

Belair Public School Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 7

24 November 2020



Term 4	
November	
24-25	Kindergarten 2021 Transition
23-25	Year 6 Bathurst Excursion
27	Year 5 Sydney Excursion
25	KHS Parent Info Evening
30 Nov-2 Dec	Year 4 Camp - Aussie Bush Camp
December	
3-4	Prefect Speeches – Voting
7	Scripture Assembly
8	Stage 1 Presentation Day
9	Year 6 Farewell
10	Prefect Announcement

Principal's Message

Greetings Everyone,

Congratulations, to our debating team for their wonderful achievements, making it to the 3rd round of the State Finals Knock Out Series. An outstanding level to reach and a first for Belair debating teams. The team were narrowly defeated by North Sydney Demonstration School. The topic was "All extra curricula activities should be banned until a Covid vaccine is developed", and they argued for the negative. We are all so proud of you!

Year 6 are currently having a wonderful time on the Bathurst excursion as is evident from the photos coming through and teacher accounts. The weather in the Blue Mountains looks a little wet and wild but not enough to prevent them getting out and about. It is wonderful that we were able to organise this opportunity for Year 6 and a big thank you must go to the Year 6 teachers for going the extra mile at such a busy time of the school year.

The School Improvement Team are at the point that we would like to consult with the community. Due to changes

in Covid regulations, we are able to have 20 parents and 10 staff meet after school. 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 (the first 20 parents to respond will be contacted via email):

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=muagBYpBwUecJZOHJhv5kQX1rhREFWZCraLabhQOLaURERBQ0pJVkQzU1hHM1BWEIMWERGMEQyTC4u>

I hope you all have a fantastic week.

*Kind regards,
Kathie Colley
Principal (rel)*

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.

Auditions Junior and Senior Dance Groups

Auditions for the Hunter Dance Festival Belair Dance Groups will be held in upcoming weeks. Notes have been distributed to interested students in grades 2, 3 4 and 5. If your child is interested then will need to get a note from Mrs Mounser or the office.

Audition Dates:

Junior – Monday 7th December at 8.00am in the school hall. (Week 8)

Senior – Wednesday 16th December at 8.00am in the school hall. (Week 9)

All auditioning students need to be prompt please.

Penny Mounser

School Dance Coordinator

P and C Meeting

The final P and C meeting will be next Wednesday 2nd November, 7pm in the staffroom. It would be great to see as many parents as possible at this meeting as we consider planning for next year.

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.

Book Club Orders

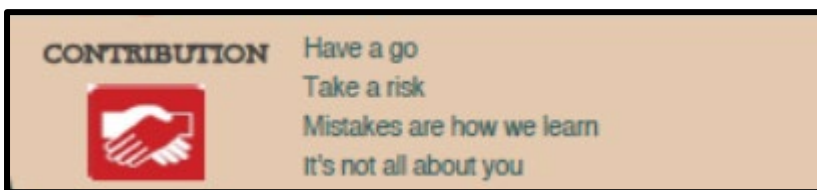
BookClub orders are due by this Thursday 26 November.

Gold Merit Awards



Deputy Principal's Message

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



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%

Below is a table that outlines each class's percentage of attendance for Week 6, based on whole-day attendance. Our school target is 95.1% attendance.

KB – 96%	KM – 100%	KZ – 96%	1M – 95.65%	1S – 97.6%	1/2B – 97.5%
2C – 94.17%	2L – 95.83%	3E – 91.43%	3H – 94.48%	3/4A – 90%	4B – 95.2%
4JP – 98.46%	4/5R – 94.46%	5B – 89.29%	5G – 98.52%	5/6F – 93.57%	6P – 95.17%
6W – 96.55%	Congratulations to class KM for 100% attendance.				

Tell Them From Me

In our recent Tell Them From Me survey, students were asked to outline the types of creative play experiences they have engaged with in the playground. Here are some of their responses. Please be mindful that I have copied and pasted exactly what was typed by the students.

loos parts play

i do dance group and playing in the mud kitchen an lose parts play and tips and hide and seek

Me and my friends and i like to do flips evry day and i go on the aquiment!

we now have stick play and a mud kitchen, i don't really use those privileges because i normally play touch footy with some older kids at this school

i play with my friend at beaks in at the blue stage and the history garden

at school i love to use the soccer goals at third break but when we don't have the soccer goals me and my friends sometimes ply touch footy or play tips and stuff.

