



# BELLEVUE HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Learning & Growing Together to Enrich the World*

**Newsletter Week 7 Term 4  
Wednesday 28 November 2018**

## COMING EVENTS FOR THE CALENDAR

**Friday November 30 School concert:  
From Little Things Big Things GROW  
Formal Lessons finish at 1pm Two performances - 9.30am and 6pm  
Tickets for evening concert are on sale from the office now  
No ticket sales on the night**



Wednesday.....December 5 .... Blackwood High Year 7-8 Transition Day  
Thursday.....December 6 .... Last Thursday for school lunches this year  
Junior Field Naturalists' Club 7pm in school hall - **note change of date**  
Friday.....December 7 .. Blackwood Christmas Parade  
Tuesday.....December 11 .. End of year excursions - MP to Marion Outdoor Pool, JP to Kingston Park  
Wednesday.....December 12 .. Year 7 graduation  
Thursday.....December 13 .. Farewell assembly  
Friday.....December 14 .. UP end of year excursion to North Adelaide Aquatic Centre  
Last Day for 2018. Students dismissed at 2.30. Casual day.  
Tuesday.....January 29 ..... First Day for 2019. School starts at 9am.

## Dear Parents & Community

It is astounding that I am already writing the penultimate newsletter report for the year and, as usual, there is much going on and all are as busy as ever.

We have emailed to you all what will take place at Bellevue Heights Primary this Thursday am in light of strike action. AEU members at our site have supported the action and as such whilst the school will be open there will be some modifications to your children's learning program up until midday.

With the end of the year approaching and students becoming increasingly tired, it is timely to remind everyone that concentration and subsequently resilience levels may be lower and we must therefore be more mindful about supporting our children to cope with what is often referred to as the Silly Season. For some it may just be a reminder, for others they may need to reduce their social commitments in order to regain balance and perspective. My message to our school body is to be kind to one another as kindness has a powerful impact on the recipient, the giver and for those who witness acts of kindness. In a scientific American journal it was recently reported that kindness is a virus we all need to contract.

With the Bellevue Heights Community Concert fast approaching, preparations are underway for some fantastic performances. Many thanks to the staff who have been busy creating, constructing and at times sewing props. We are looking forward to the performances.

With the weather making extreme changes on a daily basis I hope that everyone is able to stay healthy and vibrant in the run to the end of the year. Whilst it is the busiest time it is also the most fun and I hope the coming weeks are enjoyable for all.

Kind regards

*Marie-Louise, Mary and Birgit*



**We can be contacted on**  
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Bell Times	
8.40am	Students can arrive
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



## Year 7 to High School Department Update

Recently, the government has confirmed that Year 7 public school students will be taught in high school from term 1, 2022. The move will align South Australia's public schools with the national curriculum taught in high schools making it easier to deliver subjects and improve outcomes for students.

Access to dedicated facilities and resources and exposure to different teaching styles will also give each Year 7 student opportunities for deeper learning, greater peer interactions, and greater independence and responsibility.

For more information visit  
[www.education.sa.gov.au/7tohs](http://www.education.sa.gov.au/7tohs)

## BELLEVUE'S AGENTS OF CHANGE

On Friday morning 23 November, Mr David Speirs, South Australia's Environment Minister, visited Ms Durdin's 4/5 class.

Our agents Poppy, Alice, Daniella, Matilda & Makayla thanked him for coming to visit and then asked him some probing questions.

They stated:

"Our goal today is to discuss with you and receive assurance that the government will work to ban all the soft plastics and plastic straws in government/public school canteens in South Australia by 2020. This would be HUGELY appreciated and a large step in overcoming plastic pollution in Australia.

Another concern is the fact Australia is leading the world in deforestation. We are wondering what you are doing or planning to do about this in the future."

They talked about what they as students had been doing and how it felt that a member of parliament could come and see the students and how amazing it was for their voices to be heard.

The minister signed a contract which stated:

"This signature will guarantee the government of South Australia 2018 will investigate and make a commitment to work towards banning all soft plastics and plastic straws in public/government school canteens by 2020 and make a positive contribution as environmental leaders."



## 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:

Haia, Elliot, Nainika, Felix, Sara & Kenzi.



## Awards for Excellence Recipients

This fortnight the following students earned a certificate: Heath, Corben, David & Daisy.

## A MESSAGE FROM MARESSA

### Our Student Welfare Worker

#### *Developing resilience in our children*

Across the lifespan resilience is often seen as a factor that prevents or reduces the likelihood of poor mental health.

