

Belair Public School Newsletter



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Term 4 Week 8

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Principal's Message

Greetings Everyone,

The term is certainly flying and has been extremely busy!

Year 6 had a fantastic time on the Bathurst excursion last week as did Year 5 on their trip to Sydney. They are all to be congratulated for their outstanding behaviour and for representing Belair with pride.

Year 4 headed off yesterday, a bundle of excitement, and from all accounts are having the time of their life! Stories and photos that have been reported back highlight the amazing opportunity that camp provides for children to grow by stepping out of their comfort zone and challenging themselves.

We have had four very successful Kindergarten transition sessions over the past 2 weeks. It has been lovely to meet and welcome new families to Belair and see younger siblings join us. Congratulations to the Year 5 students who supported our new students in an outstanding way. They were so welcoming and reassuring for the Kinder students and made the whole experience a joy for them. I was so proud of them and the job they did!

Teachers have been busy planning end of year presentation days and innovative ways to share these milestones with parents given we are unable to invite all families to attend. We will be inviting one parent of our out-going and in-coming prefects to attend, as this will fit within our Covid regulations.

Term 4	
December	
1-2	Year 4 Great Aussie Bush Camp
3-4	Prefect Speeches – Voting
7	Scripture Assembly
8	Stage 1 Presentation Day Early Stage 1 Presentation Day
9	Year 6 Farewell Mini Fete
10	Prefect Announcement
11	Zone Qualifying Carnival for Competitive Swimmers
14	Presentation Day Years 3-6
15	Stage 1 Party Day Stage 2 Party Day Stage 3 Party Day Reports Home
16	PandC Student BBQ

These invitations will be sent out during Week 9 following the voting process. The 3-6 presentation is on Monday 14th December.

The School Improvement Team are still looking for parents to consult with in regard to the directions of the next four year school plan. We are planning to meet on Thursday 3rd December from 4.00pm to approximately 5.30pm. If you are interested in being involved in this process, please follow this link to register. We would really like as many to attend as we can accommodate with Covid restrictions.

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On Wednesday, we will meet with our Aboriginal families to consult with them about the future directions of the school plan to ensure they have a voice to build the cultural perspectives of Belair. It will be a wonderful opportunity to use our new yarning circle.



I hope you all have a fantastic week.

*Kind regards,
Kathie Colley
Principal (rel)*

Student Fees/Account

Due to Covid19, we cancelled the athletics carnival this year and have reimbursed all students who had paid. Therefore many of our families now have a credit on their account. If you have received any permission notes for Christmas parties or excursions, could you please call the office before making payment so we can use the credit on your account.

P and C Meeting

The final P and C meeting for the year will be this Wednesday night at 7pm in the staffroom. It would be lovely to see you there and be involved in decisions for planning towards next year.

2021 Classes

We are currently commencing some planning towards 2021. As in previous years, if you require a particular consideration in terms of class placement for your child, please email the request and valid educational or social reason to the school care of the principal and stage leader. We will endeavour to take your request into consideration given the circumstances and resources available.

Year 6 Mini Fete

The annual Year 6 Mini Fete is on Wednesday 9 December. The aim of the Mini Fete is for Year 6 students to raise money for a present to the school. It also engages the students in real world problem solving, critical and creative thinking. Students in Kindergarten to Year 5 are invited to participate in the Mini Fete by purchasing items from stalls including ice creams, cupcakes, colour hair spray, Trash and Treasure and side show alley games. Students will be able to purchase tokens on Friday morning to spend at the fete rather than carry money around with them. Tokens will be in \$5, \$2 or \$1 sheets. Extra tokens will be available during the fete.

Donations required: Students running the Trash and Treasure stall at the Mini Fete require donations of books, toys and bric a brac. Please send donations to the 5/6F classroom.

Reminder Junior and Senior Dance Auditions

Tomorrow the 2nd December is the last day for the return of notes for those wishing to audition for the Junior or Senior Dance Group.