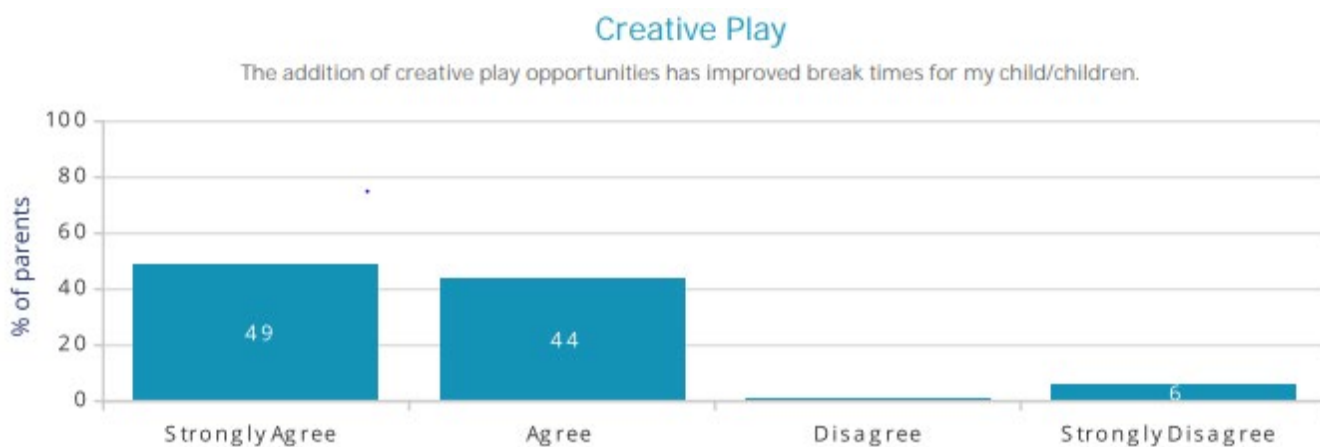
the buddy benches and the new play equipment and the mud kitchen and the new play ares we have like the hand ball and the shade ares at the blue stage and we can play new games that let us make new friends and the blue stage lets us play around and we are allowed to build forts and be creative

buildings forts with sticks and branches leaves etc

building forts using the loose parts play created my own games building with mud

we have the lose part play the mud kitchen chess boards and the equipment also some bars at the top of the hill

Parents were asked how the addition of creative play opportunities has improved break times at Belair. Here is a graph displaying parent responses.

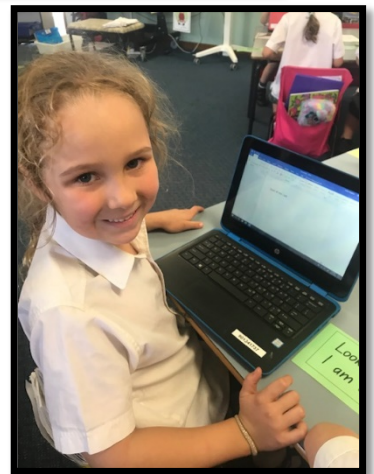
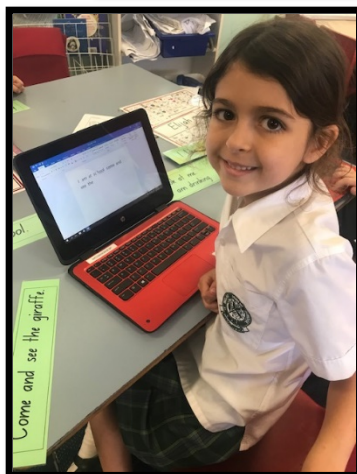
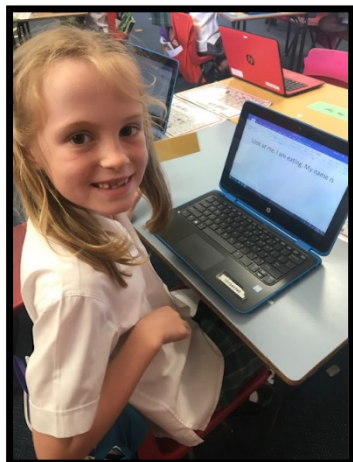
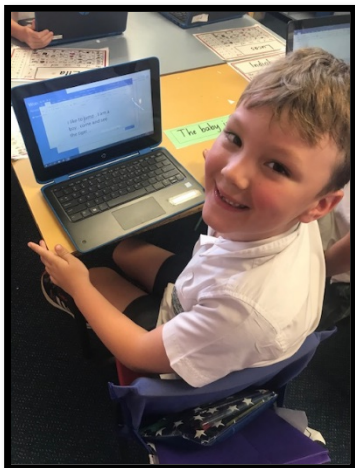
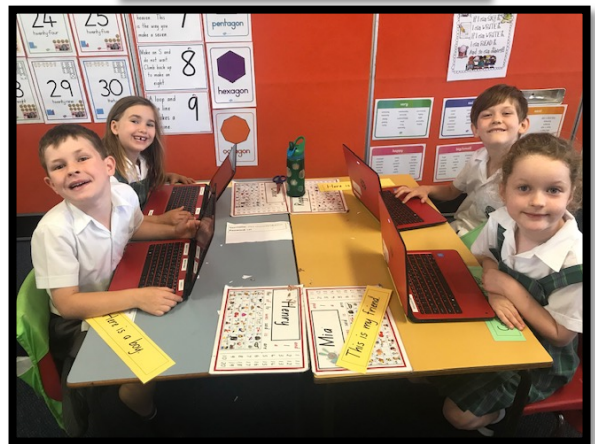
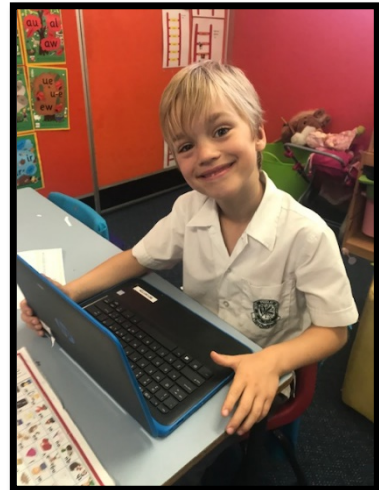


