P&C Office Bearers for 2016

We had a good rollup for the Belair P&C Annual General Meeting.

Congratulations to the new office bearers. We look forward to another productive year working in partnership between the school and its community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing President, Emma Abdilla for her leadership over the past two years. This period has been one of great transition for our P&C with many long-standing members leaving as their students have moved on to high school.

It is terrific to see their places filled with a new group of enthusiastic parents working for our school.

2016 Major Fundraising Project ~ New Playground Equipment

Many of our families will be aware that the old Ausplay equipment in the playground is not in use at the moment as it is rather dilapidated and somewhat dangerous.

The P&C has committed to contributing to the raising of funds to replace this equipment.

The first major fundraiser for 2016 will be a Mother’s Day raffle with the prize being a Thermomix.

Information and tickets will be distributed next week. Considering the fact that this will be a major fundraiser, the P&C has decided not to hold an Easter raffle this year.

Community Garden Working Bee

Last Friday’s community garden working bee was postponed because of forecasted storms.

This fun event, kicking off at 2.00 pm, is now being held this Thursday weather permitting.

For people coming along, it would be great if you were able to bring a wheelbarrow and shovel.

A mattock also would be handy.

We will finish up the afternoon with a sausage sizzle.
**Parent / Teacher Goal Setting Meetings**

One of the relatively new initiatives at Belair School has been the formation of a School / Community Partnerships group. The purpose of the group is to further develop the partnership between teachers and parents in student learning. The current parent / teacher goal setting meetings is one of the key activities resulting from the work of this group. The school will be seeking feedback as to how valuable this process is seen by our community.

**The Smith Family**

The Smith Family is a national charity helping young Australians in need to get the most out of their education, so they can create better futures for themselves.

Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs? To see if you qualify, look on the electronic version of this newsletter in the Community News section for further information.

**Student Awards**

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**P&C News**

**Entertainment Books:** If you order a book before 29/3/16 you will receive bonus offers. If you wish to purchase the book please pay online **via the link** (not the Parent Online Payment system) or place money in the box marked Entertainment Books in the office foyer.

With today’s newsletter you will find a form to complete if you do not want to receive a book. Please return the form ASAP to the box in the office foyer.

If you have any enquiries please contact Christina on 0408 203050.

**Mother’s Day Raffle:** with next week’s newsletter the fundraising committee will be sending home a flyer explaining the Mother’s Day Raffle. With each flyer you will find one raffle ticket attached.

The prize will be a Thermomix!

If you wish to purchase the ticket ($20) please return the money and ticket to the locked box in the office foyer. If you do not wish to purchase the ticket, please just send it back to the school.

If you have any enquiries please contact Felicity on 0428 872132.

Thank you for your continued support with our school fundraising!

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

**Canteen Easter Bun Day:** this Thursday 24 March. Gluten Free Buns are available so see Sonja if you need one.

Sushi is NO LONGER AVAILABLE.

All sandwiches are made on wholemeal bread and bread rolls are white.

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**Upcoming Events**

- 24/3
  - Kinder / Year 6 Buddies Easter Hat Making
  - School Assembly ~ 12.15pm
  - Canteen Easter Bun Day

- 25/3
  - Good Friday (no school)

- 28/3
  - Easter Monday (no school)

- 31/3
  - Zone Cross Country

- 8/4
  - Last day of Term 1

**Term 2**

- 26/4
  - Tuesday Professional Learning for Staff (pupil free / no students)

- 27/4
  - Wednesday first day Term 2 (students return to school)

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**With today’s newsletter you will receive:**

Entertainment Book Order Form
Kotara South Netball Club is looking for girls aged 9, 10 & 11 who are interested in playing netball.

Kotara South Netball Club is affiliated with Newcastle Netball Association and we have teams in competitions ranging from 7 years through to seniors.

We are also looking for coaches and managers to be involved in our club.

We are currently seeking a coach for an Under 9s and an Under 11s team if you can assist.

