



BELLEVUE HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning & Growing Together to Enrich the World

**Newsletter Week 5 Term 4
Wednesday 15 November 2017**

COMING EVENTS FOR THE CALENDAR

Friday.....November 17... Kindy to school transition morning 9 -11am
MondayNovember 20... Governing Council meeting 7.30pm. Finance at 7pm
Wednesday.....November 22... Art Gallery JP excursion
Friday.....November 24... Kindy to school transition morning 9 -11am
Year 6 Sports Day at Blackwood High
Wednesday.....November 29... Cyber Safety information evening session for parents 6:30pm
Thursday.....November 30... Senior choir & hoop team outing
Junior Field Naturalists' Club 7pm in school hall
FridayDecember 1... Kindy to school transition morning 9 -11am
MondayDecember 4... OSHC management committee 6.30pm

**Friday December 8 School concert: 'Journeys' Formal Lessons finish at 1:00pm
Two performances - 9.30am and 6pm**

Wednesday.....December 6... Blackwood High School Year 7/8 Transition Day
SundayDecember 10.. Vince Mulkerin's school community farewell 11am - 2 pm
TuesdayDecember 12... End of year excursions for junior and middle primary classes
Wednesday.....December 13... Reports go Home and Year 7 graduation
Thursday.....December 14... **NO SCHOOL LUNCHES CAN BE ORDERED TODAY**
Farewell assembly 9am
Friday.....December 15... Upper primary end of year excursion to Adelaide Aquatic Centre
Last day of term. Finish at 2:30pm
Monday..... January 29 .. First day for 2018

Dear Parents & Community

Mid – term 4

This term has really zoomed along and already we look forward to the exciting end of year events like the concert, Year 7 graduation, and end of year activities. All students have been participating in Cyber-safety lessons over 4 weeks and many classes have also been attending the Road Safety Centre in the city. Our student leaders have also been very busy organising Children's Week activities and this week is PE week so we have had lunchtime activities.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Well done to all the students who have completed the Reading Challenge this year. We will hand out the medals when they arrive – which should be soon. A big thank you to the families who supported their child to complete the reading challenge – it is a very worthwhile reading program to be involved in.

Camps

Earlier in the year we established a Governing Council group with teacher representatives as well to look at our camp policy. The group looked at our previous camps and then at what we have done this year. This year was a trial as we haven't had a whole school camp program before. This year we had Receptions and Year 1s doing an afternoon of activities and a shared evening meal, the 2s and 3s had a day's activities and a sleepover at school, the Yr4/5s had a camp at Arbury Park in the Adelaide Hills and the Year 6/7s had a camp at Monarto Zoo. Feedback from all activities was very positive and the committee has decided that we will continue to develop a long term camp program.



We can be contacted on
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Bell Times	
9:00am	School starts
10:55am	Recess starts
11:25am	Recess ends
1:05pm	Eat lunch in class
1:15pm	Play time starts
1:50pm	Lunch ends
3:30pm	School ends



We were very aware that camps means costs! We have tried to keep the types of activities for the year levels to a reasonable amount but we need to balance the educational worth of a camp against the cost to families.

We would like our families to know now that there are costs over and above our school fees that will need to be put aside for camps. The big camp/expense will be for 2019 where we have a Year 6/7 trip to Canberra for a week.

The educational outcomes from such a trip are many and the majority of our partnership schools have trips of this nature. So a pre-warning for families whose children go into Year 5 and 6 in 2018, start preparing for a fabulous Canberra trip in 2019. We will have fundraising activities as well to try and lower costs.

So the proposed camp schedule for 2018 is as follows:

- Receptions, 1s and some 2s afternoon activities and a shared evening meal.
- Yr 2s, Yr 3s and some 4s activities and a one night stay at Nunyara at Belair.
- Yr 4/5s a 2 night camp at Narnu Farm on Hindmarsh Island.
- Yr 6/7s camping at Monarto.

These will be dependent on class structures and confirmed early in the year so that families can plan for costs.

School Card 2018

The State Government has published the Public Education Action Plan. One aspect of that plan is a commitment to help families with the rising cost of living. The Government will expand the school card scheme raising the income threshold for families with one child from \$37,274 to \$57,870. Eligibility for school card assistance for 2018 is based on the family's gross income in 2016/2017 financial year.

This is an extract from the Plan – which is available on the State Government website.

Cyber safety and good manners at our school concert

In this ever-increasing social media world we are caught up in, issues around privacy online and suitability of what is posted online ends up with what one person thinking is acceptable another may not. With that in mind this year we are asking all our families **NOT to take photos or videos of the concert production.**

We will have a video available for loan after the concert.

We realise the majority of people do the right thing and are merely posting photos to interested contacts and families online. Sometimes though these are retweeted or reposted and end up in places where they weren't intended to go.

The other issue that arose last year was that families stated it was often hard to see because the people in front had ipads and cameras raised above their heads and young children standing on parents laps. This means people behind can't see!

