Dear Parents & Community

Welcome back
We hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year break. We are looking forward to a successful year in 2017 with lots of learning experiences and activities. We start our new camps policy this year so that will be exciting and there are some other changes coming up as the year moves on. Some of the upcoming events this term are; Aquatics for Yrs 5, 6 & 7, the Yr 4/5 and Yr 6/7 camps, Sports Day and Clean Up Australia Day.

New students

Staffing Changes
We welcome these new staff to our school:
Jess Durdin – Jess joins us from Murray Bridge South Primary School. Jess is teaching Year 2/3.
Lyndal Bland – Lyndal was a Flinders University Student in Yr 6/7 and will now be working with Mrs Bradley 3 days a week.
Deb Potter – Deb too was a Uni student with us in 2015 and is now teaching the Upper Primary IELC class.
Nalani Aitken – we welcome Nalani back with us an EALD teacher.
Kaye Tippins – Kaye is a new SSO working in the Year 2/3 class.
Michael Chancellor and Ronnie Sullivan are on long service leave and Margot Bradley is our curriculum coordinator while Mrs Sullivan is away.

COMING EVENTS FOR THE CALENDAR
Tuesday.........February 2 .......Circus Challenge - whole in school performance
Thursday ...... February 9 .......Upper primary sleepover at school
Monday.........February 13 .......Aquatics week for students in Years 5 up
Wednesday ..February 15 .......Acquaintance Night and Governing Council AGM
Friday ..........February 17 .......Four Year Old Friday
Friday ..........February 24 .......Four Year Old Friday
Friday ..........March 3 ......Four Year Old Friday
Monday.........March 6 .......Arbury Park camp for Jackie, Mrs Bengel, Ms King, & Mr Gibson’s classes
Monday.........March 13 .......Adelaide Cup Public Holiday - school closed
Tuesday.........March 21 .......Harmony Day
Friday ..........March 24 .......School Sports Day - daytime event in 2017
Saturday ...... April 1             Home Grown Hand Sewn Twilight Market: 3pm - 8pm
Mark this day in your diary.
More at www.facebook.com/Homegrowndhandsewn

Thursday ...... April 13 ........ Last day for term 1. Students finish at 2.30pm.
Friday ..........April 14 ........ Good Friday
Monday....... April 1 ........... First day for term 2

Term dates 2017
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Email: bellevue.ps891@schools.sa.edu.au
Email student absences to: absences.bhps470@schools.sa.edu.au
Website: www.bellevueps.sa.edu.au
Out of School Hours Care (OSHC): Telephone: 8278 9439 or 0401 121 798
CRICOS Provider Number: 00015A

Bell Times
9:00am School starts
10:55am Recess starts
11:25am Recess ends
1:05pm Eat lunch in class
1:10pm Play time starts
1:50pm Lunch ends
3:30pm School ends
In line with this new student leadership model we will be having a whole school student meeting, run by the school captains, on Monday after lunch. This will be in the gym and will replace the Monday morning assemblies. We will still give out the school awards and the sports news but the general items will be managed by the students. There will be no Monday morning assemblies. Families are welcome to attend the assemblies after lunch each Monday.

Acquaintance Night
Our Acquaintance Night is on Wednesday February 15th starting at 6:30 with a sausage sizzle and BBQ. The middle choir will entertain us around 7pm and then the Governing Council will hold the Annual General Meeting. Following the meeting, classes are open for you to come and talk to the teacher, have a look at the class environment and generally start the family-school partnership that is so important in your child’s school life. We would love to see 100% attendance at acquaintance night!

Governing Council AGM
Our Annual General Meeting is coming up on Wednesday February 15th. We have a vibrant and focused council and it plays an important role in school governance. There are several vacancies and there is a nomination form with this newsletter. Please consider nominating as your input into decisions is vital. Providing we get nomination forms via the newsletter there will not be general nominations made at the AGM.

Four year old Friday
This fabulous opportunity for our transitioning 4 year olds starts on Friday February 17th. Please ring to make a booking.

Bushfire Season
We are a low-risk bushfire area and on catastrophic fire days we remain open. We still have a bushfire policy and general instructions that we want our community to follow in the event of a close bushfire. Click on the link below to read our Bushfire Information for Families 2016-17. http://www.bellevueps.sa.edu.au/policies.htm

Hats and Hot weather
All students must wear an approved hat when in the yard. Baseball caps do not provide adequate protection and are not to be worn while at school. Please label your child’s hat (and other clothing) as we get many lost ones appearing in the office. You can check the lost property box at any time for any “missing items”. We have a remote temperature sensor system and when the temperature hits 36°C students do not go outside for play. The sandpit will also be closed on hot days.

