Belair Public School Newsletter
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Term 2 Week 8                                                                 18 June, 2019

Principal’s Message

It has been a busy run in to the end of term. Our Star Struck performers have, once again, done a wonderful job. Both their on stage performance and their conduct throughout the many hours of waiting in the holding rooms is to be commended. Thanks to Mrs Gibson, Mrs Everard, Mrs Jardine and Mrs Pilgrim for looking after our students across this event.

Our Stage Two and Three students had a special treat yesterday with a visit from representatives of the state library who brought, amongst other things, four priceless artefacts from early colonial times. Thanks to Ms Kelly for organising this experience for our students.

Years K-2 were entertained by a performance sponsored by Hunter Water yesterday afternoon which looked at issues around water use and the need to be water wise. The messages were delivered in a fun and engaging manner.

This Friday our students K-6 will be involved in a peer support activity linked to our anti-bullying policy. Mrs Marsh is coordinating this activity which is all about positive play relationships.

We have had quite a bit of sickness amongst staff being impacted by winter viruses. The school always tries very hard to ensure all classes are covered by casuals but occasionally it is not possible to secure a casual and classes are split across the school. This is a rare occurrence as we attempt to minimise disruption to student learning.

Regards,
Warwick Beard, Principal

P&C Meeting Wednesday 19 June
The June P&C meeting is on Wednesday this week. Information will be shared on the difference between Australian education systems and some of the highest performing systems in the OECD. There will also be the opportunity to discuss the issues around play highlighted in the principal’s message. We hope to see you there.
Deputy Principal’s Message

Congratulations to 4R for being the class of the week at the primary assembly last week and 1S the class of the week at the K-2 assembly yesterday.

Anti-bullying

One focus area of the current school plan is aligned to anti-bullying policies. We are at the point where we have reviewed our policies and we are implementing the processes to ensure all members of our school community are engaged in evidence-based strategies to effectively prevent and respond to bullying.

This week, as part of this ongoing focus, I have included a resource developed by the Department of Education.

It supports each school with information and resources for strengthening a culture that values and respects diversity, and empowers positive student bystander behaviour.

Research shows that 87% of bullying incidents have peer witnesses. The most effective anti-bullying approaches promote positive bystander behaviour, or upstander behaviour.

Follow this link to see specific resources developed for parents and carers:

Belair Language of Resilience

The current resilience focus is: Character


Kind regards,

Kathie Colley
Dear Parents and Caregivers

This year the Australian Schools' Competition organisers have introduced some changes to their various competitions. These changes include later sitting dates, online testing (except the writing for years 3 and 4) and a parent online payment system.

The sitting dates for all competitions are between September 3rd and September 19th as outlined below. Information about how to pay directly to UNSW Global is also outlined below. If you have any difficulties with the new online payment system, please contact the school office.

These competitions are open to all students, however parents are advised that the papers are set at quite a high level and are designed to test more able students. Our school has participated in these competitions for many years and both parents and students find them informative.

This year the following competitions are being offered at school. **All competitions are optional.**

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If you would like your child to participate in any / all of these competitions, please complete the following online payment steps:

1). Access online service by typing `unsw.global/parentpay` into a browser.
2). Enter **school access code 0fa4b1fcb8**. From here you will be prompted to enter your child’s details and select which competitions you would like to enter them in. You do not need to enter a student ID number, just leave that field blank.

**Online payment will close on 31 July 2019.**

**NB: No late entries can be accepted for these competition.**

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**Adelaide begins her journey for treatment**

Adelaide is off to the USA for her treatment. Adelaide’s family would like to once again thank the Belair community for their support to help her on this journey.
**Water Saving Show**

Students in K-2 were entertained by the highly engaging Ship-O-Fools as part of the Water Saving Show on Monday 17/6/2019. Lots of our students volunteered to participate and a lucky few were chosen to join the Ship-O-Fools on stage. The key messages about water conservation and looking after the environment were shared with the audience.

By using half a flush when going to the toilet, watering the garden at the roots not on the leaves of the plant, washing the car and your pet with a bucket and turning of the tap were simple everyday things we could all do to conserve water. The water cycle and how it works was also a part of the high energy show. All students were then given a reusable water cup and encouraged to use this to stay hydrated.

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**Kings Chess Competition**

Last Tuesday the Kings Chess Team participated in a challenging Chess Competition at Newcastle Grammar School.

