URGENT REQUEST

We have an urgent request for helpers in the canteen serving food to our Grandfriends. Without additional help we may not be able to serve tea and coffee to our visitors. If you can spare any time, even 20 minutes, let Sonja know and together we can make our Grandfriends’ day wonderful.

Grandfriends Day
29th April from 9.15am

We look forward to Grandfriends and friends visiting our school tomorrow. This is always a special day on the school calendar. Any families requiring disabled parking should contact the school office as the gates are locked. We understand that families often accompany Grandfriends to the day for a variety of reasons. We do ask that people ensure seating in the hall is left available for older members of our community for the assembly.
The day begins 9.15am 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 as follows:
K–2 from 10.10am–10.30am
Years 3–6 from 10.30am–11am

You will be able to enjoy a morning tea which can be purchased through the canteen.
Also the school band’s major fundraising event will operate during recess outside the canteen. Cakes, slices and biscuits will be on sale. Monies raised will help support the band.
The library also has a Book Fair with books available for purchase.
We hope to see many Grandfriends visiting on this special day.

• Volunteers needed in the canteen ~ 9am-12pm
• Coffee, tea, cold drinks and sandwiches available
• 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

Storm Aftermath

Thanks to our community for your patience and understanding last week.
Here at Belair we fared better than many schools across the region.
An assessment of the buildings and grounds have identified a few minor issues which need to be attended to ensure the safety of students and staff and appropriate measures have been taken to make areas safe.
As I was on leave last week, Mrs Marsh took on the role of coordinating decisions to ensure the safety of our community and did an outstanding job.
Our Belair APP proved useful, however there were some delays in delivery of notifications. This occurred as the APP provider is based in Newcastle and had some power issues with its server.
Instructions on downloading and setting up the APP are on the school website. All parents with a smartphone are encouraged to download the APP.
In addition to the APP, information was updated daily on the school website.
For future reference, these two means of communication will be used to inform our community of major changes to routine here at Belair.
It would be most beneficial for all our school community to ensure they have these avenues of communication open to them.
Using Technology for 21st Century Learning
At last week’s school development day teachers spent much of the day exploring a variety of ways to use technology which supports the learning needs of students of the 21st Century. Collaboration, cooperation, critical thinking and problem solving are all key skills students will need into the future. Teachers explored tools which embed these skills into classroom learning programs. 21st Century communication is another aspect which was explored and teachers are working on a range of ways to communicate differently with our school community about teaching programs and student learning.

ICAS Competitions
This Thursday 30/4/15 is the last day to pay for entry into these competitions. If you want your child to participate, please send permission notes and money to your child’s class teacher. Late payments / entries cannot be accepted as competitions must be ordered this Thursday.

Year 5 Opportunity Class 2016
Information is available at the school office if parents are interested. Please see Mr Beard for further details.

P&C News
Book Club: orders are due back by Wednesday 6/5/15.
Uniform Shop: Polar Fleece Jackets have arrived and are now available in sizes 4–14. They are available from the uniform shop on Monday mornings 8.45am–9.30am or go to the P&C section of the school website and print the order form to send in with your child.

Canteen Roster
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If you are unable to do your shifts, please phone Sonja 0438 684 401

Canteen News
We need extra helpers for serving food on the Grandfriends' Day. Please let Sonja know if you can help. Any help would be greatly appreciated and would make the day run more smoothly. Even if you can only do 20 minutes or 1 hour anything would help.

Sushi orders need to be in tomorrow for Thursday lunches.

Upcoming Events
- 27/4–1/5 Book Fair in the Library
- 29/4 Grandfriends Day 9.30am–11.45am
- 30/4 Touch Football ~ selected students
- 6/5 Last day to pay for ICAS Comps
- 6/5 Mothers' Day Stall
- 7/5 Book Club orders are due
- 8/5 School Photos ~ whole school
- 11/5 School Disco ~ see today's flyer
- 12/5–14/5 NAPLAN Testing ~ Yr 3 & Yr 5
- 15/5 Whole School Testing ~ Year 5
- 18/5 GRIP Leadership Excursion (Prefects)
- 21/5 Sydney Excursion ~ Year 5
- 4/9 Belair Spring Ball

Term 3:

Notes Received with today's Newsletters
Disco Flyer