It cannot completely buffer an individual from mental illness but studies do show that resilient individuals are less likely to have a mental illness and more likely to recover when they become mentally unwell. Children need to experience challenge. Life does have stress and challenges and providing encouragement and emotional support in the face of disappointment and failure is a central thing parents can do.

Encouragement to "give it a go" and "get back up" is important, along with unconditional love.

Talking about events and circumstances, asking "what would help" and reflecting on events and experience can also widen a young person's framework of responding to failure.

Maintaining good health, sleep and exercise are important ingredients for resilience.

Rather than parents focusing on developing resilience in itself, it is better to think about opportunities that allow resilience to develop. On one hand, we don't want stress or challenge to be overwhelming but nor do we want to create the illusion of a life without stress, challenges and setbacks.

Facing the challenges, obstacles and the stresses of growing up and being emotionally supported through failure is extremely important in the development of resilience. Learning to regulate emotions rather than being overwhelmed by them is also critical. Developing a sense of control and mastery and knowing where and how to ask for help when needed are also part of the resilience toolkit.

With the holidays coming up we all hopefully have a bit more time to be active and chat to our children and support them in developing their resilience.



**FRED'S VAN DONATIONS**



Thank you to everyone who donated to Fred's Van. We collected a large amount of items for the homeless. Well done to Sophie, Eva & Hayley for organising this initiative.



**FAMILY PICNIC DAY**  
**SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER**  
 To farewell Sue Koschade

Let's get together as a community to give Sue a great send off in the best way possible, a relaxed picnic in our school grounds.  
 When: Sunday 9 December 2018 at 5.30pm.  
 What to bring:

- ◇ Some picnic food. Sorry no BBQ available, so everyone can mingle.
- ◇ A rug 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 for the whole time or just pop in. Hope to see you there.



**LIBRARY NEWS**

It is that time of year, AGAIN, that we stocktake all our resources.  
 All student library books and all take-home readers are to be returned to the library by week the end of this week.  
 Stocktake is a huge and time consuming task and we would appreciate it if families can support us by ensuring their children return all their books.  
 Many thanks.  
**Marie Groen**  
 Library staff



**YOUR LIBRARY**

# School Concert

**From Little Things  
 Big Things GROW**  
*Friday 30 November*

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

Two sessions  
 9:30am - Morning Session  
*Gold Coin Donation at door*  
 6pm - Evening Session  
*Limited seating - maximum of up to two pre-purchased tickets at \$5 each will be allocated per family.*  
*No ticket sales or 'extra' seating will be available on the night.*

On Tickets on sale  
NOW  
 from the school






# Parents & Friends Information

P&F Ongoing Fundraiser  
STUCK ON YOU Personalised labels



**Are you sick and tired of losing lunch boxes and school jumpers?**

**Want some great gift ideas for Christmas?**

**stuckonyou**

P&F have just set up a Stuck on You fundraising account where you can get a fantastic range of personalised items like:



- \* Personalised name labels for lunch boxes and clothing.
- \* Bento lunch boxes.
- \* Fantastic range of Christmas gifts including decorations, gift bags, Santa sacks, hats, socks and mugs.
- \* Stationery and much, much more.

The school gets proceeds from every sale made via the below link.

<https://www.stuckonyou.com.au/affiliate/fundraiser/BELLEVUEHEIGHTSPRIMARY>



Why not place an order for Christmas or get ready for the new school year? Great gifts for your children, family and friends for Christmas.

**Don't forget to place your orders on the school fundraising page via the link above so proceeds come to the school.**

**This will be an ongoing fundraiser for the school so you can order at any time of the year and we will continue to benefit.**

## NO SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

This Thursday 29 November, Blackwood High Canteen is closed due to industrial action teachers' strike.

And in the last week of term

Please note that Thursday 6 December will be the last Thursday this year that you can order lunches on-line.

**There are no lunch orders on Thursday 13 December**

## SCHOOL LUNCHES CHANGES FOR 2019

- Blackwood High School canteen provide us with a school lunch service every Thursday.
- They are currently using Munch Monitors for their online ordering service.
- From 2019 they will be changing to QKR a Commonwealth Bank service.

### What does this mean for you?

- ◆ At this stage we just need to make you aware that there will be changes so DON'T put large amounts into your current Munch Monitors account. You may not be able to get a refund for any credit you have left in your account at the end of 2018.
- ◆ We will send home the information about QKR as soon as it is available in 2019. It will be similar to the current system where you will need to register your child with them.

Any questions? - Please see Yvonne in the office.



