



BELLEVUE HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning & Growing Together to Enrich the World

**Newsletter Week 9 Term 3
Wednesday 20 September 2017**

COMING EVENTS FOR THE CALENDAR

- Friday.....September 22.. Student run assembly by Ms Spells/Mrs Main's class and Parent morning tea
Winter sports break up at school - 5.30 to 7.30pm
- Monday.....September 25.. Year 4/5 excursion
- Tuesday.....September 26.. Year 6/7 play—ODYSSEUS 7pm in the gym
- Thursday.....September 28.. **SRC carnival - 2 to 3pm. Casual Day for Students**
Junior Field Naturalists' Club 7pm in school hall
- Friday September 29 Last day for term 3 - Students finish at 2:30pm**
NO casual dress day. Pizza lunch.
- Monday.....October 16..... First Day for Term 4.

Dear Parents & Community

It has been a busy term across all the curriculum areas. Here are a few highlights:

- ◆ Lab on Legs for junior primary
- ◆ Year 5-7 girls football clinic
- ◆ Crows 'Growing with Gratitude Program' and clinic
- ◆ Junior choir singing at Resthaven
- ◆ Continuing Four Year Old Fridays
- ◆ The Burnsafe Program
- ◆ RoboCup – our fabulous teams came 1st, 2nd and 3rd – the trifecta!
- ◆ Bookweek and BookFair
- ◆ Excursions to the show, Botanic Gardens and Museum, Glenelg and The Old Gum Tree
- ◆ Junior primary classes going to Resthaven
- ◆ Yr 6 and upper primary IELC going to Belair National Park for the Nature Play SA event
- ◆ The Plinc-a-thon raised around \$1,800 – for our Nature Play Program – well done everyone
- ◆ ACER tests in maths and reading for Years 2 to 7
- ◆ Senior choir performed at the Entertainment Centre
- ◆ 6 Awards in the Oliphant Science Awards
- ◆ The RoboCup Rescue team is travelling to Brisbane to compete in the National Championships
- ◆ Still to come – the Year 7 Quiz afternoon and our fabulous SRC Carnival

Plinc-a-thon

A very big thank you to the community for supporting the Plinc-a-thon. We had at least one, often more, classes outdoors learning all day and what a range of activities they did. Thanks to the parent volunteers who supported classes and thanks to all the staff for coordinating the activities. We raised over \$1,800 to support Nature Play activities. See further on in the newsletter.

Winter Sports

This Friday evening we will celebrate our winter sport participation. Well done to all those students who enjoyed the benefits of team sport involvement. Of course these events would not happen without the wonderful support of people willing to be coaches and managers. These are the wonderful people who provided that support this winter



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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



sport season:

Winter Sports Thanks

Netball - Philippa Hutson, Brooke Szymanskyj,
Kathy Reynolds, Alan King, Bec & Cam Grigg,
Anthony Ludlam

Soccer - Matt McDowell, Andrew Fitzgerald,
James Todd & Paul Hills.

Referees: Tomiya Hills & Joshua Mrema

Thanks to all and we look forward to more netball and soccer fun next year.

Special Thanks to Paul

On that soccer note we sincerely thank Paul Hills for his contribution to school soccer. Paul has willingly given his time to support all our school teams, giving up lunchtimes, Saturday mornings and some evenings when the carnivals have been on. He is taking a well-deserved break from soccer next year and we thank him for his substantial support.

Parent Survey – link

The parent survey is still open for you to complete. Thanks to the many families who have already done that. Have your say about our school – complete the survey now. The survey period closes on September 30.

<https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/HM8XWCch>

There are still some families completing the survey but have either not written in the comment box (if you don't want to write a comment put "No comment") or have not clicked on "Finish" to submit the survey.

Supporting your child at home and school

There is a very useful and interesting article by Maressa in today's newsletter. Please read though it, go to the CalmKids website and see what you think!

Enrolments for 2018

As mentioned in previous newsletters we are making initial plans for classes and staffing for 2018. Knowing numbers means we can keep class sizes to a minimum. Enrolment estimates are a key element in this planning. If your child/ren **WILL NOT** be attending our school next year (excluding the current Year 7s) would you please contact the school office as soon as possible.

If you intend for your child to commence school at Bellevue Heights Primary next year and you haven't yet done so please contact the school so arrangements can be made to provide you with enrolment forms.

In addition if you know people whose children are likely to start at our school please encourage them to contact us soon.

