Introduction to our new Principal

Thank you to the staff and students for being so welcoming on my first day. I can see already that Belair PS is a beautiful school and I’m looking forward to getting to know and work with you over the coming weeks and months. I have a very open leadership style. If you have any issues that you would like to discuss please feel free to make an appointment to see me.

To let you know a bit about me: I’ve been with the Department of Education for the past 28 years and have been a teaching Principal for the past 8 years. In that time I have taught all years K–6 in a variety of schools ranging from <100 to >700 students. I am a passionate advocate for Public Education and enjoy working with staff, parents and the P&C to collaboratively achieve outstanding outcomes for all of our students. In my spare time I enjoy riding my motorbike, spending time with friends and family, and, when time permits, reading science fantasy novels.

Please come and introduce yourself, and, to reiterate, make an appointment to see me as issues arise.

Mrs Karin Hird

Kindergarten 2016

There will be an introduction to Belair PS on Tuesday evening next week from 6:15 – 7:30 pm. If you know any parents who are in area to us and have preschool age students could you please pass on this information to them. Unfortunately our numbers preclude us from being able to accept students from out of zone.

Chess Gala Day

The Knights chess team will be competing in a Chess Gala Day at New Lambton South PS next Tuesday. All the best to Emma, James, Luke and Kayden. We hope you have a great day. A note has gone home to these students today.

Winter Fire Safety

Today we had a message from Fire & Rescue NSW to be careful with house fires through winter. 30% of annual fires occur in the winter and 47% start in the kitchen. Never leave cooking unattended, check electric blankets, extinguish candles before going to bed, store matches out of reach of children, check smoke detectors & batteries, keep chimneys clean and always clean clothes dryer filters.

These are just some helpful hints. Full details can be found at: fire.nsw.gov.au and planning.nsw.gov.au

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Wednesday 26th August 6.30–8.30pm
Thursday 27th August 9am–2.55pm

Come along and see our Belair students’ art work in the school hall.

The Official Opening will be on Wednesday. The senior choir will perform. Tea, coffee and cakes will be available. On Thursday the display will be open to families and visitors all day. To help raise money we are asking for a gold coin donation on both days.

Belair Spring Ball

Friday 4th September at 7pm

Tickets go on sale from the school canteen this Friday, 31st July from 8.15am. There are limited tickets so get in early to avoid disappointment. A flyer has been sent home today with this newsletter containing more information.

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Education Week and Book Week Celebrations

Friday 28th August

A flyer will accompany today’s newsletter outlining the day’s activities for our celebrations.

The junior choir will perform followed by a Book Week Parade for K–2 students. After recess the band, and dance groups will perform followed by a parade by the Year 3–6 students. The senior choir will perform before lunch. From 1pm–2pm we will be having a sausage sizzle picnic lunch.

We are expecting a great day of celebrations and would like to see as many parents and friends come along to the school to enjoy the fun. Hope to see you there!

ICAS Science

Congratulations to the following students:

High Distinction: Year 4 Hayden B; Distinction: Year 3 Markus L, Elizabeth L, Tristan D, Eva N; Year 4 Hannah O Year 6 Nicholas N, Alex N; Credit: Year 3 Isabella Y, Maggie C Year 4 Lily-Rose D, Makayla S, Chloe C Year 5 Tom P, Kye P, Eleanor M, Hamish M, Finlay R Year 6 Chris L, Dawn D, Harriet D, Jaxon A; Merit: Year 3 Bonita K Year 4 Daimon W, Eva N, Rohan M, Hayden F Year 5 Jack N, Joel M and William B.
Sporting Events

Versatile Athlete ~ Emma H: apologies to Emma H for the omission of her name in last week's newsletter. Emma again demonstrated her versatility as an athlete when she competed in the State Cross Country at Eastern Creek on 17th July. Well done Emma! Also last week Emma was the Vice Captain of the Hunter Region Netball Team that placed equal 2nd in the NSW PSSA State Netball Championships in Tamworth.

There are a variety of sporting events happening over the coming week:

Touch Football: Yesterday Belair girls defeated Caves Beach PS 5–3 in the PSSA Touch Knockout. They will meet Redhead PS in the next round.

Zone Athletics: The field events for the Zone Athletics were held today.

Girls' Soccer: Soccer knockout is tomorrow.

Basketball: Basketball knockout is on Thursday.

Good luck to all of our teams. Play fairly and enjoy the opportunity to be involved and to be a part of a team.

Student Awards

K4
Hannah B, Oscar M, Chloe L

3H
Charlotte J, Isabella Y

KRC
Harrison G, Ava B

3M
Xavier G, Faye M

KM
Lachlan K, Emma H

3/4L
Leslie N, Cameron Y

KZ
Alexander M, Abigail W

4M
Ava G, Jordan T, Milla S

1M
Brodie F, Caitlin K

4P
Lily-Rose D, Jasper H

1S
Nathan G, Isabella B

4/5F
Eva N, Hannah O

1T
Raby M, Damien R

5P
Kari E, Conan J

1/2H
Dimitri H, Bronson B

5/6
Sophie A, Jack N

2DP
Harry A, Georgia J

6B
Madison M, Lily K

2K
Poupe M, Luke P

6G
Zone B, Ezra L

2/3A
Jaiden A, Elliott R

5G
Scarlett, Katerina M

Dance
Nicole A, Kiara G, Ella R, Jasmine S

Community News

Uniting Care Adamstown Heights Playcentre:
This community based, not for profit facility provides a quality playcentre for babies to three year olds, their families and carers. If you would like further information phone: 4943 6544 Email: kboon-kot@unitingcarenswact.org.au

P&C News

Book Club: Orders are due back tomorrow, 29/7/15. 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

Father's Day Stall: Volunteers and a co-ordinator for the day are urgently required for assistance with the Father's Day Stall. If anyone can help please phone Katrina Johnson 0408 442 762.

2015 Uniform Moratorium Survey: Every 5 years, the uniform is reviewed in consultation with staff and parents. Changes to the uniform may not be made at other times. The uniform was last reviewed in 2010 and is due for review in 2015. Feedback is being sought from parents on two issues: (1) any changes to the style of the current uniform (2) The possibility of changing the point of sale for the uniform. We ask parents to take the time to complete the 5 minute survey which can be found at: http://goo.gl/forms/586YpEqBse

The survey will be open for two weeks. Parents who require a paper version of the survey, please contact the school office.

Canteen Roster

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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.

Upcoming Events

* 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