**Cyber Safety**

In our increasingly technology driven world the need for children to have cyber safety skills becomes more apparent. Last week we had some classes talking about cyber safety during a library lesson. One student admitted to taking photos of his room and showing them to strangers online. Others talked about how often they interact with strangers through online gaming. The teacher’s concern was that they didn’t seem to have any boundaries in what information they were willing to share. I’ve also had experience with students who friended people on Facebook because they knew someone else who had; even though the person had no profile picture and they didn’t know who it was. Please take this as an opportunity to talk to your child about their online behaviours and the importance of not sharing private information with strangers. The below website has some great information that you may be able to use.


**Kindergarten 2016 Transition**

Session 2 in our Kindergarten transition program began today. Year 5 students met with their buddy for the first time today. The remainder of the Year 5s will meet their buddies tomorrow or on Thursday.

**Possible Chicken Pox Outbreak**

We have had a report of a possible case of chicken pox in 1S and in 5/6J. I have contacted the parents of students who aren’t immunised within those two classes. If your child shows any symptoms of chicken pox please have it checked and inform us if they do in fact have chicken pox. As a general reminder, all cases of contagious diseases including chicken pox, measles, conjunctivitis and whooping cough need to be reported to the school. Where it is an immunisation preventable disease the school will report the case to the Public Health Unit. Students with contagious diseases are not to be at school during the period where the disease is contagious. Thank you for your support.

**Staffing News**

Matt Baker will be on leave for the coming three weeks on paternity leave. We wish Matt and his family all the best as they await the arrival of a new addition to their family. Ruth Clements will be the class teacher for 6B in this time. Ruth was an Intern on class 5/6J last term and is familiar with the workings of our Stage 3 classes. I would like to thank Kylie Armstrong who has been in to replace our School Administration Manager, Toni Waight, while she has been on leave this term. Kylie has done a wonderful job in the office and it has been a pleasure to work with her. Unfortunately, Toni has needed to extend her leave for a further four weeks. She will be replaced by Lorraine Mitchell from 26/10. Please make her feel welcome.
Opera House Performance

On Wednesday next week our school choir will be travelling down to Sydney to participate in the Combined Schools’ Choir performance at the Sydney Opera House. This is an exciting opportunity for all the students involved. It is also a very long day as it won’t be until almost midnight that the students return to school. This would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of Lynda Dolbel and Nadine Purdy. Thank you, ladies! On the day class 4P will be split into the classes containing the choir students. A casual teacher will be in to teach 2DP.

Students in the choir need to be at school and ready to leave by 8:30 am.

Kindergarten Transport Excursion

As a part of Kindergarten’s unit of work on Transport, our Kindergarten students will experience a Transport Excursion. The excursion will take place on Thursday 19th November. Permission notes have been sent home with today’s newsletter. Please complete the note and return it with the money to your child’s class teacher. The students will travel on a train, bus and ferry. This is a very exciting experience and we are sure they will enjoy their day.

Band News

Bandfest Performance: On Thursday 15th October the Belair School Concert Band competed at Bandfest. The band competed in the Premier section and received a Commended. Hamish M, one of our percussionists received a special award for an excellent performance in our final piece. Overall the band received many positive comments from judges and the audience and should be very proud of their performance. Congratulations Belair Concert Band! On behalf of the band members I would like to say a big thank you to all the parents, tutors and community members who have supported the band and particularly our band director Grahame Lamond for his continuous hard work.

Ms Loredo, Band Co-ordinator

2016 Belair Concert Band Auditions: On Wednesday of Week 7 the current Belair Concert Band will be performing for Year 2 Students. In Week 8 students interested in joining the 2016 band will be given the opportunity to audition. More information regarding the auditions will be placed in the bulletin in Week 7. Any further inquiries can be directed to Ms Loredo.

Stage 1 Need Toys

Stage 1 are looking for donations of quality second-hand toys or inexpensive new toys for use by children during lunchtime, particularly wet weather. If anyone has Lego, building blocks, toy cars, mechano or small dolls (eg barbies) that older children have outgrown, please consider donating them to the school. Please no broken or damaged toys. Donations can go to Mrs Swinburn or Ms Pritchard. Thank you to anyone that can help.

Year 6 Farewell

The Year 6 Farewell Committee Meeting will be held tomorrow afternoon, Wednesday 21st October at 2.30pm in the staffroom. If you need any information please contact Christina on 0408 203 050.
Chess News

Our Rookies Chess Team will be competing in a Gala Day at St Joseph’s Primary School this Thursday. We wish them all the best and I’m sure that this opportunity will help in developing their skills.

Sport News

Last Wednesday and Thursday Holly C, Eleanor B, Alexa V and Emma H competed at the State Athletics. Holly competed in the 100m and 200m. Holly did well in her heat and came 31st overall in the 100m and 36th in the 200m.

Eleanor competed in the 800m and did well and came 30th overall.

Alexa competed in the shot put. She performed very well but unfortunately missed out on the finals.