2017 NAPLAN

Our Year 3, 5 and 7 NAPLAN results reflect the ongoing work in reading and maths and as you can see from this table our students continue to do well in these tests. It is always difficult to assess how we go

as a whole school as we have many students for whom English is their second language sitting these tests but you can get a picture from these average scores. This table shows our 2016 and 2017 mean scores, the Australian average score, the state average score and for a comparison I have included the scores from the Australian Capital Territory (they are generally 'held up' as a higher achieving system by the media!). Writing is an area that has dropped and we will look at that for 2018 and we will continue to evaluate these results alongside the PAT tests in maths and reading that were competed this week. If you have any questions about these please contact Vince.

Regards

Vince, Mary & Birgit

Year 3	BHPS 2016	BHPS 2017	SA	Australia	A.C.T
Reading	428	467	417	431	443
Writing	433	410	391	414	415
Spelling	430	450	404	416	413
Grammar	448	494	420	439	446
Numeracy	394	421	391	409	418

Year 5	BHPS 2016	BHPS 2017	SA	Australia	A.C.T
Reading	520	551	494	506	520
Writing	483	463	456	473	479
Spelling	502	518	491	501	499
Grammar	550	550	488	499	507
Numeracy	502	502	477	494	498

Year 7	BHPS 2016	BHPS 2017	SA	Australia	A.C.T
Reading	592	569	542	548	562
Writing	542	528	510	513	522
Spelling	569	561	545	550	550
Grammar	576	553	539	542	553
Numeracy	557	553	544	554	558

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:

Stanley Mau, Lexi Chadwick, Mikx Staats, Kaifa Azwani, Insha Solah, Sarah Fauziah, Haia Al Edilan, Minh Sung & Ngan Nguyen.





Good News Week

Year 6 Excursion to Belair National Park

On Thursday, in week 7, the year sixes got the opportunity to learn in the outdoor classroom at Belair National Park. This was organised by Nature Play SA. We built cubbies and went geocaching, which we enjoyed a lot. There were quite a few schools there and they all looked like they had a lot of fun too.



Cubby building was the first activity. We had to first build a small size cubby out of twigs and sticks, leaves and bark (a prototype) and we got to build life size cubbies. This activity taught kids about teamwork, and using natural resources to create a house. The cubbies turned out really well. Then we got to use massive sticks and logs, leaves, bark, hessian, tarp for the flooring inside and rope.

Our goal was to fit all of our team members into the cubby. The weather was a bit rainy and after that activity people were wet and dirty but they were smiling.

Geocaching was great. We got put into teams and then got a GPS, to help us locate little tubs, which were hidden in certain areas. The tubs contained a hole punch, which we would use to punch a hole in a little piece of numbered paper, to prove that we had been to that place. We had to walk around a large area. Some groups found this task challenging, while others sped through it. The ground was very boggy and muddy, so we had to be careful not to slip.

This was a great experience for the year sixes and although people were tired and muddy and drenched, we all had a wonderful time.

By Lilli



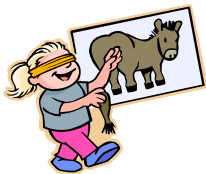
SRC CARNIVAL DAY + Casual Day

Thursday 28th September 2 – 3 pm



In week 10 on Thursday it's SRC Carnival Day plus casual day. Tickets will be on sale in weeks 9 & 10 in the mornings. SRC will be coming around to classrooms selling them — tickets for \$1.

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Stalls run by classes include: food, fun activities & competitions.

No money will be used for purchases on the day.

This will be the only SRC fundraiser for the year. Distribution of proceeds will be decided by SRC executive.

Award Recipients



Assembly Monday 18 September



PLINC-A-Thon

What a fantastic day for our PLINC-A-Thon recently - *Playing Learning Inquiring in Nature with Children.*

It was a marathon of outdoor learning play with classes outside all day joining in the fun with outdoor activities including scavenger hunt, finding dinosaurs in the sandpit, obstacle courses, whittling, making model buildings from ancient civilizations from natural materials and much more.

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the event with donations. P&F raised \$1,890. Special thanks to the parents who came along to help on the day especially Tash Howard and Linda van Dijk for their organisation.





A message from our Student Welfare Worker—Maressa Derry Helping Kids Cope with Mean Behaviour.

A bit of information from Calm Kids Central an online support program we use at school. If you need more information feel free to contact me. Maressa 82787182

Most of us feel life is unfair sometimes. Kids are the same. Daily life is full of little and big frustrations for them.

Of course as professionals working with children, we know some children have more difficulty dealing with this than others. I think this is because some kids just have stronger emotional experiences than others and as well as the fact that some kids have not had opportunities to learn coping skills.

If we can help these children to learn to cope with "unfair" situations (or those they perceive as unfair) in constructive ways - we can make a big difference to their life.

