Principal’s Message

Values and Beliefs about Learning

At the end of 2014 Belair School, in consultation with its community, identified four key values we hold around teaching and learning. The things we value are:

- Equity ~ we believe that all students should have equal access to educational outcomes
- Engagement ~ we believe that deep engagement in learning is the key to optimising student success. This engagement applies to students and staff and can also be applied to our community
- Developing a life-long love of learning ~ we believe that students need to be taught skills that will empower them as learners for life. Once again, this applies to staff as well and can relate to our community
- Sharing the learning journey ~ we believe that, as a community of learners, we share the responsibility of ensuring learning for all


Stage Structures

Whilst we still refer to school grades (K–6), student learning management is structured in stages. Each stage is led by an Assistant Principal. Questions or concerns related to any aspect of your child’s school life should be directed initially to your child’s teacher. If circumstances dictate that things are unable to be addressed at a class teacher level, the Assistant Principal (AP) is the next step.

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) ~ AP Mrs Rozi Marsh
Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) ~ AP shared between Mrs Michelle Pritchard Year1 and Mr Matt Baker Year 2
Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) ~ AP Mrs Jocelyn Flook
Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) ~ AP Mrs Sarah Jardine

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).

- 10/2 Kindergarten Parent Night 5.30pm–6.30pm
- 11/2 Stage 1 Parent / Teacher Night 5pm–6pm
- 17/2 Stage 2 Parent / Teacher Night 5pm–6pm
- 18/2 Stage 3 Parent / Teacher Night 5pm–6pm
Administration Support and Additional Teaching Staff

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School Community Coordinator

Sarah Hayes has taken up the role as the School Community Coordinator working 1 day a week on Wednesdays at school. Sarah comes to us with a background in education in the public and not for profit sectors and has 2 children enrolled at school. The funding for the 12 month role has come from NSW Education & Communities ‘Strengthening Families and Community Engagement’ Program. The purpose of the role is to maintain and strengthen constructive learning partnerships across the school community. In other words be a point of contact for the school and wider community and support our teaching staff in providing wonderful learning experiences for our children and families.

If you have any ideas or are eager to get involved or simply want to provide some feedback then please contact Sarah on Wednesdays at school. Sarah can be contacted on the school number 4952 1735 or our school email.

New Family Welcoming Morning Tea ~ Wednesday 24 February

Are you a new family to Belair Public School or simply a parent who would like to get more involved in school? Then come along to a morning tea on Wednesday February 24 at 9.00am in the school hall. Pre-schoolers / toddlers / babies welcome.

The event is a welcome for new parents to our school across all year groups and a chance to showcase the current volunteer opportunities available to our school community. We will have representatives from many of the areas ready and willing to talk with you about what’s involved. Or you may have a skill that you want to share with school and would like to tell us about.

For further information contact Sarah Hayes School Community Co-ordinator telephone the school on 4952 1735 or email the Belair School and mark it attention Sarah Hayes.

Kindergarten News

ES1 will be holding their Parent Information Session tomorrow night 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.

Student Awards

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Teaching the Curriculum in our School

Curriculum was originally a Latin word meaning “The course to be run”. Today we translate that into the notion of a continuum of learning (or the course students follow as they learn). NSW syllabus documents take this course and divide it into stages with statements of outcomes of learning that coincide with an average student achievement at the end of Kindergarten, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6.

Our job as teachers is to identify where students are along this continuum of learning, using syllabus outcomes as a guide, and manage the learning for individuals and groups of students to ensure they are taken from where they are to where they can be. From time to time at Belair, parents will find their child in a multi grade (or composite) class. It is important to understand that, in relation to student learning, every class is a composite class with a wide range of student ability. When we form a multi-grade class at Belair we take steps to ensure the diversity of student ability is no greater than other classes in the school.

Differentiated learning is one of the key focus areas of our current three year school plan. All teachers differentiate learning in a variety of ways, however we have identified that this is an area in which we want to grow and develop as a school. We will report to our school community as we develop and implement new strategies in this area.

P&C News

P&C Meeting: The next P&C Meeting will be held this Wednesday 17/2/16 at 7pm. All welcome!

Book Club: brochures are going home this week and are due back next Wednesday 17/2/16.

Scholastic Book Club: is a significant fundraising source for Belair. All orders earn a 20% credit which is used for new classroom resources and extra books for the school library.

*Brochures are distributed twice per term on Tuesday and due back the following Wednesday

*The due date (a Wednesday) will be published in the school newsletter.

