

Belair Public School Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 10

15 December 2020



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

Principal's Message

Greetings Everyone,

It is so hard to believe that we are in the last week of term!!

Our 3-6 Presentation Day was a wonderful celebration of success over what has been a challenging year. Every child, parent and teacher deserve to feel proud of the way you have continued to not just cope, but thrive despite hardships and change this year. It certainly wasn't the Presentation we normally have with all of our parents and guests present, however still a special time to acknowledge highlights and achievements over the year. A package of presentation photos and video of the band performance will be posted on

Facebook in the next few days.

A touching moment of the ceremony was the outgoing prefects passing their leadership duties onto the incoming prefects and the announcement of the 2021 School Captains.

The 2021 Prefect body as announced today include:

Captains Evie O and Cooper C with prefects Charli C, Molly H, Lauren P, Taylor S, Sammy T, Joshua M, Lachlan R, Marley R, Tyler R and Jude W. Congratulations on your elected positions! Thank you to our 2020 captains and prefects for their leadership across the year, even though the impact of Covid meant less leadership duties at times, you should be proud of how you upheld your positions.

I would like to acknowledge Christina Price, one of our special guests at the presentation today, for her outstanding commitment to Belair as a P and C representative for the past 15 years. We are so thankful for all of your help and support Christina, and value the time you have given to students, staff and families over the years.

The Year 6 Farewell was a fantastic night last Wednesday. Year 6 did themselves proud, looked amazing and had a fantastic night! A big thank you also to Year 6 for your parting gift to the school. A very successful mini-fete raised \$2400 which will go towards student signage around the school. Wednesday afternoon we will have the Year 6 traditional clap-out. Belair students K-5 will make a human passageway through the school for Year 6 to pass through. The clap-out will end at the Cynthia Street gate where we ask parents to meet Year 6 students on Hudson Park to be part of the clap-out and pick up children there. It is important that parents remain socially distanced to maintain Covid safety regulations.

Congratulations to our Term 4 Gold Award winners who enjoyed a BBQ lunch last Thursday.

Stage party days today have been a fun way to finish the year for all students.

Thank you to the P and C for giving every student an ice block on the last day as a congratulations for being so resilient over a tough year.

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and holiday break with family and friends. Reflecting over the year of 2020, with all of its challenges, being with the people we care about is the most important thing to cherish!

Have a wonderful week!

*Kind regards,
Kathie Colley
Principal*

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 an email from the school today outlining any outstanding fees, could you please call the office before making payment so we can use the credit on your account.

Belair Social Dance Club

Belair Dance Club will be running again in 2021. The classes will run Thursday mornings in the hall at 8am. The class will be \$90 for a 10-week term. There is *NO* audition process and the only requirement will be black jazz shoes. Please contact Kate Collier on 0416 073 035 should you require further information.

Belair Festival Dance Group (Senior and Junior)

Auditions for the Junior and Senior 2021 Dance Groups have been held and congratulations go to the following students.

JUNIOR DANCE GROUP 2021

Year 3 2021: Verity T, Stella H, Molly J, Anneka S, Sophie R, Olive D, Erica W, Hayley A

Year 4 2021: Ruby J, Maddison M, Eva M, Emily H, Priya H, Emily W, Evie H, Indie B, Isabella H, Clancy H, Ellie F, Molly M, Lori B, Evie J, Chloe S, Maya E, Edie P, Ronna S

SENIOR DANCE GROUP

Year 5 2021: Harriet S, Evie B, Shelbi G, Trinity H, Ruby A, Alice R, Evie W, Marli MP, Hanna C, Annika D, Phoebe S, Lily G, Eliza KM, Indiana W

Year 6 2021: Chloe M, Ahlia W, Kaia H, Charli C, Xanthe C, Lilla C, Lauren P, Wyllow R, Evie O, Sofia N, Holly S, Zala J, Ysabel S

Lessons begin in Week 2 Term 1 2021.

Juniors: Monday 1st February

Seniors: Wednesday 3rd February

Attendance at all lessons are very important as both groups will be working hard towards their Hunter Dance Festival audition.

Have a Happy and Safe Christmas!

Penny Mounser

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.

NSW School Bus Service Change

From **Monday 14 December, Week 10 Term 4**, there will be improvements to Newcastle Transport regular routes and school service timetables. These changes have been made to improve reliability and better reflect congestion and travel times to get students to and from school in the Newcastle Transport area.