And as tempting as it is - simply saying: "get over it" - doesn't actually teach a lot. Sure - it's not terrible for adults to say this to kids at times and there are some times when "tough love" is useful.

But if we want children to learn coping skills in unfair situations over the long term, teaching additional skills can be useful.

For example, some options include:

Getting children to say clearly and calmly what they are disappointed about (rather than crying/yelling or acting in an angry way) - clear communication helps people feel better.

Helping children to calm their bodies - and reduce muscle tension and fast heart/breathing rates.

Getting children to learn to distract themselves/ switch their attention onto another topic for a short or longer period of time.

Helping children to say clearly and calmly what they want (assertive but kind communication).

Helping children to generate their own calm thoughts "I'm okay", "It's not the end of the world."

These are all options which can be useful for different children in different situations.

Oliphant Science Awards 2017



Some of our students competed recently in this years Oliphant Science Awards and tonight they are announcing the prize winners. We will let you know next term how they went.

Well done to all participants this year.:

Chloe Kidwell, Aqeela Hussain, Lilly Fitzpatrick, Tembo Grasby, Kifaru Grasby, Suleiman Hussain, Tenzin Sims, Saskia Fitzpatrick, Tahlia Powell, Katherine Filcoff, Fraser Grigg, Alice Wight, Clara Mills, Jay Mills, Zach Chilstone, Sophie Calliss, Sarah Fauziah, Eliza Scholz, Eva Vergou, Asti Mahardika, Hayley Duncan & Ryaan Hossain.

WINTER SPORTS BREAKUP - Friday 22 September This Friday



As a way of saying thank you and well done to all our hardworking winter sports fanatics we will be

holding a BBQ / presentation at school on Friday 22 September starting at 5:30 to 7:30pm.

Sausages and a soft drink will be provided by the school for players.

A sausage sizzle for a gold coin donation per family will also be available.

HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR SPORT TOP YET?

If you hired a sport top for soccer or netball this season or borrowed boots and shin pads can you please make sure you return them to the office now winter sports have finished. Thank you.



NEW COOP FOR OUR CHICKENS

Recently Mrs Groen asked Mrs Bradley and Mrs Bland's class to design movable chicken coops. The children researched RSPCA standard space requirements for chickens before designing possible coops. This was part of their maths learning on 3D shapes, area and volume. The children had to build a model from plans and the finished models were given to Mrs Groen. Mr Chancellor and Mr Taylor kindly came and helped pick their favourite to build. Sophia's chicken coop was chosen and the finished coop

arrived at school

this week. A very special thank you goes to Mr Chancellor and Mr Taylor for building the coop.





Vacation Care Reminder

Have you sent back your booking form yet? It's not too late !!!

All booking forms need to be back to OSHC staff by Monday 26 September to ensure a place.

Forms available from the school office but they need to be returned to OSHC Staff.

Contact Mira Doorne for more information on 8278 9439 or 0401 121 798 or Mira.Doorne653@schools.sa.edu.au



Planned activities and excursions include:

- Crazy Hair Day
- Adelaide Zoo Excursion
- Movie Day
- Disney Day
- Bubble Soccer
- Nature Day
- Wheels Day
- Spooky Day



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: 7:00—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

MILO in2CRICKET Program – Boys and girls 5 – 8 years old

MILO in2CRICKET is a super fun, safe and social program. It teaches kids of all abilities the **basic skills** of cricket. Each week your child will play game based activities that will keep them active, whilst having fun and making new friends.

There is a **FREE 'Come & Try'** MILO in2CRICKET session at each of your local centres:

- Flagstaff Hill Cricket Club – Flagstaff Hill PS – Blacks Road, Flagstaff Hill
Sunday 22 October 9:00 – 10:00am
- Coromandel Cricket Club – Hewett Sports Ground, Coromandel Parade, Blackwood
Thursday 26 October 4:30 – 5:30pm
- Coromandel Ramblers Cricket Club – Weymouth Oval, Main Road, Coromandel Valley.
Friday 20 October 6:15 – 7:15pm



MILO T20 Blast Program – Boys and girls 7 – 10 years old

MILO T20 Blast is a super fun, social, safe cricket program and is a step up from MILO in2CRICKET. Kids play modified games, the program is much shorter than traditional cricket and all the equipment is supplied. It's W/BBL for kids!

There is a **FREE 'Come & Try'** MILO T20 Blast session at your local centres:

- Happy Valley Oval – Taylors Road West, Aberfoyle Park.
Monday 23 October 5:30 – 7:00pm
- Hewett Sports Ground - Coromandel Parade, Blackwood.
Thursday 26 October 4:30 – 6:00pm

For more information about either program or to register, go to www.playcricket.com.au and search using your postcode.