Auditions will take place during Week 9 at 8.00am in the school hall.

JUNIORS: Monday 7th December

SENIORS: Wednesday 9th December

COVID-19 Protocols:

Just a reminder that the following restrictions still apply:

* Parents are still not permitted on school grounds or at school events. Kiss and drop pick up and arrival practices remain in place.

* All visitors and external to school providers must adhere to relevant hygiene, distancing and safety protocols as follows:

- a. **ALL visitors** must report directly to the office (this includes visitors to the uniform shop on Monday mornings).
- b. Office staff will ask you to sign a form and take you through hygiene protocols
- c. A visitor's sticker must be worn while on site (this will confirm you have followed the protocols at the office for staff members on site)
- d. All adults must maintain physical distance from each other (1.5m) while on site and including pick up and drop off arrangements where parents are asked to physically distance outside the school gates.

Gold Merit Awards



Calling for volunteers – We need your help!

Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running we need your help. Due to the current School Banking Co-ordinator's time at the school coming to an end, we are looking for other volunteers to help with keeping the program running.

The program requires a volunteer School Banking Co-ordinator to facilitate the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards. This only takes a small amount of your time one day a week and the Commonwealth Bank will provide support in how to run the program. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital money saving skills and help our school with fundraising.

Currently, School Banking day is Thursday and takes approx. 30 mins to 1 hour a week to facilitate, but this can be done any day of the week that would suit a new banking co-ordinator.

If you are interested in volunteering for this great program, please contact the Administration Office and let them know so they can pass your details onto the school banking team.

If you are interested in volunteering for this great program, please fill in the tear off section below and return it to the school banking drawers located in the Admin Office.

Yes, I would like to help with School Banking!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Availability: _____

Best Wishes,
The Belair School Banking team



Principal's Message


I was thinking of putting together a piece for the newsletter but then camp hit and I've been having so much fun that I thought you would enjoy these photos from camp instead...





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Kindergarten Report



Early Stage One Presentation Day

The Early Stage One Presentation Assembly will be held on Tuesday 8th December. All students will receive a certificate in recognition of their learning and development throughout Kindergarten. This year the presentation assembly will be a short ceremony for students to receive their awards. Photos of students will be taken and shared with families. Classes have also been busy putting together a short video as their class item as well as practising a dance with Mrs Mounser. These videos will also be shared with families and friends. As in the past there will also be an environment, library and citizenship award presented to students who have shown dedication and commitment in these areas.