*Kind regards,
Sarah Jardine
Deputy Principal (Rel.)*

Kindergarten Report



KB have been busy learning all about using our laptops independently. We have been learning to logon to the computers, open and use Microsoft Word and shut the computer down. Our favourite part has been learning to change the size of the font.



Stage 1 Report



We have continued to read music as part of our percussion lessons. Spoilt for choice; tambourines, bells, drums, wood blocks, triangles, cymbals and castanets. Very loud and lots of fun, the 1M percussion band played all the top percussion hits.



1M then headed outside the classroom for practical maths. Students made predictions and measured the length of their paper plane's flight path.

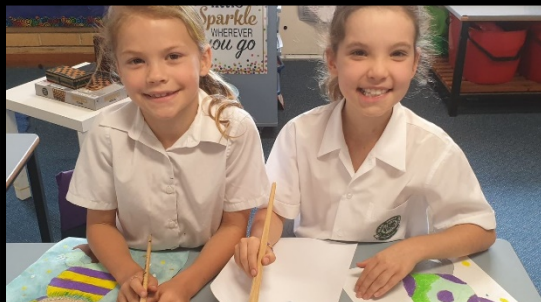


Stage 1 Report

This week is about all things creative in 1/2B. We have been having lots of fun with the creative arts. The drumming buckets have been a big hit (pun intended). The students have loved getting their groove on as we learn to keep the beat. We even have dancers to accompany the drum beats.



We have also been creating lots of visual art using different mediums, including paint, oil pastels and collage. Look at our beautiful artworks!



Stage 2 Report- Spelling Mastery focus

All of Year 1 to 6 participate in Spelling Mastery lessons 4 times a week. The Spelling Mastery program has been chosen after research was conducted by staff last year to help improve our whole school spelling results and increase the outcomes for each student. Due to COVID-19 there were some weeks where we were not able to run lessons earlier in the year. All lessons have gone ahead in Term 4. There have been some great results with the majority of our students achieving 10 out of 10 or 25 out of 25 in their check in tests after every 5 lessons. Here are a small collection of photos from the Spelling Mastery classes that involve Stage 2 teachers.