While there have been no changes to dedicated school service routes, some minor adjustments have been made to timetables to better reflect congestion and actual travel times to and from schools around the Newcastle Transport area.

New school service timetables are now available to view online: <https://newcastletransport.info/plan-your-trip/school-services/>

Students who use regular routes will also need to check their timetables.

Belair Public School changed services include:

711 – now arriving 5 minutes earlier in the afternoon to be closer to the bell time – view new timetable here: <https://transportnsw.info/documents/timetables/89-711-Adamstown-Hts-to-Belair-Primary-20201213.pdf>

Deputy Principal's Message

What a magnificent term we have had. It's been a fabulous way to finish what has been a year of many ups and downs. It was lovely today to watch students being acknowledged for their efforts and achievements in the classroom, on the sporting field and in their extra-curricular pursuits at the 3-6 Presentation assembly. My favourite part of today was watching students in the audience being genuinely proud of and excited for their friends and classmates as they were called up to the stage to collect their award. Belair is truly a lovely community to be a part of. I would like to take this opportunity to wish our students and their families a very merry Christmas and a safe and restful break. I look forward to seeing you all back fresh faced in 2021.

Attendance Update

Below is a table that outlines each class's percentage of attendance for Week 9, based on whole-day attendance. Our school target is 95.1% attendance.

KB – 97%	KM – 95%	KZ – 92%	1M – 94.78%	1S – 96.8%	1/2B – 97.5%
2C – 95.8%	2L – 95.8%	3E – 95%	3H – 93.79%	3/4A – 95.38%	4B – 95.2%
4JP – 96%	4/5R – 91.5%	5B – 92.8%	5G – 91.1%	5/6F – 90.7%	6P – 93.79%
6W – 93.57%					

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

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all of the students who competed in the swimming carnival last week at Mayfield Pool.

Swimming Champions:
Junior: Evie W and Kaiden W
Senior: Isabella W and Liam S



Kindergarten Report

Year 6 Mini Fete



Stage 1 Report

We have had a brilliant year. Despite the challenges of 2020 we managed to have fun, super learning opportunities with friends in and out of the classroom, lots of laughs and become more resilient, responsible and reflective learners.

1M has shown great effort resulting in amazing improvements and fabulous successes. Yes, we are pretty brilliant!

Birthdays at school, Dojo points and class parties, reading and maths groups, Spelling Mastery, dancing, singing, percussion, art, online learning, history, HSIE, PE, sport, craft, science and group work! Special, hands-on fun, incredible, engaging and exciting. Thanks to all our families and super teachers! We've loved it all.



Class 1S has achieved great things across all subject areas this year. Most of us can now swing across the monkey bars and our climbing, kicking, balancing and striking skills have strengthened. Our computer skills are fantastic! We can publish stories and make information slides with transitions and picture animations. Party Day was today and it was FUN!



Having Mrs Swinburn and Mrs Belfield as our teachers has been awesome!

Stage 1

The best things about school this year were having a lot of friends in the classroom, our wonderful teacher teaching us such interesting things, free play, school celebrations, technology to help us learn, Go Noodle and Art.
Aisling, Camilla, Evie, Lexie, Milla and Amelia

Our highlights of the year are maths, having a good teacher, having a big classroom, history, friends, art, out of uniform days and party day.
Sam, Tom, Kip, Matthew and Michael

We have loved art, writing, English and maths this year, and we love our teacher.
Erica, Verity, Lexi and Aliya

Our favourite things at school this year were science, maths, free play, English, art, Minecraft, Miss Brown visiting us and our wonderful teacher.
Sage, Lucas, Felix, Archer, Ted, Darcy, Jacob, Tobias, Lachie

The things that made 2020 extraordinarily memorable: great students, great teachers to work alongside, fabulous things to learn and amazing community spirit. Mrs Bruce



2C has had a lovely year of learning and fun. There have been so many highlights. One of our favourite things was dressing up for book week and dancing in the parade. We also enjoyed Healthy Harold's visit earlier in the year. It's been a busy year but we've enjoyed every moment. Thank you, Mrs Critchley, for all your hard work with our class and making the year so special.

Bring on 2021!



2C wear their smiles every day and make the most of their learning. A class of champions.

What an awesome way to finish our year..... on stage performing. Lights, costumes and props. Too much fun! Wow 2L!