Communication with your classroom teacher
Each class teacher establishes a communication process for daily and ongoing communication. This usually is a diary and teachers use this to establish good communication habits for the students, as well as a place to write down homework and other reminders. Teachers will provide families with their work e-mail and you can communicate using this method. Just because it is e-mail this does not necessarily mean you will get instant responses. Teachers will respond when there is available time and within 24 hours. Diaries remain an excellent communication method. Class teachers will give you more information at acquaintance night.
School Policies
There are a number of relevant school policies on our website that you should be familiar with. Our procedures for dealing with the variety of issues that arise at school are outlined there. Things like our grievance policy, issues around bullying and student behaviour management, uniforms, attendance and mobile phone use, as well as several others, are outlined there. Go to www.bellevueps.sa.edu.au click on parent information and then policies. If you have any questions about these policies please contact Vince. If you would like a printed copy of these policies you can request them at the school office.

Cricket Term 1
It’s time for cricket again in term 1. Calling all girls and boys!! Please complete the forms and return them to the office by Friday. Cricket won’t happen without parent help! We always need parent helpers organising teams, scoring, coaching and being available to transport if necessary. Please consider helping out on a Saturday morning so that we can get as many players as possible.

Community Garden
We have several garden beds in our community section (behind the white picket fence) just for community use. If you would like a garden patch come in and see Mary, Birgit or Vince. This is a garden bed for you and your family – not the school children!

Regards

Vince, Mary & Birgit

SCHOOL INFORMATION FOR 2017
PAYMENT OF FEES
Office hours for payment of fees are 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Please be aware that we only have a small amount of change on hand. Please try to have the correct amount when making cash payments. You can pay by Visa, Mastercard or cheque. EFTPOS facilities are now available for payments.

Pay your school fees from home! It’s easy!
Why not try our secure online payment system BPOINT?
Go to www.bellevueps.sa.edu.au and follow the links.

SCHOOL CARD
The School Card Scheme provides assistance for education expenses for full time students of low income families. Dependents of international students are not eligible. For more information and an application form contact the school office staff.

DUTY OF CARE
Students at School before 8:40 am
Parents need to be aware that duty of care for staff does not commence until 8:40 each morning and finishes at 3:50 each afternoon. If your child needs to be at school outside these hours they need to attend Out of School Hours Care. See office staff for details and registration forms.

STUDENT MEDICATION KEPT AT SCHOOL
If your child has medication kept at school for emergency use (eg Epi Pens, antihistamines) please ensure that it is current and that the use by date has not expired. It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that all medication kept at school is replaced if its use by date has expired.

CAR PARKING REMINDERS
With the commencement of the new school term Mitcham Council have advised the school they will be patrolling parking areas on a regular basis.

⇒ No Parking and No Stopping Zones at the front of the school see the office staff in you need clarification
⇒ Arrange with your child the exact place and time you will pick them up.
⇒ Traffic speed outside school zone is 25km
⇒ Vaucluse Crescent is ‘one way’ at the beginning and end of the school day.
⇒ Avoid double parking at all times.
⇒ CAR PARK IS FOR STAFF ONLY
⇒ Alternate parking is available at the Clearvision Church at the rear of the school. See office staff for more details if you are unsure.

CANTEEN NEWS
The school canteen will NOT be open until a roster has been drawn up for volunteers. If you can help please let the office staff know. We will advise students via their class teachers when the canteen will be open.

URGENT –CAN YOU HELP?
Can you spare us one Saturday morning? Lions Club Helpers Required
The school has made a commitment to help at the Lions Bargain Centre just up Shepherds Hill Road for the next 4 Saturday mornings.
We have a few volunteers but URGENTLY need a couple more on Saturday the 14th (one more helper needed), 21st (3 more needed) and 28th (2 more needed).
We need people who can help load and unload vehicles and generally work at the Bargain Centre. This support will raise money for the school and is a great opportunity for us to be part of this community activity. Please let school office staff know if you can help

A message from our
Student Welfare Worker - Maressa Derry
Back to school,
“You’re off to great places.
Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting.
So get on your way!”
Dr Seuss.

And if along the way you struggle a bit don’t hesitate to knock on my door for a calming chat and a sit (down).
Congratulations to the following students who received School Awards at the end of 2016

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**ROTONY CIVILIZATION AWARD**
The Coromandel Valley Rotary Citizenship Award is presented each year to two Year 7 students, at the Graduation Ceremony, for the best all round students. The all rounder criteria includes application to school work, community & service at school, being a team player and a good ambassador for the school.

