

### BELLEVUE HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Greetings.

How quickly this term is passing us by..... It has been an incredibly action-packed past few weeks with a Remembrance Day service, transition visits, sporting clinics and a wonderful assembly led by Ms Petrovic's and Ms Bowman's classes. During the remaining five weeks, the upper years are participating in an Aquatics program which had to be cancelled at the beginning of the year and there is a Middle Primary excursion to Belair National Park. Our softball and cricket clinics will be continuing and how fortunate are we that the weather seems to have turned for the better! Of course teachers are busily preparing for the concert which will be held on Friday 2nd December. I am sure we will achieve all and more than we have set out to do, but it is busy.

Transition has commenced for our new Reception students. I know that there were some very nervous children and parents this Tuesday, but the morning went well. We are looking forward to meeting our new parents for a morning tea and talk in a few weeks time.

### Planning for 2023

There are a number of processes that are undertaken in order to plan for 2023. Staff are involved at all levels of the review and analysis of data. Last Friday our pupil free day focussed on staff drilling down into student data in order to set directions for 2023. Specifically, we reviewed our current achievements against the goals of the 2022 Site Improvement Plan and used data from other sources to inform our priorities for the following year. The Department has provided specific direction with regards to our improvement planning. Our Site Improvement Plan will be formally shared with the Governing Council later in the term and with families following this.

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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 4 2022

Sunday 13/11/22

Hosting a stall at Rotary
Fair

Tuesday 15/11/22

New Reception Transition

Wednesday 16/11/22

Year 5/6 Aquatics

Rm 19 + 21 Belair NP

Tuesday 22/11/22

New Reception Transition

Friday 2/12/22

A Merry Bellevue Christmas Concert on school oval

Wednesday 14/12/22

Year 6 Graduation

#### **COVID**

Please be aware that cases of covid are growing in the State. Whilst we are fairly fortunate in terms of minimal reported cases at our school, we are being told to stay at home if unwell.

### **Upcoming School Tours**

Ring the Office to book

### Class structures and student placement.

We are in the final stages of setting our classes for next year. It has been exciting to have had a wave of enrolments over the past few weeks and we are now at the stage that our classes for years 3-6 are full and we can only put children on a waiting list should they wish to enrol in the middle to upper year levels. We still have places from Reception to Year 2.

### BUSHFIRE ACTION PLAN

As summer approaches, the bushfire season comes into consideration. Our school does not close on days of catastrophic fire danger, however, we have a Bushfire Action Plan that details our actions on fire ban days and extreme fire danger days. Part of that plan is about families ensuring their children are kept safe at school, and not out on the roads. In the coming weeks we will practise how to evacuate from our classrooms to the school gymnasium.

As you read this newsletter, I hope you get a sense of the excitement and engagement that has filled our school these past few weeks.

Regards Marie-Louise

### **BLACKWOOD ROTARY FAIR**

Bellevue Heights Primary will be present at the Blackwood Rotary Christmas Fair this Sunday.

We will showcase our robotics programme and Nature Play activities. We hope to see you there. We are still looking for volunteers to assist the smooth running of the day.

This photo is of our stall display in 2019 - pre-covid.





Remember that we have a Mobile Muster point at our school to recycle your old phone.

Drop your old phone off to the front office.

Please delete data and leave batteries in the phone.



### SCHOOL AWARDS

The school award system recognises and rewards positive social and academic achievement.

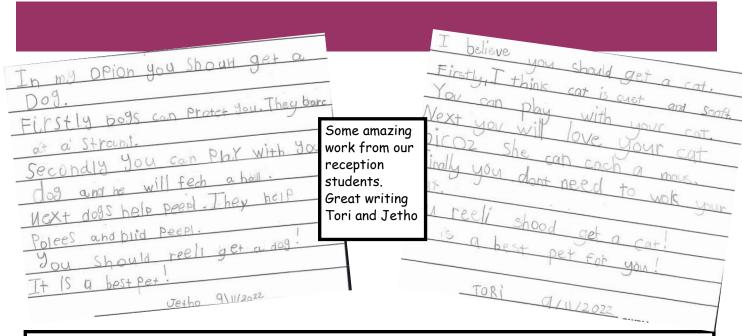
There are three levels: School Awards & Principal Awards Awards for Excellence (10 School &/or Principal Awards)

School Medal (10 Awards for Excellence)

### **Awards for Excellence Recipients**

The following students have earned an Award for Excellence certificate:

Scarlett N, William, Gwen, Will and Danny



### School Fees 2023

Following a successful poll, The Bellevue Heights Primary School Governing Council approved the Materials and Services charges for 2023 on 07 November 2022.

An invoice for the Materials and Services charges will be posted out in January 2023 and payment of school fees should be made before the end of Term 1. If you would like to enter a payment plan for the fees please contact the Finance Office and they will be able to assist you with this.

