



BELLEVUE HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter Date
Term 2 Week 1

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Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 2! I am so excited to have the opportunity to be at the helm of Bellevue Heights for the remainder of the year. I am looking forward to all that this will bring,

I would like to congratulate Kirsty Whibley who will be our deputy for the coming weeks while the final placement for this position is conducted. She brings her years of learning from a junior primary context as well a focus on well being and student inclusion. We also welcome back Hayley Handberg who is taking the R/1 class.

We welcome back Steve Mallee - year 4 - from leave in term one and welcome Jess Durdin back from Maternity leave. She will be working one day in 5/6 and one day in year 4.

On Monday this week teachers attended our pupil free day to work on our strong focus of numeracy. Across the school, teachers have implemented daily number sessions which are a key strategy to building confidence and fluency with number concepts. Teachers are also looking at other ways to improve the delivery of maths learning to encourage all students to engage and develop deeper understanding of concepts especially trust the count and place value, which underpin all of the mathematical curriculum.

One pressing matter that we need to address this term is mobile phones in schools. Last term Marie-Louise and the Education Committee updated our mobile phone policy to reflect the required changes. This has been ratified by the Governing Council and is attached at the end of this newsletter. Over this term we will be putting a system into place for students to securely store their phones and smart devices including smart watches. Students may still bring these items to school for their safety while travelling, but must place them into safe storage during school hours. If you need to contact your child please do so via the office.

We look forward to sports day next week. This week's forecast and soggy

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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 2 2023

Upcoming Pupil Free Days

Tuesday June 13th

Monday July 24th

Monday November 6th

Student Free Day
(Show Day)

Monday September 4th

Term 2 Events

Sports Day

Friday May 12th

Cross Country

Tuesday May 16th

Oliphant Science entry due date

Wednesday May 17th

Assembly Room 14

Friday May 26th

R-4 Swimming

June 19-23

Police Band

Tuesday June 27th

Assembly Room 5

Friday June 20th

Last day-Pizza & Casual Day

Friday July 7th

Upcoming School Tours

Ring the Office to book

Friday May 19th - 9:15am

Tuesday May 30th - 9:15am

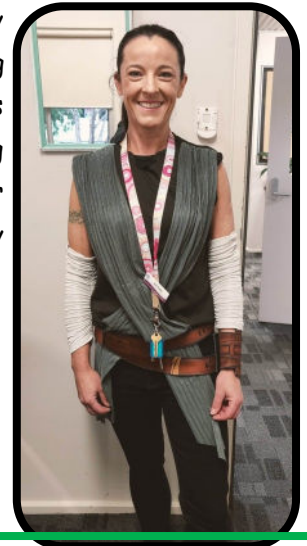
Wednesday June 28th - 9:15am

oval made it necessary to transfer the date, so fingers crossed that next Friday stays dry. Other events coming up this term include Reception—Year 4 Swimming lessons, Oliphant Science awards, a visit from the Police Band and Lacrosse Lessons provided by accredited Lacrosse coaches. I am looking forward to visiting classrooms and seeing the fantastic lessons that our teachers prepare for your children. Just to finish, here is a fun message from Mrs Potter who, as you may know, loves Star Wars and came to school yesterday dressed to suit!

May the Fourth be with you!

I look forward to talking to many of you in the yard ☺

Margot



Garden Grant & Front Entrance Transformation

Congratulations to Clare and Aislinn who wrote for and were successful in receiving a grant to revegetate many spaces around our school with native vegetation in order to address Climate Change. Part of this vision was to improve the front entrance to our school but with the suckering of the Sheoak trees in this space, the task looked daunting.

In the last week of term 1 we received a call from Fulton Hogan, who offered to do something for our school for free. What an opportunity. Karen and Josephine worked with us and organized their staff to come in the holidays and clear the troublesome garden bed ready to be re-planted with natives that can be purchased through the grant.

A huge thank you to both the fabulous parents who contributed to writing the grant and the staff from Fulton Hogan for such a kind contribution to our school.

We will be holding working bees soon to start planting! We would love to see you there!



