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23 June 2015 (Week 10, Term 2)

Principal Leadership Position
At the commencement of Term 3 I will be taking up a regional position, relieving Principal Education Officer, Learning & Leadership. This position will be for a period of six months. Information will be made available shortly in regard to my replacement. Whilst this is an exciting opportunity I know I will miss the Belair kids and families over this time. Regards Warwick Beard

Happy Holidays
As a very busy term draws to an end, we wish our families a great fortnight together. Reports come home today to provide an opportunity to celebrate student learning this semester. Students return to school on Tuesday 14 July.

P&C Meeting
Last week’s meeting saw a great roll-up to the P&C despite it being a State of Origin night. At the meeting Col Jackson, our P&C Treasurer, announced he would be stepping down from the role after an amazing five and a half years tending the books and managing the finances of the P&C as well as the canteen. Our school is greatly indebted to Col for his service to students through his work in the P&C. Col has also been a great advocate for Belair School and for public education and his moving addresses to new Kinder parents will be greatly missed. Thanks Col for everything you have done!

NAIDOC Celebrations
NAIDOC stands for National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee. Its origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920s which sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Indigenous Australians. Yesterday Belair celebrated NAIDOC Week with an assembly led beautifully by our Aboriginal students who gave the acknowledgement of country, addressed the assembly in the Awabakal language and read a local dreamtime story. The choir beautifully sang the National Anthem in the Awabakal language and we were delighted by a performance by the Callaghan College Waratah Aboriginal Dance and Yidaki (didgeridoo) group. The dancers then ran a dance workshop for our students.

Homework Policy
This policy has been revised following consultation with the school community through annual surveys in 2014. A review of research into the effectiveness of homework has strongly informed the revision of the policy, as has the response we received from our community last year. Basic literacy and numeracy skills underpin student learning across the curriculum.

The more time students spend reading, the better readers they become. Reading has a positive impact on spelling and writing skills. There is also evidence that children who read quality fiction develop greater empathy and resilience as they are absorbed into the lives and challenges of characters in the stories they read.

Student’s automaticity with maths facts (addition, subtraction, etc) has a significant impact on overall competence in mathematics, particularly with problem solving skills. The capacity to solve problems is determined by working memory. A student with instant recall of number facts can solve more complex problems than a student who needs to use part of their working memory to “work out” required number facts.

Setting Reading and Maths facts at the centre of our Homework policy is a strategy the school believes will support student learning. The challenge is to find creative ways to engage students in spending the time to do their homework and get value from it.

The following is an outline of the homework focus articulated by the policy. A full version of the policy is available on the website under the “Our School” tab.

Early Stage 1:
Home Reading, preparing for news.

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(Year 2 some focus on maths facts)

Stage 2:
Reading and maths facts

Stage 3:
Reading and maths facts activities to promote positive homework behaviours and reinforce class learning.
Year 3 Excursion
In Week 3 of next term, Year 3 will be going on an excursion to see a live play at the Civic Theatre called ‘26 Storey Treehouse’. Cost of the excursion will be approximately $23 (please do not pay until costing is confirmed next term). Further information and permission notes will be provided early Term 3.

Dressmaker Needed
Our school blazers are in need of some minor repairs (buttons etc). If you would be able to help out, please phone or email Mrs Jardine.

Student Awards

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Canteen Roster

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School Holidays

| Mon | 13/7 | Pupil Free Day |
| Tues | 14/7 | Cath T, Karen S |
| Wed | 15/7 | Robyn S, Rose H |

Canteen Supervisor Sonja 0438 684 401

Canteen News
Sushi orders need to be in tomorrow for Thursday lunches. If we do not get at least 20 orders unfortunately we will not be able to provide this service.

Thanks to all the canteen volunteers for making my first term as supervisor a great experience. Have a wonderful holiday and I will see you all back for another busy term in two weeks. Thanks Sonja!

Upcoming Events

★ 24/6 Train on Debate ~ Year 5
★ 26/6 Opera House Choir Rehearsal

Term 3:

★ 15/7 NSW Netball School Cup Knockout
★ 21/7 Senior Dance Festival
★ 22/7 Junior Dance Festival
★ 23/7 Year 6 visit to Kotara High School
★ 24/7 Zone Athletics (Track) ~ selected students
★ 27/7 Education Week

Musica Viva Performance
★★ 28/7 Zone Athletics (Field)
★★ 26/8 NPBS Maths Competition
Belair School Art Show
★★ 4/9 Belair Spring Ball ~ evening event
★★ 9/9 Tocal Excursion ~ Stage 1
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Public Speaking Regional Finals

Nature Lovers
Groups ages 5-8, 9-11 & 12-16.

Enjoy & learn through observation, identification and art...

In the school holidays:
Tues 30th June, Wed 1st July & Tues 7th & Wed 8th July 5-8 yrs
9 -10.30 am 9-11 yrs 10.30 am-12.30
12-14 yrs 1.30 - 3.30pm

Cost $20 per child subsidies for 2nd & 3rd child
Enquiries & Bookings by:
email greiveandcommunity@hotmail.com or phone: 04142793
In the wildlife arena, Cantley, Blackbutt Reserve.

Belair Spring Ball 2015
Friday 4th September 2015
Venue: Harborview Function Centre

Style: Cocktail Party Cost: $65 per head
Please check the Belair Spring Ball Facebook page for additional information.

Notes Received with today’s Newsletters
Reports ~ K-6

Community News
Wanting some ideas for the holidays, maybe these might be of interest for you and your family:

Newcastle City Council Holiday Activities:

Hunter Festival of Sport Netball Clinic:
Phone: 0429698384 or go to www.pivotnetball.com.au

The Hunter Wetlands Centre:
Phone: 4951 6466 or go to www.wetlands.org.au

Maitland Gaol:
Phone: 4936 6482 or go to info@maitlandgaol.com.au

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