

Bellevue Heights Primary School

Learning & Growing Together to Enrich the World

Newsletter Week 3 Term 1 Wednesday 15 February 2017

COMING EVENTS FOR THE CALENDAR

- Friday February 17 Four Year Old Friday
Whole School Assembly run by Ms King & Ms Ford's classes followed by Parents' Morning Tea and Principal Tour
- Wednesday .. February 22 Parents & Friends Meeting 7.30pm in the staffroom
- Thursday February 23 Upper Primary Sleepover - rescheduled from Week 2
Junior Field Naturalists' Club 7:00pm in school hall
- Friday February 24 Four Year Old Friday
- Friday March 3..... Four Year Old Friday
Clean Up Australia Day for schools
- Monday..... March 6..... Arbury Park camp for Jackie, Mrs Bengel, Ms King, & Mr Gibson's classes
- Friday March 10 Whole School Assembly run by Ms Kenneally's class followed by Parents Morning Tea and Principal Tour
- Monday..... March 13..... Adelaide Cup Public Holiday - school closed
- Tuesday March 21 Harmony Day
- Friday March 24..... School Sports Day - daytime event in 2017
- Monday..... March 27 Parent teacher interviews start this week
- Saturday April 1..... Home Grown Hand Sewn Twilight Market: 2pm - 8pm
Mark this day in your diary.
More at www.facebook.com/Homegrownhandsewn
- Friday April 7 Whole School Assembly run by Mrs Bengel & Mrs Arnold's class followed by Parents Morning Tea and Principal Tour
- Thursday April 13..... Last day for term 1. Students finish at 2.30pm.
- Friday April 14..... Good Friday
- Monday..... April 1..... First day for term 2

Dear Parents & Community

Attendance

We are aiming for a 95% attendance rate in 2017. Last year we fell short of that with only 92%. Ideally all children should be at school each and every day then we would be 100% but that's not possible with sicknesses, holidays etc. Did you know that in some countries and states children need medical certificates for an absence over 2 days and holidays during school time are very strictly controlled with fines for families who don't get the correct exemptions! At our current rate of 92%, that means everyone has missed 16 days of the year. Now some children only miss 1 or 2 and that majority 5 or 6 means that others must miss 30 or more.

Please be consistent about sending your child to school. Over 12 years of school if you miss just 16 days a year you have missed almost a year of learning! Let's see if we can push our attendance rate up as high as we can get it in 2017.

Assembly Friday

We will have a Bellevue Beginnings display at this Friday's whole school assembly run by Ms King and Ms Ford's classes. Don't forget that after assembly you are invited to stay for morning tea and a chat with Vince, Mary and Birgit.

Parent rep for mainstream classes

Each year we promote mainstream classes having one or two parent reps. who can act 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



We can be contacted on
Email:
Email student absences to:
Website:
Out of School Hours Care (OSHC):
CRICOS Provider Number:

Telephone: 8278 7182 Fax: 8370 2671
bellevue.ps891@schools.sa.edu.au
absences.bhps470@schools.sa.edu.au
www.bellevueps.sa.edu.au
Telephone: 8278 9439 or 0401 121 798
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Bell Times

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

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 that please talk to your class teacher.

Annual Report

The Annual Report will be presented at the AGM on Wednesday night. Then the Annual Report will be on our website very soon. This report gives you much detail about the learning program and progress of our students. There are highlights of 2016, progress towards our 2017 goals and future directions. The responses to the various surveys you participated in last year are discussed and aspects such as attendance and participation are outlined in some detail. I will have some more detail from the report in the next newsletter.

The report is quite long and we recommend you read through it online. If you would like a hard copy please ask at the school office. It's fabulous bed-time reading!

Aquatics

The Year 5, 6 and 7 students have been enjoying great weather for aquatics at Noarlunga. Activities like beach swimming, sailing, snorkelling, surfboard keep everyone cool and participating well. We will have some photos and student reactions in our Good News Week in the next newsletter.

Lions Bargain Centre Help

A really big **BIG** thank you to the volunteers who have given their time on Saturday morning to work at the Lions Bargain Centre. It is a wonderful commitment and will help us raise money for our nature play space. We still need a couple of people for this Saturday and then the last one is on Saturday 25th. If you can help out please contact Yvonne or Karen.

Raising a grievance

We have a school grievance procedure policy that outlines the steps to take if you need to raise a concern about any aspect of school life or the environment. This policy is on our webpage in the policies section under parent information.