# Vacation Care Program

Bookings are now open for December / January Vacation Care  
 All booking forms need to be given to OSHC staff as soon as possible to ensure a place.

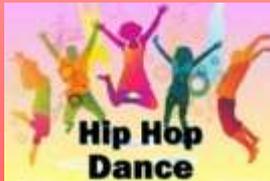


Forms are available from the school office & the school website but they need to be returned to OSHC staff as soon as possible.  
 Contact Mira Doorne for more information on 8278 9439 or 0401 121 798 or [Mira.Doorne653@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Mira.Doorne653@schools.sa.edu.au)



Planned activities and excursions include:

- Mad Scientist Laboratory
- Electronics Day
- Hip Hop Workshop
- Tropical Day
- Marion Outdoor Pool
- Picnic at Wittunga Botanical Gardens
- Bouncy Castle with Water Slide
- Bollywood Day
- Swimming Day
- Galaxy Day
- White Christmas
- Movie Day
- Water Play Day



## CHRISTMAS STOCKING RAFFLE

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

*Have you returned your book yet?*



Books of tickets have gone home and are due back to school with the money by Monday 10 December.

The raffle will be drawn at the school assembly on Thursday 13 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.**

## OSHC CHRISTMAS PARTY



Monday  
 10 December  
 3.30 – 4.30pm

OSHC will celebrate Christmas with a party to be held in the activity room during after school hours. If your child comes to either BSC or ASC they are welcome to come along.

We will supply party food, drinks and games for 1 hour. Please book with Mira or school office staff by Wednesday 5 December for catering purposes. The cost will be standard half session fee if picked up at 4.30pm. If the children already attend ASC on that Monday, they will be automatically booked in.

Parents are also welcome.



Looking forward to seeing you all for lots of fun

Mira and OSHC staff

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

# What's happening around Bellevue Heights Primary School as presented to Governing Council Monday 26 November 2018

Sue Koschade Reception	We have been working hard designing and creating the t-shirts we are wearing in our concert item and we are looking forward to wearing them. We have had visitors come in to share their family celebrations with us. We have learned about Russian Easter, Eid, Chinese New Year, Hina Matsuri and the Dragon Boat Festival. We will continue our celebrations over the last 3 weeks. We have worked hard on our reading, maths and writing skills. In science we are looking at how things move
Erika Petrovic Year 1	In Jolly grammar we are practicing spelling words and constructing information reports about learned celebrations. In maths we are learning about symmetry, dividing symmetrical shapes in half and learning how objects can have more than one line of symmetry. We are exploring the Diwali celebration of India and the custom of rangoli art in which pictures are drawn with materials such as coloured rice, flour or sand in the entrances of homes to promote health and wellbeing. The presence of symmetry in rangoli designs allows us to link our exploration of Indian culture to the mathematical concept. We have created rangoli patterns with coloured sand, chalk and in KidPix program. In science we are investigating sources of sound and making simple musical instruments-maracas, guitar, drums and castanets. We are practicing our item for the end of year school concert.
Debbie Spells & Jenni Main Years 2 / 3	At this time of year we reflect on our goals and celebrate our achievements as we see just how much we have all grown over the year. We are looking at festivities around the world, preparing our concert item and looking forward to our end-of-year celebrations.
Steve Mallee Nalani Aitkens Years 2 / 3	Reflecting on their work and their individual goals has helped in learning time. Students have been extending their writing and using their imagination to come up with some great inventions. Science learning about floating & sinking using paperclips. Health all about our emotions and the body language used to portray these feelings. Preparations for concert item in week 7. Students writing reviews for their report cards.
Kim Potter & Mary Arnold Years 4 / 5	In room 22, students have been developing their problem solving strategies by increasing the amount of tools they have in their mathematical tool kits. We have been using maths300 and the natural environment to help bring some of these strategies to life.
Jess Durdin Years 4 / 5	Room 20 have been busy researching an explorer through a history inquiry project. Some students are presenting their inquires through PowerPoint, by oral presentation or on poster card. In science we been discovering about our solar system through interactive space activities and hands on lessons that compared the planet sizes by using a smaller scale. The students have worked in small groups to plan a skit and make props for our concert item.
Margot Bradley & Lyndal Bland Years 6 / 7	We have been finalising all of our work for the year as we prepare for the concert and graduation. We start presenting our genius hour projects to each other next week and have learnt how to use a power point to support our speeches. Our art projects are almost complete and we have been presenting our information about other countries with Mr Mueller. We have nailed our concert items and are looking forward to the big day.
Kirsty Ford & Lauren Cole IELC JP	So far this term we have welcomed many new friends to our class and are enjoying helping them settle into school life in Australia. We are continuing learning about celebrations and writing descriptions with our new knowledge and understanding of various cultural celebrations. In maths we are learning about shape, ordinal numbers and measurement. We are practicing and getting excited about the concert.
Kath Lister & Helen Kenneally IELC JP	We are enjoying learning about Moon Festival, Eid and Dragon Boat Festival. We are busy preparing for our concert item and practising our parts. We have new PE games thanks to Mr Mallee and some wonderful published writing from our ICT work with Ms Yvette. We are planning our class celebration for end of term and to wish our friends who are leaving all the best.
Bec Grigg IELC UP	Term four and it's pedal to the floor! We are busy learning how to write explanations and will be writing some poetry later in the term. We are focusing on measurement, time, data and statistics in maths. Lots of hard thinking is already happening. Concert preparations are in full swing and we are all looking forward to the big end of year aquatics excursion. Quite a few of our friends are leaving us at the end of the year – year 7s going off to high school, some are going back home overseas and others are graduating to mainstream. The end of 2018 will be a mixture of both happy and sad emotions for us.