School Card assistance is available to parents who meet the financial criteria. Applications will be processed by the Department for Education on the completion of the School Card form. Application forms are available at the school or online at www.sa.gov.au and must be completed every year. If you require assistance in completing a school card application please contact the Finance office.



## Concert



# Friday the 2nd of December

Our Merry Bellevue Christmas Carols night, is just around the corner. This year we will have 4 food trucks ready to serve you delicious meals, ice creams, drinks and coffees. Our caterers for the night are Allure Fine Foods, Spuds and More, Fresh Coffee of Belle-air and Moo's Ice Creamery.









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# Rec/1 Room 3



### Problem solving Computational skills Design skills Creative challenges

ScratchJr is a free, computer programming language that runs on iPads, Android tablets, and Chromebooks. It is used by millions of kids worldwide.

ScratchJr helps young children (5 to 7 years old) create their own playful animations, interactive stories, and dynamic games.

### CODING IS NEW LITERACY!

In R/1 we have been learning how to use programming language in Scratch Jr app.

We have been exploring how to program by connecting blocks of code to make our characters move, jump, dance and sing.

We have created the fun projects about Halloween and the "Tiddalick the Frog" based on the Aboriginal dreaming story.



























### Student Forum

Student Forum 2022

On the 8th of November we went to the Convention Centre for the Student Forum 2022. All public schools from South Australia were invited to share their perspectives on the future for South Australian Schools. We filled out surveys about what we thought would be best for the upcoming years at both primary and high schools. We found the data interesting and were asked to say what we thought about the data. The CEO of the Department for Education, Martin Westwell and the Minister for Education, Blair Boyd, spoke about all the good things in South Australian schools.

We all hope that the students of the future will be happy and independent in finding their passions.



### Warrarra Yarta National Park

From the Park Rangers Leadership Team.

This year we have been working to develop Bellevue Heights National Park and our biggest goal was to open the park for others to enjoy. On Monday we are going to open the park for two weeks as a trial.

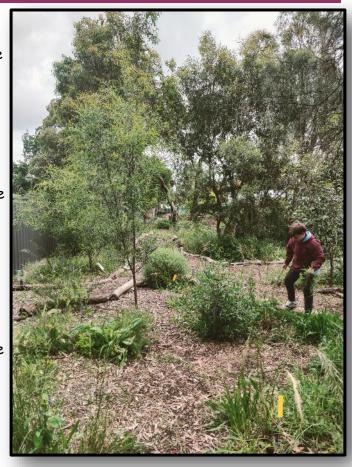
Over the last few years, other park rangers have planted and cared for the area to the east of the chickens. They have built a fence and developed signs for the plants. They have slowly extended the area that was once just a gravel path and weeds. They have created bags with magnifying glasses and sketch books to use in the park.

This year we have developed a name for the park. From now on the park will be called:

### "Warrara Yarta"

These Kaurna words mean "Healing Ground" and we believe they really signify what we have been aiming to do with the land.

Please enjoy the space with respect.



# Remembrance Day



Thank you
Nerida, Sue &
Briony for making
our fabulous
wreaths.







Well done to Room 19 for hosting our Remembrance Day Ceremony











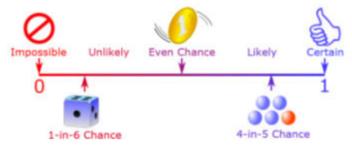
Thank you to Ms Adams, Neeve, Kira, Seb & Milo for representing Bellevue Heights PS at the Blackwood Remembrance Day Ceremony



### 5/6 Class Room 17

### **Probability**

This term the Year 5/6's from Room 17 have been busy in Mathematics looking at the topic of probability. Probability is defined as the measure of chance, or how likely something is to happen. We investigated the different terms we can use to describe probability, ranging from impossible or never, to definite or certain. We also learned that we can use numbers to describe the probability of something happening (zero for impossible, one for certain) and mark it on a line called a probability line. See below:



From there we learned we can describe probabilities using fractions, decimals and percentages and have had fun conducting our own chance experiments using dice, coins and counters. We learned that in games of chance we need to be aware of times when the outcomes are fair or unfair as well as some of the causes of bias.

### Persuasive Writing

In English we have been looking into what makes a good persuasive text and grappling with some thought-provoking prompts such as "All children should learn to play a musical instrument", "Mobile phones - luxury or necessity?", "Australia should become a republic and be independent from England" and "Students achieve better when they attend a school that has a compulsory uniform policy."

We have also had a focus on our comprehension and each week have been reading short stories and discussing questions from the three levels of comprehension; literal (reading what is right there), inferential (reading between the lines - making predictions and generalisations and giving reasons for events) and applied (reading beyond the lines - making links between the text and one's own experiences to promote deeper understanding).











