Permanent Classroom Accommodation and Enrolment Policy Review

The Department of Education has recently conducted a review of our classroom accommodation. Following the review, we have a total of 19 permanent classroom spaces, and therefore I have reviewed our enrolment capacity stated in our enrolment policy. Our enrolment ceiling is now 498. With a buffer of 21 students to make room for any in-zone students who apply during the year, we are unable to accept out-of-zone applicants until our numbers fall below 477. This is significantly below our current enrolment of 526. Our revised policy will be available on our website later this week. I anticipate that the school will not be able to accept any further out of zone enrolments during 2016 as we currently have 21 classes. We have been able to accept a small number of out of intake zone siblings into Kindergarten for 2016. Siblings ready to start school in 2017 will need to make an out of zone application later next year, and are not guaranteed a place. For the intake zone map please refer to the ‘Our School’ tab on the school’s website.

Parent Survey Feedback

Opportunities to obtain feedback from teachers was mentioned on a few of the surveys returned to school. There were suggestions of additional parent teacher interviews and suggestions of wanting to be informed about what is being taught each term. This is valuable feedback and I will be taking these ideas to the executive and the staff for follow up in the new year. Although there may not be set interviews scheduled, please take advantage of the fact that you can ring and ask your child’s teacher for information regarding your child’s progress at any time through the year.

12% of parents indicated that school events are not held at times when they can attend. Unfortunately for most working parents, school is on during working hours. For this reason major events like the Art Show and the Variety Showcase are held out of school hours. We also try to take lots of photos and upload them to the school website, Facebook and class blogs so that you can see your child in action.

It is exciting to see that we are getting a steady increase in the number of ‘likes’ on our school’s Facebook page. We are now up to 236! I appreciate the tone and quality of comments being made. Facebook is a forum for celebrating our students’ achievements and for making notifications for upcoming events.

Swimming Carnival ~ this Thursday 3 December

Our swimming carnival is being held this Thursday. Notes and money need to be in before this Thursday. Students who are identified as weak swimmers will wear a yellow wrist band on the day. Asthmatics should bring their puffer with them, especially if they have exercise induced asthma.

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Presentation Assemblies

The first of our Presentation Assemblies are being held on Friday this week. We hope you can come to celebrate the achievements of this year’s cohort with us. The Early Stage 1 Assembly will start at 9:30am. Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 parents are then invited to enjoy morning tea afterwards with us before the Stage 1 Assembly begins at 11:30 am. Because of these Presentation Assemblies, there will be no whole school assembly on Friday. The final awards for the year will be handed out at an assembly on Tuesday of next week. If your child is ready for an Honours Award or for any of our Reading Awards, please send in the evidence before Tuesday.
**Year 6 Mini-Fete**

The Year 6 did a fantastic job organising and running the mini-fete last Friday. Thank you to all the families and teachers who supported their endeavours. The fete raised over $1800 towards the Year 6 gift to the school.

**Prefects for 2016**

Congratulations to the twelve students who were elected to be our prefects for 2016. All of the students who stood for election should be proud of their achievement in getting so far. The school would have been very happy to have had any of them as our leaders for the coming year.

From our twelve prefects, the teachers and the Year 4 and 5 students will be voting to elect the School Captains 2016.


**Bring Your Own Devices (BYOD) for 2016**

Students in Years 4–6 are able to bring their own devices to school to enhance their learning opportunities and in preparation for high school. Students are able to have iPads, android tablets or notebook style devices. Students will need to sign a contract to use these devices at school. This contract will go home at the start of the school year. It is not mandatory for students to BYOD. We do have devices that students can use if they don’t have their own.

**Wave for Water Surf to School Day**

Well done to the boys who organised our mufti day today. It is nice to see students who are thinking of others and wanting to do something to help make life better for people who are worse off than themselves. The mufti day raised $441.30. This is enough for 8 water filters, which will help 800 people have clean drinking water. (See photo page 8).

