Changes to Uniform

The P&C have now finalised the process of making changes to the uniform for implementation in 2016. Please read the attachment to find out what these are. There will be a change in the sport uniform shirt but this won’t be introduced until later in 2016, possibly Term 3. Thank you to everyone who had their say through the survey, to the P&C for supporting the process and to the uniform committee for meeting regularly to source possibilities and develop proposals.

Disco Fun

Thank you to the staff and parents who supported the P&C Disco last Friday night. Despite the weather we had a good turn out and the P&C raised approximately $1,500. I had fun meeting a lot of you and dancing with the students during the Year 3–6 Disco. The students were very well behaved and did a good job of tidying up the hall afterwards.

Excursions

We have two excursions on Thursday this week. Kindergarten will be going on their transport excursion and Year 5 will be heading to Sydney to visit the Powerhouse Museum and the Sydney Jewish Museum. Please ensure that your child is at school in plenty of time to catch the bus. Year 5 students should be dressed in their full dress uniform while Kindergarten students are to wear their sport uniform. For the Year 5 parents, a message will be put on to our Skoolbag App, keeping parents informed of the return to school time. This should be between 6pm-6:30pm if there are no holdups on the M1.

Bushfire Season

Belair PS is identified as being in a bushfire prone area. A bushfire prone area is an area of land that can support a bush fire or is likely to be subject to bush fire attack. Over the coming fortnight we will be revising what to do in the case of a bush fire that impacts on the school. This may be a good opportunity to review your emergency plan at home. Information can be found at http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare

Changes to School Student Transport Scheme

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. 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 2/11/15, parents or caregivers are able to complete their application form online at: transportnsw.info/school-students print it out and return it to school.

Bush Tucker Garden

BPS will have a working bee this week to continue working on our Aboriginal Bush Tucker Garden. On Thursday we will be laying out the rocks for our dry creek bed and planting native bushes and plants. While we have some gardening equipment, we do ask parent and student volunteers to bring what they have as well.
2016 Belair Concert Band Auditions

Tomorrow 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.

Choir News

This Wednesday we welcome Merrilyn McSporran from the Lake Macquarie Winds to Belair PS. She is also a member of the Ukastle Ukestra and will be giving a lesson to the Senior Choir in ukulele strumming rhythms when paired with vocals.

Library News

As it is coming to the end of the year, we need all books returned to the library ASAP. At the end of each year, we do a library stocktake to make sure all books have been returned. If you are unable to find a book, please see Miss Kelly in the library to organise replacement. Thank you for your continued support.

Another exciting feature in the library is our Wishing Tree. If you would like to bring in some non-perishable food items or a small gift to put under the tree they will be donated to local charities.

Community Vegie Garden

Interested parents and students wanting to help with the garden are asked to see Mrs Allars. We would appreciate donations of garden tools, watering cans, buckets and gardening gloves.

Don't forget the garden is open every Monday and Tuesday from 1.15pm if anyone would like to come along and help.

Shoebox Revolution

Shoebox Revolution provides homeless people of Newcastle and Central Coast with basic necessities. If you could donate shoeboxes filled with donations of non-perishable food items, toiletries and warm clothing that would be greatly appreciated. Please return to Mrs Bale by Friday 27th November.

Year 6 Mini Fete ~ White Elephant Stall

Chloe T, Chloe E and Holly S are running the White Elephant Stall for the Year 6 Mini Fete. We would appreciate receiving any unwanted items we can sell. If you have any old toys, books, ornaments etc you would like to donate, bring them in and we will collect them from the classrooms after the morning bell. Thanks in anticipation.

Student Awards

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KA: Kayden, Katerina
KBC: George, Mia
1S: Nathan, Sam
2K: Halli, Xavier
3/4L: Maggie, Kade
5P: Joel, Emma
Honours: Jallari
Dance: Kylee, Ava
Library: Archie, Matilda
Choir: Dawn, Marla
1/2H: Deyango, Bronson
3H: Emma, Alistair
4P: Charlotte, Cooper
6B: Joshua, Spencer
Kids Care: Cooper

Owen H, Alyssa W
Tian T, Tan C
Eden L, Luka J
Chloe, Eyy A
Rowan, Fhai T
Joshua, Spencer
Dawn, Marla T

Adam R, Matilda W, Saskia W
Joshua B, Chloe E
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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**

We would like to say a big thank you to all the people who volunteered for the P&C Banking and School Banking roles. We have filled both positions and were able to create a reserve list which is greatly appreciated.

**P&C Meeting**

The next meeting of the P&C will be held tomorrow evening in the staffroom from 7pm. The fundraising committee will be meeting from 6.30pm –7pm. All parents are welcome to attend. The P&C is a great opportunity to support and be involved in your child’s education.

**P&C Funding – End of Year Fundraising Raffle**

Raffle tickets have gone home 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.

Any questions, phone Felicity Charlton 0428 872 132. The raffle will be drawn Friday 4th December 2015 at the conclusion of the Stage 1 Presentation Assembly.

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

The P&C fundraising committee would like to acknowledge these three local businesses who have generously donated money towards CommBoxes for our school.

*Jarvie Computing – $100*

*Lewis & Zwart Architecture – $50*

*Honeysuckle Handbuilt Building Services – $50*

With each CommBox costing $8000 we only have to raise a further $7800!
Again, we thank these family owned businesses for their contributions.

