Dear Parents & Community

Attendance
We are aiming for a 95% attendance rate in 2017. Last year we fell short of that with only 92%. Ideally all children should be at school each and every day then we would be 100% but that's not possible with sicknesses, holidays etc. Did you know that in some countries and states children need medical certificates for an absence over 2 days and holidays during school time are very strictly controlled with fines for families who don't get the correct exemptions! At our current rate of 92%, that means everyone has missed 16 days of the year. Now some children only miss 1 or 2 and that majority 5 or 6 means that others must miss 30 or more.

Please be consistent about sending your child to school. Over 12 years of school if you miss just 16 days a year you have missed almost a year of learning! Let's see if we can push our attendance rate up as high as we can get it in 2017.

Assembly Friday
We will have a Bellevue Beginnings display at this Friday's whole school assembly run by Ms King & Ms Ford's classes. Don’t forget that after assembly you are invited to stay for morning tea and a chat with Vince, Mary and Birgit.

Parent rep for mainstream classes
Each year we promote mainstream classes having one or two parent reps. who can act as a communication channel for the class. For example if there is a class excursion you could liaise with the teacher to be the one to...
get helpers, if there is a working bee each class might ask around to get one or two people to go, if the class teacher is having a special event you could be the person who helps with the morning tea or be the person who sends out family information – or whatever! It would be a nice way to foster relationships across the class. If you would like to do that please talk to your class teacher.

Annual Report
The Annual Report will be presented at the AGM on Wednesday night. Then the Annual Report will be on our website very soon. This report gives you much detail about the learning program and progress of our students. There are highlights of 2016, progress towards our 2017 goals and future directions. The responses to the various surveys you participated in last year are discussed and aspects such as attendance and participation are outlined in some detail. I will have some more detail from the report in the next newsletter.

The report is quite long and we recommend you read through it online. If you would like a hard copy please ask at the school office. It's fabulous bed-time reading!

Aquatics
The Year 5, 6 and 7 students have been enjoying great weather for aquatics at Noarlunga. Activities like beach swimming, sailing, snorkelling, surfboard keep everyone cool and participating well. We will have some photos and student reactions in our Good News Week in the next newsletter.

Lions Bargain Centre Help
A really big BIG thank you to the volunteers who have given their time on Saturday morning to work at the Lions Bargain Centre. It is a wonderful commitment and will help us raise money for our nature play space. We still need a couple of people for this Saturday and then the last one is on Saturday 25th. If you can help out please contact Yvonne or Karen.

Raising a grievance
We have a school grievance procedure policy that outlines the steps to take if you need to raise a concern about any aspect of school life or the environment. This policy is on our webpage in the policies section under parent information.

DECD also have a system-wide complaint process and we have a pamphlet available in the school office if you would like a copy of that. It is also be available on the webpage under the Contact Us tab, Feedback and Complaints.

Cricket Term 1
Cricket starts again this weekend. We have Senior and Junior C Grade teams and a Senior Kanga Team. A very big thank you to the coaches and parents.

Senior C Grade – Keith Smith, Cam Grigg
Junior C Grade – Matt McDowell & Brian Parkes
Kanga – Rachael Filcoff & Scott Kay

If you would like to join a team it’s not too late – see Vince asap.

Regards Vince, Mary & Birgit

Awards for Excellence Recipients
This fortnight the following students earned a certificate: Chloe Kidwell & Insha Solah.

Assembly Monday 6th February

P&F Meeting
Wednesday
February 22nd 2017
7:30pm in staff room
Parents & Friends Mission Statement
To value ideas from people, making friendships and having fun while working together for the benefit of the students, school and parents in fundraising, social events, canteen and general student wellbeing.

Everyone welcome!!

Term dates 2017

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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.
A message from our Student Welfare Worker - Maressa Derry

Being surrounded by people you feel safe and comfortable with and connected to, provides a strong foundation for confidence and wellbeing.

Schools provide an important opportunity to build a sense of community. Learning doesn’t happen in isolation, it happens in the context of others.

When young people feel empathised with and connected to their peers and broader school community, they are more likely to feel relaxed and resilient enough to handle the challenges of learning.

They are more likely to behave according to the school values and to work harder on their performance.

With this in mind and as part of our Bellevue Beginnings, I decided to focus my lessons in the first few weeks on community and connection.