It's fun and I like the tests. We write a lot in our lessons.
Lincoln O

It's very good and interesting. You learn how to spell new words and you get to learn about the meaning of the words. Emily W

I have learnt about morphographs. Morphographs are parts of words that have meaning. Evie H

I like the tests because you can check your score after to know how you went. Max

It's making spelling easier for me.
Sarah L

You learn about morphographs. You learn about the different parts of words and that every word has a morphograph. Sasha F

It's fun when we are doing the activities in our textbook. It's helpful with my spelling. Annika B

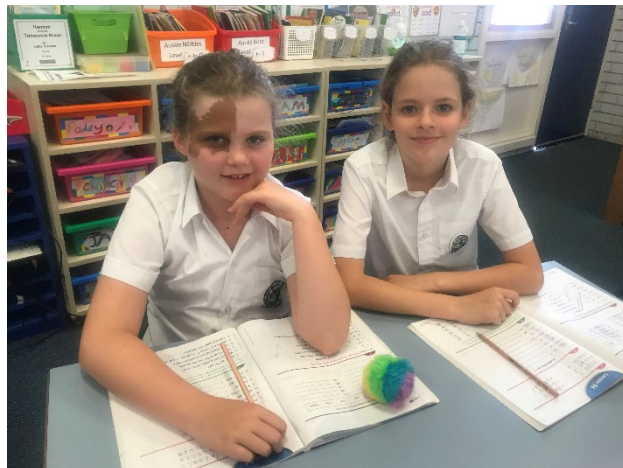
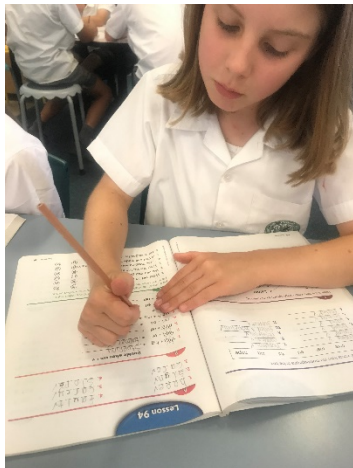
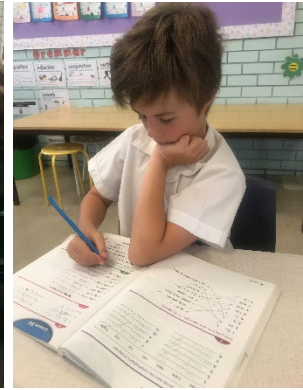
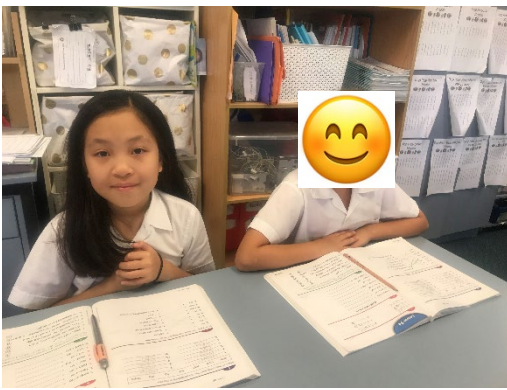
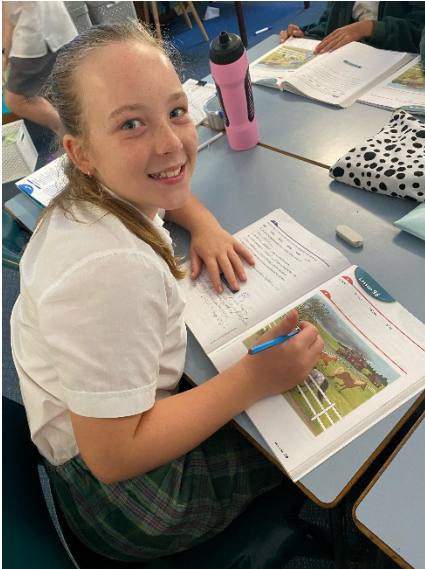
It improves my spelling abilities. It's fun and I like the games in it. Eliza K-M

I like it because our teacher is fun. I like spelling. I like going into my Spelling Mastery class. Kaelym M

It has helped me this year. We play games and practise the words in sentences. Hugo D

If you don't know a word we get to learn how to do it lots of times. If you don't know the word the first lesson it comes up in the next few lessons too. It makes it easier to learn new words.
Mikaeel K





Year 6 Report



Year 6 Bathurst Excursion





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School Environment

Waste free lunches were looking awesome in Year 3 last week. As part of their homework students were asked to pack a healthy, waste free lunchbox by themselves. Look at some of the amazing lunchboxes. Let's continue our goal of REDUCING packaging that is brought to school through REUSING containers, wraps and lunchboxes. Remember if you leave a container at school it will be put on a brick wall in one of the COLA areas for you to collect. Be responsible and take your containers home every day!