**Book Club News**

Issue 8 brochures go home this week. Orders are due back by Wednesday 25/11/15. Books make great Christmas gifts so it you would like to keep your order a surprise, please attach a note to your order form with your name and phone number. We will leave your order at the office for you to collect.
**Upcoming Events**

* 18/11  P&C Meeting at 7pm  
  Band Performance at 2.15pm in the Hall  
* 19/11  ES1 Transport Excursion ~ Kindergarten  
  Year 5 Excursion  
* 24/11  GATS Cluster Day  
* 25/11  Captains Speeches  
  Band Auditions at Lunchtime ~ Year 2  
* 26/11  Captains Speeches  
  Band Auditions at Lunchtime ~ Years 3 and 4  
* 27/11  Year 6 Mini Fete  
* 30/11  Senior Choir Auditions  
*  1/12  Surf School Mufti Day  
* 2/12  Scripture Christmas Assembly at 11.30am  
* 3/12  Swimming Carnival  
* 4/12  Kindergarten and Stage 1 Presentation Day  
* 8/12  Canteen RED DAY  
* 10/12  Year 6 Farewell  
  Drama Performance ~ K–2 (9am–10am) and Years 3–6 (10am–11am)  
* 11/12  High School Transition  
  Reports Go Home  
* 14/12  Presentation Day ~ Years 3–6  
* 15/12  Stage 3 Party Day  
  Kindergarten Party Day  
* 16/12  Stage 2 Party Day at The Forum  
  Stage 1 Party Day  
  Year 6 Clap Out  
  Last day of 2015 for all students

With today’s newsletter you will receive:  
**Uniform Moratorium**  
**Kindergarten to Year 2 Presentation Assembly Information ~ K–2**
Families of Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2 students 2015 are invited to celebrate the wonderful achievements and learning opportunities at two special Presentation and Celebration Assemblies. The assemblies will be held in the school hall, on the one day being Friday 4th December 2015.

Kindergarten Presentation and Celebration Assembly 9.30am-10.30am
Years 1 and 2 Presentation and Celebration Assembly 11.30am-12.45pm

Kindergarten students are asked to wear their school uniform (not sport uniform) on the day. Years 1 and 2 will receive a note from their class teacher about dress requirements for the day.

Special achievement awards will be presented to six students in each Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 class to recognise outstanding success and/or effort over the year.

Families are welcome to remain at school following the Kindergarten assembly or arrive early for the Year 1 and 2 Assembly and enjoy a morning tea with their children. Coffee/tea/cold drinks and cakes will be on sale at the canteen from 10.30am onwards.

Nadine Tagaroulias, Michelle Pritchard & Rozi Marsh
Assistant Principals

Karin Hird
Principal (Relieving)
Uniform Moratorium 2015

Changes to the Current Uniform

As a result of the recent uniform survey and in consultation with parents, students and staff, the following changes are being made to the school and sports uniform:

- Boys and Girls Dress Uniform is to remain the same as per the school handbook.
- Changes have been made to the NOTES, Section 3. as follows:

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<td>3. On cold days the school tracksuit with white school shirt may be worn by both girls and boys. However, track or dance pants are not acceptable when dress uniform is required. Nor are they suitable for wearing under skirts or dresses. Green tights or stockings may be practical.</td>
<td>3. On cold days, green tights or stockings may be worn by girls and long grey pants may be worn by boys. Green tracksuit pants are no longer part of the school uniform and dance pants for girls are not acceptable.</td>
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*** Please note the only change to the school dress uniform is deleting green tracksuit pants as a cold weather option.

As a result of the survey where the quality and durability of the current boys’ socks was questioned, we will now be stocking boys’ school socks, from a different supplier, in the School Uniform Shop as of Term 3 2016.

- Proposed changes to the SPORTS UNIFORM as follows:

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- Black knit or soccer style shorts
- Bottle green tracksuit pants and jacket or jumper
- Sports shirt with school crest
- Short white socks (ankle socks optional)
- Black or white joggers |
| SPORTS UNIFORM – GIRLS & BOYS |
- Black knit or soccer style shorts
- Bottle green jacket or jumper
- Black tracksuit pants for boys and black tracksuit pants/dance pants for girls on cold days
- NEW DESIGN Sports shirt with school crest
- Short white socks (ankle socks optional)
- Joggers |

*** Please note the major changes to sports uniform are:

1. Changing from green tracksuit pants to black tracksuit pants for boys and black tracksuit pants/dance pants for girls on cold days for sport ONLY.
2. The introduction of the new design sports shirt as of Term 3 2016. This will be available through the School Uniform Shop.
3. Joggers no longer have to be black or white.

- All changes to the uniform will have a TWO YEAR changeover period.
NEW SPORT SHIRT DESIGN

(Front)

(Back)

** Please Note – there are some minor changes to the design which include:

1. A slightly smaller school emblem on the front similar to our current sports shirt.
2. Black piping between the green and the white from the collar to the first black panel.
3. “Belair” will be woven into the back of the collar.
#SHOEBOX REVOLUTION
CARE PACKAGES FOR PEOPLE WITHOUT HOMES

Join the Shoebox Revolution and fill a shoebox with some basic necessities that could help those who currently find themselves without a home. The main items that are needed include non-perishable food items, toiletries and warmth. Everything needs to be small enough to fit in a shoebox to make it easy for people who need to carry their belongings with them.

Some ideas include (but are not limited to):

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