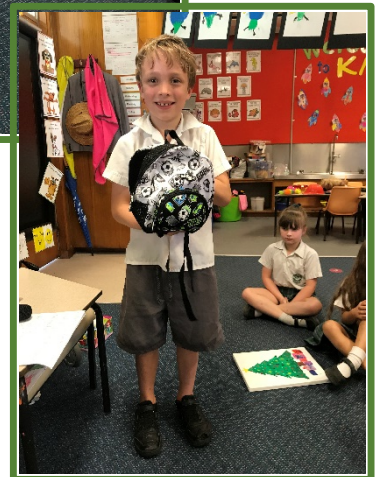
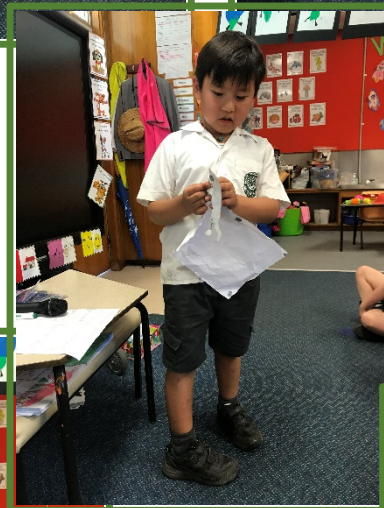
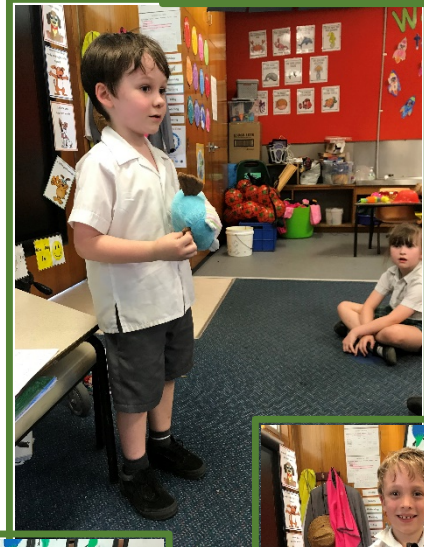
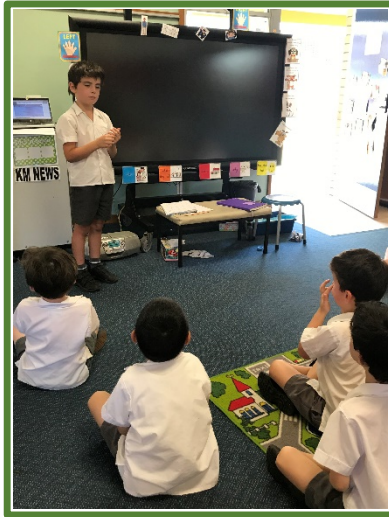
Early Stage One Party Day

The Kindergarten end of year party day will be held on Tuesday 15th December. Early Stage One teachers are planning a fun filled day for students to celebrate a wonderful year of learning and development. The day will include Christmas crafts, indoor/outdoor play activities and a movie. Students will also enjoy an ice block.

KM NEWS

KM have continued to work on their speaking and listening skills throughout the year. Students enjoy sharing NEWS with the class each week. Check out these great pictures of KM students, they sure are ready for Year 1!





Stage 1 Report



Stage 1 News

We are excited to announce our Stage 1 Presentation Day Assembly will be held in the hall on Tuesday 8th December 2020 at 9.30am. However, due to current COVID 19 restrictions we will be unable to invite families to attend this special event.

Awards for achievement, effort and citizenship will be given to recognise individuals.

Photos will be shared with Stage 1 families and an opportunity to view class items will also be shared at a later date.

Thank you to all our Stage 1 families for your ongoing support and care.

Kind regards
Stage 1 teachers

Stage 1 Report

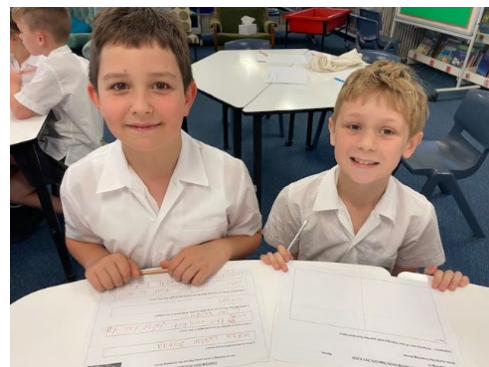
1S students are so efficient that they can organise themselves, work individually or collaborate with other students and the teacher in a shared reading group situation.



