SASS Appreciation Week

We are fortunate at Belair PS to have absolutely wonderful support staff. Toni, Judy, Pam, Kim and Jacqui in the office do an outstanding job in being the very professional front line support team who, as parents, you probably have the most to do with.

Working with our students who need additional support we have three dedicated and skilled School Learning Support Officers. These are Ziva, Alison and Jacqui. To maintain our school grounds we have our hardworking GA’s: Rob, Bob, Kim and Peter.

A school couldn’t operate without the hard work and dedication of its SAS Staff. At Belair we have the added bonus of having a group of people who are also fun to work with and who are just really nice.

On behalf of the staff and students I would like to thank them for their support and for everything they do. If you have the opportunity this week then please take the opportunity to thank them as well. I’m sure that they would really appreciate your acknowledgement of their efforts.

Visual Arts Enrichment Day

Last week twenty students from Belair PS participated in the Visual Arts Enrichment Day with Kotara South PS and Adamstown PS. The students had a wonderful time at the Newcastle Art Gallery and learnt about different art techniques used by various artists. The students were inspired by the works of Brett McMahon and other natural history illustrators to create a collaborative paddlepop installation, abstract markings, and bird drawings using oil pastels.

Biennial Art Show

Thank you to all the families that visited the Art Show either on Wednesday evening or during the day on Thursday or Friday. It was a great success and everyone was impressed by the quality and creativity of the artwork. The teachers did a wonderful job of planning and directing the art lessons to produce such outstanding work. Our senior students did a great job at collecting gold coin donations and we appreciate all the generous donations. Thanks also to the senior choir who sang beautifully last Wednesday night. The event raised $935.65.

Organising such an event doesn’t happen overnight. Thank you to the Art Show committee for their effort and organisational skills.

Book Parade and Book Fair

Belair’s first Book Parade in over twenty years was a tremendous success. Thank you to all our families for supporting the event through sending your children to school in such fabulous costumes. They really did look terrific and it was great to see such variety in the outfits. The teachers also looked amazing and Miss Kelly was an excellent compere.

A special thank you to two dads; Hayden Mason Powell and Nathan Allars and their team of helpers who worked at the BBQ all day on Friday for the sausage sizzle. They cooked sausages from 9am and raised $875.

You can find photos from the Book Parade on our school website and on our Facebook page.

Thanks also to everyone who supported the school through a purchase at the Book Fair. It was very busy all week. Thank you to those who were able to support Miss Kelly in selling the books. Much appreciated.

Sick Students

We have been seeing a lot of children being sent to school sick. We ask that parents keep their children at home when they are not well so they can rest. The school does not have adequate facilities to cater for sick students. For the welfare of all students and staff sick children are to be kept at home.
The Belair Spring Ball

The much awaited Belair Spring Ball is being held on Friday night. There is a huge array of fabulous prizes to be won – over $5000 worth! You can see the sponsors and their donations on the dedicated Spring Ball Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/pages/Belair-Spring-Ball-2015/812039825538391?fref=ts Have a great night everyone!

Family Holidays

As mentioned in an earlier newsletter families are encouraged to travel during school holiday periods to avoid students missing chunks of valuable learning, including the introduction of new concepts. However, if you are planning on taking a trip lasting for five days or more then there is an Application for Extended Leave – Travel form that needs to be completed. You can find the form on our website. The link to it is: http://www.belair-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/attendance-absences Please submit this form to the office before taking leave.

Communication

Thank you to everyone who came to see me on Wednesday night to give positive feedback about the new look newsletter. I appreciate your support. It’s exciting to see that we’ve had 28 more likes on Facebook this week and Skoolbag has been downloaded a further 13 times. If you would like to use Skoolbag but aren’t really sure about how to then please come to the office with your phone or other device and we can assist you.

Evacuation Drill

Some classes had an impromptu evacuation drill last week when the sirens sounded as a result of our security system being worked on. A planned drill will be occurring later this week. We practice evacuations twice a year and lockdowns twice a year. Both are important skills to have in case of a real emergency. If you happen to be visiting the school during the drill, please proceed to the bottom playground and assemble with the students. A reminder that all visitors to the school should sign in and out at the office and wear a visitor’s sticker.

#TypeOnesie Day

#TypeOnesie Day is happening on Tuesday, 8 September. This campaign is aimed to raise awareness of Type 1 Diabetes and raise funds for local research with the HMRI Australian Artificial Pancreas Program. Students can wear a Onesie to school on Tuesday next week, or, they can simply wear one thing different – a different sock, a different hair band, a different glove. Bring a gold coin donation and we will pass on this money to the Hunter Medical Research Institute.

