



BELLEVUE HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter Date
Term 1 Week

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Dear parents and community members,

Can you believe that we are now at the end of our third week of school? We are certainly doing things differently in this new Covid world. I trust that you were all able to get onto zoom and speak to your child's / children's classroom teacher on Tuesday evening. Remember you can make an appointment to see your teacher if you could not get onto zoom. Please note that we are having a face to face Annual General meeting on Tuesday February 16. We will conduct the meeting and elect our new Governing Council for 2021. Nomination forms can be picked up at the office but were sent out to families via email earlier this week. Please consider joining us!

In 2020 we introduced some new programs/ learning opportunities. As a result, our students learnt about green screens, and created digital books for our library whilst some filmed news items for our online school assemblies. In our specialist science classes, students experimented with safe chemicals, predicted what would happen when different materials were heated or cooled and learnt how to program the Vex robot- a truly vexatious challenge! Students continued to explore French culture with our French teacher and a French assistant Miss Chloe, who is with us from Paris. In 2021 we will continue with these specialised subjects. We were lucky to be able to engage Mr Rowan Blake to run our PE program and Ms Rawsthorn will continue with Science, Ms Yvette with French and Mrs Fitz with the Arts. Miss Chloe has been permitted to stay in Australia so she is spending another year with us! What a bonus!

The beginning of each school year brings with it many demands. One of the demands schools place upon parents are requests for updates re contact details. I am aware that at times some of our requests do not reach you, as whilst our teachers do their best to see that each child puts notes into their bags, it is not always that simple. To assist us with collating all necessary information, please ensure that you check the deepest darkest recesses of your child's bag to see if a note has escaped or worse, not been returned to the classroom teacher.

As you continue to read this newsletter you will be amazed by the richness of our activities and learning opportunities thus far! I am certainly proud of what our teaching and support staff have offered your children in the first few weeks.

Kind regards Marie-Louise

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

Friday 2nd April

Good Friday

Monday 5th April

Easter Monday Holiday

Wednesday 6th April—

Thursday 8th April

6/7 Monarto Zoo Camp

Friday 9th April

Last day of school

Monday 26th April

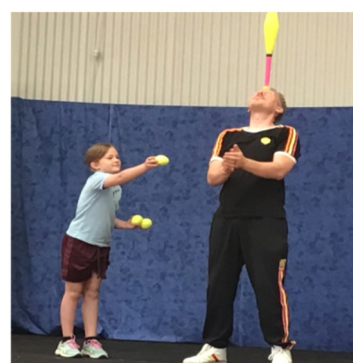
First Day of Term 2

On Wednesday the 3rd of February, our whole school participated in the Circus Challenge as part of our Bellevue Beginnings programme.

At the beginning of the day, the whole school watched a circus performance together, consisting of lots of amazing juggling tricks, unicycle riding, plate balancing and more. The students (and staff!) were clearly very excited and amazed, and some were even lucky enough to help out on stage....even Mr Mallee showed off his circus skills!

Throughout the day, students then participated in year level workshops, where they worked together to develop their own circus skills. The activities required lots of persistence, teamwork and a growth mindset, helping to set us up for a great year at Bellevue Heights Primary! The Circus Challenge was a fun way of recognising that "We can do this together", our theme for Bellevue Beginnings this year.

"We can do this together!"



Let's celebrate what our students do!

The other day I was speaking with Emily and commenting on her transformation with respect to her short hair. She shared that she had donated her hair to a charity. This is her story.

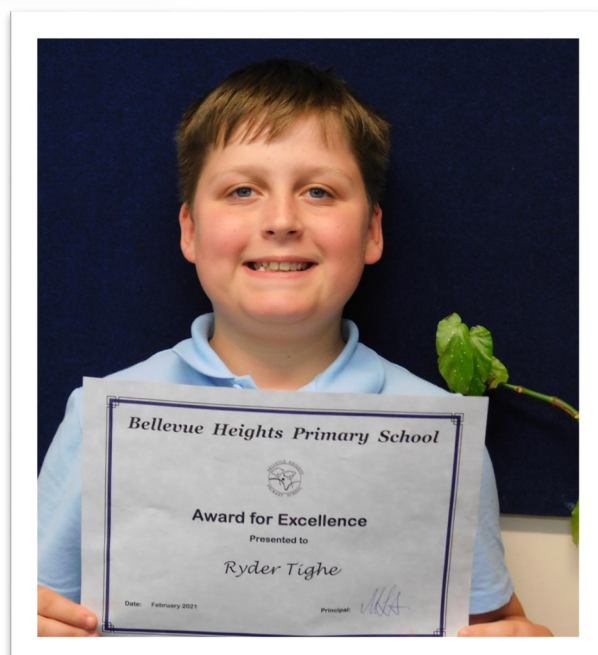
Ms Adams

A few years ago, I was brushing my hair and thinking about the people who don't have hair to brush because they've had cancer treatment. I decided to grow my hair out so that I could donate it. It took quite a while to find a charity that only needed 20cm (most needed 34cms) but we found a charity called Wigs4Kids.

