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Dear parents and community members,

Welcome to our second newsletter for the term. Despite the fact that as I write this note we have yet to complete three weeks of schooling I feel that it has been ever so busy and the April school holidays are but a distant memory. Thus far we have:- sent children off to cross country - see Margot's write up on the following page, commenced NAPLAN on line, conducted three school tours, supervised a group of children in reconciliation activities at Colebrook, presented our first school assembly for the term, engaged in tennis lessons with the tennis club, started our weekend winter sports activities, sent our SRC executive to a partnership meeting amongst many other amazing class-based activities. We are certainly well and truly working together and our students are progressing.

As we move into the cooler months please remember to label all school uniform items and send your child with enough school uniform clothing to keep them comfortable throughout the day. The lost property that is found can be returned to classes when clearly labelled which is why it is so important to have your child's full name on all their uniform items. Parents are also encouraged to regularly check our lost property if your child has missing items. Could we also please ask families to regularly 'double check' the labelling in their child's uniform as sometimes children accidentally take home the wrong jumper, hat or library bag.

South Australia and Australia have done incredibly well in reducing the COVID-19 spread and I urge you to please keep home your child if they are not well and to assist the community in stopping the spread of colds,

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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 2 2021

May 11 - 21

NAPLAN - year 3,5,7

Sunday 16th May

Working Bee 8.30-11.30

Friday 21st May

Four Year old Friday

Thursday May 27th

African Drumming Incursion

Friday 28th May

Four Year old Friday

Friday 4th June

Four Year old Friday

Morning Tea

Friday June 11th

Pupil Free Day - OSHC

Available

Monday 14th June

PH—Queens Birthday

Four Year old Friday

Friday 25th June

Four Year old Friday

Friday 2nd July

Last day of term

Upcoming School Tours

Ring the Office to book

Friday June 18th - 9am

coughs and flus. At school teachers and students are continuing with hygiene routines. We appreciate the challenge of trying to juggle the complexities of work and home life when a child is sick, however, sending a sick child to school only increases the chances of the illness spreading to other students and staff. Children who are presenting at school with obvious signs of illness will be sent to sick bay and parents contacted to come and take them home.

I have just heard that we have had 30 requests for information regarding the Oliphant Science Award Competition. This is fantastic and how amazing would it be if we had over thirty actual entries. There appears to be lots of enthusiasm in our Junior Years. Scientists in the making. Watch this space!

Marie-Louise

PS Oh I forgot — we are having a working bee this Sunday (16 May 8.30-11.30) If you have a spare hour please join us.



OSHC Mother's Day Stall



Thank you to everyone who supported us on the day. Thank you to the OSHC educators and children who put in many hours getting everything ready. We raised \$400 and have already purchased a Nintendo Switch for all the children to use and enjoy.



District Cross Country



On Friday 7 May, 23 well-trained runners headed for the hills to run their cross country events. The 10 year olds ran 2km and the older competitors ran 3km. The day was perfect, the atmosphere was charged and exciting. Each runner toed the line and ran their best, achieving very respectable placings within their age groups. Well done to everyone who trained and competed. You are richer from the experience and we hope to see you running again next year. (Absent from photos - Saxon, Cameron and Janice)



Special commendations go to Rory and Precious who were placed 2nd and 3rd respectively in their races. Both are invited to compete at the State competition. Very well run.



Site Improvement Plan

Literacy, Numeracy and Cultures of Thinking are the three elements which underpin our Site Improvement Plan. We are continuing to work on Brightpath which is a tool that helps teachers develop consistency in terms of assessment of student writing as well as providing next steps for each and every individual student. As staff, we are investigating in teams how our understandings of Visible Learning (Cultures of Thinking) are reflected in our classroom practice and over the next few months we will be looking more deeply at how we deliver a rigorous mathematics program from R-7. As educators we often hear positive comments about the love of reading and writing but we do not generally hear positive comments about maths. At BHPS we are attempting to cultivate a strong mindset about our numeracy. The following points were taken from a source that many of our teachers dip into when designing their lessons, which I thought it timely to share with you.