# Around the classes

Junior R-3	In all JP classes we are working on persuasive writing using Teaching learning cycle.	
	In Maths students in Room 1 have been building fluency and greater understanding of the 4 operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division through game based activities. Students are developing their own little bank of games. They will be able to use them at school and at home.  In Room 3 we are playing "Maths detectives" games, solving problematic situations involving addition, subtraction, grouping and sharing. We are using a range of manipulatives, maths stories and following the problem-solving engineer process: Ask-for clarification, Imagine-solution, Plan/Draw-record your thinking, Test/Check, Improve, Share. We are enjoying coding in Scratch app with Celine,	
	pre-service teacher from Flinders University and designing 3D Xmas decorations in Makers Empire program.  Students in Room 5 are involved in learning financial maths. We are identifying features of AUS coins, their value and using coins in shopping play. Students are investigating 2D shapes and 3D objects and identifying their geometric features. We are all excited about the end of year school concert and enthusiscaly practising our class items.	
Middle 3/4 4	Room 19 has been learning all about measurement (length, volume, area, mass) and did a lot of hands on activities with measurement. We are now starting to learn about 2D & 3D shapes and their properties. We have been working hard on learning our lines for the Remembrance Day ceremony. In writing, we are beginning to learn poetry and have been working on persuasive writing as well. We are also working on our reading comprehension using different types of texts and improving our reading fluency. In technology, Henry has been chosen to be a finalist for the Commissioner's Digital Challenge: Space to Dream. His creation called the Jokemeter 2000 will be printed and displayed at the Australian Space Discovery Centre in December. We are very proud of him!	
Upper 5/6	In room 14 we are preparing for our 'Great Debate' using our persuasive devices. All class members are part of a team who are challenged to argue for or against certain controversial topic and have to persuade the audience (the rest of the class and the teacher) to vote for them. In Maths we are exploring theoretical probability vs relative frequency through horse racing, dice games and coin flipping. We are building our knowledge of the 'Law of large numbers'.	
Performing Arts	In Performing Arts, we are using body percussion and non-melodic percussion to create rhythms and beats. We are also preparing for our end-of-year concert items. The Bollyhop workshops in Week 2 were a great success too!	
French	In French JP classes are learning our French Christmas concert song. We are also naming and describing animals at the farm. The Year 3/4 and 4 class are investigating mealtimes and the names of common drinks in France. They are also learning vocabulary and grammatical structures that we need to use at mealtimes. Year 5/6 classes are investigating schooling in France and writing a connected text about a student's typical day.	
Science/ Nature Play	This term, the year 5/6 students are investigating how matter changes, from changes of state, such as melting and freezing to reversible and irreversible changes. The year 3 and 4 students are also doing chemical sciences this term, focusing on properties of matter. They started the term with a bit of fun trying to create a shoe from miscellaneous materials in the classroom. Now that the weather is warming up and much less rainy, Nature Play is getting outdoors more often again. Students are looking forward to going on a bushwalking excursion to Karinya Reserve that will include some local Aboriginal culture and history at Colebrook Reconciliation Park. This excursion will occur on Wednesday, December 7 <sup>th</sup> from recess to near the end of the day, but students will be back at school for pick up. There will be messages on Seesaw and a form to go home with students very soon.	

# Nearby events

### Australian Girls Choir Open Day

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir (AGC) because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform. School aged girls are invited to come along to our Open Days on Sunday November 13 and Saturday November 19 to try our fun and inclusive classes and learn more about being part of the AGC! Please visit our website to register to attend our free Open Day: <a href="https://ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc">https://ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc</a>



The Adelaide Giants upcoming 2022-23 season is fast approaching, and we have an offer for your school! The discount code GIANTSFAM is for a family pass which includes 2 x Adult tickets and 2 x Child tickets, all for \$40 (Usually \$60 if sold separately) This code can be redeemed for any Giants home series game.

To buy tickets please visit <u>adelaidegiants.com.au/tickets</u> and use the code GIANTSFAM to unlock the discount package.



### Appleton Sports School Holiday Cricket Academy

Where: Scotch Junior College - Muggs Hill Rd, Torrens Park

When: Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th & Wednesday 21st December 2022

**What:** Coaching Academy (Children aged 5-10 years) Pathway Academy (Children aged 10-17 years)

**Times:** 9:00am–12:00pm Coaching Academy 1:00pm – 4:00pm Pathway Academy

**Cost:** Coaching Academy - \$110.00 per child (Inc. GST) for the 3 days Pathway Academy - \$140.00 per child (Inc. GST) for the 3 days

For further information please contact – Jeremy Appleton Mobile - 0408 490 079 or Email - <u>jeremy@appletonsports.com.au</u>