CITY OF MITCHAM SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Activities include science & cooking classes, woodwork for kids, giant games, yoga for kids, kids camera action & Mickster the Trickster magic show. Venues include Blackwood, Mitcham, Cumberland Park and Hawthorn.

Visit www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/communitycentres for more information or come to school and get a flyer.

GRASSHOPPER SOCCER AT BELLEVUE HEIGHTS

Australia's #1 non-competitive soccer program for girls and boys aged 2 – 12.

Grasshopper Soccer will be running again in Term 4, commencing from Thursday 26th October.

During Term 4, Bellevue Heights students receive a \$20 discount on their class fees!

Please visit the front office to collect our latest flyer.

For more information visit our website, www.grasshoppersoccer.com.au

OR our facebook page, facebook.com/GrasshopperSoccerSouthernAdelaide

OR contact Daniel by phone 0433 422 347 or email daniel@grasshoppersoccer.com.au



What's happening around Bellevue Heights Primary as presented to Governing Council Monday 18 September 2017

Sue Koschade Reception	We had a lot of fun during Book Week especially walking down to Resthaven to read with the residents. We are working on numbers, clocks, patterns, shapes and problem solving in maths. In HAAS Karen Pilgrim has been helping us make a photomap of the school. We have been reading books that have maps of houses and streets. We are looking forward to the SRC carnival in week 10.
Erika Petrovic R / 1	In maths we are reading time on analogue and digital clocks and observing the characteristics of half-hour times. We are describing shapes and 3D objects using everyday words such as corners, edges and faces. We are enjoying participating in PLINC activities. In science we continue with our topic light and sound. In health studies we are learning about healthy food and importance of exercise, water and sleep. We are looking forward to the school carnival in week 10.
Debbie Spells & Jenni Main Year 1/2	We enjoyed the lunchtime activities of Book Week and now visits to the Montessori preschool are planned to read picture books with the kindy kids. Several of the Book Week shortlisted books had a rain theme which ties in well with our science unit on water, and in PLINC we are investigating the collection and transportation of water. We are busy preparing for leading assembly in Week 9 with Mrs Potter's class.
Jess Durdin 2/ 3 Class	Science – we have been conducting heat investigations in small groups. We have made our own predictions and looked at our data to make conclusions. Geography – we have been making PowerPoints about a chosen neighbouring country of Australia. We need to show the similarities and differences to living in Australia. PLINC – we have continued to enjoy working with rooms 10 and 12 outdoors. Robotics – we have learnt to make our robots dance and have created our own paths for the Edison Robot to follow. Book Week - we enjoyed dressing up and participating in activities about the 2017 shortlisted books.
Steve Mallee Yr 2 / 3	Art, craft, technology with parent volunteers going well. Students have been sewing, cooking, creating collages, constructing foil sculptures, line designs using permanent textas and foil and creating 3D structures using wood, cardboard and scrap materials. Plinc-a-thon - we teamed up with room 8 students and went on a scavenger hunt. Students have begun their PAT testing in reading comprehension, mathematics and spelling/grammar. In geography students have nearly completed their powerpoint research on a neighbouring country. Students will assess their work using a rubric. Class is looking forward to the SRC carnival.
Rachael King Yr 3/4	Room 21 has been preparing for our history excursion on Monday 18 September. Students will be undertaking the 'Aboriginal Plant Use Trail' at the Botanic Gardens where they will explore a series of plants which have a number of traditional uses. Students will also consider the importance of plants to Aboriginal people as food, medicine, tools and shelter. The excursion will also include an exploration of indigenous art at the Art Gallery and the Aboriginal Cultures Gallery at the SA Museum. Students will be encouraged to observe, analyse, inquire, record and hypothesise and connect knowledge they have with new learning on the day.
Jackie Harrington & Jenni Main Yr 4 / 5	Room 22 enjoyed the opportunity to devise and lead an obstacle course for all the middle primary classes for Plinc-a-thon. In health we are discussing safe relationships based on rights and responsibilities and positive use of power. Our research into early explorers continues in preparation for our excursion to Sturt House, the Old Gum Tree and the Bay Discovery Centre.
Vicky Bengel & Mary Arnold 4 / 5	In science this term, we are studying earth science– the structure of Earth, tectonic plates, the atmosphere, mountains & volcanoes. We have done a lot of work on our history topic - 'Early Adelaide' and the class is looking forward to our excursion to Charles Sturt House, the Old Gum Tree and the Bay Discovery Centre where we will learn more about the very early days of the colony of SA. Our writing and comprehension genres this term are explanation and procedure. In maths we have studied statistics and data and fractions and we are currently learning about decimals.
Simon Mueller Yr 6 / 7	We have been busy rehearsing for the odyssey performance and working on our ancient civilisations inquiry. We will be showcasing our work at an expo, which parents will get to see at the Odyssey. Reminder this performance will be at the gym, Tuesday September 26 at 6.30pm.
Margot Bradley & Lyndal Bland 6 / 7	We have been making props and practicing for our play "The Odyssey", which we will be performing to parents on Tuesday night of week 10. The students have also been finalising their ancient civilisation topic by preparing a presentation to display in the gym on the same night. We are planning stalls for the SRC carnival, continuing to think hard about fractions and chance in maths, developing our multi - aspect art pieces with Sally, learning AFL football and getting closer to finishing our genius hour projects. We really enjoyed building our ancient civilisation buildings in the Plinc-a-thon, they were very successful and accurate in their design and construction.