Emma competed in the long jump and high jump. Emma performed very well and placed 5th in the long jump and placed equal 3rd in the high jump.

Congratulations to all the girls on their exceptional performances at the State Athletics.

Student Awards

| KA  | Fletcher K, Tyson P |
|     | Alex R, William P |
| KM  | Josh M, Lisa C, Suki W |
| KZ  | Holly S, Cooper G |
| 1M  | Lucille W, Georgia J |
| 1S  | Sarah K, Alexandros R |
| 1T  | Charlotte M, Ashton O |
| 2/3H| Lila H, Enzo L |
| 1/2H| Charlotte A, Mathilda M |
| 2MP | Toby R, Poupe M |
| 2/3A| Jack F, Andrew M |
| 3H  | Milli J, Rohan M, Alicia P |
| 4P  | Jasmine B, Molly B |
| 3/4L| Cameron T, Austin M, Georgia J |
| 4M  | Ella B, Fia T |
| 6B  | Jason A, Lily P, Lily K |
| 5/6J| Zach T, Immogen B |
| 5P  | Penelope G, Laura B |

Canteen Roster and News ~ (Canteen Supervisor Sonja 0438 684 401)

Sushi orders need to be in tomorrow for Thursday lunches. If we do not get at least 20 orders unfortunately we will not be able to provide this service.

We now have Gluten Free Chicken Tenders available from the canteen. Try one for $1.50 each or try two in a wrap with lettuce and mayo for $3.80.

RED DAY notes are going home today. The theme will be Halloween and will be held on Thursday 29th October. If you are able to donate some of your time on the day, please contact Sonja 0438 684 401.

Upcoming Events

- 20–22/10 Kindergarten 2016 Transition Visits ~ 10.30am–12noon
- 21/10 P&C Meeting at 7pm
- 27/10 Water Saving Shows ~ K–2, 11.30am and Years 3–6, 12.15pm
- 28/10 Opera House Excursion ~ Choir
- 30/10 Injury Free Day
- 2/11–13/11 Swimming School ~ Year 2 (leave school at 11.30am, return 1.30pm)
The P&C are currently seeking helpers for two volunteer roles:

1. **P&C Banking**: This position requires a volunteer for approximately 1–2 hours a week to go to the canteen and bag up and sign out any banking for the canteen, uniform shop and P&C fundraising. It then needs to be taken down to the Commonwealth Bank at Westfield and placed in the express banking shoot. It is not a difficult job and could be spread over two days or between two people. The job needs to be completed between 10am and 2pm as this is when the canteen in open. Training will be provided. We are desperate to get someone for this position as the two people who are currently doing the job have been doing it for a number of years and now have work commitments that prevent them from continuing on. It is an essential role within the school and does need to be filled by Friday 30/10/15. For more information or to volunteer please contact Christine on 0402 139 071.

2. **School Banking**: This position requires a volunteer for approximately 2–3 hours a week to collect the children’s school banking envelopes from the office, count the money and check and record deposits online. Money then needs to be deposited at the Commonwealth Bank at Westfield. Access to a computer is necessary (a school computer can be used) and money can be collated at school or off site. Once the banking is reconciled the children’s deposit books need to be returned to the school ready for the next week’s banking. At the current time this is being done on a Wednesday during school hours however, the day is flexible. This role could also be shared between two people to make it quicker or so that each person only had to do it fortnightly. Again, we are very eager to fill this position as the person doing this job has been doing so for a long time and now has work commitments that prevent him from continuing on. School Banking is very important to the children involved as well as being a fundraiser for the school and if a volunteer is not found, then School Banking will be unable to continue. Training will be provided for this role. For more information or to volunteer please contact Col on 0417 527 777.

**P&C Meeting**: The next P&C Meeting will be held tomorrow night, Wednesday, 21/10/15 at 7pm. All welcome!!

**Book Club**: Orders are due back tomorrow, Wednesday 21st October.
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* 9/11 Year 5 Leadership Speeches
* 10/11 Kindergarten 2016 Parents / Students in Hall ~ 9.30am
* 11/11 Year 5 Excursion
* 18/11 P&C Meeting at 7pm
* 19/11 ES1 Transport Excursion ~ Kindergarten
* 24/11 GATS Cluster Day
* 25/11 Captains Speeches
* 26/11 Captains Speeches
* 27/11 Year 6 Mini Fete
* 2/12 Scripture Christmas Assembly
* 1/12 Surf School Mufti Day
* 2/12 Scripture Christmas Assembly at 11.30am
* 3/12 Swimming Carnival
* 4/12 ES1 and Stage 1 Presentation Day
* 10/12 Year 6 Farewell
  Drama Performance
* 11/12 High School Transition
  Reports Go Home
* 14/12 Presentation Day ~ Years 3–6
* 15/12 Stage 3 Party Day
  ES1 Party Day
* 16/12 Stage 2 Party Day at The Forum
  Stage 1 Party Day
  Last day of 2015 for all students

With today’s newsletter you will receive:
Kindergarten Transport Excursion Permission Note
Halloween RED DAY Canteen Order Form