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Term 1 Week 6

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Dear parents and community members,

Welcome to our mid-term newsletter. The weeks are certainly flying quickly .

We held our first formal Governing Council last Monday. I welcome Eleanor Parker to the position of the Chairperson and the following parents in their roles on the council for 2021:

Roger Anderson	Deputy Chairperson
Clare Coulter	Secretary
Craig Paues	Facilities
Pooja Sahota	Promotions
Andrew Cassetti	Finance
Judith Zetterstrom	Education

I am confident that the Governing Council will achieve much over the coming months. Visitors are welcome to attend meetings but if you wish issues to be raised please contact either myself or the council members and they will be taken to the meetings for discussion.

Governing Council have approved two student free days for staff to attend training in 2021. A third will take place in term four but the date has not been set as yet.

Please put these dates in your diary:

Term 2 (Week7) - Friday 11 June. Numeracy workshops

Term 3 (Day 1) - Monday 19 July-Moderation day with Blackwood Primary School

Sports Day We will be having our Sports Day for 2021, next Friday , March 12. This year's Sport Day will look different to how it has looked in the past but we have endeavoured to ensure that we can have a

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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

Students need to be collected by 3:50pm



IMPORTANT DATES

Term 1 2021

Friday 5th March

Clean up Australia Day at school

Monday 8th March

Public Holiday—Adelaide Cup Day

Friday 12th March

Sports Day

Friday 19th March

Harmony Day Celebrations

School Tour 10am

Friday 2nd April

Good Friday

Monday 5th April

Easter Monday Holiday

Tuesday 6th April

School Tour 9am

Tues 6th April—Thurs. 8th

6/7 Monarto Zoo Camp

Friday 9th April

Last day of school

Tuesday 27th April

First Day of Term 2

Friday 11th June

Pupil Free Day.

Monday 19th July Term 3

Pupil Free day

representation of parents/ carers present . Unfortunately, due to COVID -19 restrictions, we will not be able to have parents sitting with their children in the sports bays and whilst we will encourage parents to safely accompany their children during the tabloid sports we do require that adults sit in the bays on the opposite side of the student tents following the tabloid events. Whilst we are very aware that some parents will be disappointed with this, we are also aware most parents will understand why this has to happen and be very supportive of this occurring. We would appreciate your cooperation on the day to ensure that we, as a staff, do not have to spend time away from the action to remind parents where they should be sitting. Notwithstanding, it will be a great day and we are looking forward to sharing this event with you.

Early Arrival at School I have noticed that there are increasing numbers of children arriving early. As there are no teachers on duty until 8.40 am, students **should not** be arriving at school prior to this time. If students arrive prior to 8.40am they need to sit on the seats near the admin. block. Please support the school by not dropping off your children before time. We have a great OSHC service so please consider this as an option if you cannot leave for work/ study at 8.40 am

Kind regards Marie-Louise

SCHOOL AWARDS

The school award system recognises and rewards positive social and academic achievement.

There are three levels:

School Awards & Principal Awards

Awards for Excellence (10 School &/or Principal Awards)

School Medal (10 Awards for Excellence)

Awards for Excellence Recipients

The following students have earned an Award for Excellence certificate: Lilah, Lily, Kaili, Dodo, Joy(x2), Scarlett K, Amelie, Huy, Astelle (Photo will be in next newsletter)

Fortnite and online gaming

The world of technology is here to stay and like most things it brings positives and negatives. In classes there has been some chat about Fortnite. The e-safety commission recommends that Fortnite is played by 13+ years. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/esafety-guide/fortnite-battle-royale>

Some students have been having conflict via chat on Fortnite and have been bringing those issues into the classroom and yard. The challenging thing about Fortnite is that it is a highly competitive game, but unlike face to face competition there feels like a lessened amount of responsibility for words spoken. Some children find it difficult to filter their thoughts and emotions when they are gaming, but hurtful things that are said can hurt just as much as face to face.

Another area of concern is that up to 100 people can be present in a game. It is strongly encouraged that children do not accept members into the group who they have not met face to face and therefore know they are who they say they are.

If your child is playing Fortnite the following article has some useful information. <https://childmind.org/article/parents-guide-dealing-fortnite/>



New Virtual Tour of our School

We recently had a virtual tour of our school created. Scan the QR code to activate this virtual experience. Throughout the year, we will be adding multimedia 'hotspots' to the different scenes in the tour to showcase what we do at Bellevue Heights Primary School. Watch this space!

FRENCH



In French our class worked with Miss Yvette and our French assistant, Chloé to make a garden from single use plastic waste. We discussed how plastic single use items harm the environment and wildlife. We described our garden sculpture in French. We created les fleurs (flowers), un oiseau (a bird) and les coccinelles (ladybugs). We are very proud of our work.

Our sculpture will be set up in the entrance to the Adelaide City Library and can be viewed as part of the Replace the Waste Art Exhibition from 23/2 until 26/3.

SCIENCE

CROCODILE SKULL

It's teeth are huge, bigger than any other. The skull is heavy but has fascinating little holes cover the skull as if termites have eaten it. If the Crocodile was still alive it would eat Wildebeest, antelope, fish, warthog, zebra, human, crab, frog and birds.



DID YOU KNOW

The Cuban can snatch perching birds from branches of trees over-hanging rivers.

At cool and dry times of the year, crocodiles often hide away in burrows or in quiet ponds and don't eat. They wait there until the weather gets better. The small reservoir at Sierra Leone University was home to several African dwarf crocodiles until some of the gardeners caught and ate them! By Nika & Leonie

In Science we learnt about Jeffrey the Long neck Turtle.