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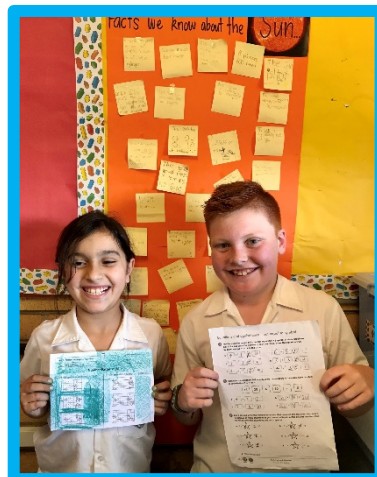
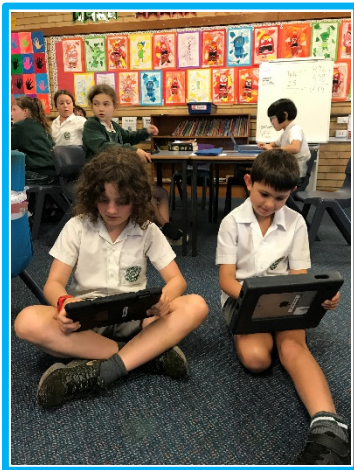
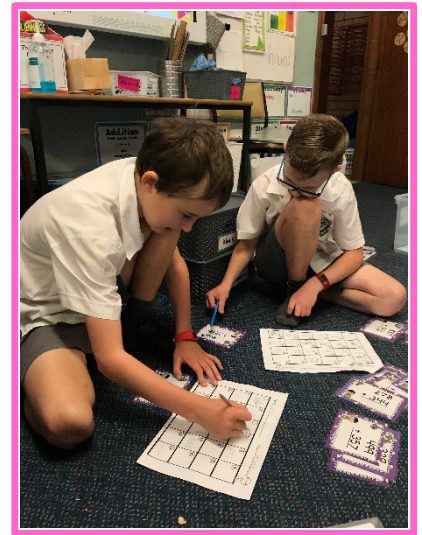


Library is more than just borrowing and returning books. 2L has worked on their writing and research skills in the library. They have read books and looked at key words, sentence and text structure. The students worked collaboratively to plan and write a story about an Australian animal.



Stage 2 Report

In maths, 3E have been using scoot cards as an interactive way to practise addition and subtraction algorithms. Scoot is a whole-class game which requires us to move around the room, from desk to desk, completing questions and filling in our own answer page.



We've been super proud of each other lately. We're starting to understand that everyone is on their own learning journey and that means there are many ability levels in each class, including ours. We now realise that we're not in competition with each other but we are trying to do better today than we did yesterday. We're reaching for our personal best and smashing our own goals!

He is like a knight, protecting his family
He is as strong as a bear, as cuddly too
He is as funny as a clown, making everyone laugh
He is as old as a dinosaur, as wise as well
He is as cool as space and learning about the galaxy
He is my Dad!

Charlotte

He is like a leprechaun at the end of a rainbow
He is as funny as a clown
He is like a blanket over me, keeping me warm
He is as strong as an ox
He is like a cheetah, running fast
He is as nice as a ripe mango
He is my Dad!

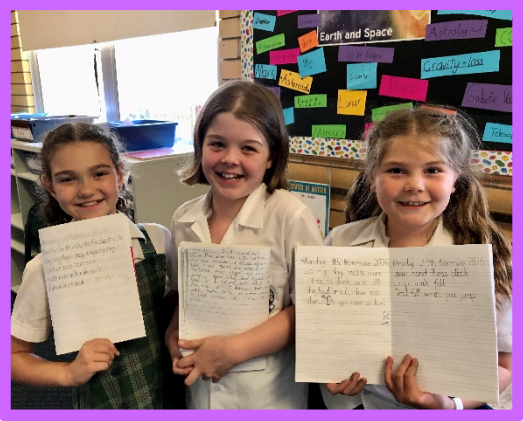
Ruby

She is like a bear, snoring
She is as funny as a clown
She is like a pig, so fat
She is as sweet as honey
She is cute like a puppy
She is as greedy as a pig
She is my puppy, Honey!

Matilda L

Here's a sample of some of our amazing poems we've been working on. We had fun trying to create similes for our mums, dads, nans, pops and other family and friends!

We've been smashing writing goals this semester!



We've gotten into the spirit of Christmas and have started some festive artworks already. What a creative bunch we are!



Stage 3 Report

Year 5 enjoyed a beautiful day in Sydney last Friday. First, we visited The Rocks and the guides explained the indigenous and colonial history of the area. It was interesting to learn about the changes that have been made to the original landscape. We then went to The Royal Botanical Gardens for their Aboriginal People and Plants program. We learned about how indigenous people of the Sydney area used plants for food, medicine, tools and weapons. We also played some fun games.







