

Belair Public School

P&C Principal's Report



Date and Time	May Meeting 2023 7:00pm
Location	Staff room and Zoom

General:

- My apologies for not being able to attend the meeting.
- Massive thank you to P&C for Mother's Day stall and afternoon tea.
- Check-in Assessments commenced this week. Years 4 and 6 will sit reading and numeracy tests.
- Outstanding achievements over the term in representative sport, debating, and Starstruck

➤ School Improvement Plan

Strategic Direction 1: Data and Assessment/Personalised Learning

- AP C&I and Executive attending ConnectEd Middle leadership Conference to engage with current educational research.
- Belair has been recognised by the Department's Literacy and Numeracy team for excellence and or improvement. The Literacy and Numeracy team plan to engage with Belair in Term 2 and 3 to learn about practices that contribute to literacy and numeracy excellence and improvement. Members of the Literacy and Numeracy team will arrange interviews with our school to understand practices that may benefit other schools.
- NAPLAN results will be reported against 4 proficiency standards rather than numerical bands as in previous years.

NAPLAN reports will contain 4 proficiency standards:

- Exceeding
- Strong
- Developing
- Needs additional support.

Print copies of individual student reports are expected to be sent to schools for distribution to parents and carers early in Term 3.

• Strategic Direction 2:

- Community Engagement-
 - Whole School assembly Week 4
 - Naidoc week in planning – tentative date in Week 8
- Wellbeing-
 - Belair Behaviour Management Plan: the release of our final draft has been put on hold by the new government as they continue to clarify areas of restrictive practice across many different school contexts.
 - Anxiety Pilot Project- Andrew will give an outline.

- Restorative practice information in the newsletter- any feedback please.
- Attendance remains focus across all schools. Letters are sent home to help support parents understand the importance of attendance for their child/ren. Partial absences after a school event such as an athletics carnival is an improvement area for Belair.

Strategic Direction 3:

- Innovative Curriculum:
 - HPEG- maths and writing focus groups for Year 1 and Year 6 students this term
 - UNSW - ICAS test portal is open online to enrol your children.
 - The school has booked Ysafe, a specialist cyber safety organisation to deliver Cyber -safety workshops for staff, students and parents next week. We strongly encourage participation as this is a growing area of concern in terms of student wellbeing. The parent workshop is Wednesday evening at 5:30pm in hall, \$5 donation at the door. Student permission notes were emailed, cost to attend \$10.
 - Language lessons in French have commenced.
- Leadership:
 - SRC initiatives in action from meeting in week 5.
 - Newcastle University Leadership Project- We have had 2 visits from the team at the university. The program aims at Improving Children's leadership skills. Targeted for Stage 2 and 3 students. Random selection of 60 students to be surveyed as part of the project- Stage 3 parents may receive this request.

Playground/Assets

- Roof replacements: all complete- only one left: OSSH building
- Asbestos update: hygienists are testing the air quality weekly
 - all test reports have been below minimal standards to date.
 - hygienist on site over the weekend taking core samples - data which will be used to plan remediation.
 - request for our new Asset Manager to organise a meeting with our community to give any further updates and insight into the process of remediation.
 - Remediation team will work with school and the contractor we have hired to do our playground works when putting remediation plan together.

P&C Funding Requests 2023:

- \$600 -costs for Friday Sports Shirt Aboriginal design. Approx \$350 to create canvas plus materials, as well as \$200 requested to be donated to Aboriginal organisation in place of Artist commission.

Additional ideas to consider that have come from staff:

- Upgrade of Netball Court- ongoing major joint school and P&C funded project.
- App subscriptions such as Reading Eggs/Oz Phonics
- Technology: Ipads for K and Y1, update laptops and laptop storage
- Create a K-2 friendly basketball area at end of Kinder block. Rings, Court Markings and fill in below rail towards vege gardens.

Kind regards,
Kathie Colley