DECD also have a system-wide complaint process and we have a pamphlet available in the school office if you would like a copy of that. It is also be available on the webpage under the Contact Us tab, Feedback

and Complaints.

Cricket Term 1

Cricket starts again this weekend. We have Senior and Junior C Grade teams and a Senior Kanga Team. A very big thank you to the coaches and parents.

Senior C Grade – Keith Smith, Cam Grigg
 Junior C Grade – Matt M^cDowell & Brian Parkes
 Kanga – Rachael Filcoff & Scott Kay

If you would like to join a team it's not too late – see Vince asap.

Regards Vince, Mary & Birgit

Awards for Excellence Recipients

This fortnight the following students earned a certificate:
 Chloe Kidwell & Insha Solah.



Assembly Monday 6th February

P&F Meeting
Wednesday
February 22nd 2017

7:30pm in staff room

Parents & Friends Mission Statement
 To value ideas from people, making friendships and having fun while working together for the benefit of the students, school and parents in fundraising, social events, canteen and general student wellbeing.

Everyone welcome!!

Term dates 2017			
Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
30 January - 13 April	1 May - 7 July	24 July - 29 September	16 October - 15 December
School Reminders			
1. Late arrival - students arriving at the school after the roll has been marked need to sign in at the school office.			
2. Early departure - parents must sign out students at the school office.			
3. No students on school grounds before 8:40am or after 3:50pm unless booked in at OSHC.			



Good News Week

Bellevue Beginnings 2017

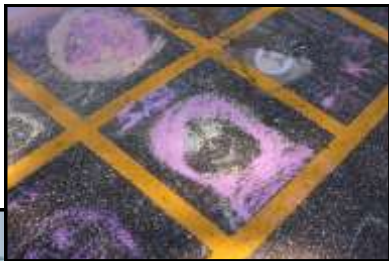
Bellevue Beginnings is a framework of class and school activities which are the focus during the first week of the school year and are further developed throughout the year.

Bellevue Beginnings aims to create a positive, inclusive group culture at the class and school level. It acknowledges STOP, THINK, DO as an integral part of the school curriculum and begins the programme. It commences the Child Protection Curriculum and has a strong focus on safety and wellbeing.

This year we shortened the program to one week but with some activities still carried on into week 2. This Friday we will showcase the activities at our assembly.

Each child decorated a leaf for our Values Tree, which will be on display in the gym across the first 2 terms.

On the final Friday of week 1 all children participated in fun group activities. Here are some photos from the Friday activities.



A message from our Student Welfare Worker - Maressa Derry

Being surrounded by people you feel safe and comfortable with and connected to, provides a strong foundation for confidence and wellbeing.

Schools provide an important opportunity to build a sense of community. Learning doesn't happen in isolation, it happens in the context of others.

When young people feel empathised with and connected to their peers and broader school community, they are more likely to feel relaxed and resilient enough to handle the challenges of learning.

They are more likely to behave according to the school values and to work harder on their performance.

With this in mind and as part of our Bellevue Beginnings, I decided to focus my lessons in the first few weeks on community and connection.

I can tell you we have lots of beautiful students who could empathise and feel concern for others and who made everyone feel welcome and part of our great school community.



Parents & Friends Information

2017 PEOPLE'S CHOICE COMMUNITY LOTTERY.

The P&F are so excited to announce that we have been accepted and now onboard with the People's Choice Community Lottery for 2017.



This is an incredible fundraising opportunity for our beautiful school and we want you to help us promote and support it as much as possible.

See list of how to help below!

Each ticket is only **\$2** and we receive **100% of the ticket sales!**

Buy 1 ticket, 5 tickets or 50 tickets. It's up to you. Buying a ticket is easy. All you need to do is click the following link;

<https://www.peopleschoicecu.com.au/bellevue-heights-primary-school1>

and purchase your tickets online. There are incredible prizes to be won and if you buy your ticket **online** before midnight 31 March 2017 you have the chance to win the Toyota Yaris Ascent early bird prize. All tickets purchased during the early bird period will go into the draw to win a prize in the main prize pool, worth over \$360,000! (Prize list has been sent home by separate email) All of the money raised through this lottery will go toward our incredible Nature Play Area and the much needed air-conditioning for the gym. We ask you that you please get onboard and let's get the fund-o-meter booming! Here are 5 ways you can help us to promote the lottery and sell tickets:

1. **SEND** - EVERYONE you know this email or write your very own personal email and include this link <https://www.peopleschoicecu.com.au/bellevue-heights-primary-school1> so they can buy their ticket/s.