Healthy Lunch Boxes

At Bellevue we encourage healthy eating. Our Health Curriculum encourages healthy eating and healthy lifestyles.

Our students are encouraged to bring a healthy fruit / vegetable snack to feed their brain around 10am each day. The science behind this kind of eating explains that regular nutrition and hydration can keep the brain functioning at an even consistent level that best promotes learning.

In younger classes students eat this snack together, in older classes this snack can be consumed as needed.



We encourage families to pack snacks that can be consumed to help children's brains learn at their best.

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 student has earned an Award for Excellence certificate: Parker, Lincoln, Zoe, Erin, Uli, Sophie, Softy

Uniforms



SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

On Monday the SSO's were busy cleaning and sorting out our new and 2nd hand uniforms.

We now have some 2nd hand uniforms on display outside the front office. There are plenty more stored away inside. Please pop in a grab a bargain.

All items are \$2 unless marked differently.

With winter here we are finding jumpers everywhere and they all look the same!

Only about 20% of these have clear names on them. How can we return them?

Please ensure that all jumpers and hats are named clearly.

Volunteer Training

This includes volunteering for camps and excursions, swimming helpers, classroom helpers etc...

In order to volunteer your time in a school setting it is Departmental policy that you have completed the **Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect - Education and Care Training**. This is a short course available for free, at the conclusion of which you will receive a certificate.

The course takes approximately 2 hours. Here is a link to the course: <https://www.education.sa.gov.au/working-us/rrhan-ec/how-volunteers-access-rrhan-ec-training>

You can do the course at home, or if you need, we will be holding another session in our computer room, where you can use our computers to complete the training. Monday 15th May at 9:30am

Please RSVP to Kylie in the front office if you would like to attend this session.

For many situations it is also important to complete a **Working with Children's Check** which is also free for volunteers.

Here is a link to the WWC check:

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/rights-and-law/rights-and-responsibilities/screening-checks/apply-for-a-screening-check>

Once completed, please send or drop off a copy of your certificates to the school for our records. Once these are on our records, you don't have to worry about providing these details to us again until they expire.

Calling all Volunteers



We would love to run a **Lunch-Time Craft or Games Group** in our library. This can be any day of the week. The purpose is to offer a quiet space for some children who feel overwhelmed in the yard. We would love 2 or more volunteers to facilitate this. Grandmas and Grandpa's are welcome too!



Wednesday Afternoon Gardening Club - From 2:30-3:30pm every Wednesday the Student Leaders work in both the National Park and the vegetable garden. They would love assistance. Why not come to school early on Wednesdays and make this a regular thing! Some of the tasks we need help with include:

- Weeding
- Soil preparation
- Pruning
- Planting seedlings and natives
- Netting and un-netting the fruit trees
- Mulching



This is the far end of the National Park that we are looking to develop this year.

Oliphants

Oliphant Science Awards

Last term, information was shared via newsletters and assemblies regarding the Oliphant Science awards.



Entry forms and payment are now due, with the last day to enter being Wednesday May 17th.

Here is a link to the website:

<https://www.oliphantscienceawards.com.au/>

Please get in touch with Eric if you have further questions.

For further information, please refer to this [page on the website](#).

If your child is interested in participating in the Oliphant Science Awards, please email me at:

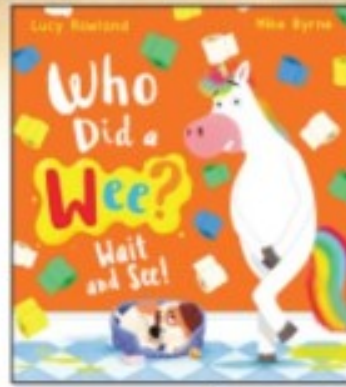
eric.nicholson591@schools.sa.edu.au.