Please donate to the....

BELAIR GIVING TREE

CHRISTMAS IS A TIME FOR GIVING.
IN NEWCASTLE, THERE ARE MANY FAMILIES WHO CANNOT
AFFORD GIFTS AT CHRISTMAS TIME.
PLEASE HELP THESE FAMILIES HAVE A BRIGHTER CHRISTMAS
BY DONATING TO OUR GIVING TREE.

We are collecting gifts and
non-perishable food to give to the Salvation Army

PLEASE LEAVE GIFTS UNWRAPPED.

ANY SMALL DONATION IS APPRECIATED


DELIVER TO THE LIBRARY

Donations accepted until the end of 2020





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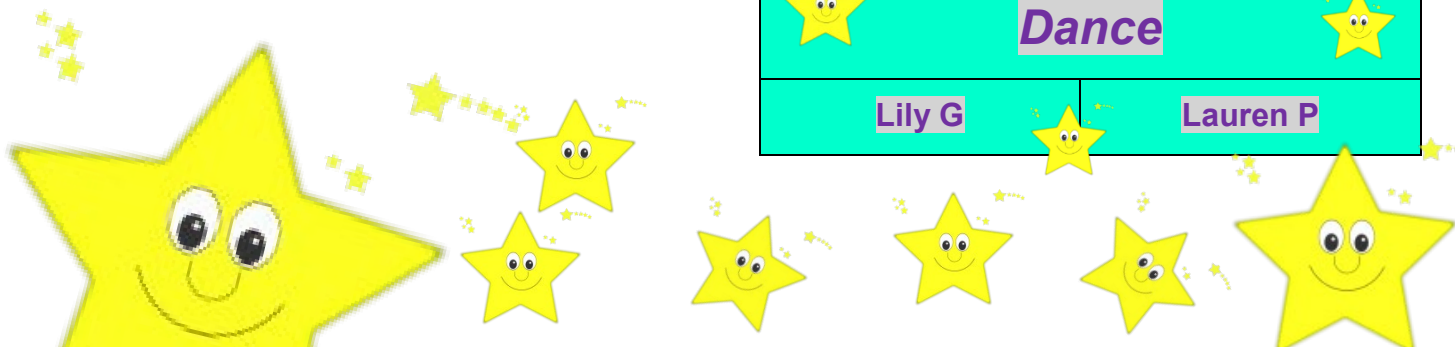


 Student Awards					
KB	<i>Frazer Q, Marius D</i>	2L	<i>Sophie R, Neive P</i>	5B	<i>Next Week</i>
KM	<i>Léo M, Sophie M</i>	3E	<i>Charlotte F, Maddison M</i>	5G	<i>Next Week</i>
KZ	<i>Evelyn C, Taylah S</i>	3H	<i>Elijah G, Liam B</i>	5/6F	<i>Charlie M, Shaun J</i>
1M	<i>Cooper G, Leila B, Charlie B</i>	3/4A	<i>Max B, Jacob P</i>	6P	<i>Annabelle M, Thomas M</i>
1S	<i>Dominic T, Jordan T</i>	4B	<i>Genevieve M, Annika D</i>	6W	<i>Chloe K, Ruben P</i>
1/2B	<i>Milla B, Kiplin R</i>	4JP	<i>Kaiden W, Caden T</i>		
2C	<i>Keigan H, Genevieve L</i>	4/5R	<i>Summer T, Alice R</i>		

Gold Merit Awards		
Blake B	Liam S	Marli M-P
Austin M-P	Lily B	

Kid's Care Awards		
Eliza K-M	Nellie K	

Dance	
Lily G	Lauren P



CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen Roster and News ~ Canteen Supervisor Sonja

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The Green Tree Kitchen

Online only specials are now up and running. Check them out at flexischools.com.au


Wednesday 2nd December Perin P	Thursday 3rd December Robyn S	Friday 4th December Rebecca R	Monday 7th December Help Needed	Tuesday 18th December Dave T
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The Canteen is going to be running down its shelf stock coming into the Christmas break. Please be advised that some of our regular items may not be available towards the end of the term. Keep checking Flexischools for item availability.