**Community Co-ordinator 2016**

We have now finalised the interview process for appointing our new community co-ordinator. Thank you to everyone who applied for the position. Congratulations to Sarah Hayes who was successful in gaining the position. We are very excited about the difference this will make to our school.

**Science Enrichment Day**

Last week some Belair students from Years 1 to 6 went to a Science Enrichment day with Kotara South Public School and Adamstown Public School. We went to the Newcastle museum.

We went to the fossil making area first and sorted some shells, so that we could learn about how scientists classify things. We had a chat about how fossils were formed and where to find them. We were given a plastic animal so we could make our own fossils. Usually they would take millions of years to make a fossil but we cheated and it only took a couple of hours. We then had a look at the exhibition of dinosaurs and what they are related to in today’s world. We got to play a meteorite game and a making Dino game. My favourite part was sharing the fossils around and sorting shells because it was more hands on and interactive. By: Zac Thomson 5P

**Bush Tucker Garden**

The Belair Bush Tucker Garden outside the Admin building is nearly completed! We are asking any students and families interested in helping us put the final touches on the garden to come along on Thursday 3/12/15 after school. Please bring gloves and any other gardening equipment you require.
### Student Awards

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

** Gluten Free Chicken Tenders $1.50 each or two in a wrap with lettuce and mayo for $3.80
** Please remember to place your Sushi orders on Wednesday for Thursday lunches
** Zombie Chips are now discontinued

RED DAY Tuesday 8th December 2015: Orders for RED DAY are going home today and should be back to the canteen by this Friday 4/12/15. This RED DAY is for recess only and no lollies will be sold on this day. Helpers needed for this day until 11.30am.

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#### Upcoming Events

- **2/12**: Scripture Christmas Assembly at 11.30am
- **3/12**: Swimming Carnival ~ Years 3–6
- **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:

- Canteen RED DAY ~ whole school
- Christmas Party Day Notes ~ Kindergarten
- Christmas Party Day Notes ~ Year 1, Year 2
- Christmas Party Day Notes ~ Year 3, Year 4
- Christmas Party Day Notes ~ Year 5, Year 6
P&C Funding for End of Year Fundraising Raffle

P&C News

Taking a direct approach to fundraising is starting to prove worthwhile for the P&C's Fundraising Coordinator. Recently we promoted three local, Belair family owned businesses who kick started our targeted fundraising efforts to supply the school with a Commbox worth $8000.

It is with great pleasure that we'd like to acknowledge an outstanding donation by another Belair family run business – Hunter ShedBoss (Heatherbrae) has given the school **$500**! On behalf of the students who will benefit from these funds, we thank you all for your commitment to our children's learning. Please like these businesses on Facebook.

END OF YEAR RAFFLE –

Some more lovely items have been delivered to the office to be included in our end of year fundraising raffle. Having divided the below list of goodies up, there will be 12 gorgeous prizes to make it a really worthwhile for ticket holders. You could be the lucky winner of one of these delicious, glorious, delightful and lovely prizes:

- a pamper pack from **33 Degrees South** (homemade soap makers in The Hunter Street Mall)
- a Breast Cancer Foundation beach chair
- Chocolates & a bottle of wine worth $50
- Aveda hair products and a voucher from **Ruby Skies** for a shampoo cut and blow dry
- 2 x $50 vouchers from **Gateshead Ultratune** Service (these will be drawn as 2 separate prizes)
- a voucher for 1 term of lessons at **Jen's Piano Tuition**
- a $50 restaurant voucher from the **Vistana Malaysia** and a bottle of wine
- a handmade patchwork quilt
- 2 x vouchers for one term's tuition at **Princess Ballet**
- a voucher for 5 yoga classes from **Bronni Page Yoga**
- a basket of goodies valued at approximately $300 from **The Good Guys Warners Bay**: a laundry basket, pegs, some kitchenware and novelty gifts

If this has inspired you to buy more tickets but you need more sheets, they're available from the office. The raffle will be drawn for this Friday so tickets and money need to be in the locked box in the front office foyer by this Thursday afternoon (3/12/15).

