**Safe and Happy Holidays**

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Belair this term and look forward to working with you again in Term 4. Please have a safe and happy break.

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**Jogathon**

Thank you to the families who have already returned the sponsorship card and money. The Jogathon is our major fundraiser for the year. All funds will go towards purchasing technology. We are looking at purchasing Commbox touchscreens at a cost of approximately $8000 each. Please return sponsorship monies by Thursday to ensure entry in the super prize draw which is being held at the Friday assembly.

The Jogathon is being held from 1:40 – 2:40 pm tomorrow afternoon. The students will be participating in a range of fun and energetic activities. Students are able to wear the colours of their favourite sporting team. Parents are welcome to spectate and participate.

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**Year 6 Winter Sleep Out**

Year 6 are experiencing for one night the life that is led by the many homeless people every day. This is a part of raising awareness of homeless people in Newcastle. A guest speaker from Newcastle Night Angels will be addressing the students on their role in helping these people in our community. We’re sending a letter to local businesses for donations and will also happily receive any donations from Belair PS families.

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**BOSTES Assessment Tasks**

Thank you to everyone who has returned the permission slip for participation in the BOSTES Assessment tasks project. All students have completed the tasks, but only those students who have returned the permission slip will have their work sent to BOSTES for possible inclusion on the assessment website that is used by teachers in NSW. It is not too late. If you have the form at home then please return it Wednesday or Thursday this week.

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**Kings Chess Competition**

Yesterday our Kings Chess team, consisting of Rowan, Jack, Will and William, represented us in an interschool chess competition at Avondale Primary School. Thank you to Mr Thompson for driving the students there and back. The boys played well and came a close 4th overall.

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**Staffing**

We have had a few teachers away sick the past couple of weeks. We have been able to ensure that all affected classes have had a teacher in this time. Unfortunately, Miss Kelly, in the library has been very unwell and may not be back this week. Students are able to return books and we are endeavouring to ensure that all students are able to borrow at some time this week as well.

Mrs Mounser is currently on Long Service Leave. She will be returning on October 26. During this time, 3M is in the very capable hands of Mrs Keith.

I’m pleased to say that one of our GAs, John Maloney, will be returning to work on Friday after a significant absence. Thank you to Kim Swinburn for his work in John’s absence. Kim will continue to work here although with a reduction in hours.

One of our SAS staff, Kim Pope, will be finishing up on Thursday. Kim has been a wonderful addition to the SAS team at Belair and will be sorely missed. Kim will be working as a School Administration Manager at Tighes Hill PS until the
end of the year. A well-deserved promotion. Jacqui Walton will be replacing Kim in the office for the remainder of Term 4.

We have had a lovely casual, Kayla Hunter, working on RFF this term. She will be finishing in this role on Thursday. Next term we will have our permanent staff member, Keira Bale, returning and fulfilling this RFF role. Kayla is sure to be back for some casual days as well.

This term we have been fortunate to have a very capable intern, Ruth Clements, working in 5/6J. She too will finish her time with us this week. We wish her well in her future career and look forward to seeing her back at Belair PS as a casual teacher.

**Professional Development**

All teachers participate in professional development to keep them up to date with changes in teaching pedagogies, curriculum implementation and legislative requirements. This week, teachers are having two hours to complete training in the Disability Standards and the expectations that result from this legislation.

The Executive Staff will be meeting on Thursday to plan for Term 4 and to have additional professional learning that will support them in their role as school leaders.

**Mufti Day**

Friday, the last day of term, will be a mufti day (out of uniform). This is a Year 6 fundraiser for their farewell. Please bring in a gold coin donation. Students need to wear safe and sensible footwear, no singlets and no inappropriate t-shirt designs.

**Tell Them From Me Survey**

Earlier this year students from Years 4-6 participated in the Tell Them From Me survey. This tool is used across the state to gather data about such things as student engagement levels, bullying incidents and future aspirations. The same students will be completing the survey again between now and October 16.

Staff will also be involved this time and there is also a survey for parents. It would be wonderful to have a lot of parents responding as then the data collected is more representative of the views held within the school community. To access the survey go to


**Suggestions Wanted**

Our school has been given a grant to foster ties between the school and its community. We have discussed establishing a community garden and setting up a sewing group, inviting volunteers from within the community to share their valuable skills with the students.

If you have any ideas for other activities we would love to hear from you.

Please note, this is separate to sporting groups which fall into a different grant category.

Please email us this week through the school email address belair-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au attentioned to the Learning Partnership Group.

**Term 4**

All students return to school on Tuesday 6 October.

Year 2 attend swimming lessons over 10 days in Weeks 5 & 6 of Term 4 at a cost of $90. This cost is to cover the bus and the lessons. All levels of swimming ability are catered for. A note will be sent home in the first week of term.

Other exciting events in Term 4 include a free Responsible Pets presentation for K–2 students, a free Water Saving Show for K–6, the choir going to the Opera House and an excursion for Year 5 to the Jewish Museum and Powerhouse Museum in Sydney.
Message from Skoolbag

“Apple is releasing the new version iOS 9.0 on the 16th September and we are pleased to confirm that your Skoolbag App will function fine on this iOS 9.0 update.

However for the first time ever, Apple has also released a public Beta version of iOS 9.1 which is due for release in a couple of months time. You should encourage your users to NOT install this version, because many apps do not work on it, including Skoolbag.

“We will continue to monitor this beta version, but at this time, your users should not install it.”