2. **SHARE** - Go to <https://www.peopleschoicecu.com.au/bellevue-heights-primary-school1> and click the **SHARE** tab at the top of the page and share it on your social media page. Share, share, share!!!!

3. **TALK** - Tell all of your family and friends. Feel free to print off the attached prize list and show it to people. The link to our personal lottery page is on every page so they can't miss it!

4. **ASK** - Simply ask your family, friends, work colleagues, sports groups, church groups, local community, etc to support your children and their school! This is better than any box of chocolates so get every body onboard by saying "Hey, our school is part of that amazing People's Choice Community Lottery. You know the one where you can win cars, travel vouchers, shopping sprees and has a prize pool of \$360,000 plus an early bird prize which is a car! It's only \$2 for a ticket and 100% of the funds go to our school. It's amazing and we'd love you to help us. I'll send you the link where you can buy

your ticket/s."

5. **BUY** - Of course you can buy a ticket or 50 and keep them all to yourself, or perhaps someone has a birthday/anniversary/special occasion coming up that you could share the love with! Buy them a ticket or two and give them the gift of helping our school and the opportunity to win big.

This is such an incredible opportunity for our school to raise much needed funds and the process is so simple to buy, share and support so let's do this!

Kind regards

P & F Committee

SCHOOL CANTEEN NOW OPEN

Our small canteen offers a few healthy snacks for students to purchase at recess and lunch.

Thank you to all those parents who have volunteered to help.

Please remember the following:

- If the parent volunteer is not available the canteen will not be open. Please do not rely upon it being open for food for your child.
- As you can see from the price list below you don't need to send too much money with your child. They only need a couple of dollars, at the most, to purchase a snack. There is also not a lot of change available.
- We do not encourage students to buy snacks for other students.

CANTEEN PRICE LIST 2017

FREEZER

Bulla Yoghurt Iceblock \$1.00

FRIDGE

Breakaway Milks \$2.00

Fruit Box \$1.20

SAVOURY

Cornitos \$0.70

Jumpys \$1.00

Natural Popcorn \$1.00

Noodle Snacks \$0.50

Red Rock Chips \$1.00

SWEET

Apricot & Coconut Balls \$0.20

Fruitwise Wraps \$0.90

Strawberry or Apricot Slice \$0.10

Yoghurt Frogs \$0.20



Prices are subject to change without notification.



Home Grown, Hand Sewn
MARKET 8—Twilight
Saturday 1st April 2017 2pm — 7pm
Save the date!



It's that time of the year again and we are starting to get organised for our April 2017 Home Market. This is the Saturday of week 9 and it is our first twilight market.

Like and follow us on www.facebook.com/Homegrownhandsewn

Market Stalls

If you have any crafty friends or family members who might be interested please contact the school office.

Children's Market and Bric-a-Brac

We will once again hold the popular children's market so if your child would like to have a stall get started sorting out all their old toys and let us know.

Cost \$5 per stall.

In addition, families may wish to have a Bric-a-Brac stall next to their children. Limited spaces. \$20 a space. Book a space at the office **NOW!**

Can you help with donations

EASTER RAFFLE

As the market is two weeks before Easter we will incorporate an Easter Raffle.

If you would like to donate some easter eggs or other Easter goodies for prizes please bring it to the school office.

PLAYGROUP RAFFLE

Our school playgroup meet at school on Mondays & will be holding a raffle so any donations of quality goods or vouchers would be greatly appreciated and can also be left at the school office.

Plants

Donations of potted, hardy plants eg succulents and geraniums for sale on the day.

Goods for the Vintage Café

P&F will be organising the café and asking for donations of baked goods, preserves and garden produce. With the abundance of produce at the moment, are you able to make and donate any home made jams, chutneys and preserves? We have 250ml jars available at the office. We can also organise labels for the preserves.

Yarn Bombing

We'd like to make our administration garden and trees near the gym even more colourful. If you have any knitted or crocheted items that you are willing to donate for this, please drop them in at the school office for our special yarn bombing installations.

Market Working Bee

Closer to the date we will hold some working bees in preparation for the market. Look out for these dates in the upcoming newsletters and come join in the fun.