Please contact us at kotarasouthnetball@gmail.com if you would like some further information.
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New Lambton Football Club

New Lambton Football Club has 4 vacancies for Girls turning 9 this calendar year who would like to try soccer in an all girl mini roo team.

Please contact NLFC Registrar John Gow:
0419 716 616 or JGow@jacksonteece.com for details.

New Lambton Football Club has 2 vacancies for Girls turning 11 or 12 this calendar year who would like to try soccer in an all girl Sunday Competition team.

Please contact Mandy Mills:
0402781388 or mandymills@optusnet.com.au for details
Sport and Recreation has some great holiday options for kids and families these autumn holidays.

Our Kids’ Camps provide 7 to 17 year olds with the chance to branch out and be their own person while trying lots of fun activities.

Then there’s our all-inclusive Family Camps, which give parents and guardians a well-earned rest with accommodation, meals and instructor-led activities included in the price.

With over 40 outdoor activities to choose from, including fishing, mountain biking, kayaking, abseiling and rock climbing, there’s plenty to keep everyone entertained.

Julie-Anne Hawker
Marketing Officer

sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au
Social media and Primary School students

All of the above social media applications are rated 13+. That means the creators of these social media platforms state that users should be over 13 years old to activate accounts.

These applications can be used on smart phones, computers, lpaids, notebooks and other electronic devices that have internet access capability.

Who provides the smart phone, the lpad, the notebook, computers, etc and internet access?

*Answer: PARENTS!*

Who allows young people less than 13 years of age to access these social media applications?

*Answer: PARENTS!*

Who assists the young person to create the social media profile?

*Answer: PARENTS or siblings!*

Social media education is not part of the school curriculum. The social media issue with young people is a parent problem, not a school problem. As parents you give your child the tools and permission to access these applications. Don't expect the teachers to do the parenting on this problem when your child misuses or is a victim of social media. The school will deal with matters inside the school grounds, you as parents deal with matters outside the school grounds. You have assisted in creating the social media problem by allowing your child to have these social media profiles. As parents you must take responsibility to resolve these issues with your children.

Have you as parents contemplated how the information your child displays and posts are available to other social media users? Social media profiles are created by criminals too.

If you are unsure what to do as a parent, please refer to this Government website. [https://esafetv.gov.au/esafety-information](https://esafetv.gov.au/esafety-information)

Also check out this YouTube video created in the USA showing the ease at which young people are being lured into dangerous situations through social media. [https://WNw.youtube.com/watch?v=6jMhMVE_JEOg](https://WNw.youtube.com/watch?v=6jMhMVE_JEOg)

Senior Constable Darren Fleming Youth Liaison

Officer

Newcastle City Local Area Command
LEARN TO PLAY LACROSSE

10 Week Training Camp
Coached by 2015 Australian Representative Matt Taylor

Thursdays 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Date: 25th Feb - 5th May
Location: Howzat Sport Center
Cnr Brooks & Tooke Streets,
Cooks Hill

First session FREE!
$15 per session
Sticks provided

To register, email info@nsa-lacrosse.com
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Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs? Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including: You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work, and have a child at school or study yourself: • school uniforms and text books • computers, laptops and tablets • excursions and camps • sports equipment, uniforms and lessons • music tuition and instrument hire.

Contact Cynthia Culhane your local Saver Plus Worker:
(02) 4032 4703 or 0418 699 646
or cynthia.culhane@thesmithfamily.com.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered throughout Newcastle by The Smith Family.
The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.
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Lillian’s Piano Studio

Now teaching in Belair Primary School!

Give your kids a skill they can use for their whole lives.

With Keyboard group lessons at $20 for 45 mins, children can enjoy all the academic benefits at a lower price than private lessons.

Starting in Term 2 each Thursday at 3:00pm in the Demountable Classroom.

For enquiries and bookings please call Kim on:
Mobile: 0401 787 997 or Phone: (02) 40 233 212
Email: lillian@piano-teacher-newcastle.com.au