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**STUDENT ABSENCES**
When your child is away from school for any reason 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

Please always include:
- Child’s Name and Class Teacher.
- Date of absence and reason.

Please note:
- The email address and SMS number above are solely for reporting absences not for any other school communication.
- Please do not email the teacher directly as they may not look at their emails till later in the day or may even be away so the message will not get through.
Bellevue Heights Primary School Newsletter

1 February 2017

BELLEVUE HEIGHTS PRIMARY
OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)
Provides a safe, fun filled program here at the school with qualified, supportive and caring staff who cater for all ages, cultural diversity and special needs children. We offer permanent or casual care. Before School Care is available from 7am – 9am and breakfast is provided. After School Care is available from 3:30pm – 6pm with afternoon snack provided. On Student Free Days we run a program from 7.30am – 6pm. Casual care is ideal for parents considering returning to the work force as a way for your child/children to familiarise themselves with OSHC. Intensive English Learning Program families may want more interaction for their child/children in a recreational atmosphere.

VACATION CARE NOW AVAILABLE
See OSHC Staff for more information
Child Care Benefit (CCB) is available for most families. Enrolment packages are available from the school. Enquiries and bookings can be made through OSHC Office – 8278 9439 School Office – 8278 7182 Director’s Mobile – 0401 121 798 (Mira Doorne)

School Reminders
1. Late arrival - students arriving at the school after the roll has been marked need to sign in at the school office.
2. Early departure - parents must sign out students at the school office.
3. No students on school grounds before 8:40am or after 3:50pm unless booked in at OSHC.

Circus Challenge
Whole School Event
Tuesday 7th February
For ‘Bellevue Beginnings’ this year students will attend a whole in school Circus Challenge performance on Tuesday 7th February. The aim is to provide students with a unique and creative way to engage in physical activities. Students will have the opportunity to learn a wide range of circus skills that will require team work, goal setting and persistence. The cost for the performance and workshop is $1.50 per student. This amount has been subsidised through the school budget and will come from your students Special Events Levy. For IELC students the cost will be covered from classroom budgets.

SCHOOL LUNCHES
Thursdays only
Starting 9th February
Blackwood High School provide a school lunch service on Thursdays for our students. This will start in week 2 if we get enough volunteer helpers.

DON’T FORGET TO UPDATE YOUR STUDENT PROFILE ON MUNCH MONITORS
Ordering is done on-line via Munch Monitors. If you have used Munch Monitors before you will need to update your child’s Student Profile with their new Room number. An information sheet is available from office staff. A volunteer is required to pick up the lunches each Thursday for the service to happen. If you can help please let the office staff know.

Is your child interested in playing cricket for the school this term?
We would like to promote the importance of having school teams in the local competitions. These competitions require family support.

An information handbook that outlines school sports for parents is available on our website. As with any sports program, parental help is essential.

ALL SPORTS MUST HAVE A CO-ORDINATOR
Information and registration forms for term 1 cricket have gone home in the information pack. Students need to be in Years 2 to 7. Year 2 students must turn 8 years of age before December 31st 2017. If
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2016 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS

1st prize  Asti’s grandma
2nd prize  Parkes family
3rd prize  Lisa Macdonald
4th prize  Gia Minh Sung
5th prize  Spencer Todd
6th prize  Tobi Kaempf
7th prize  James Berresford

Thank you to all those who bought tickets and well done to the lucky winners.

Come Join Us
Bellevue Heights Playgroup
Playgroup is for children 0-5yrs & their families on Fridays.
Time: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Venue: Bellevue Heights Primary School Hall
Cost: $2 per child  Hope to see you there!
For information contact: school office 8278 7182

SECOND HAND UNIFORM
SALE - Finishes this Friday

Our second hand uniform sale will finish this Friday 3rd February.
Come in and get a bargain.
Prices start from $1.

SALE

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS
Nude Food
Bellevue Heights is helping our environment by reducing waste and litter by more recycling, composting and encouraging ‘Nude Food’.

Nude Food is food without excess packaging. This reduces the amount of ‘stuff’ that needs to go in bins to be sent to landfill. Please put recess and lunch in reusable hard plastic containers and don’t bring chip, snack or biscuit wrappers or cling film to school.

Keeps students healthy and our yard clean!

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.