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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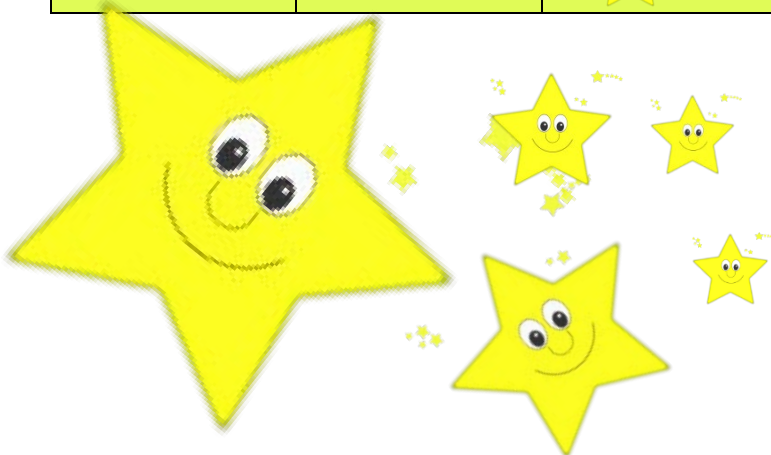


 Student Awards					
KB	<i>Chloe S, Lucas S</i>	2L	<i>Joshua G, Cooper M, Neive P, Molly J</i>	5B	<i>Jessie J, Lillia C, Ahlia W</i>
KM	<i>Wilson O, Ezra P</i>	3E	<i>Austin F, James W</i>	5G	<i>Corey M, Chase W</i>
KZ	<i>George H, Lila L</i>	3H	<i>Ben W, Samuel R</i>	5/6F	<i>Beau P, William E</i>
1M	<i>Macey O, Chase M, Brooklyn M, Jackson F</i>	3/4A	<i>Kai K, Priya H</i>	6P	<i>Amahli R, Josie W</i>
1S	<i>Ziggy Y, Edward A</i>	4B	<i>Hannah M, Hugo W</i>	6W	<i>Liam S, Zen J</i>
1/2B	<i>Ted B, Sage J</i>	4JP	<i>Claudia J, Jamie M</i>		
2C	<i>Lennox B, Eleanor K, Lucas P, Amelia E</i>	4/5R	<i>Julia S, Blake B</i>		

Gold Merit Awards		
Micha C	Flynn R	
		

BAND	
Byron B	

Dance	
Isabella W	Emily W



CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen Roster and News ~ Canteen Supervisor Sonja

0438 684 401



The Green Tree Kitchen

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

Wednesday 25 th November Allison B	Thursday 26 th November Natalie M	Friday 27 th November Jen A Jaimie Y	Monday 30 th November Help Needed	Tuesday 1 st December Mel F
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Black Friday Sales Warning- Please consider ordering on Thursday (for this Friday), as last year the Black Friday Sales crashed the online ordering system and made ordering lunches on Flexischool difficult.

If you want to see your kids at school, how about volunteering at the canteen? This lovely few hours will allow you unprecedented access to your little ones at school. So please

check the roster above to see if a time suits you.



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 reward after this tis 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 in limited) If you child has 10 Dollarmites Tokens and would like to order any of the rewards from previous years, please see the listed of rewards still available below.

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

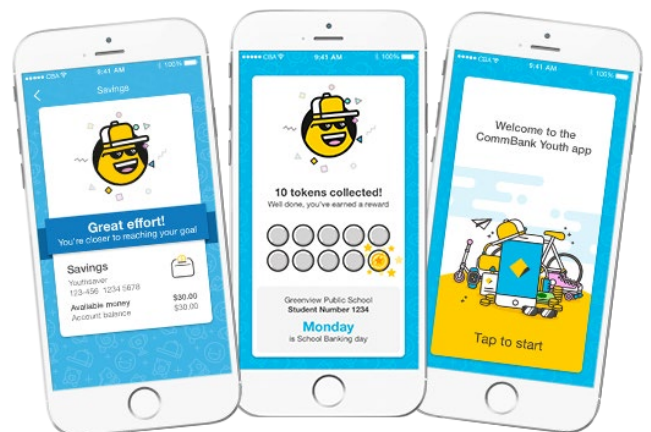
2019 Rewards

- 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.