Henry, Sophia & Caharli P



Last week we were lucky enough to go into the science room to look at the tadpoles. We are learning about frogs and tadpoles in Science. We are looking forward to seeing them change into frogs. Sammy & Mason

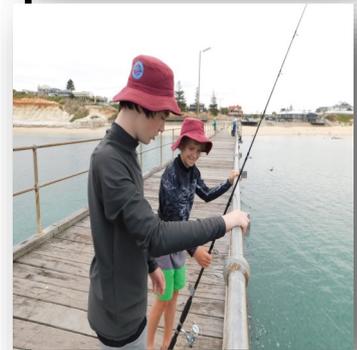




TENNIS

This term Year 4-7 classes have been doing tennis at the Bellevue Heights Tennis Club. Stefan and Nick have been teaching us how to play tennis. We are learning how to serve the ball and how to play doubles. We practiced with cones first.

By Emily and Nguyen D



AQUATICS

On Thursday of Week 3, the Years 5-7 students went to aquatics at Port Noarlunga beach. We could do 2 activities out of surfing, fishing, wind surfing, boogie boarding, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding and wave skis.

Due to coronavirus going on right now, we all have to be safe with our actions such as going shopping, attending social events and aquatics.

So to be safe, this year's 5/6/7 aquatics went differently to others, such as instead of going to aquatics for 3 hours for a week, we went for 6 hours but only for 1 day.

We all had lots of fun!

By Kaiwen Ma



Sports Day Chant Practice



The Marilyn swim takes place every year to raise money for Cancer Council SA. Participants dress up as Marilyn Monroe and swim around Brighton Jetty - this year they raised over \$162,000 for cancer research and may even have broken a world record for most Marilyn impersonators in one place. 📺

The is Mara fundraising with her neighbours and braving quite a chilly morning for the swim - she was one of the youngest there and raised \$498.



The Glossy Black-cockatoos

On Sunday the 21st of February Olive, Katiah, Evie-mae and I had a bake stall at my house to raise money for the endangered Glossy Black-cockatoos, whose habitats- Sheoak trees- were largely destroyed in the Kangaroo Island bush fires.

We made cupcakes, brownies, lemonade, popcorn, crackles and honey joys. Dad and I did most of the cooking but not all- my Nonna cooked pizza, Olive and I made brownies, Olive also made Anzac biscuits with her mum and Katiah's mum made more cupcakes. My mum decorated our cupcakes and made some other treats.

It was a really lovely day. Many people came such as school friends and families, neighbours and other friends. We had music, chalk drawing, totem tennis and tables, chairs and umbrellas.

Evie- Mae, Olive, Katiah and I did most of the serving/selling of the food, including working out what change to give and counted the money at the end.

We raised \$327.15 on the day which will be donated to Nature Foundation SA. Teachers at BHPS also donated money (my Dad baked more cupcakes just for them). My dad's work will also match our final amount raised, dollar for dollar. We predict we will donate close to \$800 in total.

Thankyou for supporting our bake stall and charity.

Inés and Sonja (Inés' mum)



As you are aware, our Year 6 and 7 students will move to high school at the end of this year. We encourage families to visit their local (zoned) secondary school. Information on Open Days, Principal Tours and/or information evenings is available on the secondary school's website. Alternatively, families can contact the school/s directly.

Families will be sent a letter or email with their child's URL, to access their **online registration of interest form in Week 1, Term 2**. Instructions on how to use the online registration form will be available on the Department's website.

Priority enrolment is generally given to those who live in the secondary school zone. Secondary schools with a capacity management plan are under significant enrolment pressure, and therefore, can only consider applications from prospective students that meet their enrolment criteria. Families should ensure their contact email addresses and their child's residential address are accurate and current with the school to limit issues during the process.

Families should complete and return their child's online form by the due date to ensure their nominated secondary school(s) is considered.



Garden Patch



The Garden Patch leadership team (Harper, Lizzy, Tommy & Luke) have been busy working out in the Bellevue Garden Patch for the past few weeks with Jodie and Tash . We have been busy weeding, watering and planting. We are also making sure that the chooks are happy. There is a lot of work to do in the patch to keep it growing and we would like to invite any parent volunteers who are free between 2:40pm and 3:30pm on Fridays (except when other events are on, like Sports Day in Week 7) to come and work with us in the patch. If you are interested in joining us please get in touch with Tash Howard for more details (tashjoyhoward@gmail.com).

School Fees 2021

Following a successful poll, the Bellevue Heights Primary School Governing Council approved the Materials and Services charges for 2021 on 26 October 2020.

An invoice for the Materials and Services charges was posted out on 27 January 2021 and payment of school fees should be made before the end of Term 1. If you would like to enter a payment plan for the fees please contact Jen Garton in Finance and she will be able to assist you with this.

School Card assistance is available to parents who meet the financial criteria. Applications will be processed by the Department for Education on the completion of the School Card form. Applications forms are available at the school and online at www.sa.gov.au and **must be completed every year**. If you require assistance in completing a school card application please contact the Finance office.



Premier's Reading Challenge:

Teachers are only just beginning to organise this with your child's class. Your child needs to read 12 books **before 3rd September 2021**.

The school will keep these records. Your support with your child's reading is highly valued.

Rec – year 6 - 8 PRC approved books and 4 own choice

Year 7 - 4 PRC approved books and 8 own choice