So if we have no recording or photographs and if parents can keep younger children seated on their laps we won't have that problem. If you have any questions please come in and talk to Vince, Mary or Birgit.

Regards

Vince, 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:

Dekat Fuad, Angus Neilson, Hilman Hidayat, Valerie van Laar, Yonaton Kolesnyk, Tenzin Sims, Takumi Satomura, Bach Tran & Selita Kimber.

Awards for Excellence Recipients

This fortnight the following students earned a certificate:

Sasha Simamba, Caleb Ewing, Chloe Kidwell, Mia Ludlam, Cameron Kuchel & Vy Phan.



Assembly Friday
3 November



Assembly Monday
13 November

CYBER SAFETY INFORMATION EVENING FOR PARENTS

There will be an information session held at Bellevue Heights Primary School on Wednesday 29 November 6:30pm. Justin from CybersafeME, who worked with our school students, is offering this for parents to come along & find out about:



- Overview of student workshop
- Cyber bullying; prevalence, consequences & reporting
- Online safety, contemporary issues
 - responsible sharing & posting
 - setting up social media for children
 - why and how kids engage online
 - common apps and programs used by kids
- Engaged parenting for children online
- Q&A and Other resources for parents

If you would like to attend please let the school office staff know.



Good News Week

Thank you to our volunteers



Last Friday we held a breakfast to thank the numerous volunteers who support our school programs. These fabulous people give their time to help students with reading and maths, speech lessons, help with class activities, go on excursions, paint our garden fence, help with the garden, come to working bees, help in the library and help with the P and F.

Without volunteers we would not be able to provide the broad activities that we do for our students – so from all of us at school to all the volunteers – THANK YOU!!



At the Friday assembly Jackie's class made a up a song to the beat of 'Shake It Off' by Taylor Swift to acknowledge our volunteers.



'Shake it Up' Volunteers Song

A group of Mums
A bunch of Dads
A few Grannies
Lots of helping
Hours of planning
Days and weeks of being here for us

Our class wanted to make a special tribute to you, so we have made a song..
We hope you enjoy it

You stay up too late,
Never take a break
That's what volunteers do...

Calendar is full of dates
But you are never late
That's what volunteers do

You always help us, can't stop, won't stop helping
It's like you've got this plan in your mind, saying you're gonna help alright

Cos the helpers are gonna help, help, help, help help
And the copiers going to copy, copy, copy, copy, copy
And you're just going to volunteer, teer, teer, teer, volunteer, volunteer

Party planners gonna plan, plan, plan, plan plan
And the workers going to work, work, work, work, work
And you're just gonna volunteer, teer, teer, volunteer, volunteer.

You are all so sweet
Our parties are real neat



That's what volunteers do
Plan events for the school
They are all so cool. That's what volunteers do

You always help us, can't stop, won't stop helping
It's like you've got this plan in your mind, saying you're gonna help alright

Cos the helpers are gonna help, help, help, help, help
And the copiers going to copy, copy, copy, copy, copy
And you're just going to volunteer, teer, teer, teer, volunteer,

Party planners gonna plan, plan, plan, plan, plan
And the workers gonna work, work, work, work, work
And you're just going to volunteer, teer, teer, teer, volunteer,

Hey! Hey! Hey! Just think while you've been getting down & volunteering
Its important to keep one thing in mind...
You have been an awesome volunteer

Parents and Friends at Bellevue Heights
They're awesome people, they're the best around
And to you parents in here who have helped all year
Raise your hands up so we can say.... Thanks, thanks, thanks

Cos the helpers are gonna help, help, help, help, help
And the copiers going to copy, copy, copy, copy, copy
And you're just going to volunteer, teer, teer, teer, volunteer, volunteer.

Party planners gonna plan, plan, plan, plan, plan
And the workers going to work, work, work, work, work
And you're just gonna volunteer, teer, teer, volunteer, volunteer.

Thanks for volunteering!



School Concert

Friday 8 December

Formal lessons will finish for children at 1:00pm on this day and students will be able to go home early providing there is parental permission.

Two sessions available - 9:30am and 6pm
Concert program & ticket sales information will go home soon.

Limited seating and tickets available for evening session

FAMILY PICNIC DAY

To farewell our principal, Vince Mulkerin

**Put it in your calendar:
Sunday 10 December**



Let's get together as a community to give Vince a great send off in the best way possible, a relaxed picnic in our school garden.

When: Sunday 10 December 2017 between 11 and 2.

Bring:

- ◇ a picnic lunch. Sorry no BBQ available so everyone can mingle.
- ◇ a blanket and/or a chair.
- ◇ Your memories, stories and good wishes for the future.

We know it is a busy time of year so come along the whole time or just pop in. Hope to see you there.

Tash Grundy (Governing Council) & Birgit Lucas (Staff Rep)

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Issue 8 of Scholastic Book Club has arrived! As we have already had a book club this term I have kept the brochures in the library for interested families to collect. Orders are to be made/paid for by Monday 27 November 2017.



There is now only **ONE** brochure for all year levels. For credit card orders there is a new 'LOOP' (Linked Online Ordering Payment) way of ordering. Please come and see Marie Groen in the library for any queries.