The following students went; Joshua M, Cameron A and Morgan A. Unfortunately Simone J who is part of the Kings Team was unwell and unable to attend.

We are very proud of these students for their sportsmanship, excellent behaviour and efforts. Joshua M who was competing in his first competition had a win, Morgan A had two wins and Cameron A did exceptionally well, having three wins.
**Lego with Mr Lohs**

Mr Lohs continues to inspire the minds of those in 2M. Each fortnight, Mr Lohs visits 2M with a new challenge. This week, the students worked in groups of four and used a variety of Lego pieces to create miniature mini-beasts including caterpillars, scorpions and ladybugs. They were then joined to make a class millipede.

**Kindergarten Rock Fish**

Kindergarten have painted some rock fish. We are going to put them all around the school. We painted the rock fish to make all the kids at school feel happy. Students from K-6 are welcome to take a rock fish home if they put another painted rock in its place. Please paint some rocks at home to swap with a rock fish at school. This will make Kindergarten feel happy and our school a friendly place to be! Get involved and have fun finding our rock fish and painting some of your own. You may even like to simply add rocks without taking any.
School Environment
Lunchboxes are looking awesome around Belair Public School with lots of containers, reusable wraps and cloth bags being used. We are focussing on our goal this year of REDUCING PLASTIC and FOOD WASTE.

There is still a substantial amount of chip, biscuit and snack plastic wrappers being brought to school each day. We are averaging two large bags of soft plastics every week just from kids snack wrappers and cling wrap.

Year 5 and 6 environmental leaders are currently looking for ways to further engage our primary students and families in being proactive in reducing our food waste and use of soft plastic wrappers and packaging. We look forward to seeing the interesting ideas that students come up with!

In the meantime here are some useful ideas for packing and encouraging a waste free lunch box. Waste free means only packing items that can be composted or recycled and that won’t end up in the garbage bin. That means, no plastic wrap, no foil, no zip lock bags and no packaged foods.

Here are a few lunchbox ideas:

- Make a tray of muffins and keep them frozen. Remove one each morning and place it in the lunch box – it will thaw by lunch time.
- Pop your own popcorn and pack it in a paper bag. Remind your child to dispose of the paper bag in the paper bucket at school.
- Make your own snack mix with dried fruit (apples, sultanas, banana), pepitas, sunflower seeds, and put in in a container for recess.
- Pack a handful of dried cereal (such as Weet-bix bites or Cheerios) in a small reusable container.
- Cut your own cheese slices and place them with crackers in a smaller tupperware container.
- Make a smoothie at home and store it in a cold thermos that holds the temperature until recess or lunch time.

Good luck and lets continue to work together to reduce our waste and recycle as much as we can at school!
Thirty-two very talented students participated in the 27th Star Struck performance over the weekend. These students have been working really hard since the beginning of the year to refine their dances and join 3,500 other students on stage!

Congratulations to all of the students involved. You were so amazing to watch and you showed there are NO LIMITS to what you can do and achieve! The students looked absolutely fantastic and represented Belair beautifully. What was truly wonderful to see was the ‘looking out for’ and supportive attitude to each other through the long days of rehearsals and performances.

The whole event could not be possible without the effort put in each and every year from the parents - thank you once again for your enthusiasm and support.

No one says it better than the kids:

“It was a great experience meeting new people and seeing all our hard work come together. There were a lot of people watching but I wasn’t nervous. It made me happy.” – Bridene

“We learnt a lot of moves that I never thought I could do. It was really fun!” – Liam

“The experience was great with all the lights shining down on you. It was terrific, it felt surreal!” - Nicola

Mrs Gibson, Mrs Pilgrim, Mrs Jardine and Mrs Everard

Creative Arts Camp

Final Reminder:
Hunter Creative Arts Camp - Camp Toukley Monday 2 September – Friday 6 September

The Hunter Creative Arts Camp is aimed at students in Years 5 and 6 with a passion for and exceptional abilities in music, art, dance or drama. This week-long intensive camp provides students with access to industry professionals in their area of expertise. The cost of the camp is $450. If you would like your child to be considered for nomination, please speak with their class teacher before Friday 21 June. Online nominations need to be completed by this date.
# Student Awards

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# Upstander Awards

- **Madeleine M**

# Dance Awards

- **Junior Dance Group**: Marli M-P, Liza CW
- **Senior Dance Group**: Charlotte M, Ruby M
Canteen Roster and News ~ Canteen Supervisor Sonja

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The Green Tree Kitchen

Check out our new online only specials at flexischools.com.au

Did you fancy a piece of hot yummy garlic bread? Available Thursdays only at recess for the bargain price of just 80 cents.