1. Everyone can learn maths to the highest levels. Encourage students to believe in themselves. There is no such thing as a "maths" person. Everyone can reach the highest level they want to with hard work.
2. Mistakes are valuable. Mistakes grow your brain! It is good to struggle and make mistakes.
3. Questions are really important. Always ask questions, always answer questions. Ask yourself: why does that make sense?
4. Maths is about creativity and making sense. Maths is a very creative subject that is, at its core, about visualizing patterns and creating solution paths that others can see, discuss and critique.
5. Maths is about connections and communicating. Maths is a connected subject, and a form of communication. Represent maths in different forms e.g. words, a picture, a graph, an equation, and link them. Colour code!
6. Depth is much more important than speed. Top mathematicians, such as Laurent Schwartz, think slowly and deeply.
7. Maths is about learning not performing. Maths is a growth subject, it takes time to learn and it is all about effort.

<https://www.youcubed.org/wpcontent/uploads/2017/03/Norms-Poster-2015.pdf>

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:
Jasmine, Seb

Last week's Recipients





Animal Adaptions

Rm 19

For science in term 1, rm 19 was given the task to choose an animal of interest and write about its adaptations. (individual project)

We have been learning about animal adaptations, how they help an animal to survive in its habitat. Adaptation is a special characteristic that an animal has to help it survive.

The students of rm 19 had to write about the different adaptations of their animal, how it might help them to survive, the natural habitat, and the physical appearance. Followed by a model made of recycled materials that show how the animal survives in its habitat.

(This had to be done within 5 weeks)

Once everyone had finished, we displayed our models at the front of the classroom. All of them looked great. Everyone had amazing fun making their models and researching about animals. I especially loved everyone's creative covers and how different information was set up. We discovered some amazing facts about our animals which we never knew before!

When we were all done, we shared our amazing projects with Mrs. Petrovic and Mrs. Whibley and told them all about animals and how they survive in their environment! There were some amazing facts!

Sloths poop once a week. Octopus have 200 suckers. Jellyfish are immortal. Sloths can hang upside down when they die. Golden Retrievers are intelligent. Komodo dragons are the largest lizards.

By Dodo

Bake sale for the vaquitas



On 30 April Katiah, Kira, Janice, Olive, Nina and Evie-May ran a bake stall to raise money for the vaquitas. The vaquitas are an endangered marine animal. They raised more than \$400. Well done girls and thank you to the students who supported the cause by purchasing the baked goods. By Leah, News Crew.





Garden Patch



Since the start of Term 2, the Garden Patch leadership team (Harper, Lizzy, Samuel, Tommy, Luke & Veronica) have continued to grow the Bellevue Garden Patch with Jodie and Tash. Some exciting things are happening at the moment. We have a lot of things starting to flower or grow like eggplant, snow peas and zucchini (can you spot any of these in our photos?). We have been busy weeding, watering, harvesting and planting. Unfortunately, due to fruit fly restrictions, the harvested produce has to stay at school for use and we are not able to sell produce until the fruit fly restrictions change. We will keep you posted. We are also making sure that the chooks are happy and sometimes there are eggs for sale through the front office. 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 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).



REMEMBER

SCHOOL LUNCHES

THURSDAYS ONLY

These are ordered, by families, on-line up until 8.30am on day of lunch delivery.

STUDENT ABSENCES

When your child is away from school for any reason, or going to be late, you must contact the school to let us know the reason for their absence - **not just on the first day but every day they are away.**

You can use the following methods to contact us:

- ◆ School phone number: 8278 7182
- ◆ SMS number: 0427 016 460
- ◆ Schoolstar app. Select to contact school
- ◆ email: absences.bhps470@schools.sa.edu.au