New Principal

I have been contacted by our school Education Director, Jenny Moody with the wonderful news that we have a new Relieving Principal for 6 months. We shall be welcoming Karin Hird to Belair PS in Week 3 this term on Monday 27/7/15. Karin is currently the Principal at Nords Wharf PS.

We all look forward to meeting and working with her upon her arrival.

I have emailed and congratulated Karin on behalf of the school community and welcomed her to Belair PS in her role as Relieving Principal.

I will resume my role as teacher on KM and as Early Stage 1 Assistant Principal in Week 3.

I would like to acknowledge the brilliant work of Mrs Zena Sutcliffe and sincerely thank her for teaching KM during my absence.

Hunter Dance Festival

The Hunter Schools’ Dance Festival is one of the most exciting events on the regional performing arts calendar. The festival has had a long tradition in the Hunter and has gained a thoroughly deserved profile as an outstanding display of dance achievement. Our school’s dance groups are once again going to be a part of this event. Best wishes to both dance groups who will be performing at Panthers with the Senior Girl Dance group on stage tonight and the Junior Girl Dance Group performing tomorrow night. Special thanks to Alison and Laura McKenna for their commitment to teaching our students and to Mrs Penny Mounser for organisation and dedication to the dance program at Belair PS.

New Grassed Area

Our students have been making fabulous use of the new “grassed” area in front of the Year 6 classrooms. This has reduced the amount of dirt and mud in front of these rooms and made it a much more accessible area.

This was made possible due to a Telstra Kids Grant. A big thanks to Telstra for making this happen!

ICAS English

Next Tuesday is the ICAS English test. Some students will be attending the Zone Athletics Carnival and an excursion. If a student is absent due to these events they will be able to complete the test the next day.

NCCD Information for Parents and Carers

From 2015, all schools across Australia are required to participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). Schools will collect data on their students who are receiving adjustments to meet additional learning and support needs in accordance with their obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and Disability Standards for Education 2005. This data will assist in the development of a consistent, national picture of education needs of students with a disability.

The data that is provided to the Australian Government by the NSW Department of Education and Communities is provided in such a way that it cannot be used to identify individual students or schools.


Woolworths Earn and Learn

We are once again participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school. Please start collecting the stickers at the checkout and remember to stick them onto a sticker sheet before returning them. They are then to be placed in the box in the office or the box outside Woolworths at Westfield Kotara labelled Belair Public School. The program runs until Tuesday 8th September, so please start collecting!

Kindergarten and Year 6 Transition to School

We are inviting all families who are local to Belair PS to contact the school if they are enrolling a child for Kindergarten next year. If you know of a family who has not yet contacted the school please invite them to do so so that their child can participate in our Transition to School program.

Our Year 6 students are preparing for high school with an upcoming visit to Kotara HS this Thursday 23/7/15. This is the beginning of the transition program to support our Year 6 students as they move into Year7.

Year 6 Farewell

Next week on Thursday afternoon (30/7/15) at 3:05pm, a meeting will be held in the 5/6J classroom regarding the planning and organisation of the Year 6 Farewell.

Fresh Fruit ~ Woolworths

Thank you to Woolworths Kotara for their generous donation of fruit last Friday. Students were given a piece of fresh fruit to enjoy. Thanks again!
Education Week / Book Week Celebrations

Our Education Week and Book Week combined celebrations have been organised for Week 7 this term. Families are invited to attend an Art Show on the evening of Wednesday 26/8/15 in the hall. The school band and senior choir will perform this night. A Book Week Parade will be held on Friday 28/8/15. Students from K–6 are encouraged to dress up as a book character. Dance groups will also perform. A sausage sizzle / picnic lunch has been planned with families invited to enjoy lunch with their children.

Fundraising BBQ

After the Book Week Parade on Friday 28/8/15, the teachers and P&C Association are holding a fundraising BBQ. We are aiming to raise funds for upgrading our school internet and WIFI. We are asking for volunteers to help with the BBQ beginning from 11am on the day. Please contact Mrs Allars or Miss Kelly if you are able to help. We truly value your support.

Sport News

Netball NSW School Cup: Wednesday 15/7/15 our Netball Knockout Team and Train-on Team competed in the Netball NSW School Cup Hunter Region Phase 1. Both teams played and worked well as a team. The Knockout Team finished the day with 3 wins and a loss and the train on team had 2 wins and 2 losses. Unfortunately neither team made it to the next round. Well done to all the girls. Also good luck to Emma H who is competing in the State Carnival at Tamworth this week.

Cross Country: Last Friday Zac M (27th), Eleanor B (56th) and Zane G (52nd) competed in the NSW State PSSA Cross Country Championships at Eastern Creek. Congratulations to these fine athletes on their great achievements.

Student Awards

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P&C News

The P&C is seeking a volunteer with some level of accounting experience to fill the position of Treasurer, in order to ensure the P&C’s ongoing support of the school. The existing treasurer has generously volunteered to assist in a smooth transition of this role. This can be undertaken outside of school hours. For further details, please contact a member of the P&C Committee or email: Matthew.Morrison@jhg.com.au

Book Club: Issue 5 brochures go home this week. Orders are due back by Wednesday 29/7/15.

Canteen Roster

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Sushi orders need to be in tomorrow for Thursday lunches. Please remember that if we do not get at least 20 orders we will not be able to provide this service.

Upcoming Events

* 22/7 Junior Dance Festival
* 23/7 Year 6 visit to Kotara High School
* 24/7 Zone Athletics (Track) ~ selected students
* 27/7 Musica Viva Performance ~ Years 1–6
* 28/7 Zone Athletics (Field)
* ICAS English Civic Theatre Excursion ~ Year 3
* 29/7 Book Club Orders due back (Issue 5)
* Girls Knockout Soccer v New Lambton Sth PS
* 30/7 Year 6 Farewell Meeting at 3.05pm
* 4/8 Canteen RED DAY
* Knights Comp Kindergarten 2016 Family Intro 6.15pm–7.30pm
* 5/8 Kinder (ES1) Zone Public Speaking
* 10/8 Stage 2 Zone Public Speaking
* 11/8 Stage 1 Zone Public Speaking
* 12/8 Stage 3 Zone Public Speaking
* 13/8 Water Safety Presentation ~ Years K–6
* 24/8–28/8 Belair Education Week / Art Show and Book Week Celebrations
* 24/8 GATS Cluster Day ~ selected students
* 26/8 NPBS Maths Competition
* Belair School Art Show
* Band and Choir to perform
* 28/8 Book Week Celebrations
* Picnic Lunch

Notes Received with today’s Newsletters

Canteen RED DAY order form ~ K–6
Term 3 Calendar ~ K–6
OUR NEW GRASSED AREA