

Belair Public School Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 9

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Principal's Message

Greetings Everyone,

It is with such great pleasure and a huge honour that I announce to you I was successful in gaining the permanent Principal position at Belair. Receiving the call from the Director, Steve Harris, yesterday was one of my life's highlights! I am so excited to be able to continue working with the staff, students and parents at Belair and I am passionate about us all growing and learning together. Thank you so much for the overwhelming support I have felt from the whole school community and please know that I am absolutely committed to the best outcomes for all of our children.

It is a pleasure to congratulate Ruth Bartel on being successfully appointed a permanent classroom teacher position at Newcastle East. Ruth is an outstanding teacher and will be greatly missed at Belair. I know Newcastle East are gaining someone that will be an absolute asset to the school. We wish you all the best Ruth and thank you for all of the amazing opportunities you have created for so many children at Belair!

Year 4 had a fantastic time at camp last week. The photos that were posted on Facebook were a joy to see and evidence that the students took on every opportunity presented to them. Congratulations to all Year 4 students for their excellent

Term 4	
December	
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	P&C Ice-block Last Day of School
Term 1- 2021	
January	
27-28	Staff Development Day
29	Students return to school

behaviour, resilience and courage to accept the challenges that camp presents. Thank you to Year 4 staff for going beyond to ensure camp went ahead this year!

Both the Stage 1 and Kindergarten Presentations were a highlight of the week. Today we recognised students for their achievements and citizenship across 2020. It was lovely to see the pride on student faces and the joy of all students recognising both their peers' achievements and their own outstanding efforts over the challenging year we have had. Congratulations everyone! Highlights of these presentation days will be shared with parents electronically in the coming days.

The School Improvement Team decided to postpone consultation regarding the directions of the next 4 year school plan until the beginning of next year. We really want to engage as many parents as possible and I understand that this time of year is probably not ideal for everyone. We will be in touch in the future to seek your involvement.

Last Wednesday, we had a very successful meeting with our Aboriginal families to consult with them about the future directions of the school plan. I thank parents, students and teachers for their wonderful ideas and honest feedback and we look forward to the future of Aboriginal Education at Belair.

Later in the Newsletter there is some information regarding the implementation of BYOD- Bring Your Own Device Program that we would like to implement for Year 6 students in 2021 (current Year 5). If you have any questions regarding this initiative, please contact the school.

Have a wonderful week!

Kind regards,
Kathie Colley
Principal (ret) 🍷

P and C Meeting

The P and C are kindly giving each child at Belair an ice block on the last day of the year in recognition of their achievements in coping with a year of change and uncertainty.

Thank you to the P and C for thinking of the students and rewarding them with this acknowledgement.

Kindergarten 2021- Best Start Assessment

Families will receive an email this week regarding their child's Best Start Assessment date and time for the beginning of Term 1 next year.

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.

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 Wednesday 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.

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.

Hunter Region Primary Mathematics Competition

Congratulations to the following students who achieved High Distinctions and Distinctions in the Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition:

Year 5

High Distinction: Joshua M

Distinction: Lauren P, Sophie C, Sammy T, Cooper C, Jamie M, Luke C, Xanthe C, Rory U, Kaia H, Sofia N, Blake B, Benjamin R, Alexander M, Nicholas Y, Joshua B, Archie E, Grace K, Corey C, Eleanor P, Grace E.

Year 6

High Distinction: Charlie W

Distinction: Thomas F, Isaac K, Jianan S, Alexander W, Zara B, Noah C, Tayn c, Lucy M, Ashton O, Thomas M, Ruben P, Liam S, Max D, Finn F, Lila H, Zen J, Austin M-P, Taj A, Samuel B, Daisy L, Damien R, Hannah D, Alexander J.



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Year 6 2021 Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program

Belair acknowledges the educational value of digital devices and online services in supporting and enhancing educational outcomes and student wellbeing. 'Remote Learning' changed the way we use technology on a daily basis and it is now even more deeply embedded in classroom learning at Belair Public School. Therefore, we need our students, especially our older students, to have access to reliable technology at school and at home. We also need to ensure that our students are adequately equipped to use these devices actively as creators, designers and makers, not just consumers, before they move onto high school.

In 2021, Year 6 students are asked to bring their own mobile computing device to school for learning purposes. This device should be a laptop/notebook/foldback device with an integrated/attached mechanical keyboard, as described in the recommended device specifications later in this document.