Earn & Learn

As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program has now finished for this year so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school. We’re now at the important stage of the program where the Sticker Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. So this week, please send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheets and any loose Earn & Learn stickers you may have. Remember to check your handbag, the car glove box or they may be stuck on the fridge. Every little bit helps. Thanks again for all your support! And a big thank you to Mrs Allars for her organisation of this fabulous opportunity for our school.

Local Excursion

Year 1 and Year 2 students had a wonderful time at Tocal Homestead on 9th and 10th September. Students participated in engaging activities as part of the History unit, “Present and Past Family Life”.

The students were able to experience what life was like on an Australian farm 120 years ago. They were able to: actively complete chores, such as washing clothes with a scrubbing board and brush and collecting water with buckets and yoke. They explored the heritage listed buildings and learned how people lived in them. They also experienced leisure time without electricity, computers or iPads!

Thank you Mr Knox for your organisation skills ensuring that the day ran smoothly and that everyone was able to enjoy this learning experience.

ICAS Writing

Congratulations to the following students who achieved great results in the ICAS Writing Competition:

Year 6:  Credit: Dawn D

Year 5:  High Distinction – Finlay R, Ella A
         Credit – Eleanor B, Hamish M, Eleanor M

Year 4:  Distinction – Hannah O, Lucy S
         Credit – Zeke A, Chloe C, Rohan M, Makayla S

Year 3:  High Distinction – Christina Z, Elizabeth L
         Distinction – Isabella Y
         Credit – Maggie C, Bonita K

Principal’s Award  Isabella Y – Year 3

Band Message

On Sunday the 13th of September 36 members of the Belair Primary School Band performed at BANDits at Valentine Public School with several other local school and community bands. They were received enthusiastically and commended for their presentation and sound. Thank you to all the students, families and teachers who took the time to join us on this wonderful day. Thanks also to our school Band Coordinator, Mrs Loredo, for her preparation and organisation and our Band Director, Mr Lamond, for his efforts in teaching and conducting the band.

In Term 4, on Thursday 15th October, the band will be competing in the Premier section of Bandfest. The students have been working hard throughout the year on their pieces for this competition. Parents and family of band members are strongly encouraged to come and support the band on the day as it is a highlight band experience for many of our students. Notes for this will be coming home with band students on Thursday.

If you have any outstanding band fees then please pay these by the end of term.
Girls Touch Football

Last Thursday Belair girls touch football team played Singleton PS in the fifth round of the NSW PSSA knockout competition. It was a tough first half with Singleton up 1-0. At full time the score was 2-2. Both teams were exhausted and had to continue playing ‘drop-off’. Singleton scored when the teams dropped down to 4-a-side and therefore won the game 3-2. I would like to congratulate the Belair team for their excellent commitment to training and playing as well as the many boys who gave up lunchtime to train with the girls. Thank you Mrs Flook for preparing our team and ensuring that the event was enjoyable.

Kelsey, Ashley, Harriet, Emma, Charli, Chloé
Maddy, Eleanor, Claudia, Maddy, Ella

Student Awards

| KA | Archie E, Sophie C | KBC | Chase W, Charli C, Ysabel S | KM | Sofia N, Adam R, Abila W | KZ | Alex M, Oliver B |
| HM | Austin M, Hannah D | 1S | Amanli R, Nathan G | 1T | Ruby A, Archie C | 1/2H | Casey H, Deyango S |
| 2DP | Callen F, Emily Mc | 2K | Thomas W, Caelie P | 2/SA | Matika S, Laura B | 3H | Ben D, Declan S |
| 4/5 | Lexie B, Kaylin H | 5P | Lucy B, Jameson C | 5/6J | Liano J, Finlay R | 6B | Katerina Mc, Madison Mc |
| 6G | Chris L, Maddy S | Choir | Eleanor M, Grace B | Band | Eva N, Thomas M | Dance | |

Honours

Canteen Roster and News ~ (Canteen Supervisor Sonja 0438 684 401)

I would like to thank those lovely ladies who helped make the hotdog day so successful. The hotdog assembly line worked wonderfully!

Please be advised that sushi will not be available this week, or the first week of Term 4. However, sushi will return in Week 2 Term 4.

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With today’s newsletter you will receive:

*****SEE THE WEBSITE FOR OUR EXTENDED VERSION OF THE NEWSLETTER*****
SCHOOL HOLIDAY ROAD SAFETY REMINDER
FOR FAMILIES

With the school holidays approaching, daily routines will soon change. Different play locations and holiday destinations means different traffic environments.

So to help keep our children safe, families are reminded about these key road safety points:

• **Stop, look, listen, think every time you cross the road.**
  If your child is aged 8 years or younger hold their hand when walking near or across roads. If your child is 9-10 years old always actively supervise them.

• **It’s the law that everyone wears a helmet when riding a bike in a public place.**
  It makes sense to wear a helmet when riding scooters and skateboards too!

• **Click clack front ‘n back every person for every trip.**
  Everyone in the car must be securely buckled up in the right seatbelt or child restraint.

• **Talk to your child about being a safe road user.**
  Reinforce safe road behaviours by being a good role model! Children learn safe road behaviours from the adults who care for them. Talk about what you are doing to be safe when near roads, in the car and when riding.

• **Point out road safety differences and dangers in new environments.**
  This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths, parks, carparks, bike tracks and bike lanes may look different in holiday areas.

The best way to keep your child safe is to actively supervise them.

**Talk and teach your child about road safety every time you are out an about.**

Remind other adults who care for your children to do this too.

You can find out more at:

- Safety Town
- Department of Education
- Transport for NSW

Have a safe holiday break!