



Bellevue Heights Primary School

Learning & Growing Together to Enrich the World

**Newsletter Week 3 Term 1
Wednesday 14 February 2018**

COMING EVENTS FOR THE CALENDAR

- FridayFebruary 16 Junior primary after school camp
- ThursdayFebruary 22 Junior Field Naturalists' Club 7pm in school hall
- FridayFebruary 23 Four Year Old Friday. Bookings via office staff essential.
P&F meeting 2pm in staff room. All welcome.
- MondayFebruary 26 Governing Council 7.30pm Preceded by finance meeting 7pm
- FridayMarch 2 Four Year Old Friday. Bookings via office staff essential.
Clean Up Australia day
- FridayMarch 9 Pupil free day. OSHC will be available - bookings essential.
- MondayMarch 12 Adelaide Cup public holiday. No school on this day.
- ThursdayMarch 15 Book Fair - 2 days
- FridayMarch 16 Four Year Old Friday. Bookings via office staff essential.
Whole school assembly followed by school tour - please book tour if interested
- Wednesday ...March 21 Harmony Day
- FridayMarch 23 Twilight Sports Day - School will start at 1pm and finish at 7pm.
OSHC will be available for the morning. Bookings essential.
- MondayMarch 26 Parent / Teacher / Student interviews commence - details will go home later
- FridayMarch 30 Good Friday holiday. No school on this day.
- MondayApril 2 Easter Monday holiday. No school on this day.
- TuesdayApril 3 Monarto camp for upper primary school commences (staggered days)
- FridayApril 6 Whole school assembly followed by Open Morning for pre-school families.
More information later. Bookings via office staff required for tour.
- FridayApril 13 Last day of term 1. School finishes at 2.30pm.
- MondayApril 30 First day for term 2.

TERM DATES 2018

| Term 1 | Term 2 | Term 3 | Term 4 |
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| 29 Jan to 13 Apr | 30 Apr to 6 July | 23 July to 28 Sept | 15 Oct to 14 Dec |

Dear Parents and Community

What a difference a week makes in terms of the weather! It has been such a blessing to be able to do things outside these past few days. Our students, however, did an admirable job last week coping with being kept indoors at play times due to the extreme heat.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the families for attending the Annual General Meeting and Acquaintance Night.

Thank you to our BBQ cooks for their BBQ cooking skills and to everyone who helped with serving. Thanks also to Yvonne Anderson for preparing the AGM materials and Annual Report distribution. Both of these documents are available on the school webpage now. If you would like a hard copy come to the office and we will print you one.

Thanks to Mrs Vogt and the middle choir for starting the evening off with a wonderful performance.



We can be contacted on
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Email student absences to:
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CRICOS Provider Number:

Telephone: 8278 7182 Fax: 8370 2671
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Bell Times

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| 9:00am | School starts |
| 10:55am | Recess starts |
| 11:25am | Recess ends |
| 1:05pm | Eat lunch in class |
| 1:15pm | Play time starts |
| 1:50pm | Lunch ends |
| 3:30pm | School ends |



THE QUEST!

I trust everyone who participated in our 'Quest' this acquaintance evening enjoyed discovering new things about the school. As promised the answers have been provided (at the end of this newsletter) so check them off with your child/ children!!

2018 Governing Council

Welcome to our new Governing Council.

This year's council will be:

Tash Howard (Chairperson)
 Craig Paues (Deputy Chairperson)
 Karen Jones (Secretary)
 Kristy Biggs (Treasurer)
 Michelle Leopold
 Eleanor Parker
 Jess Gilding
 Margot Bradley (Staff Rep)
 & Marie-Louise Adams (Principal).
 IELC Community Rep - (to be appointed)

Governing Council Sub Committees

Also at the Governing Council meeting on February 23 we will establish the committee structure for 2018. We have the following committees: Facilities, Education, Finance, OSHC and P&F.

These are the brief roles of each group:

Facilities – you help with working out what grounds and maintenance is needed – organising working bees, landscaping, etc.

Finance – supporting the treasurer with school budgets and expenditure.

Education – you work with school staff to examine the learning programs that are offered at school.

OSHC – support the Director to implement this before and after school program.

P&F – join this group and you will support the school in fundraising, social events, canteen and general wellbeing for students.

You are invited to join any of these committees and not necessarily be a member of the Governing Council. If you would like more information see Marie-Louise or Mary.

Parent rep for mainstream classes

Once again we are looking at promoting a parent representative for each mainstream class.