When students begin high school, they are required to bring their own devices. These devices are used extensively to access, complete and submit subject content. We would like to better prepare our students for high school by introducing a structured BYOD program at Belair Public School for Year 6 students. Students will become more confident, capable and skilled in using laptops for learning purposes.

Through this program students will learn how to: manage their own device and troubleshoot connection and technical issues, manage their own online learning, develop high-level technology skills, develop essential digital note taking skills and the knowledge necessary to engage appropriately and safely with the online world. They will become savvy digital learners and their transition to high school and then the 'real world' of further studies or the work force will occur in a more seamless fashion.

Rationale

Belair Public School is committed to deliver an innovative, challenging curriculum that values the role of technology in learning. Belair Public School BYOD program provides the opportunity for our students to develop and enhance the skills necessary to be engaged future-focussed learners. Through learning experiences, students will endeavour to become self-directed learners, critical and creative thinkers and collaborative team players.

This document provides advice and direction to Belair Public School parents and students using a BYO Device to access the Department of Education wireless network. While the policy is intended to be as comprehensive as possible, there will inevitably be some situations that are not specifically covered. In these circumstances, the Principal or their delegate will decide the appropriate course to take in the circumstances.

Objectives

1. To facilitate and promote the ability of all students to bring a device to school in Year 6 for use in their education.
2. To provide a safe environment for students to further Objective 1.
3. To ensure a reasonable standard of device compatibility.
4. To enable students to use technology to further their learning, independently and in structured lessons.
5. To provide a basis on which Belair Public School teachers can continue to tailor lesson delivery so that students can use their devices in class to enhance learning outcomes.
6. To facilitate the opportunity for students to engage in technology to build future-focussed learning skills.

Device Specifications

The device must meet or exceed the device specifications recommended by the school (listed below). Some suggestions of types/brands/models are offered to assist parents.

The school strongly recommends that parents and students choose a Windows-style laptop/notebook/foldback device to ensure that the BYOD Program maximises their learning experiences. Tablets like Apple iPads, Samsung Galaxy or other

Android tablets are not acceptable devices under this BYOD agreement. These devices do not have the ability to cater for the variety of technological applications which will be delivered in the classroom.

All BYO devices must have a physical keyboard with separate keys for A-Z and 0-9 which physically move when pressed. Convertible devices (a laptop that splits to become a tablet and keyboard separately) must have a physical keyboard attachment with this same functionality - separate keys which physically move when pressed.

Device Specifications:

Device Type	Windows Laptop / Notebook / Foldback	Apple Mac Laptop
Operating System MINIMUM	Windows 8.1 / 10	OS X 10.9
Wireless (Wifi) Protocol MINIMUM	802.11n / 802.11ac	802.11n / 802.11ac
Screen Size MINIMUM	11" minimum diagonal measurement	11" minimum diagonal measurement
Storage Capacity MINIMUM	64 GB	64 GB
RAM Memory MINIMUM	4 GB	4 GB
Battery Life MINIMUM	6 hours	6 hours

Please note:

Windows 10 'S' version is NOT recommended. Windows 10 'S' version restricts software installation to only applications obtained through the Microsoft Store. To install applications normally from an executable file, the full version of Windows 10 is required. Windows 10 'S' version is often found on the lower priced laptops.

It is recommended that BYO devices have the following protections:

- Insurance against loss or breakage;
- A protective carry case;
- Anti-virus / anti-malware software installed.

For NSW Department of Education device recommendations please visit:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/technology/guides-and-forms/policies/student-byod/recommended-device-specifications>

Please Note: Devices operating on the 802.11n or 802.11ac or 802.11ax protocols can connect to the wireless (wifi) network installed at Belair Public School.

Software Specifications:

NSW Department of Education (DoE) students have **free** access to:

- Microsoft Office 365 Cloud Apps Suite - via the DoE student portal;
- Google G Suite Cloud Apps for Education - via the DoE student portal;
- Adobe Creative Cloud Apps - via the DoE student portal;
- Microsoft Office Suite installer - via the DoE student portal > Office 365 > Install Office.