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 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 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

Good for Kids good for life

RECIPE: BEEF AND BROCCOLI PASTA

Serves 4

Ingredients:

- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 1 tsbp olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic
- 400g lean beef mince
- 1 medium capsicum, chopped
- 1 tin no-added-salt chopped tomatoes
- 250g wholemeal penne
- 1 head broccoli, chopped in to florets
- 1/3 cup grated cheese



Method:

1. Fry onion and garlic in oil for 2-3 minutes on medium-high heat. Add beef mince and cook, stirring until brown (about 5 minutes).
2. Add in capsicum and tomatoes. Reduce heat to low and simmer for 10 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, cook pasta in boiling water until al dente. Add broccoli for last 1-2 minutes of cooking. Drain. Stir pasta and broccoli in to beef and tomato mixture.
4. Serve and top with cheese.

Variations: Add in herbs such as basil, oregano, rosemary for extra flavour. Before serving, place in baking tray, top with cheese and bake 15 minutes at 180 degrees Celcius.

Recipe adapted from healthyfoodguide.com.au



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

HNELHD-GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au
<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>



316 SQUADRON ARE RECRUITING



Recruit Information Sessions – Thursday 26th November 2020 at 7.00pm
Bullecourt Barracks, Military Road, off Bruncker Road Adamstown

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

admino.316sqn@airforcecadets.gov.au / Phone: 0437 890 523

AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS
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www.316sqn.aafc.org.au



What are the activities of the Australian Air Force Cadets?

The Australian Air Force Cadets will teach you valuable life skills, helping you develop qualities of leadership, self-reliance, self-confidence, self-discipline, self-respect, good communication, teamwork and citizenship.

Young people will also have the opportunity to experience life in the Air Force.

Activities Cadets undertake

- **Weekly parades** where Cadets have a set syllabus with topics such as service knowledge, aviation, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), fieldcraft, survival, drill and ceremonial.
- **Marches and Services** such as ANZAC Day, Remembrance Day, RAAF Association and other community activities.
- **Weekend field exercises** concentrate on bush survival, fieldcraft, navigation exercises and leadership training.

Cadet experiences include

- Powered flying
- Gliding
- Engineering (basic aeroskills)
- Aeromodelling and unmanned aerial vehicles (drones)
- Air Traffic Control courses
- Musician
- Firearms safety training
- First Aid courses
- Adventure training

- Exchanges to overseas countries with other Air Cadet organisations
- Leadership training

Do you wear a uniform?

Two uniforms are issued at no cost – the Service Dress Uniform (Air Force Blues) and Disruptive Pattern Uniform (DPU).

Does it take up much time?

Parades are about three hours, one night per week during school terms plus some weekend activities. Camps and courses are run during school holidays.

How much does it cost?

Squadrons charge a yearly fee to cover administration costs and insurance.

What is our history?

The Australian Air Force Cadets was formed in 1941 as the Air Training Corps. Its original aim was to prepare young men from the ages of 13 to 18 to join the Air Force.

In 2001, the Federal Government renamed the Air Training Corps to become the Australian Air Force Cadets. All three Cadet services (Air Force, Army and Navy) form the Australian Defence Force Cadets.

For further information

For your nearest Australian Air Force Cadets Squadron, visit our website www.airforcecadets.gov.au



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The Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC) is a youth-orientated organisation administered and actively supported by the Royal Australian Air Force.



Who can join?

- Membership is open to Australian-resident young adults aged 12-18 with parent permission
- You must be sufficiently fit and capable of carrying out the normal duties and activities of a Cadet in the AAFC. The applicant is to declare any known medical conditions at the time of application in order to assist the Commanding Officer in determining suitability for enrolment and, if required, to undergo a medical examination at own expense
- Written parental or guardian permission must be provided for a qualified medical practitioner to anaesthetise and operate on the Cadet in an emergency
- You may not be a member of either the Australian Navy Cadets (ANC) or the Australian Army Cadets (AAC), unless such membership is compulsory
- You cannot be a Defence member
- You must make a commitment in writing that you have read and agree to abide by the AAFC Code of Conduct.

Aims of the Australian Air Force Cadets:

- Give Cadets Air Force knowledge and discipline
- Develop qualities of leadership, self-reliance and initiative
- Develop character and good citizenship
- Develop an interest in the Air Force and aviation generally
- Encourage Cadets to continue an active interest in aviation into their adult life.

316SQN Information Nights:

**Thursday 26th November 2020
at 7:00 PM**

**316 Squadron, Bullecourt Barracks
Military Rd Adamstown.
Ph 0437 890 523**

www.316sqn.aafc.org.au