**Principal’s Message**

Here at Belair we have had a great start to 2016 despite the fact that our numbers have fallen and we have lost a class. Today we have formed 20 classes based on current enrolments. There is a possibility that, if in the next little while we have additional in-zone enrolments, we will form an additional class.

Welcome to all our new Kindergarten families. Nearly all our new students started with a happy smile and much excitement. This is a testament to the great Kindergarten transition program organised by Mrs Marsh and the Kinder teachers.

Welcome to other new families starting at Belair this year. You are coming to a truly lovely school with a fantastic community. Please take the opportunity to get involved with our school through the P&C which meets in the staffroom on the third Wednesday of each month. Sonja in the canteen is always welcoming of new parents (mums, dads or grandparents) who would like to help out now and then in the canteen.

**Book Packs**

As mentioned in last week’s bulletin, book packs are now on sale. Families unable to pay the full amount in one go are asked to pay a 50% deposit. This can be paid at the office or online by credit card. There is a link from the front page of the school website which will take you to the payments page: [http://www.belair-schools.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.belair-schools.nsw.edu.au/)

**Class Formation**

The executive and teachers put a lot of thought into the selection of students for classes. Occasionally a student will be disappointed that they are not with a particular friend in their new class. Please don’t despair as this usually only lasts a day or two. New friends are easily made at Belair. Every class in the school has a range of academic abilities and personalities. Once classes have been set it is very difficult to make changes as it means displacing a student from another class, particularly with the large class sizes we have this year. See next page for class details.

**Kindergarten News**

ES1 will be holding their Parent Information Session on **Wednesday 10th February in the KM classroom (Room 8) from 5.30pm–6.30pm** for all Kindergarten families. Kindergarten students finish school at 2.30pm for a five week period. Starting on Monday 29th February Kindergarten students will finish at 2.55pm.

Kindergarten students will be having photos taken by our school photographer on **Friday 5th February after 11am**. Kindergarten students have their photos taken at the beginning of the school year at no change to families.

These photos will be used to identify the students on their student record card.
**Class Introduction and Information Sessions**

In Weeks 3 and 4 teachers are inviting parents to come along to learn about what’s in store for the year ahead. Dates and times are outlined below. Mr Beard will be providing child care in the library (yes – even toddlers with their siblings if parents think they will be OK).

**New Teachers at Belair**

We welcome two new permanent staff members to Belair. Mrs Donna Summers is a new appointment and Ms Kellie Bevan has transferred back to Newcastle. We also have Ms Ruth Clements and Ms Bridget Bruce taking up temporary class teacher positions for 2016.

**Classes and Teachers for 2016**

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(next week we will provide information about other teaching and admin staff)
Welcome back to what will be a great year of filling student’s bellies with wholesome, healthy food!

We have new items on our menu such as: hot cheese rolls, with tuna and salmon options. We will have new snack items for sale over the counter such as: cheese sticks and frozen yoghurt, so keep looking out for new tastes!

Unfortunately as menu pricing has not been reviewed for a year, a few items have risen in price due to supplier price increases. There will also be a small charge for additional salad items and toasting.

The most exciting news ~ the canteen is now online!
All lunch and recess orders can be ordered and paid for online at: flexischools.com.au
Register and choose Belair, NSW. This service will commence next Monday as classes are still being formed (the old fashioned brown bag method is still very acceptable!)

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P&C News

P&C Meeting: The next P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th February 2016 at 7pm. All welcome!
Uniform Shop: The uniform shop hours are each Monday of school term 8.45am–9.30am.
School Student Banking: This year the School Banking program is being run by two parent volunteers, Steve Patterson and Natalie Wilson. School Banking will begin next week. Bank books can be placed in the banking bag which can be found in each classroom, or in the locked box at the office before 9am on Wednesdays. The theme for this year’s program is Outback Savers and there are lots of great new rewards available for 2016. If you would like to know more about School Banking please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school office.

Upcoming Events

* 1/2  Best Start Testing
* 2/2  Best Start Testing
* 10/2  Kindergarten Parent Night  5.30pm–6.30pm
* 11/2  Stage 1 Parent / Teacher Night  5pm–6pm
  Year 6 Leader Induction  9am–10am
* 17/2  Stage 2 Parent / Teacher Night  5pm–6pm
  P&C Meeting in the staffroom  7pm
* 18/2  Stage 3 Parent / Teacher Night  5pm–6pm
* 24/2  Zone Swimming at Lambton Pool
* 7/3–9/3  Year 4 Camp
* 16/3  P&C Meeting in the staffroom  7pm
* 22/3  Athletics Carnival  Kindergarten to Year 6

With today’s newsletter you will receive:
New Canteen Menu / Flexischools online information brochure ~ K–6
Community News

Come and play Hockey with Souths Girls

South Newcastle Junior Girls Hockey Club is looking for new players

Girls aged 4–18 and Boys 4–9

All training and games are played on the synthetic turf at Broadmeadow

Training is Mondays 4.15pm–5.15pm starting 9th February 2016.

Come and Try / Registration day Monday 9th February 2016

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Melissa Lintott 0432 011 459  jlintott66@optusnet.net.au
Kotara South Football Club is keen to encourage girls to play soccer (football!) If your daughter is keen to play soccer, please contact the club or myself (the girls' liaison officer) to register your interest. Registration occurs early in Term 1 for 2016, so make sure you keep an eye out for it, via our website: http://ksjfc.org/

Registrations can be for any age group, from U6 – U18s and open women, so even if you're a mum and are keen to play, we would welcome your registration.

If possible, please advise of your preference for your daughter to play in a mixed team, or a girls team.

Miniroos teams (U6-U11) all play on Saturdays regardless of whether a mixed team or girls team. From U12 onward (competition teams) the girls play in a Sunday competition.

Thanks for your interest.

Catherine Burman – Girls Liaison Officer KSFC

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