The software installed on the BYO device must meet the following requirements:

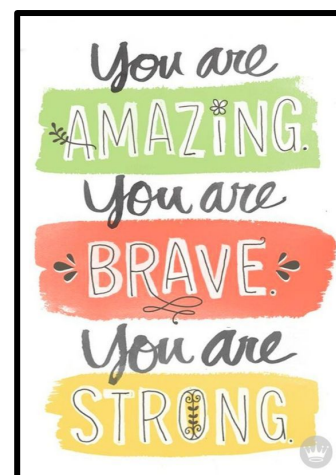
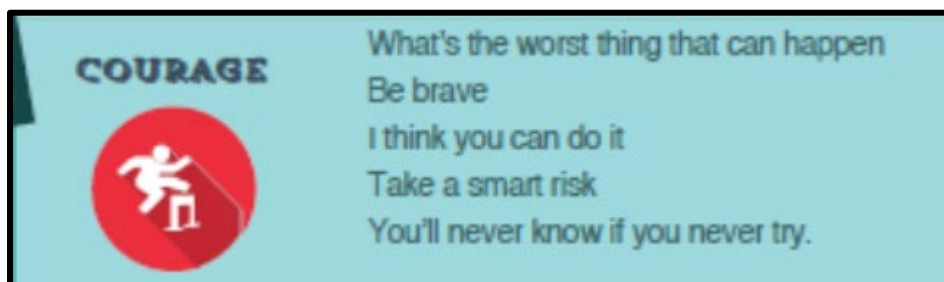
Operating System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microsoft Windows 8.1 or newer • Apple MacOS X 10.9 or newer <p>Note: Android-based tablets are intentionally omitted from the Hardware Specification.</p> <p><i>Microsoft Office and some Adobe products are provided to all DoE students free of charge. Access to this offer is via the student DoE portal link (Learning, Adobe software download).</i></p>
Education Software	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web browser Internet Explorer 11 or newer, Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Safari 9 or newer • Word Processor, Spreadsheet & Presentation Package e.g. Microsoft Office, Google Apps, Office 365 online availability • PDF Reader e.g. Adobe Acrobat Reader or compatible • Flash and Java (latest versions) • Additional subject-specific software may be required.
Backup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cloud or USB based backup solution e.g. Microsoft 365 or Google Drive <p><i>Students must ensure that their files are regularly backed up.</i></p>
Security Software	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windows laptops should run Microsoft Security Essentials or equivalent. • MacOS X laptops should run Sophos Home or equivalent. <p><i>Antivirus and antimalware programs must be kept up to date in order to be effective.</i></p>

Gold Merit Awards



Deputy Principal's Message

This week's resilience focus is **COURAGE**.



Attendance Update

Week	Total No. of Partial Absences	% Late arrivals	% Sick leave for appointments	% sent home sick from school	% leaving early for family holiday	% other
1	58	19%	52%	12%	12%	5%
2	51	35%	35%	18%	4%	8%
3	82	34%	40%	18%	6%	2%
4	56	30%	32%	27%	0%	11%
5	80	17 – 21.25%	32 – 40%	18 – 22.5%	1 – 1.25%	12 – 15%
6	63	14 – 22%	16 – 25%	12 – 20%	9 – 14%	12 – 19%
7	53	5 – 9.4%	19 – 36%	16 – 30.2%	5 – 9.4%	8 – 15.1%
8	59	13 – 22%	23 – 39%	11 – 18.6%	6 – 10.2%	6 – 10.2%

Below is a table that outlines each class's percentage of attendance for Week 7, based on whole-day attendance. Our school target is 95.1% attendance.

KB – 98%	KM – 96%	KZ – 93%	1M – 88.7%	1S – 90.4%	1/2B – 88.33%
2C – 88.33%	2L – 97.5%	3E – 97.86%	3H – 91.03%	3/4A – 90%	4B – 97.6%
4JP – 93.6%	4/5R – 93.85%	5B – 89.29%	5G – 93.33%	5/6F – 90%	6P – 89.66%
6W – 93.57%					

Below is a table that outlines each class's percentage of attendance for Week 8, based on whole-day attendance. Our school target is 95.1% attendance.

KB – 100%	KM – 97%	KZ – 97%	1M – 94.78%	1S – 90.4%	1/2B – 93.33%
2C – 87.5%	2L – 97.5%	3E – 91.43%	3H – 97.93%	3/4A – 93.85%	4B – 98.4%
4JP – 94.4%	4/5R – 87.69%	5B – 92.14%	5G – 92.59%	5/6F – 92.14%	6P – 92.41%
6W – 95%	Congratulations to class KB for 100% attendance.				