*Orders should be placed in one of the locked boxes in the office foyer.

*Payments can be made via:

1. Credit card (by telephone or online to Scholastic – see order forms for details). There is no minimum transaction

2. Cheques made out to Scholastic

3. Cash

Note: Belair does not use the new LOOP ordering system.

*Books will arrive back to classrooms within 2–3 weeks of the closing date for orders.

*If you would prefer that the books you have bought are not given to your child to take home (e.g., because they are birthday presents), please include a brief note with your order and books can be left at the office for parents to collect.

Book Club Issue 1, 2016 – Due date for orders: Wednesday 17 February.

Johanna Dean: Infants Book Club Coordinator: 0410 054 937

Belinda Moore: Primary Book Club Coordinator: 0416 673 723
New menus went home last week. Please make sure you are using the correct prices. 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 is for CANTEEN orders ONLY.

If you would like to volunteer in the canteen, please come along and see me or phone me on my mobile which appears above. Everyone is welcome in the canteen and the children love to see their loved ones helping out!

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**Upcoming Events**

* 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
  
  Welcome Morning Tea for New Parents

* 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:
Combined Multiple Student Permission Note ~ K–6
Great Aussie Bush Camp ~ Year 4 only
Moving Into the Teen Years ~ Year 6 only
Community News

School Crossing Supervisors – Work with your community

Permanent Part-Time position – Kotara High School/ Belair Public School (000047YX)

An important person in a child's school life is the School Crossing Supervisor, who ensures they cross the road safely. The role requires minimal hours out of your day and gives something worthwhile back to the community.

The hours are usually 8.00am to 9.30am and/or 2.30 to 4.00pm Monday to Friday during school terms. The base rate is $21.37 - $25.65 per hour.

All the qualifications you need are community spirit, good communication skills, an alert and professional attitude to work and a reliable personality. The casual hours and school holidays would suit a parent or grandparent, a retiree or anyone wanting meaningful work — but not full-time.

Training for your key responsibilities of directing traffic to stop at the designated crossing and giving clear instructions to infants and primary school students to cross the road safely, will be provided. You may be required to attend a health assessment. Appointment is subject to a Working with Children Check clearance.

Roads and Maritime Services is an equal opportunity employer.

For further information on this exciting opportunity please call 1300 305 855 or go to jobs.nsw.gov.au.

Applications close Sunday 14 February 2016

Kotara South Football Club Seeking Players

The Kotara South Football Club (KSFC) has opened Registration for junior players who are interested in playing football (soccer) with a family friendly, community minded local club.

If you wish to play, please go to www.myfootballclub.com.au and follow the Online Player Registration process.

This year the registration process for the club is completely online including the payment process.

Closing dates for registration are as follows.

- 5 Feb 2016 for U10 – U18 {the Grading process starts on 7 February}
- 12 Feb 2016 for U6 – U9 {Organisation Days are scheduled for the following week}

If you need further information, please review the club website www.ksjfc.org

Yours in Football
KSFC
CARDIFF HAWKS
AFL CLUB
Hillsborough Oval, Percy St Hillsborough

Come & Try Days
Tues 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 5.30pm-7.00pm

Registration Day
Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 10.00am-1.00pm

NAB Auskick - 5 Years to 8 Years
$75 (includes 2016 Auskick Pack)

Juniors – U9s, U11s, U13s, U15s & U17s
$120 (no weekly fees)

Youth Girls - 13 Years to 16 Years
$90 (no weekly fees)

For further information please contact Neil Barton on 0431 519 375
Or visit our website http://www.cardiffhawks.com.au
Seasons for Growth® Parent Program: 
Supporting your child following separation and divorce

This short program offers parents the opportunity to explore ideas and strategies that might assist in supporting their child/ren through the changes happening in their family. Discussions will include:

- The conversations will focus on what the experience of separation and divorce is like from a child or young person’s perspective.

Venue: Edgeworth Heights Public School

Dates: 3\textsuperscript{rd} and 10\textsuperscript{th} March, 2016

Time: 12.30pm – 2.30pm

Cost: $15 (payable on the first day)

RSVP: Edgeworth Heights Public School on 4958 1180

Comments from Parents “I gained a lot of confidence in myself...I hadn’t realised how many changes my kids are facing...I was reminded of the importance of spending time with my kids...I found the journal very useful...I will make sure I communicate more with my children about the changes in our family.”

The Co-ordination of Seasons for Growth® in the Hunter region is made possible through funding from the Catholic Schools Office & Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.