Donations for Junior Primary Activities

The junior primary classes are planning some rotational activities involving outdoor learning. Donations of the following would be appreciated:

- ◇ lengths or offcuts of unused white PVC plumbing pipes – all sizes
- ◇ old electrical items that children can safely take apart eg clocks, VHS recorders.

Please leave any items you have at the school office.

Come Join Us
Bellevue Heights Playgroup

Playgroup is for children 0-5yrs & their families on Mondays.



Time: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Venue: Bellevue Heights Primary school hall.

Cost: \$2 per child. Hope to see you there!

For information contact: school office 8278 7182

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS - Nude Food

Bellevue Heights is helping our environment by reducing waste and litter by more recycling, composting and encouraging 'Nude Food'.



Nude Food is food without excess packaging. This reduces the amount of 'stuff' that needs to go in bins to be sent to landfill. Please put recess and lunch in reusable hard plastic containers and don't bring chip, snack or biscuit wrappers or cling film to school.





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

This club is only one of two in Adelaide and is a nature club for children 5 yrs upwards and is affiliated with the Field Naturalists' Society of SA. The meetings are usually held on the last Thursday of each month (except December & January). Check newsletter calendar for next date. Venue: Bellevue Heights Primary School Activity Room. Time: 7:30—8:15 p.m. Fee: \$15.00 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

TENNIS LESSONS 3 - 12 year olds Helen Rice Tennis School

Pee Wee tennis lessons at Bellevue Tennis Club. Free trial lessons available Mon. - Sat. Bookings essential contact helenrice@internode.on.net or 0428 988 873 www.helenricetennis.com.au

CHILDREN'S YOGA CLASS

Fun, creative children's yoga. Wed. afternoons 3:45-4:30pm. Starting 15/2. Held at Coromandel Valley Primary School 339 Main Road. Cost \$80 for 8 weeks or \$13 casual class. Your child does not have to attend Coro PS to join in the yoga fun.

CHILD & ADOLESCENT SLEEP CLINIC

Does your child or teen have a sleep problem? Do they refuse to go to bed at night, have trouble falling asleep, wake up and cannot get back to sleep, have trouble waking up or getting out of bed in the morning, often sleep in their parents' bed or bedroom or need a parent present to help them fall asleep or miss school or feel fatigued through the school day?

The Child & Adolescent Sleep Clinic at Flinders University offers treatments for children of all ages (including infants from 6 months of age). To book an appointment please call or email on 8201 7587 or casc.enquiries@flinders.edu.au

LOOKING FOR A MUMS GROUP?

The Blackwood /Coromandel Valley Australian Breastfeeding Assoc. group has been holding get-togethers in the local are for over 25 years. They meet every Tuesday morning during school term. Each meeting is attended by a qualified breastfeeding counsellor. This is an opportunity for you to get out and meet other mums in your local community, support one another through your baby's early days and build new friendships. For more information: www.breastfeeding.asn.au/local/sa/blackwood-coromandel-valley-sa. Breastfeeding helpline 1800 mum 2 mum - 1800 686 268.

FREE PARENTING SEMINAR—The mysterious world of teens: survival tips for parents

Wednesday 22nd March 7-9pm at Adelaide Convention Centre in the city. Presented by Parenting SA.

<http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au> or phone 8303 1660 or email health.parentingsa@health.sa.gov.au



Come and Try

Calisthenics

We have girls from ages 3 to high school age (even a couple a little older! in the club who all enjoy the skill of learning movement to music & working in a group and individually; stretching and flexing their bodies to music, learning how to co-ordinate and to learn confidence. There are two concerts held throughout the year. One in the middle of the year & at the end of the year – which are a lot of fun!

Interested? Contact us via

email bhps.calisthenics@bigpond.com or

Kyra (Secretary) – 0412 057 752

or check out our new Facebook page: search:

Bellevue Heights Primary School Calisthenics Club

BLACKWOOD BUSHFIRE READY MEETING

This meeting could save your life!

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Bushfire behaviour & warnings
- Property preparation
- Keeping safe
- Where to go and when
- Your bushfire plan

WHEN & WHERE

Monday 20th February 2017 @ 6.30pm
 Blackwood High School Auditorium
 4 Seymour Street
 Eden Hills

This is a free family event, please come along for a sausage sizzle, see a fire truck and squirt a little water.

FURTHER DETAILS: For further information please contact
 Natasha Huber – CFS Community Engagement Officer
 0428 114 218 or natasha.huber@sa.gov.au