The role of the class rep is not onerous - it is a role in which the rep acts as a communication channel for the class. For example, if there is a class excursion you could liaise with the teacher to be the one to get helpers, if there is a working bee each class might ask around to get one or two people to go, if the class teacher is having a special event you could be the person who helps with the morning tea or be the person who sends out family information – or whatever!

It would be a nice way to foster relationships across the class. If you would like to do this role please talk to your class teacher.

Aquatics

The year 5, 6 and 7 students have been enjoying great weather for aquatics at Noarlunga. With activities like beach swimming, sailing, snorkelling, surfing where else would you rather be?

Regards

Marie-Louise, Mary & Birgit

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Each fortnight Principal's Awards are earned by students for displaying attributes of the following: achievement, caring, collaboration, showing initiative, citizenship or persistence.

The following students have earned Principal Awards:

Iban Nugraha & Zahid Riswan.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR STUDENT WELFARE WORKER

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Maressa Derry and I have been the student welfare worker at Bellevue Heights Primary School for the last few years. I am in the school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and can be contacted via the front office or email:Maressa.Derry42@schools.sa.edu.au.

I have a great passion for supporting students in a creative and caring way. I enjoy being part of the Bellevue Heights Primary School team and I am glad to let you know that again this year I am here to support your wonderful children. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you or your child needs some support, information or guidance.

One of the things I love about Bellevue Heights is that during the first two weeks of the school year we have Bellevue Beginnings where we focus on creating a positive, inclusive group culture at the class and school level. Why are we focusing on social skills and safety and wellbeing and not just on academics in the beginning of the year?

Academics are important but individuals with good social skills, sociability, good work habits, punctuality, and conscientiousness are more likely to have a successful year and attain higher levels of education.

With this in mind and as part of our Bellevue Beginnings, I decided to focus my lessons in the first few weeks on growth versus fixed mindset, executive functioning skills and the 5 point scale which helps with self-regulating. The children were very engaged and enjoyed the lessons. We are off to a good start.

Just for your information, if you visit the Australian Parenting Website: <http://raisingchildren.net.au> you will find a lot of useful information about children and parenting. Check it out as it covers a huge range of issues relating to children, friendships and schooling.

Friendly regards - Maressa Derry



Good News Week



BELLEVUE GARDEN PATCH NEWS

Unfortunately, over the summer holidays three **whole** garden beds, diosmas, various other plants and vegetables were stolen. Even an entire peach tree!!!



A huge **THANK YOU** to Damien and the team at True Value Hardware, Blackwood for providing some replacement vegetable plants, soil compost and nutrients. They have been quick in response to our plea for help and always provide us with quality plants, hardware equipment and helpful advice.

Last year we received an NRM (Natural Resource Management) grant for class sets of gardening equipment so classes can grow their own produce, harvest and then cook their own yummy meals.



NEW GARDEN PATCH RESIDENTS

We would like to welcome two new residents to our Garden Patch.

Polly and Penny (Hyline Reds) have recently made their home here and should be laying by next term. Reminder: we sell their eggs along with any available garden produce from the school office when available.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Do you have an interest in growing your own **vegies but don't have the room?**

Behind our white picket fence on Shepherds Hill oval is a community garden available for anyone who doesn't have the room and would like to have a garden plot or even if you just love gardening and would like to be a part of the community garden.

Many thanks to Michelle Leopold, Marie Groen and some students from Ms Durdin's class who have cleaned up the community garden ready for use.



ADOPT A GARDEN BED AREA?

There are lots of garden plots/areas that make up our school's beautiful grounds.

These areas can put a strain on our facilities' resources so we thought if any families would like to adopt an area to look after it would be a great way to keep our grounds looking fantastic as well as giving families a sense of belonging.

An example could be a family may like to take ownership of the corner garden area just outside the admin building. This could mean you may like to come in and do some weeding as needed and this could happen just after dropping your child at school or before you pick them up or during the weekend. We could provide you with some plants or you may have some cuttings of your own you may want to plant out.

If you wanted a bigger project we have the Native Habitat Garden near the Bellevue Garden Patch.

Come in and see the office staff if you would like more information about either of these projects.

Parents & Friends Information

The P & F is a small group of enthusiastic members who help to raise funds for projects that benefit the school community. Through our work, we also aim to build stronger connections between people and bring our community together.

The current structure of P & F allows committee members to choose an event to organise like raffles, tea towel/apron fundraiser, Cancer Council morning tea, bakery orders or pizza lunch which helps spread the workload.

Then the whole committee bands together to work on whole school events like Sports Day and the Home Grown Hand Sewn Market.

There are approximately 2-3 meetings a term which are held to help us keep in contact and to plan and prepare for the bigger events.