After 2 years, my hair was finally long enough to donate. I ended up having 28cms cut off. Mum was worried that I would be upset when my hair got cut so short, but I felt incredibly amazing knowing that I have donated my hair to a charity that supports kids who need wigs.

Emily Jones

Year 6



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: Ryder

STAFF NEWS

Hi, my name is Charlie Zammit and I will be spending a few weeks teaching in Room 6 with Ms Debbie and the Year 2/3s this term! I have worked at Bellevue Heights Primary School for the past 18 months as an SSO with several different students across the school and also helped out with gardening responsibilities in Term 4 last year. In my spare time, I love to do some gardening in my own veggie patch and post all about it on my garden's Instagram (@charlies.patch). I also love to get out and about whether it be to football, down to the beach or with my partner and dog. I'm looking forward to building some meaningful relationships with my students and getting to know each of them better. I am so excited to be back at the school in a teaching position and can't wait for what's ahead! Please don't hesitate to say hi if you see me around!



Hello 2021! It has been great to see so many smiling faces settled into the new classes in the last few weeks. Many new relationships with classmates, teachers and SSOs are developing.

Just a reminder that I am here for your child's wellbeing needs. I am at school on Monday and Thursday.

To get in touch you can either pop into the school and ask for a chat, call or you can send me an email angela.thorburn353@schools.sa.edu.au

Angela

Student Wellbeing Leader

Room 9

IELP class

We are lucky to have such a beautiful and diverse garden at Bellevue Heights School. We walked around our garden and smelt the different herbs and talked about what dishes we eat that use these herbs. We all learnt lots of different facts about each other's foods. 😊 We also looked at different fruits and vegetables and how some of them are seasonal. We all like summer stone fruit like peaches and nectarines! 😊



Library News

My name is Diana Jeffery and I am in the library replacing Marie Groen. Until 2019, I have been proud to call Whyalla my home for the past 30 years. I am still getting used to this city living. I have had a lovely start to the year getting to know the students in their new classes. Hopefully as time progresses, I will actually be able learn all their names!



Borrowing Reminders:

- Students are **welcome to borrow daily Tues – Fri** before and after school and at teacher's discretion (love frequent flyers!)
- Each class has a weekly library borrowing time – see your teacher about this day
- Students **must return overdue books before borrowing new ones**
- If a student needs more time to read a book, they just need to bring the book/s in and we can extend the due date for them
- Please try and support your child to take responsibility for their library books (have them in their bag on their library day, have a spot at home where they always are kept, *they* return overdue)
- Please try and keep books away from food and drinks, pets and unsupervised young siblings
- If a book does get damaged, please send it in asap (accidents do happen - most of the time it can be repaired)

If, for some reason a child is not able to access their overdue library books for some time, please let me know so we can accommodate this

Scholastic Book Club:

I coordinate this and there are roughly 2 issues a term. Issue one is due today. There is always a note on the library door re due date and I will also ensure there is one at the front office for you to refer to. Alternatively, teachers have this information too.

You can either order online or through the front office (with correct money please).

Library staff:

Monday – no staff

Tuesday – 8.30am – 4pm... Diana Jeffery

Wednesday – 8.30am – 4pm... Diana Jeffery

Thursday – 8.30am – 4pm... Diana Jeffery

Friday – 9am – 3.30pm... Tracy Pengelley



I look forward to meeting you in the yard or over at the library with your child. Feel free to come and see me with any queries. 😊

Diana Jeffery

JUNIOR FIELD NATURALISTS SA

You are invited to come-and-try **Junior Field Naturalists SA**, a club for nature enthusiasts aged 6 to 14.

We hold monthly meetings and regular field trips throughout the year. Meetings are generally held on the last Tuesday of each month from 7pm to 8.15pm at the **Bellevue Heights Primary School Gym**.

Annual fee: \$40 per family

Please join us for our upcoming first meeting for the year. There is no obligation to join the club on the night - just come along and give the club a try.

TUESDAY 23rd FEBRUARY

at 7.00pm at the Bellevue Heights Primary School Gym

Topic: "THE SECRET LIVES OF BUGS & SLUGS"

Check out some amazing stick insects and other invertebrates with Kris from Bugs n Slugs.

Further information:

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Brighton Special Interest Music Information Evening for Years 6 & 7

*Everything you need to know about auditioning for the
Brighton's Special Interest Music Program*

Tuesday 30 March 2021, 5.30 to 6.30pm
Brighton Secondary School Concert Hall
Followed by a free short concert on the front oval
(bring a picnic dinner and chairs)

For all enquiries please call Pam Parsons 8375 8215
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