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School Banking Update



The last day for School Banking Day will be Thursday 11th of December 2020. At this stage School Banking will recommence on Thursday the 4th of February 2021.

Any student wishing to order rewards for this year, the last day you will be able to order rewards will be this Thursday the 26th of November 2020. This is to ensure that all rewards are received and issued to students before the year of the year.

If your child orders rewards after this date, we cannot

guarantee the reward will arrive before the end of the school year.

Currently all rewards 2020 are still available, but we can never guarantee that the reward will be available when your child orders it.

There is also a range of rewards from last year still available (But please note that this is limited)

If you child has 10 Dollarmites Tokens and would like to order any of the rewards from previous years, please see the list of rewards still available below.

Please note that we cannot guarantee rewards from previous year will still be available.

2019 Rewards

Snowy Origami Set

Scented Stackable Highlighters

Icicle Slapband Ruler

Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring

Scratch Art Cards

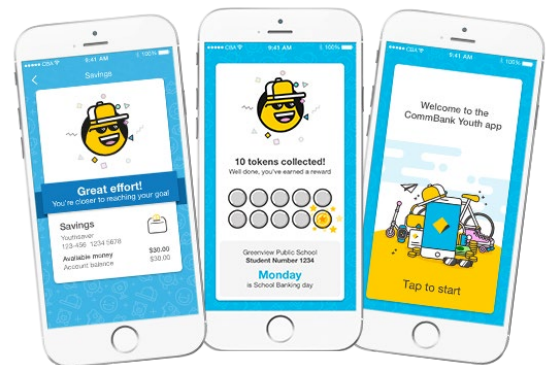
Water Skimming Bounce Ball

Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers

Enhance the School Banking experience with the CommBank Youth app

The CommBank Youth app provides a hands-on experience, teaching your child to earn, save and spend their money responsibly. With the CommBank Youth app, your child can:

- Check the balance of their Youthsaver account
- View School Banking deposits in their transaction history
- Track the number of Dollarmites tokens they collect
- Set up savings goals and track progress
- Create a list of chores/jobs they can do to earn pocket money.



Get Started:

1. Download the CommBank Youth app on any iOS 9+ device.
2. Your child can securely log on to the CommBank Youth app using their NetBank client number. If your child hasn't got a NetBank client number, you can set this up by visiting your nearest CommBank branch with your driver licence and child's birth certificate.



SENSE RUGBY

SENSE RUGBY TERM 1 2021

Sense Rugby is a rugby-based Occupational Therapy program run by OT Ethan James and Chelsea Hindmarsh



Sense Rugby uses modified rugby drills to help kids and teens:

- Improve motor skills and coordination
- Participate in group/team activities
- Develop sensory processing skills
- Follow complex instructions

When: Friday Week 3-Week 10 Term 1 2021

Where: Merewether High School

Session 1: 3:30-4:30 4-8 years old

Session 2: 4:30-5:30 8-14 years old

COST: \$50 per session \$400 per term

NDIS participants welcome

Active Kids voucher accepted

To register contact:

Email: admin@sensationalstart.com.au

Phone: 02 4089 5022



SENSE RUGBY

SENSE RUGBY HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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- Develop sensory processing skills
- Follow complex instructions

When: Monday 18th - Friday 22nd January 2021

Where: Merewether High School

Session 1: 9:00-10:00 4-8 years old

Session 2: 10:30-11:30 8-14 years old

COST: \$50 per session \$250 for program

NDIS participants welcome

Active Kids voucher accepted

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