The first meeting for 2018 will be held on Friday 23 February (Week 4) at 2pm in the staff room.

Everyone is welcome and we would love to see you there!

If you have any questions please ask Yvonne or Karen in the school office and they can point you in the right direction.

Tash Howard—P&F Convenor



ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT

The General Quest Quiz Answers

Room 12

1. Painted in 1988 by Mr Mallee (29 years ago) and has been in every classroom since then.
2. 7

Room 10

1. Kangaroo
2. Room 10

Room 14

1. Writing skills
2. Personal goals so no set answer

Room 6

1. Jenni (Mon & Tues) Ms Debbie (Wed—Fri)
2. Mouse, spider, ladybug, snake, ant, bees or bunny

Room 16

1. Four
2. Four

Room 20

1. Fourteen
2. Paul Hills

Music

1. 84
2. Third from the door

French

1. There were various answers to this - title of a book.

Room 22

1. March
2. PE/Gym



CAN YOU HELP !

Sally Baker our visual arts teacher is collecting recycled items. Can you please save and supply for visual art projects: newspaper and the lids from Milo and Nesquik



COLES SPORT FOR SCHOOLS

This year we will be participating in the Coles 'Sports for Schools' program. If you shop at Coles all you need to do is collect the stickers and either drop them into our school box at Blackwood or bring them into our school office. At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new sports equipment.



BOOK FAIR ADVANCED NOTICE

Our school will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair for our school community on **Thursday 15 AND Friday 16 March in the library.**



Every purchase of a book will earn you one raffle ticket to go in the draw to win one of two \$30 book vouchers, courtesy of Scholastic. More details to come! Remember **'Readers are Achievers'**

Community News & Special Events

FOR ALL EVENTS LISTED, FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Groups advertising in community news are not necessarily endorsed by the school. Families need to use their own discretion whether to seek more information about them.

BELLEVUE HEIGHTS JUNIOR FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB

Does your child have a fascination with wild animals, their lifestyles and habitats? Also rocks, crystals, geology, astronomy ... anything to do with the wonderful world of nature?

Junior Field Naturalists SA is the only junior field naturalists club in SA and has been operating for almost 35 years, with monthly meetings being held in our school hall. The first meeting for 2018 is to be held on 22 February at 7pm. Please come along if you are interested. The meetings are usually held on the last Thursday of each month (except December & January). Venue: Bellevue Heights Primary School Activity Room. Time: 7:00—8:15 p.m. Fee: \$35.00 per family per year. A guest speaker attends each meeting and a wide variety of topics are covered. Occasional field trips are held during the year. Parents are more than welcome to attend with their children if they wish. Contact is Rona Sakko 0419827723 ronadel@dodo.com.au

DOES YOUR CHILD OR TEEN HAVE A SLEEP PROBLEM?

The Child & Adolescent Sleep Clinic at Flinders Uni offers treatments for children & adolescents of all ages (including infants from 6 months of age). Book on 8201 7587 or casc.enquiries@flinders.edu.au

ESSENTIALS FOR COACHING CHILDREN - Course run by Office for Recreation & Sport

If any parent is willing to take up a coaching role for any of our out of school hours sporting teams and would like to attend this course please see the office staff as the school may be willing to cover payment.

This 3 hour course at \$15 per person is ideal for anyone interested in coaching any type of kids sports. Topics covered: 1. Coaching children—why children play sport, why they quit, 2. Your coaching Philosophy—why you are coaching, what sort of coach you want to be, what a great coach looks like, 3. Creating a positive environment & experience—emphasis on winning/losing, modelling respect for officials, keeping kids safe, working with parents, 4. Making the most of your time—importance of planning, 5. Coaching principles—what a good training looks like, methods of coaching, game-centred approach, 6. Getting the best from your players—providing great feedback, managing kids, 7. Where to from here—how to keep improving your coaching. For more info & registration here is the link: <http://ors.sa.gov.au/sport and recreation/coaching and officiating/courses>

THE CARLY RYAN FOUNDATION - Parent Session at Eden Hills

Eden Hills Primary School is hosting a parent session in the Sports Arts Centre. Parents from neighbouring schools are welcome to attend. The seminar includes such online issues such as ■ Sharing private information and navigating the worldwide web ■ Sexting ■ Cyberbullying prevention and support ■ Online choices and real life consequences ■ Social networking and social media sites ■ Mobile devices and settings ■ Ipad settings ■ Managing applications and settings ■ Online gaming ■ GPS enabled devices ■ Safety ■ Resources ■ Practical advice. Monday 19 February 7pm. Gold coin donation.