New Parent and Volunteer Morning Tea ~ Tomorrow Morning

Sarah Hayes, our Community Partnerships Officer has organised a welcome morning tea in the hall, commencing at 9.05am.
New families as well as people interested in learning about volunteering opportunities in our school are most welcome.

Enrolment 2017

A number of parents are seeking clarification in relation to enrolling students at Belair in 2017 and beyond.
All students who reside within the Belair school zone have a guaranteed place at Belair School.
There is a point at which the school must not accept out of zone enrolments. It is very unlikely that there will places for new out of zone families at Belair over the next few years. It is also possible that there may not be places for some siblings of current students in future years. Families having dealings with Kotara High may have already experienced this.
It is impossible to say at this stage, as we do not know how many local in zone enrolments we will have for 2017.
Parents are welcome to register students for enrolment in 2017 through the office.

Parent Information Sessions

It was lovely to see so many of our families join us to meet their child’s teacher and learn about the year ahead.
I would like to thank Belair teachers for staying back late to provide this service to our community.

Canteen Information

Belair has an excellent canteen providing healthy foods for our students. The success of our canteen is dependent on our great team of volunteers.
Sonja, our Canteen Supervisor, would love to have a few more names on the canteen volunteer worker list.
A full day in the canteen is from 10am to 2pm however, if you can’t stay that long, a couple of hours would be much appreciated.
Save a Tree ~ Electronic Newsletter Only Option

Most of our school community receive the newsletter via the school APP, via email or access it on the school’s Facebook page. If you would like to help our environment, as well as help reduce school copying costs, please click on the link below which will take you to a Google form where you can opt out of paper newsletters.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1bC9ZT6y1xHdvuAbIWQ3EHJCSwd0jK95ek1IXMgKdWu4/viewform?usp=send_form

Belair Phone Book

In earlier years a member of the P&C has coordinated the production of a class phone book for parents to make contact to set up play dates and organise activities. This is quite a lengthy task which can be simplified using technology.

If you wish to be included in this phone book, which will only be provided in a paper copy to families in your child’s class, please follow the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1bS81ik5Lab_w-L3w_367A6iOONTxKd6vO2sq0L-evr4/viewform?usp=send_form

If you do not have access to technology, please send a note to Mr Beard with your name, your child’s name and class, your preferred phone number and a statement that you wish to be included in the phone book. This link will be included in two newsletters only so please act on this as soon as possible if you wish to be included.

Stage 1 Blog

The Stage 1 parents and carers can find educational links, current information relating to the curriculum, the term overview and Year 2 homework at the Stage 1 blog.

The web address is:


Stay tuned to the blog for updates on the quality learning that is happening in Stage 1.

Payments at the Office

Whilst we accept payments at the office, we are asking parents where possible, to provide the correct money. We don’t have change first thing in the morning as we don’t keep money on premises. This means we have to send money home with your child which can be a lot of responsibility if it is a large amount. For your convenience, payments can also be made online. The online payment link is on the front page of the school website.

Student Awards

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French Classes at Belair

A fun after school program is being introduced at Belair School. If you are interested please see the ad in the Community News section on our on-line version of this newsletter for more details or phone Sandra on 0402 818 034. (a flyer will also accompany this newsletter).

Last Week’s P&C Meeting

It was great to see so many new faces at last week’s P&C meeting. This year the P&C’s major project is re-building the play equipment in the playground.

Simple ways to help our school as you go about your normal business:

- **School banking:** every new signup results in a $5 donation to the P&C
- **Athlete’s Foot:** mention Belair at the time of purchase and the school receives a small donation
- **NAB:** if you happen to be taking out a new loan with NAB, mention our school and we get a nice donation

Please note, while we appreciate support from these companies, Belair School does not endorse any of these companies.

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

**HOT DOG DAY:** Tuesday 1 March (next week). Order forms have been sent home today. Please complete the form and return it to the canteen by this Friday. More helpers will be needed for this day so if you can help please phone Sonja or just turn up.

Please make sure you are using the correct menu.

All lunch and recess orders can be ordered and paid for online at: flexischools.com.au

Register and choose Belair, NSW. This service is for CANTEEN orders ONLY.

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Upcoming Events

- * 24/2 Zone Swimming at Lambton Pool
- * 7/3–9/3 Year 4 Camp
- * 16/3 P&C Meeting in the staffroom at 7pm all welcome!
- * 22/3 Athletics Carnival ~ Kindergarten to Year 6 (whole school)

With today’s newsletter you will receive:
- Hot Dog Order Form K–6 (whole school)
- French Classes Flyer K–6 (whole school)
Community News

French Lessons at Belair School

The FUN way to become bilingual

clado  FRENCH  for 5–12 year olds

Fun after school program at Belair PS
starting in March 2016

Every Wednesday from 3.10pm to 4.10pm

Lots of fun activities, drama, music & games

Phone 0402 818 034
sandra.peachey@lcfclubs.com.au
Public Speaking Course with Port Hunter Toastmasters

Overcome your fear of public speaking in a friendly, relaxed environment.

**When:** Every Monday morning 9.00am – 11.30am for 6 weeks. Starting **Monday 22nd February**

**Where:** Belair School in the demountable classroom next to the band room behind canteen

**Cost:** $10.00 to cover manuals and training materials.

As a parent or carer would you like to brush up on your own Public Speaking Skills? As parents we often dread the note home about preparing for the next class talk / speech. Would you like to help your child with their own public speaking? We have been given a great opportunity by Port Hunter Toastmasters (www.porthuntertoastmasters.org.au) to run their Public Speaking course here at Belair for a nominal charge of $10.00 per person. The course being offered is the same as the one run by Port Hunter Toastmasters for WEA at a cost of $200.

The course runs over 2.5 hours for 6 weeks during this time you will gain skills to help you.

- In presenting a speech
- Impromptu speaking
- Master of Ceremonies
- Proposing a Toast
- Presenting an Award

At the end of the course you will gain a Toastmasters Certificate.

Unfortunately we are not able to provide provision for the care of younger children during the course.

If you would like to register or want further information please contact Rahny Humby 0439 585987.