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Uniform Shop

We have had a new delivery of polar fleece jackets. Size 6 to 16 are available to purchase. Polar fleece must be bought at the uniform shop with cash.

Woolworths Earn & Learn

It’s easy to Earn and Learn. Just get everyone you can earning as many stickers as possible. The promotion runs for a limited time, so spread the word and get everyone helping you collect stickers; kids, parents, grandparents, neighbours and friends.

Between 1 May and 25 Jun 2019, collect as many stickers as you can. Stick them onto a sticker sheet (these are available at Woolworths, in the school office or online to print out). Bring your sticker sheet to school and place them in the collection box located in the SCHOOL OFFICE.
NEWCASTLE YOUTH ORCHESTRA - KIDS

NYO KIDS 2 DAY MUSIC HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

Come and have fun at our 2 day holiday music workshop. We provide high-quality ensemble training, in a happy, safe, inclusive and rewarding environment. All instruments welcome.

WHEN: WEDNESDAY 10TH JULY – THURSDAY 11TH JULY
WHERE: THE JUNCTION PUBLIC SCHOOL
WHAT: MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR MUSICIANS WHO ARE AT LEAST GRADE 2 AMEB
TIME: 9:30AM – 3PM

$40 FOR 2 DAYS
HTTPS://NYOKIDSMUSIC.EVENTBRITE.COM.AU
CONTACT: SALLY@NYO.COM.AU
ALIVE AND CURIOUS presents:

KIDS AND FOOD

The links and practical tips for your growing people

Sunday, June 23rd, 3pm—4:30pm

Mercure Charlestown

Presenters:
Cody Kennedy (Naturopath)
Michelle Newby (Occupational Therapist)

Could the food your child is eating or not eating be affecting their behaviour, mood, learning, sleep or anxiety?

Are you keen to “check in” to make sure you are on the right path in your family food journey?

Would you like strategies to encourage your child to eat more fruits and vegetables?

$29pp, For details and tickets go to Events at: www.facebook.com/aliveandcurious/

This talk is directed at parents and carers of children 3yo - 12yo.
Winter School Holiday Activities

Check out our school holiday activities for primary school students

Students will receive an interactive presentation on banknote security features and get a sneak peek at the new uncirculated $20 banknote. They will also be taken on a guided journey through the Museum and learn about the history of Australia.

Sessions for Kindergarten – Year 2
Monday 8th July, 10.00am – 11.30am
Wednesday 10th July, 10.00am – 11.30am
Friday 12th July, 10.00am – 11.30am

Sessions for Year 3 – Year 6
Monday 8th July, 1.00pm – 2.30pm
Wednesday 10th July, 1.00pm – 2.30pm
Friday 12th July, 1.00pm – 2.30pm

Cost: Free
Registrations of interest are now open.
To register your child please visit the Museum Website
www.museum.rba.gov.au/events

Important Information:
Offers for attendance to School Holiday sessions will be sent 5-10 business days out from the event. As this is a highly subscribed event we cannot guarantee all registrations will be offered a place for this school holiday period.

Email: museum@rba.gov.au
Phone: (02) 9551 9743
Ground Floor, 65 Martin Place
Sydney NSW 2000

RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA
Dear Belair staff and community,

On World Environment Day, an exciting milestone was achieved for our local circular economy: soft plastics collected through the Plastic Police® program will now be recycled into local roads right here in the Hunter. On 5 June 2019, Downer’s new state-of-the-art asphalt facility officially opened. This cutting-edge facility will produce ‘Reconophalt’, an innovative and sustainable asphalt product containing recycled soft plastics, toner from printer cartridges, glass bottles and recycled asphalt pavement. The soft plastics collected by our program participants will be processed into TonerPlas™ by Close the Loop Australia and then be added to the asphalt mix by Downer to become local roads right here in the Hunter. This is a truly circular solution, as the asphalt can be infinitely recycled when it reaches end-of-life. We are proud to be a part of this innovate circular economy project keeping thousands of tonnes of waste from ending up in landfill. Read more [here](#).