Grasshopper Soccer

Australia’s #1 non-competitive soccer program for girls and boys aged 2 – 12.
Grasshopper Soccer will be running again in 2017, commencing from Thursday 16th February for 7 weeks.
During Term 1, Bellevue Heights students receive a $15 discount on their class fees – making the term fee only $115!
Please visit the front office in the new year 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

MILO in2 CRICKET Program
This is the national grass root program for cricket in Australia, with the aim of introducing kids in reception and years 1 & 2 to the game. It provides children with an opportunity to develop fundamental movement skills, meet new friends and have fun with their whole family in a safe and interactive environment. There are multiple programs running in the community and you can register at any of them. Each registered child receives bat, ball, t-shirt, hat, backpack, drink bottle and other goodies. To find out more and lot on visit www.playcricket.com.au and type in your postcode to find the nearest one.
COMMUNITY BBQ
Acquaintance Night and AGM
Wednesday 15th February

6pm - 7pm    COMMUNITY BBQ Sausage Sizzle
The community is invited along from 6pm onwards to share a welcome BBQ sausage sizzle. This is a chance to meet and socialise with other families. No charge for the BBQ and fruit boxes and water will be available for a small cost or alternatively BYO drinks.

6.25 pm    Music performance by students in activity hall

6.30 pm    Governing Council AGM in the activity hall
See separate note for more information. No classrooms will be open until after AGM.

7 to 8 pm    Acquaintance Night - classrooms open
Teachers will send home information during week 2 to outline class routines, expectations and major events or programs over the year.

On the night we invite you and your child to come along to the classroom where you can introduce yourself to the class teacher. We encourage children to show you what they have been doing so far this year. Your child can also take you on a tour to the French room to share what they do in French as well as the art room, library and the computer room. In the computer suite your child can show and share their webpage on the school’s intranet.

If you have particular concerns regarding your child please make an appointment for another time, when teachers will be able to provide a confidential interview. Parent/teacher interviews will be conducted at the end of Term 1.

NOTE - Students Supervision on the night.
All children need to be under parental supervision for the evening and are welcome to accompany parents when visiting classrooms.

We look forward to seeing you there!!

COMMUNITY BBQ—Wednesday 15th February 2017
For catering purposes please indicate if you will be attending
6.00 pm start
To help with catering please indicate below the number of people attending the community sausage sizzle.

Family Name: ____________________________________________

Number attending:   Adults ________   Children: ________

Vegetarian alternative required:   YES / NO   Vegetarian QTY:     ________

BBQ HELPERS
Please let us know if you can help with cooking the BBQ. We need helpers from 5.30 pm.

I can help cook the BBQ:   YES / NO

Please return this slip to the school office by Wednesday 8th February
Governing Council AGM 2017
Wednesday 15th February

Governing Council is the body within the school that, together with the Principal, is responsible for governance of the school. Council consists of 10 members (7 parent reps, 1 IELC Community Rep, 1 staff rep and the Principal) and under this structure are several sub-committees of council including P&F, Facilities, Education and OSHC. Positions are held for 2 years. There are four vacancies in 2017.

Now is your chance to have some input into school decision making by nominating for Governing Council. Below are our current members:

Retiring Members:  
Karen Jones, Kristy Biggs  
Jodee Rayment

Continuing Members:  
Natasha Grundy, Sarah Wight  
Craig Paues, Michelle Leopold

Governing Council Sub-Committees

Governing Council sub committees are where issues are discussed and recommendations are made to be forwarded to Governing Council for approval.

The sub committees are Facilities, Education, Finance, OSHC, Promotions and P&F. It is a good opportunity for families to be involved in various aspects of the school that you may be interested in, without formally being on the council.

These are the brief roles of each group:

- **Facilities** – you help with working out what grounds and maintenance is needed – organising working bees, landscaping, etc.
- **Finance** – supporting the treasurer with school budgets and expenditure.
- **Education** – you work with school staff to examine the learning programs that are offered at school.
- **OSHC** – support the director to implement this before and after school program.
- **P & F** – join this group and you will support the school in fundraising, social events, canteen and general wellbeing for students.

If you would like to nominate yourself for council or are interested in being on any of the sub committees, please complete the form below and return to the office by Wednesday 8th February.

NO NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE NIGHT.

Nomination for Governing Council Return Slip

**Governing Council Nomination**

I _________________________________________________________ would like to nominate for a position on Bellevue Heights Primary School Governing Council.

Signed: ____________________________________________ Date: / /

Please return this nomination slip to the office by Wednesday 8th February 2017

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OR

**Governing Council Sub—Committee Nomination**

I am interested in being part of the following committee/s

Name: ________________________________ Contact No: ____________

Student Name: ________________________________

* Finance ☐  * Education ☐
* Facilities ☐  * Parents & Friends ☐
* Out of School Hours Care ☐