*Kind regards,
Sarah Jardine
Deputy Principal (Rel.)*

Kindergarten Report

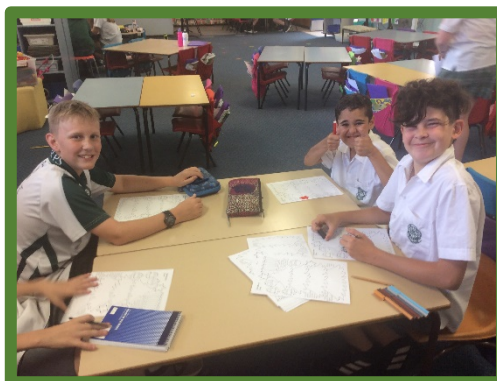


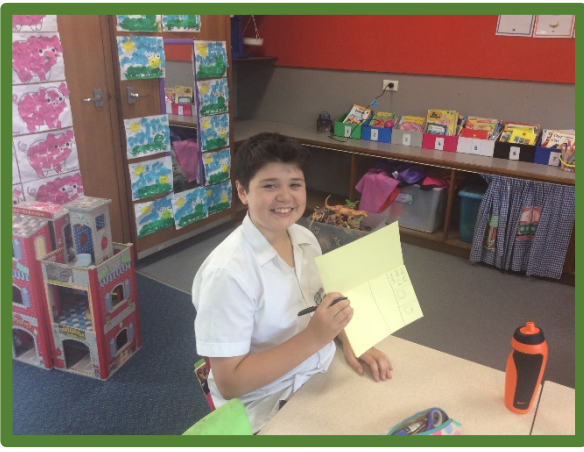
Early Stage One Presentation Day

The Early Stage One Presentation Assembly was held today, Tuesday 8th December. All students received a certificate in recognition of their learning and development throughout Kindergarten. Photos of the assembly were taken and will be shared with families. Classes are finalising a short end of year video which will also be shared with families before the end of the year.

Year 6 Return to Kindergarten

On Monday all students across the school spent a learning session in the grade above. To make this possible, Year 6 returned to where it all began with a fun packed session in the Kindergarten classrooms.





Stage1 Report



Congratulations to our Stage 1 award winners who were recognised for their academic achievements, growth and/or citizenship at the

Stage 1 Presentation Day Assembly
Tuesday 8 December 2020.

A special thank you to our Stage 1 leaders who spoke beautifully as they addressed the assembly and to all the students who were so steady as they demonstrated our values of respect and responsibility.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the incredible staff who do an amazing job everyday as they guide and support our students in and out of the classroom.



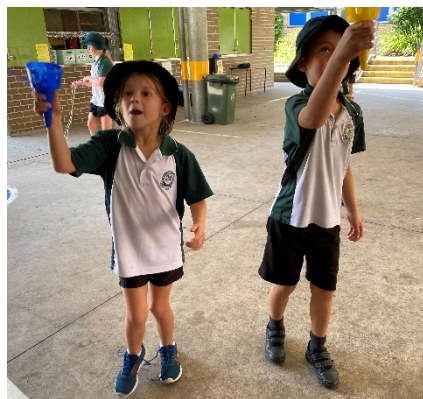




We hope that next year and, in the years, to follow, our Belair families and friends can join us in our celebrations.



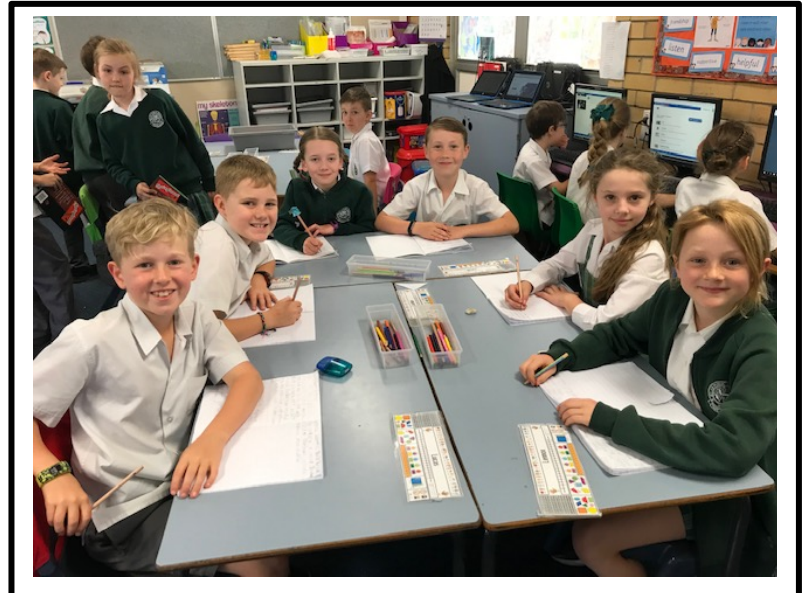
Stage 1 Report



Stage 1 enjoyed “free choice” sport. Lots of exciting options including cricket, hoops, targets, soccer, handball, stilts, bat and ball and sandpit. As always there were rules and expectations including choosing 3 different activities as part of the rotations and wearing a hat when engaging in outdoor sport. Then finally, packing away all the equipment. Too awesome!