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Kirsty Ford IELC JP	Over the next few weeks we will be consolidating our new knowledge on farm animals and writing descriptions on these. We will continue to look at healthy food and being healthy in general. We have new students starting who we are looking forward to meeting.
Helen Kenneally Kath Lister IELC JP	We enjoyed our hands-on excursion to the Royal Adelaide Show. We learned lots about farming in Australia. We continue to practise our times tables and the language we need to talk about time, money and location. We are learning about explaining a process and drawing what happens in a cycle or sequence of events.
Mark Gibson IELC MP	We have just finished our unit on farms and we have started to look at the human body where we will examine bones, muscles and tying this into health and fitness. For maths we are focussing on number and problem solving. For science we are examining some local wildlife in and around the school. Seesaw should be up and running for the class by next term.
Deb Potter IELC UP	We had a great time attending the Royal Adelaide Show and seeing some of our learning about farm animals in practice - especially the actual size of some of the animals! We were also very fortunate to attend the Outdoor Classroom Day at Belair National Park and are applying some of these techniques in our PLINC. To finish our term we're learning about how our brains work and the impact and importance of our choices as well as the importance of a healthy diet and lifestyle.
Katrina Vogt Music	The Senior Choir performed in the Festival of Music at the Entertainment Centre on Friday night.
Yvette Pinto French	6/7 - writing directions to find different number show bag stalls, describing characters in Astérix and Obélix and profile of famous actor Gerard Depardieu. Using 'to the' for masculine and feminine nouns. 2/3 - designing a house and describing it in French. Creating a French book mark for Book Week and reading the short listed story "The Sisters Saint-Claire". We investigated the difference between a croque-monsieur and a croque-madame which are mentioned in the story. Saying which activities students like and don't like at the show. Well done to Ms Durdin's class for performing the robot song at the open day assembly. Your masks looked magnifiques. 3/4 & 4/5 - asking and answering questions about what they love/like/don't like/hate doing, through interactive activities such as a survey and an oral presentation of either an interview or a song. Rec/1/2 - learning to describing the colour of their hair and eyes and also to talk about different daily activities they do using 'Je' (I) and a verb eg. 'mange' (eat), 'dors' (sleep), 'lit' (read)... and making books about what they do at home and at school.
Sally Baker Art	In art the year 6/7 students are beginning to see the results of their fellow artists' printmaking, ink, drawing and paper cutting designs as small moveable assemblages. Unfolding art works are now beginning to inspire emerging artists. The IELC classes have explored painting animals using curvilinear and rectilinear forms. After visiting the Royal Adelaide Show we have explored drawing flowers and building enclosures for farm animals.
Student Leaders Margot Bradley & Sue Koschade	The SRC executive have prepared a lesson about growth mindset and have started teaching this to other classes. They have met with all of the SRC reps and decided where to send the money raised from the SRC carnival. They have also been busy preparing the tickets for sale and selling these every morning. The environmental sustainability committee recently went to Blackwood Primary School to present their learning and future garden plans to the Youth Environmental Forum. The well being committee have presented a play to Jackie's class on antibullying and being a bystander. The intercultural committee are researching and presenting important dates from other cultures represented at our school at assemblies
OSHC Mira Doorne	OSHC were open on the school closure day and held a very successful Show Day themed programme. The children made their own show bags which we filled with items for when they went home. We set up a sideshow alley which included fishing game, pop the balloon game, bean bag toss, knock down the cans game and lucky wheel. The children won prizes on the games. OSHC did not open on the PFD so staff could attend training. The October vacation care program is now available from the school website, office or OSHC.
Playgroup Suzy Mills	We have welcomed several new families this term and last week we even managed some outdoor play in the sunshine.