Remembrance Day

Tomorrow is Remembrance Day. Remembrance Day is a day of special significance to all Australians, commemorating the loss of Australian lives in all wars, conflicts and peace operations. We will be holding a service in the COLA from 10:45 am. Students are able to wear a red poppy as a mark of respect and remembrance.

Changes to School Student Transport Scheme

The School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) gives eligible students free or subsidised travel between home and school, on the approved train, bus or ferry services. From Term 1, 2016 Transport for NSW will be issuing School Opal cards to students eligible for travel under the School Transport Scheme via a new online application process. Most parents or caregivers won’t need to apply for a School Opal Card if their child already has a school student travel pass. They will automatically receive a School Opal Card in 2016. However, parents or caregivers will need to apply if the student:

- Is just starting school and has not had a pass before
- Is in a transition year (ie Year 2 to Year 3 or Year 6 to Year 7)
- Is changing schools, including going between primary school and high school
- Or, if the student’s personal details have changed (eg address)

Opal Cards will automatically be sent to schools for existing pass holders, however, all new applications received from the start of 2016 will be sent directly to the student’s nominated address. From 2nd November 2015, parents or caregivers are able to complete their application form online at: transportnsw.info/school-students print it out and return it to school. More information will be sent out in future newsletters.

Kindergarten 2016

Today was the last day in our transition to school program for new Kindergarten students. Our current Kindergarten students had a fun time visiting the Year 5 rooms while the Year 5 students spent more time getting to know their new buddies. Thank you to all the teachers whose flexibility and organisation skills enabled this to happen. Special thanks to Mrs Rozi Marsh for her leadership during the whole transition process.

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 from Years 2 to 5 interested in joining the 2016 band will be given the opportunity to audition. More information regarding the auditions will be placed in the Newsletter in Week 7. Any further inquiries can be directed to Ms Loredo.

Uniform Update

Parents met yesterday afternoon to discuss possible changes to the school uniform. The outcome will be published next week.
Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition

Congratulations to Year 4 students Lily-Rose D who placed 35th and Hayden B who placed 46th in the Year 5 section of the NPMC. Both students have now been invited to attend a Maths Camp next year. Zane B (33rd) and Alex N (75th) also received High Distinction certificates in the Year 6 section.

Well done to the following students for achieving a Distinction:


**Year 6:** Nicholas N, Dawn D, Jack M, Breagan P, Isabella L, Makeely N, Harriet D, Chloe E, Jaxon A, Emma B, Ezra L, Ashley B, Samuel P, Lauren T

Staffing News

Mrs Lynda Dolbel is on sick leave until at least the end of the year. Mrs Rikki Pointon will be on class 2DP during this time. On behalf of the staff and students we wish Lynda well.

Our ESL teacher, Mr Ben Colthorpe will be finishing at Belair on Friday. Ben has been successful in gaining full time employment in Sydney and we wish him all the best in his new job. Mrs Zena Sutcliffe will be working with our ESL students for the remainder of 2015.

Community Partnership

Belair Public School would like to establish a community vegetable garden! We are looking for students who are interested in being in a gardening group and working on the vegetable garden one or two lunch times per week. Activities would include planting, watering, weeding and eating delicious produce! Please give your name to Mrs Allars.

We are also looking for any interested parents / community members who are willing to help out at different times of the week. Donations of gardening tools such as small spades and shovels, buckets, small watering cans and gardening gloves would be very much appreciated to help us get started. Please also contact Mrs Allars at the office.

Belair Sustainability Program

If you have any used batteries, instead of throwing them into the bin at home, we would like to encourage you to bring them into the recycle box found in the school foyer. Once the box is full, selected students will be taking them to be disposed of correctly.

Bush Tucker Garden

This Thursday the 12th November we are having our first working bee on the Bush Tucker Garden. We will begin at 3.15pm and finish at 5pm. If you are able to join us even for a short time, please bring gloves, a hat, covered in shoes and a shovel if you have one.

Hope to see you all on Thursday weather permitting. Miss McAllister and Mrs Purdy

Student Awards

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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.

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**P&C News**

The P&C are currently seeking helpers for two volunteer roles:

1. **P&C Banking:** 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. Training will be provided.
   
   For more information or to volunteer please contact Christine on 0402 139 071.

2. **School Banking:** 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 Funding – End of Year Fundraising Raffle**

Raffle tickets are going home today for the End of Year Raffle. Tickets are $1 each.

The P&C are still calling for any donations of goods or services for prizes. We also require baskets and ribbon to present our prizes.

To date prizes include: Term Ballet Tuition at Princess Ballet Company, Patchwork Quilt, Wine and Jewellery. Any donations, big or small, are greatly appreciated and can be left at the school office.

Any questions, phone Felicity Charlton 0428 872 132. The raffle will be drawn Friday 4th December 2015 at the P&C Mini Fete (Week 10).

All fundraising efforts will go towards the purchase of CommBoxes for the classrooms.

**P&C Mini Market Postponement**

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, we will be cancelling the planned Mini Market that was to be held on the 4th of December. We hope to be able to hold this event in Term 1.

We apologise to all the people who had committed to a stall and hope that you will support the school in the future.
Upcoming Events

* 2/11–13/11  Swimming School ~ Year 2 (leave school at 11.30am, return 1.30pm)
* 18/11  P&C Meeting at 7pm
* 19/11  ES1 Transport Excursion ~ Kindergarten
  Year 5 Excursion
* 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:
P&C End of Year Raffle Tickets
Kindergarten Presentation Day Note
The Club will be holding its 2016 Trials at Ulinga Park South Cardiff for A Grade and Development side on the dates listed below. All players are encourage to be there 20 minutes prior to starting time and register with selectors.

**TUESDAY 10th November**
- U8 & U9 ~ 4.30pm to 5.30pm
- U14 & U15 ~ 5.45pm to 6.45pm

**THURSDAY 12th November**
- U10 & U11 ~ 4.30pm to 5.30pm
- U16 & U17 ~ 5.45pm to 6.45pm

**TUESDAY 17th November**
- U12 & U13 ~ 4.30pm to 5.30pm
- U14 & U15 ~ 5.45pm to 6.45pm

**THURSDAY 19th November**
- U10 & U11 ~ 4.30pm to 5.30pm
- U16 & U17 ~ 5.45pm to 6.45pm

**TUESDAY 24th November**
- U8 & U9 ~ 4.30pm to 5.30pm
- U12 & U13 ~ 5.45pm to 6.45pm

Contact Cindy Redpath 0488 706 818 or any other committee representative for more information