Debating

Yesterday the Belair Debating Team: (Emily S, Rowan S, Olivia H, Jordan B) won against Wallsend South PS. The topic was “That Daylight Savings doesn’t help anyone”. Today they competed against Lambton PS with the topic being “that children spend too much time in front of a screen”. After a great, tight debate the adjudicator judged Lambton the victors. Well done to: Emily S, Zac T, Emma D and Samuel M. we would like to thank the Year 6 advisors who give up their time so generously to mentor the Year 5 students in preparation for the Premier’s Debating Competition for next year. The train-on debaters have their last debate tomorrow at 10.30am in the 4M classroom. Parents are welcome to come along and watch.

One Day Chess Competition

Yesterday nine of our students competed in a one-day chess competition held at the PCYC in Broadmeadow. We entered three teams of three students. The boys all played really well. Congratulations to: Jack M, Will T, Will B, Luke R, Sam A, James C, Kayden M, Markus L and Jensen R.

Dogs Around Gates

For the safety and welfare of students, would you please not gather around school entrances / exits with dogs even if they are on leashes. Some students are frightened of dogs.
Sport News

This Friday the girls’ Touch Football Team will play against Bolwarra in the PSSA Knockout. The game will be at 11.30am in Hudson Park. We wish all the girls good luck!

Congratulations to the students who competed at the Regional Athletics last Friday. Results to follow next week!

Student Awards

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

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.

If anyone is able to help out in the canteen, please contact Sonja as some menu items will become unavailable if we don’t have enough help.

P&C News

Father’s Day Stall ~ 2nd September:
We have some wonderful gifts for sale for that special man in your child’s life. Some examples are: magnetic photo frames, crime novels, key rings, tools, stationary and wheelie bin cricket stump stickers. All gifts are $5. We still need volunteers for the day. So far we have only had 3 people volunteer. We will be supplying cuppas and biscuits to our helpers. If anyone can help meet at the hall at 9am.

Book Club News:
Orders are due back tomorrow, Wednesday 2/9/15.

Uniform Shop:
Uniform Shop volunteer needed starting Term 4. No experience needed – you will work alongside existing uniform shop volunteers and learn the job as you go. Hours are each Monday from 8.45–9.30am. Preschool / younger children are welcome to accompany you. Please drop in to the uniform shop or contact Tina on 0431061195.

Uniform Survey has closed!

Many thanks for all the responses

Results and recommendations will be discussed at the September P&C meeting.

Upcoming Events

- 2/9 Father’s Day Stall
  Year 5 Parent Meeting ~ School Hall at 4.30pm
- 4/9 Belair Spring Ball ~ evening event
- 8/9 Canteen RED DAY
- 9/9 Tocal Excursion ~ Stage 1
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  Public Speaking Regional Finals
- 16/9 Jogathon ~ Hudson Park
- 17/9 Year 6 Winter Sleep out ~ 6pm approx

*****PLEASE SEE THE WEBSITE FOR OUR EXTENDED VERSION OF THE NEWSLETTER*****
*Local Sporting Champions*

Sharon Claydon MP

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Big congratulations to the latest round of Local Sporting Champions - an amazing group of young athletes.

Thank you to the families and coaches who support these brilliant young sports men and women working hard to achieve their dreams.

The next round of grants is now open!

The Belair Spring Ball - 2015

Our Major Social Event – Date: Friday 4th September 2015
6.30pm arrival with cheese platters on arrival
Venue: Harborview Function Centre
Style: Cocktail Party - Semi Formal

A fabulous night has been organised for the Belair Public School Community to support our school.

Gorgeous gourmet food, games, live music by the Mark Wells Trio and lots more

Attendees will have opportunities to win some amazing prizes with over $5000 worth of prizes donated, including Lucky Door prizes.

On arrival for purchase there will be-
- Lollypops for $15 and Lolly Boxes for $10.

Each Rainbow Lollypop will guarantee a prize with a minimum value of $40.
Buy a Lolly Box filled with quality lollies for a 1 in 5 chance of winning a prize worth over $100.
If not, you will have a take home “gift” for the kids or a treat for yourself.

A True/False Game of “Belair Trivia” is a fun game with the chance to win major prizes and there is no participation fee.

Bring along your camera or use your phone at the Photo Booth/ Photo Wall.
Loads of great props for you and your partner/friends to use as you take your own selfies.
(A gold coin donation would be appreciated to use the props.)
Looking forward to a wonderful night, see you at The Spring Ball.

The Belair Spring Ball Committee