Belair Spring Ball

A brilliant night was had by all who attended The Belair Spring Ball last Friday night at Harbourview Newcastle. A sincere thank you to the Spring Ball Committee for the huge effort put it in over the last few months in preparing the event. The band proved to be a huge success, with the dance floor to its capacity throughout the night. Thank you to all those who attended, contributing to lots of laughter with the Belair Trivia Questions, photo sessions in front of the photo wall and enjoying the company of friends-new and old. A social night for staff, parents, carers and community members of Belair Public School in excess of $4100 were raised on the night! All proceeds will be used towards upgrading the technology available for our students.
Behaviour Code for Students in NSW Public Schools

The Department of Education has recently reviewed and revised the Behaviour Code for Students in NSW. In NSW public schools students are expected to:

- Respect other students, their teachers, school staff and community members
- Follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
- Strive for the highest standards in learning
- Respect all members of the school community and show courtesy to all students, teachers and community members
- Resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
- Comply with the school's uniform policy or dress code
- Attend school every day (unless legally excused or sick)
- Respect all property
- Not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco into our schools
- Not bully, harass, intimidate or discriminate against anyone in our schools

Schools take strong action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or others or to the achievement of high quality teaching and learning.

Over the coming term we will be reviewing our Student Welfare and Discipline Policy to ensure that we are in-line with these expectations.

Evacuation Drill

We had a successful drill on Thursday last week. All volunteers were accounted for and the students did a great job of leaving their classrooms sensibly and safely. Please remember to always sign in at the office whenever you are volunteering in classrooms. Next term we will have a lockdown practice.

P&C Meeting

I met with the Uniform Shop Coordinator this week to discuss the results of the recent uniform survey. Recommendations that emerged will be discussed at the P&C meeting to be held on Wednesday next week. A uniform committee will be formed to follow up on any recommendations that the P&C chooses to pursue.

I am giving my apologies for not attending the meeting as my son is graduating from Year 12 on this day. Mrs Marsh and Mrs Flook will be attending in my absence.

Opera House Choir

This is a reminder for parents wanting to attend the Sydney Opera House Choir performance on Wednesday 28th October that tickets go on sale at 9am this Wednesday 9th September. Details on how to purchase tickets was sent home last week.

Typeonesie Day

Thank you to everyone for your support of our fundraising onesie day today. We raised $576.35 towards research into Type One Diabetes.
Sport News

Regional Athletics: Well done to the students who represented Belair Public School at the Regional Athletics Carnival at Glendale last Friday. Congratulations to the following students who have now qualified for the State Championships at Sydney Olympic Park in October. Emma H – High Jump and Long Jump, Eleanor B – 800m, Holly C – 100m and 200m, Alex V – Shot Put.

School Chess: Last Monday, three Belair Chess teams went to Broadmeadow PCYC to compete in a chess competition. All 74 Primary Schools in the Hunter Region attended. Belair had three teams, A, B, C and played six matches each. Team A was Jack M, Will T and Will B, together they got 13 points and came 7th out of 74 teams. Unfortunately Team B: Luke R, Sam A and James C, Team C: Kayden M, Markus L and Jensen R didn’t make the top ten. Well done to the teams for a great effort.


Girls Touch Football: Last Friday the Belair girls touch team defeated Bolwarra Public School 9 – 1 at Hudson Park. The girls maintained great ball control despite the terrible conditions with rain pouring down during the game. They will play Singleton Public School in the next round this Thursday, 11am at Hudson Park.

Student Awards
Congratulations to the Stage 3 Debaters for 2015

In 2015 we had four debating teams compete in the Newcastle competitions. The Premier’s Debating Team consisted of eight students. The standard of debating in the Premiers section in 2015 was extremely high and resulted in some very close debates.

Well done to all the debaters this year for doing an outstanding job. I have been amazed at their enthusiasm and confidence. Preparing for a lockdown debate is not easy as students are only given an hour of preparation time which includes organising their arguments, team line and rebuttals.

The two Premier teams consisted of eight students from Year 6: Emma H, Emma B, Harriet D, Sam P, Rush W, Maddy S, Shelley H and Katerina M. These students did a particularly great job at representing Belair Public School. They often had to juggle their debating commitment with other school commitments demonstrating resilience and maturity. Adjudicators often commented on how well they were able to articulate their arguments and rebuttals. Well done!

The two Year 5 Train-On Squad teams consisted of nine students: Emma D, Emily S, Samuel M, Zac T, Jordan B, Zac S, William B, Rowan S, Olivia H. The Year 5 students quickly learnt their roles in a debate. Students developed their reasoning and explanation skills during their debating as the year went on. All students involved made great improvements with some being recommended as talented debaters. We had a late arrival of one student to the Year 5 squad who has done an outstanding job without any training. The Year 5 students enjoyed being mentored by the Year 6 advisors and learnt a great deal from their experiences. I have no doubt they will go on next year to be formidable opponents in 2016.

A special thankyou needs to go the Year 6 girls who also assisted me with the organisation of debates. Time keepers, Chairperson and advising roles were always undertaken with absolute attention to all details.

I am extremely proud of all the competitors. I have had many emails from competing schools telling me how well-mannered and respectful our students were and a pleasure to have visit their schools.

Our last debate is tomorrow at 10.30am in the library for any parents who would like to come along.

Miss Tess McAllister

Canteen Roster and 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.

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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. (Canteen Supervisor Sonja 0438 684 401)

P&C News

Fathers’ Day Stall Success: Students were able to purchase from a large range of mementos and trinkets, useful tools, three different car care items and a set of cricket stumps in the form of a wheelie bin sticker that will hopefully generate some quality family time. There was a great response from parent helpers on the day, thanks for your support. Thanks once again to the P&C fundraisers who always do a fabulous job organising these events annually. The money raised will be announced shortly and, as always will go directly back to supporting the needs of our students.

Upcoming Events

**Term 3:**
- 9/9 Tocal Excursion ~ Stage 1
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- 10/9 Public Speaking Regional Finals
- 16/9 Jogathon ~ Hudson Park
- 17/9 Year 6 Winter Sleep out ~ 6pm approx

**Term 4:**
- 13–15/10 Kindergarten 2016 Transition Visits
- 20–22/10 Kindergarten 2016 Transition Visits
- 27/10 Water Saving Show
- 2–13/11 Swimming School ~ Year 2
- 10/11 Kindergarten 2016 Parents / Students in Hall ~ 9.30am