Staffing News

The panel has been formed to go through the process of filling the vacancy left by Roger Knox who will be retiring at the end of 2015. The panel consists of Karin Hird, principal rep; Jocelyn Flook, teacher rep; and Luke Bellamy, parent rep. We aim to be able to announce the successful applicant before the end of the year.

Toni Waight, our School Administration Manager (SAM), is going to be on leave until the end of the year. We wish her a speedy recovery from the imminent surgery to her foot. We are fortunate to have Shannon House as our relieving SAM during this time. Shannon comes from Hillsborough PS and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience with her.

Community Co-ordinator

All public schools have recently received some funds to implement programs that will strengthen the relationship between schools and their community. This has come at an opportune time for Belair PS as community partnerships is the third strategy in our school plan.

We are looking to employ a local person into a six hour a week position for the 2016 school year. The ideal person would be interested in strengthening community partnerships, have skills in using technology to convey a message, be highly organised and be willing to assist in the organisation and execution of school events. The ad for this position is attached to the newsletter. Please forward all applications to the school email address.

School Toilets

We have had some complaints about parents going in to the student toilets. This is a child protection issue. The main toilet block and the toilets near KBC are for student use only. If you are dropping off, or waiting to collect your child, and need to use the amenities then the disabled toilet near the hall entrance is being left open for parent use. We kindly ask that you do not leave used nappies in the bin as they become quite smelly during the day. This toilet is cleaned once a day only. The disabled toilet is also available to any parent who is helping in the classroom or in the canteen. Thank you for your cooperation.

JellyBean Competition

Thank you to everyone who supported Emma H’s fundraising efforts through the purchase of a ‘guess’ or two in the JellyBean competition. She raised $91. Congratulations to the winners Rush W who guessed correctly with 436, Kade M guessed 437 and Alex N guessed 439. Excellent estimation skills!

Getting the Newsletter online

Many families are now accessing our school newsletter either online through the website or through skoolbag. You will have noticed the additional flyers, photos and information is provided through this medium. We recommend all families to take advantage of this technology.
**Cake Stall**

On Friday 13th November, we will be holding a cupcake stall located outside of the hall under the canteen COLA. Cupcakes will be available at recess and lunch for anyone interested. All money raised will go towards supporting Emma H who is competing at the Nationals at the Pacific School Games in Adelaide. Emma is representing NSW in the touch football team. Prices of the cupcakes will range from 0.50 cents to $1.50. Any contribution to this fundraiser would be greatly appreciated.

**Absence News**

Thank you to everyone who is being prompt in notifying the school as to reasons for any student absences. Please remember that school attendance is a legal requirement and any absences need to be notified within three days. To make this easier for you we are including an absence slip at the end of the newsletter. You are also able to provide your own note, give verbal notification or use the Skoolbag App.

We have been receiving several Applications for Extended Leave – travel. These are to be used for any travel lasting more than a week. Applications need to be accompanied by travel documentation – a ticket or an itinerary – to verify the authenticity of the leave application. Wherever possible travel should occur in the school holidays.

**Presentation Day - Donations**

This week we have sent letters to local business houses seeking donations for our Presentation Days K-6. If there are any families, or family businesses, who would like to make a donation to the school to contribute to our prizes, you would be most welcome to do so. Donations can be bought into the office. Families / businesses that make a donation will be suitably acknowledged during our Presentation ceremonies, in the newsletter and on the school Facebook page. Donations will be used to purchase book vouchers for prize winners at Belair PS. As a rule we give vouchers to the value of $20.

**P&C Disco**

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Chips, lollies and flashing items will be available.

Last Friday 30th October all the staff wore green for Gonski Day. The additional funds that we have received through this program have already been of enormous benefit.
**Student Awards**

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

Sushi orders need to be in tomorrow for Thursday lunches. We need at least 20 orders. 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. Gluten Free Wraps now available for $1.50 extra.

Thank you to all those helpers who worked on last Thursday’s RED Day. The day ran smoothly and I think the children enjoyed all the treats.

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**Upcoming Events**

- **2/11–13/11** Swimming School ~ Year 2 (leave school at 11.30am, return 1.30pm)
- **9/11** Year 5 Leadership Speeches
- **10/11** Kindergarten 2016 Parents / Students in Hall ~ 9.30am
- **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 Fete 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

With today’s newsletter you will receive:
School Community Co-ordinator Advertisement
The P&C are urgently seeking helpers for the following volunteer role:

**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. We are very eager to fill this position as the person doing it 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. This position needs to be filled by 1/12/15 so a hand over can happen before the new school year. Training will be provided for this role.

For more information or to volunteer please contact Col on 0417 527 777.

We have had one volunteer kindly offer their services for the following position for which we are very grateful – a big thank you Kathryn R! While this role is filled we would still like to have a reserve list of at least one helper in case our new volunteer is unable to do it.

**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 10 am and 2 pm as this is when the canteen is open. Training will be provided. We are desperate to get someone for this position as the two people that are currently doing it 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.

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**Support Belair’s Mini Fete**  
**Come along and join in the fun**  
**Same day as the presentation**

Due to their age and constant need of expensive repair, the school intends to replace the existing Smartboards. Each new unit, known as a Commbox, will cost $8000. After having been impressed by a Commbox demonstration recently, the P&C have tried to assist the school by giving $4000 at their last meeting. With a great deal more money obviously needed, a mini fete has been planned for **the same day as the ES1/S1 presentation**. With large numbers of parents, grandparents and carers at Belair on that day, we hope the mini fete will be a great success to help raise funds for these vital classroom resources.