Stage 1 Report



2C Literacy Groups



Activities include:

- Guided reading
- Imaginative writing
- Response to text
- Grammar & punctuation
- Familiar reading
- Information gathering
- Publishing
- Computers

Stage 2 Report





Stage 3 Report

More photos from the Years 5 and 6 excursions last week in Sydney and Bathurst.



Year 6 Mini Fete - Wednesday 9 December

The aim of the Mini Fete is for Year 6 students to raise money for a gift to the school.

Students in Kindergarten to Year 5 are invited to participate in the Mini Fete by purchasing items from stalls including ice-cream, cupcakes, colour hair spray, Trash and Treasure and side show alley games. Students will be able to purchase tokens on Wednesday morning to spend at the fete. Tokens will be in \$5, \$2 or \$1 sheets. Extra tokens will be available during the fete. Students may also purchase from the white elephant stall.



Novelty items \$1-\$4

Students may come 'out of uniform'



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


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Donations accepted until the end of 2020





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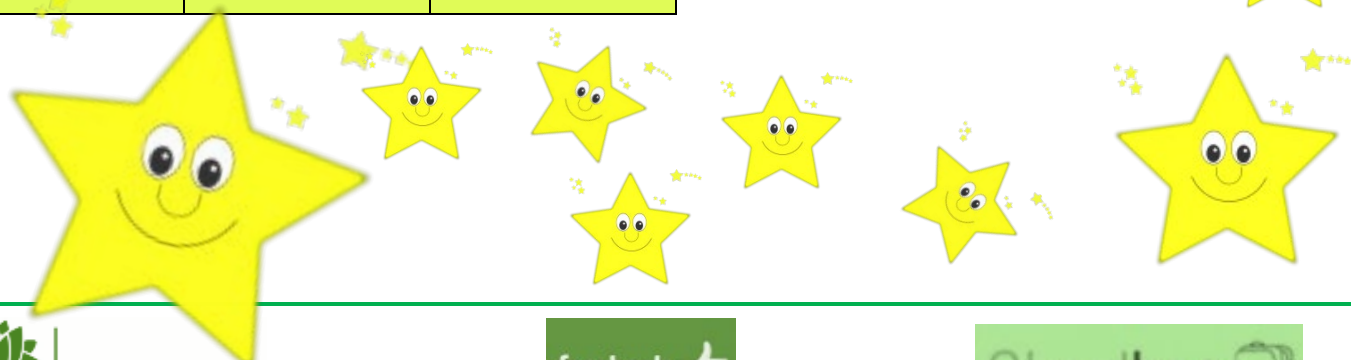
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 Student Awards					
KB		2L	<i>Hayley G, Anneka S</i>	5B	
KM	<i>Choklang T, Enzo Z</i>	3E	<i>Maesey U, Alby A</i>	5G	<i>Chase W, Xanthe C</i>
KZ	<i>Hannah S, Elliot R</i>	3H	<i>Aimee L, Samuel H</i>	5/6F	<i>Laura N, Taylor S</i>
1M	<i>Adrian M, Audrey S</i>	3/4A	<i>Chase B, Eli A</i>	6P	<i>Alexander J, Charlotte D</i>
1S	<i>Ethan S, Isabella W</i>	4B	<i>Oliver S, Violet P</i>	6W	<i>Tayn C, Kade C, Hannah D, Lilly G</i>
1/2B	<i>Camilla M, Amelia B</i>	4JP	<i>Jasmin T'H, Eadie Q</i>		
2C	<i>Marlon L, Eleanora M</i>	4/5R	<i>Heloise D, Trinity H</i>		

Gold Merit Awards		
Jessie J	Summer T	Noah C
Laura N	Zara B	Lily B
Lennon B		

Up-Stander Awards		
Skye S	Phoebe M	



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 9 th December Allison B	Thursday 10 th December Renee P	Friday 11 th December Peta L	Monday 14 th December Kaley R Rachel M	Tuesday 15 th December Dave T
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Please be advised that the canteen will be closed on the last day of school (Wednesday 16th December) for lunch orders and over-the-counter sales. The P&C are kindly giving all students an ice-block on this day.

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.