Central Coast Council is participating in the Plastic Police® program, and will use Reconophalt on local roads to offset the soft plastics collected by their local community. On 20 May, the first road was poured in the Central Coast region using recycled soft plastics, toner, glass and pavement! Read more [here](#). Does your organisation use asphalt, or do you work with an organisation who does? If so, get in touch and we can discuss opportunities to offset your soft plastics through procurement of this sustainable road surfacing product.

Samantha recently presented at the Local Government Sustainable Procurement Forum in Wollongong where she shared the Plastic Police® story and acknowledged the excellent work of our program participants to collect and divert soft plastics from landfill.
### Monthly Collection Statistics

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Total soft plastic collected to date: 683kg
Total products purchased to date: 1,930kg
% Offset (purchased ÷ collected): 283%

### New Member Spotlight

This month we are pleased to welcome Downer’s Teralba Asphalt Facility to the Plastic Police® family.

### Interesting news and information for your staff and community

- A new study from the University of Newcastle found that we could be ingesting a teaspoon of microplastic every week. Read more [here](#).
- Have you been wondering if something can be recycled through the Plastic Police® program? You can now find this [Handy Recycling Guide](#) and more information on the [FAQ page](#) on our website.
- To place an order for Plastic Police® special recycling bags, or to enquire about products made from soft plastics, please email us at [info@plasticpolice.com.au](mailto:info@plasticpolice.com.au).

Keep up the great work.

From the team at Plastic Police®.

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Junior Taggers

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC

NEWCASTLE

Wednesday July 17th
Kentish & Ford Oval
New Lambton, 2305
9:30am – 1:00pm
Ages 5-14 Boys & Girls

Register Now:
www.oztagequipmentsupplies.com

INCLUDES
OZTAG COTTON TEE
SOFT PEAK VISOR
Aboriginal Go4Fun
FREE Fun Program for Fitter, Healthier, Happier Kids!

**When:**  Tuesday 3.45 -5.45pm   Term 3 -2019

**Where:**  Edgeworth Public School

**What:**  Active Games and Nutrition Based Games

**Who:**  Kids Aged 7-13 Accompanied by a Parent / Carer

Go to [www.go4fun.com.au](http://www.go4fun.com.au) or call 1800 780 900 to find out more!
FREE Fun Program for Fitter, Healthier, Happier Kids!

When: Thursday 4-6pm Term 3 -2019
Where: PCYC Lake Macquarie. Windale
What: Active Games and Nutrition Based Games
Who: Kids Aged 7-13 Accompanied by a Parent / Carer

Go to www.go4fun.com.au or call 1800 780 900 to find out more!
School-timetable changes from 1 July

There will be some timetable changes to school services to improve reliability.

It’s easy to check your timetable.

1) Visit: newcastletransport.info/plan-your-trip/school-services

2) Type your school name into the search field.

3) Select your school bus route to download the PDF timetable that will be effective from 1 July.

Don’t forget to tap on with your Opal school card! Tapping on and off provides Newcastle transport with important data to determine bus services to your school.
Become a volunteer ethics teacher

Do something life-changing this year

Teach ethics at your local school

For around an hour a week, you can teach an ethics class at your local school and help children develop skills for life.

Ethics classes support children to develop the skills they need to voice their opinions, consider the ideas of others and to make decisions based on evidence and reasoning rather than habit or peer pressure.

In ethics classes, children discuss ethical issues using an approved curriculum designed for each age group and include topics such as Laziness, Voting, How can we work out what’s true? and Imagining how others feel.

Volunteers are needed now to teach ethics classes at a school near you. Training and support is provided.

Only about an hour a week

Find out more at PrimaryEthics.com.au
Primary Ethics seeks volunteers to deliver weekly ethics classes to children across NSW. While close to 40,000 children in government primary schools currently benefit from ethics education, with more volunteers it could be made available to many more.

Primary Ethics is the not-for-profit organisation that is authorised to develop and deliver special education in ethics to children in NSW.

We rely on parents, grandparents and community-minded people to become volunteer ethics teachers in their local primary school. It is a rewarding way to be involved in your local community, learn new things and help children develop skills for life.

Comprehensive training, access to lesson materials and classroom support are all provided. Previous teaching experience is not required.

Opportunities are also available for behind-the-scenes roles including coordinators and regional managers.

“\nIn time, not very much time at all, it will be the decisions of the children we teach today that will shape the world.\n”

Dr Simon Longstaff
The Ethics Centre

Do something life-changing today.
Apply at PrimaryEthics.com.au/volunteer