I can tell you we have lots of beautiful students who could empathise and feel concern for others and who made everyone feel welcome and part of our great school community.
2017 PEOPLE’S CHOICE COMMUNITY LOTTERY.
The P&F are so excited to announce that we have been accepted and now onboard with the People’s Choice Community Lottery for 2017.
This is an incredible fundraising opportunity for our beautiful school and we want you to help us promote and support it as much as possible.
See list of how to help below!
Each ticket is only $2 and we receive 100% of the ticket sales!
Buy 1 ticket, 5 tickets or 50 tickets. It’s up to you. Buying a ticket is easy. All you need to do is click the following link;
and purchase your tickets online. There are incredible prizes to be won and if you buy your ticket online before midnight 31 March 2017 you have the chance to win the Toyota Yaris Ascent early bird prize. All tickets purchased during the early bird period will go into the draw to win a prize in the main prize pool, worth over $360,000! (Prize list has been sent home by separate email)
All of the money raised through this lottery will go toward our incredible Nature Play Area and the much needed air-conditioning for the gym.
We ask you that you please get onboard and let’s get the fund-o-meter booming!
1. SEND - EVERYONE you know this email or write your very own personal email and include this link https://www.peopleschoicecu.com.au/bellevue-heights-primary-school1 so they can buy their ticket/s.
2. SHARE - Go to https://www.peopleschoicecu.com.au/bellevue-heights-primary-school1 and click the SHARE tab at the top of the page and share it to your social media page. Share, share, share!!!!!
3. TALK - Tell all of your family and friends. Feel free to print off the attached prize list and show it to people. The link to our personal lottery page is on every page so they can’t miss it!
4. ASK - Simply ask your family, friends, work colleagues, sports groups, church groups, local community, etc to support your children and their school! This is better than any box of chocolates so get every body onboard by saying “Hey, our school is part of that amazing People’s Choice Community Lottery. You know the one where you can win cars, travel vouchers, shopping sprees and has a prize pool of $360,000 plus an early bird prize which is a car! It’s only $2 for a ticket and 100% of the funds go to our school. It’s amazing and we’d love you to help us. I’ll send you the link where you can buy your ticket/s.”
5. BUY – Of course you can buy a ticket or 50 and keep them all to yourself, or perhaps someone has a birthday/anniversary/special occasion coming up that you could share the love with! Buy them a ticket or two and give them the gift of helping our school and the opportunity to win big.
This is such an incredible opportunity for our school to raise much needed funds and the process is so simple to buy, share and support so let's do this!
Kind regards
P & F Committee

SCHOOL CANTEEN
NOW OPEN
Our small canteen offers a few healthy snacks for students to purchase at recess and lunch.
Thank you to all those parents who have volunteered to help.
Please remember the following:
- If the parent volunteer is not available the canteen will not be open. Please do not rely upon it being open for food for your child.
- As you can see from the price list below you don’t need to send too much money with your child. They only need a couple of dollars, at the most, to purchase a snack. There is also not a lot of change available.
- We do not encourage students to buy snacks for other students.

CAOTEN PRICE LIST 2017
FREEZER
Bulla Yoghurt Iceblock $1.00
FRIDGE
Breakaway Milks $2.00
Fruit Box $1.20
SAVOURY
Cornitos $0.70
Jumpys $1.00
Natural Popcorn $1.00
Noodle Snacks $0.50
Red Rock Chips $1.00
SWEET
Apricot & Coconut Balls $0.20
Fruitwise Wraps $0.90
Strawberry or Apricot Slice $0.10
Yoghurt Frogs $0.20

Prices are subject to change without notification.
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.
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: 7:30—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

TENNIS LESSONS 3 - 12 year olds  Helen Rice Tennis School
Pee Wee tennis lessons at Bellevue Tennis Club. Free trial lessons available Mon. - Sat. Bookings essential contact
helenrice@internode.on.net or 0428 988 873 www.helenricetennis.com.au

CHILDREN’S YOGA CLASS
Fun, creative children’s yoga. Wed. afternoons 3:45-4:30pm. Starting 15/2. Held at Coromandel Valley Primary School 339
Main Road. Cost is $50 for 8 weeks or $13 casual class. Your child does not have to attend Coro PS to join in the yoga fun.

CHILD & ADOLESCENT SLEEP CLINIC
Does your child or teen have a sleep problem? Do they refuse to go to bed at night, have trouble falling asleep, wake up and
cannot get back to sleep, have trouble waking up or getting out of bed in the morning, often sleep in their parents’ bed or
bedroom or need a parent present to help them fall asleep or miss school or feel fatigued through the school day?
The Child & Adolescent Sleep Clinic at Flinders University offers treatments for children of all ages (including infants from 6
months of age). To book an appointment please call or email on 8201 7587 or casc.enquiries@flinders.edu.au

LOOKING FOR A MUMS GROUP?
The Blackwood /Coromandel Valley Australian Breastfeeding Assoc. group has been holding get-togethers in the local are for
over 25 years. They meet every Tuesday morning during school term. Each meeting is attended by a qualified breastfeeding
counsellor. This is an opportunity for you to get out and meet other mums in your local community, support one another
through your baby’s early days and build new friendships. For more information: www.breastfeeding.asn.au/local/sa/

FREE PARENTING SEMINAR—The mysterious world of teens: survival tips for parents
Wednesday 22nd March 7-9pm at Adelaide Convention Centre in the city. Presented by Parenting SA.
http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au or phone 8303 1660 or email health.parentingsa@health.sa.gov.au