Books make wonderful Christmas presents

SCHOOL LUNCHES

**Please note that there will be
NO SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS
on the last week of school
Thursday 14 December.**

CHRISTMAS STOCKING RAFFLE

**Have you seen our *HUGE* Christmas stocking in the front office ?
It's way bigger than our children !!!**



Each year staff organise a Christmas stocking raffle to help raise money for school projects. In previous years we have purchased a pod of iPads for classrooms and 'Lego We Do' kits.

Booklets of 10 tickets have gone home and we ask if families can please help us by selling the tickets and returning them with the money to the school office by Monday 11 December.

The raffle is drawn at the school assembly on Thursday 15 December.

If you didn't get a raffle book or would like some more please come in to the office and get some.

All proceeds go toward school projects.



**FUND MY NEIGHBOURHOOD
HAVE YOU VOTED YET?**
Voting closes 5pm Monday 20 November.



A gathering place to foster community and share interests

Voting for the school's 'Fund my Neighbourhood' grant to make improvements to our Bellevue Garden Patch for the community by adding a shelter, fitness equipment, BBQ and garden beds where people can meet, eat, garden and share ideas closes next week!

Please go to the link below and vote for us. Please also send, share and talk about this project to all your family and friends.

<https://fundmyneighbourhood.yoursay.sa.gov.au/rounds/fund-my-neighbourhood-2017/ideas/bellevue-heights-community-garden-and-gathering-space>

2017 ROTARY CHRISTMAS FAIR
This Sunday 19 November 9am to 3pm
Look out for Bellevue Heights Primary School stall at the Christmas Fair this Sunday.
Pop in and see our robotics in ACTION !!

The Rotary Club of Blackwood invites you to join your community for the **2017 CHRISTMAS FAIR**
Sunday 19th November 9am to 3pm
Loads of stalls:-
food, toys, bric a brac, books, craft, plants and much much more!!!
KARINYA RESERVE SHEPHERDS HILL RD EDEN HILLS

The kids will love:

- ⊗ CFS Fire Engine
- ⊗ Bouncy Castle
- ⊗ Smokey the Bear
- ⊗ Farmer Darcy's Travelling Farm (10-2)
- ⊗ Father Christmas
- ⊗ Colouring in competition

Everyone will enjoy:

- ⊗ Rotary BBQ
- ⊗ Sing Australia Choir
- ⊗ Mitcham City Brass Band
- ⊗ Coast FM live broadcast.

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.

ORGANIC CORNER STORE TWILIGHT MARKETS

Organic food & wine, organic wholefoods & fresh produce, eco-friendly hand crafted gifts, playground & kids craft, live music. Glenelg North Community Centre, Cnr Alison St & Kibby Ave, Glenelg North, 4 - 8pm - November 17 & December 22.

NATIONAL KARATE ACADEMIES

Bellevue Heights - National Karate Academies is a high quality, family orientated martial art program. Training is every Wednesday during school term. Instructors Dai Sempai Marc and Dai Sempai Jackson provide a welcoming environment that mixes high quality teaching with fun. Juniors train from 18:00 until 19:00, seniors train straight after between 19:00 and 20:30 for a more intensive but equally enjoyable session. Enquiries to Marc on 0427 471809 or check out the facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/BellevueHeights.NKA/> Your first lesson is free so why not give it a go?

BLACKWOOD MITCHAM LIBRARY CHRISTMAS WORKSHOPS

Card making. Tuesday 28 November 3.30 to 5pm. \$5 per child. 5 years +
Christmas gifts - felt bird mobile. Tuesday 5 December 3.30 to 5pm. \$5 per child. 5 years +
Christmas candle holder. Wednesday 6 December 4 to 5pm. \$5 per person 10—17 Years.
Bookings with payment essential. Phone 8372 8255 or visit library.mitchalcouncil.sa.gov.au for more information.

GAMES NIGHT

First Saturday of the month there is a games night held at Blackwood Hills Baptist Church in the café area. For anyone who enjoys playing cards and board games and is looking to extend their opportunities for playing on a semi regular basis with others. Gold coin donation to attend, supper provided, \$1 capuccino/hot chocolate etc. Open to anyone of any age, families welcome. For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/smorgasboardgaming/>

DENTAL CARE FOR STUDENTS

Dental care is free for all babies, preschool & most children under 18 years at school dental service clinics. The school dental service is a child dental benefits schedule provider. You will need to call for an appointment. The local cliic is Marion GP Plus Dental Clinic. Phone: 7425 8400 or visit www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/sadental

VACSWIM - Marion Outdoor Swimming Pool (Cnr Hendrie St & Oaklands Rd)

An intensive learn-to-swim program run during the school holidays. Children will learn safety, rescue & improve their swimming ability. 2/1—5/1 & 8/1 —10/1 (Total of 7 days.) All Vacswim participants must be attending school in the year 2018. You can phone Marion Outdoor Swimming Pool for further information. 8276 4939.