson and Mr Beard will be taking the Ice Bucket Challenge. For the pleasure of being drenched in a bucket of ice water, the recipients will be making a donation to Ovarian Cancer Australia which funds medical research. Any community members feeling they would also like to support this cause, donations can be made at the following website.


P&C Meeting

The P&C meets tomorrow night in the staffroom at 7pm. Everyone is welcome!
Stage 2 Moves to Bring Your Own Device
Following the successful implementation of Bring You Own Device (BYOD) for Stage 3, Stage 2 will move onto the program next term. Students will be able to bring their own device to use for class work from Week 2 next term. A separate note details the conditions. Each class will nominate two days of the week when devices will be used at school in conjunction with school devices. This will result in a higher number of devices being available for research and other tasks on these particular days. A timetable with the days will be provided in Week 1 next term for each individual Stage 2 class.

Head Lice
We have had some reported cases of head lice and would like to make parents aware of this.

Sport News
State Athletics Carnival: The students who are progressing to the State Athletics Carnival are:
- Eleanor Barnett – Junior 800m
- Christian Shaw – Junior 100 and 200m
- Emma Hopkins – 11 Years High Jump and Long Jump
- Charlotte McKenna – 12 Years Discus
- Elijah Agostino-Morrow – 13 Years 100m

The Carnival is on at the Sydney Athletic Centre, Homebush 15th and 16th October 2014.

Futsal: good luck to the following boys who are off to Bendigo for the National Championships.
- Alex N, Zachary M, Christian S, Zane G, Spencer B and Thomas H (U10s); Grant C and Jarred M (U12s).
Some boys were picked in the U11s but there were insufficient players in that level.

P&C News
P&C Meeting: the next meeting is tomorrow night in the staffroom at 7pm. Everyone is welcome!

Kind Regards P&C Committee

Students’ Awards
KA Ethan S, Thomas M
KK Hannah D, Max D
KM Ana G, Atticus B, Emma C
KZ Matilda D, Thomas B
L Daisha B, John–Lucas B, Coco D
S Casey H, Isla M
T Cake P, Kai B
H Tristan D, Adam, G
K Rebecca H, Lucas S
P Maya A, Jamie L
D Lucy S, Joshua H
H Charlie A, Ava G
W Mayla C, Flynn T
M Lily H, Zac T
P Zac S, Kari E
4/5F Maddy S, Tom H
B Alexa V, Zane B
5/6M Sam D, Anabella D
G Skye M, Phillip J
L Ji-Oh J, Imogen T
Band Tim B, Joshua R, Finlay B
Choir Matilda C, Sam C
Dance Ella B, Molly C
Honours Jameson C

Canteen Roster

Canteen News
RED DAY: thank you to all the new volunteer helpers who turned up today. It’s great to see new faces.

Sushi: thank you for all your orders this term and we would like to let you know that we will be continuing this in Term 4. Orders for lunch on Thursday need to be at the canteen on Wednesday by 11am.

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

Community News
Central Newcastle Water Polo Club is looking for new players in U/12s and U/14s. For further information contact N Burdack 0450 871 659.

CONGRATULATIONS
Gunnedah South Public School, Shool Bay Public School, Hallidays Point Public School, Cundletown Public School, Ballina Public School, Kahibah Public School, Kotara South Public School, Arcadia Vale Public School, Mooral Public School and St Joseph’s Barraba

These schools have canteen menus that are dominated by GREEN foods and contain no RED items. Well done to the Canteen Managers, staff and volunteers, this is a great achievement!

If you think you are meeting Fresh Tastes @ School and would like to be recognized please send us a copy of your canteen menu.