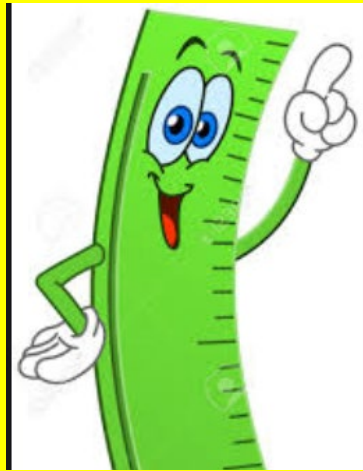


2L showed courage, resilience and persistence during the rehearsals for their drama performance of the indigenous creation story Tiddalick the Frog. The students worked in teams to create their own movements and adapt the script for their final performance. Well done and what a highlight for our class. A big thank you to Ms Loredo for your commitment to making sure 2L had a sensation year with you. Ready for Year 3 in 2021!

Stage 1 Report



2C have been learning about length in maths



I'm talking about my Dr Seuss collection today
I hope I can do it in a fun way

I'm here to tell all students and teachers
I've read a book about the Sneetches
It involves lots of crazy creatures
Who roamed around the sandy beaches

"Oh the places you'll go" is another book
You may be surprised but it is not about a cook
It is about someone who travels in a balloon
I always wonder if they'll make it to the moon

"The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" is about
Cindy Lou Who
She wanted to save Christmas and thought
that's what she'd do

I've a few other books like Green Eggs and
Ham, and the Cat in the Hat, Plus One Fish
Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish, Fox in
Socks...and that's that.

I loved talking about Dr Seuss books with you
I had fun and I hope you did too.

By Matthew Howley

Stage 2

To celebrate a fantastic year of learning, Year 3 and 4 took to Wallsend pool today for some fun on the inflatable and a dip in the cool, refreshing water. On our return to school, we dined on pizza, soft drink and an ice-cream. What a way to finish a wild 2020. Thank you to all of our wonderful students and our dedicated teachers for all of their hard work this year. Here are some photos of our water fun!



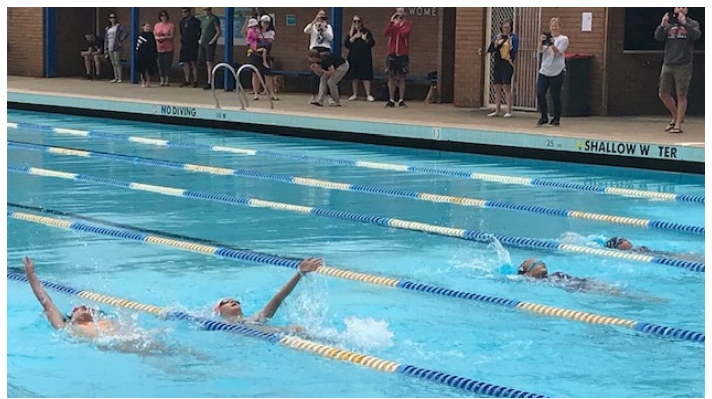
Stage 3 Report

Year 6 held a fun and successful Mini Fete last Wednesday, raising over \$2400 to purchase a gift for the school.






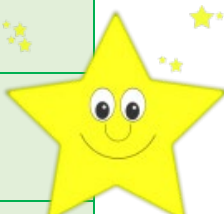






Stage 3 Report

The Belair Swimming Carnival was held last Friday at Mayfield Pool. Congratulations to all of the swimmers who competed. The behaviour and sportsmanship displayed was fantastic!





3E		5G	<i>Corey C, Cooper M</i>
3H	<i>Sarah L, Jayden K</i>	5/6F	<i>Tyler R, Ana G</i>
34/A	<i>Molly M, Jonah G</i>	6P	
4B	<i>Genevieve M, Luke D</i>	6W	<i>Tayn C, Kade C, Lilly G, Hannah D</i>
4JP	<i>Jasmine T, Christina Y</i>		  
4/5R			
5B			

Gold Merit Awards		
Archie C	Trinity H	Shaun J
Alexandros R	Emily H	Jude W
Lennox B	Damien R	Liza C-W
Xavier H		



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

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.



School bus service changes from 14 December

There will be timetable changes to some school services to improve reliability. Parents and students will need to check their trip to and from school.

It's easy to check your trip

- 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 14 December.

Don't forget to tap on with your school Opal card

Tapping on and off provides Newcastle Transport with important data to help us plan better services for your school.