Father's Day Stall
Our annual Father’s Day Stall will be held tomorrow, Wednesday 3/9/14. All gifts will be $5. Some gifts will be wrapped in clear cellophane so please be aware when unpacking school bags.

Outstanding Money for Chocolate Fundraiser
We still have several families with outstanding money from our chocolate fundraiser. We will be sending outstanding invoices home today.

Well Done Belair Community
Yesterday afternoon two Newcastle Council rangers inspected traffic and parking behaviour at the Terence Street end of the school. They were very pleased to report that all traffic rules were observed by all parents picking up children. They will be checking the drop off times in Carolyn Street later in the week. Hopefully we get another perfect report card.

Homework Discussion
As mentioned last week, we are asking our community to provide feedback on their thoughts on homework. We ask that this is done in light of the following statement which is an extract from current research sighted in the NSW Department of Education and Communities Homework Policy.

There is little consensus in the literature as to whether homework raises student achievement. Most researchers, however, conclude that for primary students, there is no evidence that homework lifts academic performance. (NSW Education and Communities Homework Policy)
The homework survey can be found at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1s4h54Jy3EMJc6v0CR0YDPG-zVBxy2DPzSeGk63YxsO/viewform?usp=send_form

The survey is designed to refer to one child so parents may choose to complete it more than once. The survey will take less than five minutes.

Morning Supervision
It has been school policy that children who arrive at school prior to the 8.30am bell; sit on the seats outside the library until a teacher is on duty. The head of the Department’s Legal Services has stated that schools cannot have casual supervision arrangements such as these in place. Please ensure your child does not arrive at school prior to 8.30am. Our OOSH service has vacancies most mornings.

Variety Showcase
“Another Place, Another Time”
Wednesday 10th September  Matinee 10am (6 tickets left $10ea)
Evening 6pm (sold out)
Thursday 11th September  Evening only at 6pm (sold out)
One more week to go until our big event! Excitement is buzzing around the school as we lead up to our Variety Showcase performances next week. On Monday all students will participate in a full dress rehearsal in the hall (teachers will advise if your child needs to come to school dressed in their costume) or will change into their costume at school. Class notes will explain all this. It is important, however that students have school clothes to change into following the dress rehearsal. We recommend a “green enviro bag” or similar for each student with their name clearly marked of the outside for transporting and looking after costumes. There will be no literacy / reading groups with parent / community support for all K–2 classes this Thursday 4/9/14 and all next week Monday 8/9/14 to Friday 12/9/14. All students will remain in their supervision areas until the end of the concert. The evening performances are anticipated to conclude around 8.30pm. Students will be supervised at all times and will need to be signed in and signed out by their parents / caregivers. To ease congestion, we will be opening all pedestrian gates (except Hudson Park gate). Please be respectful of disabled parking spaces. For safety reasons prams and strollers will not be allowed in the hall. The school band is playing from 10am for the matinee and 6pm for the evening shows. Most students will be required to be at school by 6pm, however this may vary from class to class (or band and choir students). Teachers will advise students exactly what time they are required to arrive at school for the evening performance (please see orange notes).

Chess Champions
Belair has, for the third year running, earned the right to represent the Lower Hunter in the One Day NSW Chess Tournament. Yesterday, three Belair teams competed against 42 teams from across the Lower Hunter. All teams were highly competitive with our “B” team finishing in 6th place and our “C” team, comprised mainly of Rookies winning half their games. In a very strong finish our “A” team pipped our arch rivals from New Lambton St h by half a point. Congratulations to all players involved and thank you to who parents helped.

Date  Upcoming Events
3/9  Father's Day Stall – all gifts $5
4/9  Train-on Debate at Merewether Hts PS 9am
9/9  Indigenous Literacy Book Swap
10/9  Variety Showcase ~ Matinee 10am, Evening 6pm
11/9  Variety Showcase ~ Evening 6pm
12/9  Belair Walk to School Day

Upcoming Events:
- Father’s Day Stall: All gifts will be $5.
- Chess Tournament: Three Belair teams competed against 42 teams from the Lower Hunter.
- Variety Showcase: Performances are set for Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th of September.
- Chess Champions: Belair teams performed well in the One Day NSW Chess Tournament.

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

Year 6: Credit ~ Kelsey T, Lewis N, Lauren B; Merit ~ Jared M
Year 5: Distinction ~ Evelyn F, Emma B; Credit ~ Shelley H, Dawn D, Jaxon A; Merit ~ Oliver M, Jack A
Year 4: Distinction ~ Ella A; Credit ~ Finlay R; Merit ~ Rowan S, Emma D
Year 3: Distinction ~ Hayden B; Credit ~ Chloe C, Mia B, Tully A

Debating News
Last Tuesday both Train-on-squad debating teams competed at Belair. Our first team debated against New Lambton PS. It was a tough debate and unfortunately we came away unsuccessful. Our second team debated against Kotara South PS. It was a really exciting, nerve racking debate but unfortunately they were also unsuccessful. Both teams performed exceptionally well and enjoyed their debates. A big thank you to Mr McNair for his adjudication and fantastic feedback on the day and to 4P for their audience at the debates. We are all looking forward to our upcoming away debates.
Written by Emma and Shelley

Touch Football
Round 5 PSSA Knock-out
Yesterday the Belair Girls’ Touch Football team played against Caves Beach PS at Swansea. Our girls played extremely well but were defeated 7–3. Congratulations to all the girls who represented Belair!

P&C News
Father’s Day Stall: will be held tomorrow, Wednesday 3/9/14. All gifts $5.
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

Trivia Night for the Belair Futsal boys representing Northern NSW at Nationals in the next holidays

When: Friday 5th September
Where: Adamstown Bowling Club
Glebe Road, Adamstown
Time: 6:30pm kick off
Teams of 6–8 are welcome or come along and join a team! There will be raffles, auctions, trivia and competitions on the night.
A BBQ will be available on arrival.
Teams are also welcome to bring their own snacks to eat during the night.
For further details please phone Nikki Burdack on 0450 871659.

Students’ Awards
KA Mia J, Brodie F, Zen J, Emelia R
KK Shaun J, Lilly G, Ruby M, Kade C
KM Taj A, Ruby F, Byron B, Eliza B
KZ Noah C, Sarah K, Simone J, Madeline T
1B Dylan B, Kynon H, Harry A, Mya A
1S Emily H, Angela F, Ryder A, Ella M
1T Helena M, Chris E, Ella H, Sonny M
2H Lara M, Allira B, Kiara G, Dominic S
2K Charlotte B, Sam S, Luke T, Blake C
2P Xavier G, Ana N, Ashton H, Christina Z
3D Harrison B, Grace D, Charlotte R, Rohan M, Emily T
3H Jasper H, Imogen Y, Molly B, Lexie B
3W Sophie R, Tully A, Mia Bai, Thomas M
4M Olivia H, Zachery M, Amelia S, Connor M
4P Sophie A, Christian S, Sarah K, Isabel C
4/5F Riley T, Ariane J
5B Jaxon A, Ezra L, Zane B, Kendall M
5/6M Alex N, Joshua R, Bodan F, Nick N
6G Jamieson C, Bella S, Callan S, Abby A
6L Riley C, Zara H, James B, Oliver M
Choir Ayrton B, Ayja G, Samuel M, Immogen B
Dance Eleanor M, Alex V
Kids Care Jailani L, Callan P
Principal Award Jordan T

Canteen Roster

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

Canteen News
RED DAY: Hot Dog + Drink $5
Tuesday 16/9/14. Extra help will be needed on the day.
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.
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Louise Davidson Canteen Co-ordinator