



Bellevue Heights Primary School

Learning & Growing Together to Enrich the World

**Newsletter Week 3 Term 2
Wednesday 13 May 2020**

COMING EVENTS FOR THE CALENDAR

No events advertised until restrictions lifted. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Dear Parents & Community

We have welcomed even more students back to school this week as we reach 94.8% attendance. South Australia has done an amazing job of consecutive days of zero new cases of Covid-19. This, no doubt, will lead to the lifting of even more restrictions, but at this point in time many of our school restrictions still apply. On Wednesday afternoon, we attended a webinar with our Chief Executive, Rick Persse, who reminded leaders that parents should not be entering classrooms and should move quickly in and out of the school grounds. Assemblies and large gatherings of students are to be carried out via technology, and teaching staff are to follow safe distancing processes. Additional cleaning to schools will continue on a daily basis, and supply of soaps and sanitisers are in plentiful supply. Students will continue to wash and sanitise hands on a regular basis. It is really important that we follow these guidelines until we are instructed otherwise. For now, we are just really happy to have the students back in school and we look forward to the day when further restrictions are lifted.

I would like to extend a welcome to Mrs Elaine Chaplin who is here for the next four weeks whilst Yvonne Anderson is on leave. We are very fortunate to have someone step in at short notice. Say hello to her if you are in the office.

Some of you may be wondering if we are having water safety sessions this term in view of the fact that some restrictions have been lifted. Unfortunately, these lessons have been cancelled for term two. Our

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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

name has been put down for terms three or four but as the sessions have already been booked a year in advance we are just hoping for a cancellation.

School Tours and Four Year Old Fridays:

I thought I should just mention that we are not conducting our Four Year Old Fridays until restrictions have been lifted in terms of parents coming into classrooms etc. I am however conducting one to one tours of the school although I cannot take parents etc into the classes. This is frustrating but we must be consistent regarding this. If you do know of anyone who wishes to enrol or who is looking for a placement for their child/ children we are certainly taking in enrolments. It was delightful to hear from Kylie in the front office that when she affirmed with a parent that their child would be in reception at our school in 2021, the mother responded with the statement "this news has made my day."

Have a great fortnight and keep socially distant whilst enjoying our new "*freedoms*." I am so looking forward to having a coffee in a coffee shop in the near future!

Until next newsletter,

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, Ollie



Wellbeing

Slowly we are seeing elements of 'normal' life return, which is really promising. It is timely to think about the things we enjoyed and valued when we were forced to slow down, try to keep them or elements of them in our lives.

During this unusual time the benefits of routine have been discussed in relation to wellbeing. Some families have found without school, organised sports and activities, routine has been very challenging. The parenting website Raising Children has some great information of the importance of routine. Predictability is great to help children know what is ahead of them and also the expectations of them, it helps them feel safe. Below there is some information about routines, what they might look like and also the importance of them.

For school-age children, you could have routines for: getting ready in the morning and going to bed at a set time at night

- tidying up toys
- getting together with other children to play, perhaps after school once or twice a week
- giving out pocket money at a regular time and day
- doing after-school activities like hobbies or sport
- doing chores - for example, setting the dinner table, unpacking the dishwasher, helping with the laundry, or caring for pets.

For more information about wellbeing and routines, check out this link <https://raisingchildren.net.au/grown-ups/family-life/routines-rituals-relationships/family-routines>

Angela Thorburn ,Student Wellbeing Leader

**Staff report for Governing Council May 11th 2020– Margot Bradley Staff representative.**

For this report, we thought we'd go back to our teachers and ask them to report on their thoughts about the huge upheaval that Covid 19 has caused schools. We are one of the luckiest states in the world as although we have had to prepare for worst case scenario, we have not had to implement "at home" learning for long, with close to full attendance from week 3.

Going through the process of preparing and delivering "at home" learning has been both a stressful and valuable experience for everyone. We asked staff to respond to a protocol called the 4 C's. The four C's were: Challenges, Changes, Continuations and Celebrations. Here is a summary of their thoughts.

What challenges have you faced over the last months?

Increased workload – many teachers acknowledged the many extra hours of own time given to getting prepared for at home learning (much of which happened after hours or in the holidays – the 4 extra days were a benefit but not nearly long enough).

Learning how to navigate new technology – this was also a large part of teacher work for the last months, learning MS Teams, Seesaw resources and reviewing and selecting from the myriad of suddenly available online resources.

Trouble shooting new technology.

Deliberating over how to best translate face to face teacher delivery to meaningful written directions for parents and students.

How do you do this in Reception/Year 1?

Coping with the unknowns. I know the 6/7's are on draft 5 of their timetable since term started.

For some it was starting in a new class or school in the middle of a pandemic!

Working out how to best support students at home, communication options, well-being, PE and Art lessons, French lessons.

What changes has this made to your work?

A key change that is more of a reinforcement than a change has been the focus on being positive, reassuring and optimistic through the incredible changes faced.

Being more digitally organized and technically savvy.

Being really clear in planning and communicating the explicit outcome that is desired.

A renewed reliance on teamwork. This has become crucial for navigating work and supporting each other.

New ways to deliver better learning experiences have been implemented, including the increase in use of thinking routines.

What will you continue to do when all children are back?

The use of newly learnt technologies will become a regular part of teaching going forwards for all teachers. These platforms help with independence especially for older students.

Teachers are keen to continue to develop their capacity to teach with the new technologies.

Using online resources for development of homework tasks for some year levels.

Through the need to be clear and explicit for online learning, this level of clear delivery is enhancing already great learning programs in the classroom.

What should we celebrate about what we have achieved?

The wonderful collaboration and collegiate support of all staff.

We are quick learners! We are still sane!

The wonderful support and appreciation from parents.

We are a dedicated bunch of educators.

The amazing rise to the challenge and adaptability of all staff, families and students.

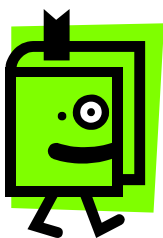
The relative calmness and continuity of learning programs across the school.

Resilience, empathy, flexibility, and willingness to provide for our students.

If a second wave comes – we have got this! We will be ready!



Parents & Friends Information



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

We are still promoting Scholastic Book Club within our community using the link below. Ordering and payment will still be the same, using the 'LOOP' payment system. Please be advised the closing date is Monday 18th May. Thank you for supporting our school.

<https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1>

P&F ONGOING EVENTS

SCHOOL SHOE REWARD

Need a new pair of school shoes?



Athletes Foot at Marion will donate \$5 to the school for every pair of school shoes purchased. Just mention you come from Bellevue Heights Primary.

STUCK ON YOU PERSONALISED LABELS

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



[https://](https://www.stuckonyou.com.au/affiliate/fundraiser/BELLEVUEHEIGHTSPRIMARY)

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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.

DRAKE / FOODLAND COMMUNITY DOLLARS

Do you or a member of your family shop at Drake Blackwood?



The school is part of the Drake Foodland's 'Community Dollars Scheme'. Just collect a 'tag' from the school office for yourself or friends & neighbours.

Each time you make a purchase, swipe your tag and for every two dollars spent, one cent will be credited to our school account.

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

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: 7:00—8:15 p.m. Fee: \$35.00 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