Ticket sales to date have raised nearly $1000 which will be allocated towards the purchase of a Commbox for one lucky classroom.

Photos of our prizes and the logos of businesses who have kindly donated goods and services will appear on the Belair Facebook page by the end of the week. I'm sure these generous local businesses would love to see Belair families cross their thresholds.

Good luck to you all.
Thank You to the following businesses for supporting our End of Year Fundraising

Princess Ballet Company

lewis + zwart architecture

Bronni Page Yoga

Find your calm • Feel amazing

Honeysuckle Hand Build
Preparing the Bush Tucker Garden
Community News

Summer fun in nature around Port Stephens

Join our Discovery Rangers to experience a different side to Port Stephens and Tomaree National Park this summer holiday. There’s something for everyone.

**Tomaree’s WilderQuest treasure trail**
**Thursday 7 January 2016, 9am–11.30am**
Discover the sights, sounds and heritage of Tomaree as you step back to the time of World War II.

**WilderQuest wild world of rockpools**
**Friday 8 January 2016, 1.30pm–3.30pm**
Explore amazing rockpool creatures on Boat Harbour’s headland.

**Spooky night walk**
**Wednesday 13 January 2016, 6.30pm–8.30pm**
Experience stories by dusk, the haunting ambience ‘behind the scenes’ of Tomaree’s World War II gun emplacements, and then return by dark.

**WilderQuest bush to beach family discovery**
**Thursday 14 January 2016, 3pm–5pm**
Enjoy nature with fantastic family activities. For the young and young at heart.

**Bookings and information**
**Bookings for all NPWS Discovery Tours are essential.**
Book online following the links above, or phone 13000 PARKS (13000 72757).
All tours between $12 and $15 per person and families between $36 and $45.
For more information on tours, such as meeting points, please follow the web links or ask on booking. For general enquiries, phone Sue Olsson on (02) 4984 8210 (after 7 December 2015), or email suzanne.olsson@environment.nsw.gov.au
Community News
Ulinga Netball Club
Cross Street Cardiff South 2285
C/: 8/117 Minmi Rd Wallsend 2287
Mob: 0423 323 393

Registrations for the 2016 winter netball competition will be held on Saturday 30.1.16 10-12pm at Ulinga Netball Courts, Cross Street Cardiff South.
Prices are: 5-10 years $182
11 - 17 years $190
Senior $220
Uniforms are to be purchased through the netball shop online at a cost of $75.

For more information please contact the club on 0423 323 393 or our facebook page.

FREE & fun program for fitter, healthier, happier kids!

Know if your child is over a healthy weight?
Go to www.go4fun.com.au to see if your child could do Go4Fun.

Go4Fun is a FREE healthy lifestyle program for kids over a healthy weight to improve health, fitness, self-esteem and confidence.

What is the Go4Fun program?
Go4Fun is a FREE 10 week program which runs over one school term after school hours. During the program children and their families get involved in fun games and activities to get more physically active and they learn about delicious nutritious foods they can eat every day.

Children need to be 7-13 years old and a parent or carer also needs to attend. Younger and/or older siblings are encouraged to attend.

To find out more contact 1800 780 900 or visit www.go4fun.com.au
CHRISTMAS CUPCAKE DAY

Tuesday 8th December 2015

‘Cupcake and a school drink served at RECESS’

1x RED or GREEN cupcake (circle choice)

PLUS
1x Milk – chocolate – strawberry – banana
OR Juice – blackcurrant – apple – orange

$4.00

Please return order form & money to the canteen by 4/12/15

NO LOLLIES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY
NO REFUNDS OR CREDITS WILL BE GIVEN

Name____________________Class________

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE
(you don't need to be a regular volunteer to help)
WE WANT YOU!
Can you just do an hour? Calling all available adults!
Name____________________ (10:30 – 11:30)