## What's happening around Bellevue Heights Primary School as presented to Governing Council Monday 26 NOVEMBER 2018

Paula Grasby Music	We continue to work on improving aural skills, rhythm and expression, as well as composing and improvising. Year 6/7s just finished their arrangements on Garage Band. We also used the <u>microbit</u> to incorporate coding and electronics into music learning. We have started a school band which will have their first performance during the end of year concert alongside the senior and junior choirs. Our dedicated junior choir who have been practising on Tuesday lunch times will also be performing for Kindy children who will visit on Monday week 9.
Yvette Pinto French	Rec/Year 1 - Remembrance Day activities about the bond between Australia and France during World War One. Villers-Bretonneux is the town that never forgets Australia. Songs and games about body parts, greetings and Christmas. Year 2/3 - identifying differences and similarities between Christmas in France and Australia. PE week - Years 2-7 – following instructions in French to play Pétanque. 4/5 - following instructions in French to draw 'Renne au nez rouge'. Year 6/7 - reflect on own cultural identity with regards to celebrating Christmas. Investigate how the French celebrate Christmas through reading commonly used text types such as information texts, greetings and menus.
Sally Baker Art	In visual art, we are completing the studies of Henri Monet and preparing to send a small selection of artworks in readiness for the exhibition next year. Mr Mueller and Mrs Bradley/Bland's classes are completing their personal art studies showing their explorations and learning from a variety of interests, artists and mediums. The IELC classes are exploring the topic of 'Celebrations' and in addition, the children have explored some mask making, painting and drawing. Some parents and grandparents have visited or helped in class, increasing our intergenerational visual arts understanding.
Steve Mallee Design Tech	To finalise the year the 4/5s are completing their animations in Microsoft Power Point. The year 2/3s have constructed paper towers to carry a weight of a ball and are finishing the term with design activities using colour shape and form.
Student Leaders Margot Bradley & Sue Koschade	The SRC Executives are preparing to present the work they have done on creative thinking to the cluster principals in week 8. They are also having a celebration SRC school meeting in week 8 with the class representatives to thank them for their work this year. The Intercultural Committee have run several highly successful lunch time activities and have one more planned. The Environmental Sustainability Committee have been finalising any garden work and checking that the new plants are surviving in the hot days we have had. And the Wellbeing Committee have been making a flag for the 'Buddy Bench'.
OSHC Mira Doorne	All staff are anticipating the arrival of assessors from Early Childhood National Quality Standards. This will be a full 2 day assessment with a quality rating applied to our service when completed. It includes 7 Quality Areas and over 100 competencies. This can be a very nervous time for director, staff and children. We are sure we will be fine. As well we have Christmas celebrations with crafts and baking and our huge Christmas celebration on Monday 10 December during ASC. In week 10 our Vacation Care begins with a full week of Christmas themed activities.
Playgroup Suzy Mills	It's been great to enjoy some water play, bubbles and outdoor time as the weather warms up. We also had fun last week making butterflies and reading "Butterfly Butterfly". We are still welcoming new families, even with just a month of the school year left. We hope to see more new - and of course familiar - faces in 2019.

## 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**

Last meeting for 2019 is Thursday December 6 (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE) 7pm in the school hall.

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. . Contact is Rona Sakko 0419827723 ronadel@dodo.com.au