Easter Holidays
Thursday is the last day of Term 1. From all the staff here at Belair, we wish you a happy and safe Easter and a great family time together over the holidays. Students return Tuesday 21 April.

Grandfriends’ Day
29th April from 9.30am
A note will accompany this newsletter today outlining the times and schedule for the day. The day begins with the school band performing at the hall. There will be an assembly with the K–2 students including other performances from our talented singers and dancers. Classrooms will be open, K–2 from 10.10am–10.30am and Years 3–6 from 10.30am–11am. You will be able to enjoy a morning tea which can be purchased through the canteen.

The library also has a Book Fair set up which you can look through. Books will be available to purchase for your grandchildren (more information on the pink flyer). We hope to see many Grandfriends visiting on this special day.

NB: there is only street parking available as we do not have additional car spaces in our staff car parks. If you require disabled parking, please contact the school.

Book Packs 2015
We still have a number of outstanding invoices for book packs. Could you please finalise this ASAP or if you require financial assistance, contact either Ms Waight in the office or Mr Beard.

School Photographs
The school photos will be held on Thursday 7 May 2015. Costs range from $15 to $43 depending on the package you select. MSP Photography envelopes, with your child’s name on them, will be sent home early in Term 2. Please return the envelopes on the day of the photos with the correct change or you can also order online as per instructions on the envelope.

Overdue Library Books
Notes are going home today for overdue library books. Please have a good look at home for these and return them to the library. If you are unable to find them, please speak with Ms Kelly in the library. Parents are asked to contribute to the costs of lost books.

Kindergarten Enrolments ~ 2016
If you have a child who will be enrolling in Kindergarten 2016, please register this information with the school office. The school starts looking at Kinder enrolments in Term 2 and it is good to have an early indication of numbers. Please note that for siblings of existing students who live outside the school boundaries, an out of zone application is required.

New Belair APP ~ Additional Information
Yesterday’s uncertainty around the Athletics Carnival because of the rain is an excellent example of the value of the school APP. An alert was sent out at 8.20am notifying that the carnival was going ahead. After that time the school received over fifty phone calls asking if the carnival was still going ahead.

The new Belair PS APP can be downloaded from either the APP store or Google Play Store. Please note that the old APP is still available. Select the Skoolbag APP which is probably the second one in the list. Additional instructions can be found on our website.

Don’t forget to say “Yes” to push notifications and then set up your new APP by clicking the “more” button on the bottom right hand side of the app.

New Functions available in this APP:
Absent forms can be used to email an absent note through to the school which is passed on to class teachers. Please do not use these for partial absences.

Attendance
It is a legal requirement that school age students attend school. Absences must be covered by a note explaining the absence. Sickness or medical appointments are the most common form of acceptable reasons for absences. Having a birthday, going shopping or spending time with visitors are not acceptable reasons for absences and will not be recorded as Leave. Children presenting at school after the bell must be accompanied by an adult to the office to complete a partial absence slip.

Changes to the enrolment policy have removed overseas family travel from the reasons for exemption. Please consider the impact by taking your child out of school may have to their education. Research suggests that such actions can have a significantly negative impact on student learning.

Out of Uniform Day this Thursday 2/4/15
All money collected this Thursday will be donated to the Vanuatu Cyclone Appeal. Please help this cause.
Students’ Awards

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Year 6 Excursion Feedback

By all reports our Year 6 students not only had a wonderful time in Canberra, they presented themselves beautifully at all activities. At the War Memorial our teachers were approached by a member of the public who was moved to tears by the reverence and respect being shown by our students in the hall of remembrance. Thank you to Mrs Jardine, Mr Baker, Mrs Gibson and the parent helpers who looked after our students on this three day excursion.

State Swimming

Our Senior Girls relay team: Angel N, Shelley H, Jasmine S and Emma H, performed extremely well at the PSSA Swimming Championships at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre last Thursday. They placed 3rd in their heat and managed a huge 4 second PB from their regional time. They placed 12th out of 40 teams from NSW and were the reserve team for the finals. Angel also swam the Senior Girls 50m breaststroke and also placed 12th out of 40 girls. A very pleasing result and a great achievement by all! All the girls did themselves, their parents and their school proud.

Australian Schools Competitions

Today you will receive competition notes for students in Years 3–6. If you would like your child to participate, please complete permission notes and return with money to your child’s class teacher by Thursday 30/4/15. NB: late entries will not be accepted.

State Dance Workshops ~ Yrs 2–4

The NSW Public Schools Years 2–4 State Dance Workshops have been developed in response to a large demand for dance experiences. Date for Year 4 is Monday 11 May; Years 2–3 are on Friday 15 May at the Sydney Dance Company Studios at Walsh Bay. For more information phone Mr Beard on 4952 1735.

ANZAC Service

Our school ANZAC Service will be held on the first Friday of Term 2. Part of our commemoration involves each class laying a bouquet of flowers. It is hoped this year that some parents may be in a position to assist in forming a bouquet from flowers brought from family gardens for the purpose. We do not expect families to purchase flowers as we usually get plenty of flowers along on the day. At the conclusion of the ceremony the flowers are donated to a local nursing home.

In addition to our school ceremony, our Captains and Prefects are invited to participate in the Adamstown Anzac march. Our Captains will also be leading part of the service at the cenotaph.

P&C News

Easter Raffle: Congratulations today’s winners. Thank you to all the families for donating Easter Eggs and supporting our raffle again this year.

Canteen Roster / News

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Sushi orders need to be in tomorrow for Thursday lunches. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with RED DAY today.

Goodbye! I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has helped me in the canteen over the past five years. I have loved my time here and will miss everyone dearly. Fortunately I will still see many of you at Westfield Kotara. There is a night out on the 2nd May for a farewell dinner. We would love you to come along so if you can make it please text Louise on 0438 516 744 to book.

Introducing Sonja! Sonja will be our temporary Canteen Supervisor until the position has been filled. Everything remains the same so come along and say hello.

We will need volunteers for our Grandfriends’ Day on Wednesday 29/4/15 from 9am. If you can help, please text Sonja on 0438 684 401.

Upcoming Events

Term 2:
- 21/4 Tuesday Students Return to School
- 27/4–1/5 Book Fair in the Library
- 29/4 Grandfriends’ Day ~ 9.30am–11.45am
- 6/5 Mothers’ Day Stall
- 7/5 School Photos
- 12/5–14/5 NAPLAN Testing ~ Yr 3 & Yr 5

Term 3:
- 4/9 Belair Spring Ball