We are seeking interested stallholders to set up at 10 am under the larger primary COLA (outside the library) ready for a **10.30 am – 4.00 pm market**. This is a great chance for crafty souls to sell their wares, for avid readers to clear out their old books or for cooks to share the delights of their kitchen, all while children both young and old have their faces painted.

Anyone interested in having a $25 stall can leave their details and payment at the office. Could payment please be considered a priority as places are limited. You will be phoned back to discuss details and logistics. Face-painting, haberdashery, jewellery, ladies and children’s clothing stall holders have already committed.

Even if your special little someone is in junior school, please take the time to come up to the primary COLA (outside the library) to share some of the fun and grab a bargain.

We might be able to solve some of your Christmas shopping stress and your support might help us purchase another Commbox for a classroom. Any questions you can phone Katrina Johnson 0408442762. **See you at Belair’s Mini Fete on Friday 4th December (Week 10).**
**P&C Fundraising** – End of year fundraising Raffle.

The P&C are calling for donations for our end of year fundraising raffle. If you can donate any prizes (goods or services) it would be greatly appreciated. We also require baskets to present our prizes in. Donations can be dropped to the school office before 30th November 2015. The contact person is Felicity Charlton 0428 872 132, if you need additional information. The raffle will be drawn 4th December 2015 at the P&C Mini Fete.

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

**Absence Notification**

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Belair Public School

School Community Co-ordinator

Belair Public School (BPS) is a large primary school of 525 students located within Adamstown Heights.

The BPS School Plan 2015 – 2017 highlights the need to strengthen the links between the school and its community.

Learning for all will truly happen when the responsibility for everyone’s learning is shared across students, staff, parents and the broader community. Shared communication based on our shared values and beliefs underpins this purpose.

Purpose

To maintain and strengthen constructive learning partnerships across the school community.

Roles and Responsibilities may include:

- To be a point of contact between the community and BPS
- Co-ordinate the development of a community garden
- Co-ordinate the effective use of volunteers
- Co-ordinate the establishment of programs / activities that engage families and community in students’ learning
- Assist in the use of social media to engage with our school community
- Strengthen family engagement with transition programs
- Assist with the organisation and promotion of special events
- Perform other duties as requested by the principal

The Community Co-ordinator will represent the best interests of the school and the community and should have a genuine interest in obtaining the best for both.

Specific Criteria

The successful applicant will need to be innovative, display initiative, be able to manage their time and be organised with good interpersonal skills. The successful applicant will have a strong understanding of the diversity within the Belair Public School community.

Willingness to obtain paid Working With Children check.

Remuneration:

$29.37 an hour for six hours a week. Contract to be for the 2016 school year.

Hours are flexible: 6 hours 1 day a week OR 3 hours for 2 days a week

Possibility of two or three additional days each term.

Applications to be no more than 3 pages. Closing date: Monday, 16 November

Email attention Karin Hird to:

Belair-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
ARE YOU A DAD? ARE YOUR KIDS IN PRIMARY SCHOOL?

Register your interest now to be involved in an international award winning healthy lifestyle program in 2016!

“I cannot recommend this program enough.”

“Healthy Dads, Healthy Kids made me a better father.”

“The four of my kids and I had smiles and sore abs. The abs were from laughing so much!”

What does ‘Healthy Dads, Healthy Kids’ involve?

- 9 x 90 minute face-to-face weekly sessions delivered by expert facilitators for dads and kids consisting of:
  - 5 x dads and kids information sessions (30 mins) and physical activity sessions (60 mins)
  - 2 x weight maintenance, healthy eating and physical activity information sessions for dads-only (90 mins)
  - 2 x dads, mums and kids information sessions (60 mins) and physical activity sessions (30 mins)

What will you get out of ‘Healthy Dads, Healthy Kids’?

- Dads learn how to manage their weight without having to give up the foods and drinks they love
- HDHK will provide dads with parenting secrets to getting kids physically active, reducing kids screen time and improving their self esteem and confidence
- Dads and kids will spend quality time together participating in fun rough and tumble games, health-related fitness and sports skills activities

What our research has shown the program improves:


Dads have achieved:
- health improvements of weight loss, reduced waist circumference and blood pressure
- increased physical activity
- improved parenting skills
- improved diet
- improved relationships with their children and family quality of life

Kids have achieved:
- a healthier weight
- increased physical activity and fitness
- improved educational outcomes
- improved sports skills
- improved social and emotional well-being

DADS OR ANY MALE ROLE MODEL OF PRIMARY SCHOOL KIDS
REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW
Email: healthydads@newcastle.edu.au
or call The University of Newcastle team on (02) 4913 8759 if you have any questions.

There is no cost to families who participate in the ‘Healthy Dads, Healthy Kids’ program.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST WILL CLOSE ON FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER, 2015 AT 5PM
Community Link Up
Celebrating Social Inclusion Week 2015

You’re invited to a FREE community event to promote Social Inclusion for people of ALL abilities.

Don’t miss this opportunity to discover what’s on in your community and to promote YOUR community group.

Join us as we create an inclusive community!

When: Thursday 26 November 2015
Time: 10am - 2pm
Where: Newcastle PCYC. Corner Young and Melbourne Roads, Broadmeadow
RSVP: Phone Libby on 4905 0705 or email elizabeth.pike@vinnies.org.au

Lunch and entertainment will be provided.

Partnering with PCYC