Book Fair

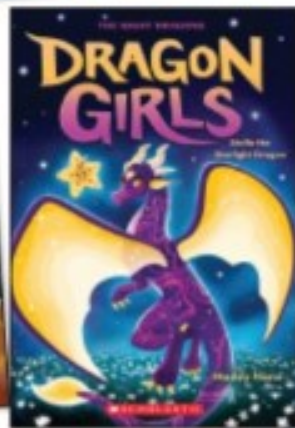
Bellevue Heights Primary School

You're invited to our Scholastic

BOOK FAIR



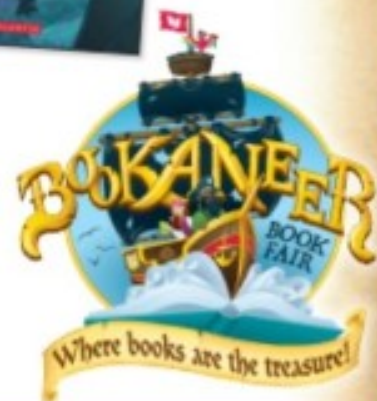
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Find these books and more at the Fair!



EVERY PURCHASE YOU MAKE
EARNS LEARNING AND
LITERACY RESOURCES
FOR OUR SCHOOL



Where: **Bellevue Heights Primary School Library...** Mrs Jeffery

When: **Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th & Thursday 8th June** (Term 2, week 6)

Procedure: Students will have opportunities during class library sessions to browse and create a wish list.

Purchasing: **Before School 8.30-9am & After School 3.30-3.45pm** (card or cash)

Online from home (details provided later)

Lunchtimes for students (cash only)

Community Notices



BELLEVUE HEIGHT PRIMARY SCHOOL CALISTHENICS CLUB

Come and try calisthenics!



We are a non-competitive calisthenics club and welcome girls of all ages, who enjoy learning new skills.

Calisthenics is an exciting sport that's a mix of dance, ballet, gymnastics and apparatus. It teaches girls of all abilities about teamwork and sportsmanship, while increasing their fitness, strength, flexibility, coordination and confidence.

First two lessons **FREE** for the month of May!

Lessons held during school terms in Bellevue Heights Primary School Gym.

Sub-Juniors (6-9 years) Thursdays 4pm – 5pm

Juniors (10-13 years) Thursdays 5pm-6pm

Intermediates (14+ years) Thursdays 6pm-7.15pm

Concerts are held twice a year, middle and end of year.

Annual fees start at \$300 and only go up to \$330 per girl.

For more information call Jodie (Club President) 0411 894 347

If you love dancing, fabulous costumes and having fun you will love calisthenics!

Grasshopper SOCCER MOBILE: 0480129125 **ENROL NOW**
AGES 2-12

TERM 2 KICK OFF
6-7 MAY

AUSTRALIA'S #1
**Non-Competitive
Soccer Program**

LOCATIONS

UNLEY HIGH - ATHELSTONE
LOCKLEYS - COWANDILLA - HECTORVILLE
BELLEVUE HEIGHTS - FLAGSTAFF HILL

www.grasshoppersoccer.com.au/adelaideinnersouth

Community Notices

Mitcham
Hills School
Zone

AFTER-SCHOOL ORIENTEERING

Find your way to adventure

Orienteering is a unique sport that teaches life skills like navigation and fitness with the fun challenge of finding the fastest route between checkpoints on a map.



What do you need to bring?

- No special equipment required – we provide everything.
- Wear comfortable clothing suitable for outdoors walking or running.
- Interested students from nearby schools are welcome to register and attend.

Note to Parents/Carers: This is a FREE activity run by volunteers from Orienteering SA for students of all ages and fitness levels. We welcome parents to stay and to take part in the activities.

Please arrange transport for your children to/from events.

Mitcham Hills incl. Hawthorndene to Coromandel Valley

**When? Fridays: 12th, 19th and
26th May – 3:30-4:45 PM**

Find out more at:

<https://www.sa.orienteering.asn.au/coaching-training/for-schools/school-events>

Or scan the QR Code

For more information and how to register, scan QR code to see our School Events page.



Community Notices

KIDS TAEKWONDO

Resilience Confidence Discipline Fitness

- Children can start at the age of 5
- Self defence and anti bullying program
- Non - Contact Training
- Experienced WWCC Instructors
- Sports Voucher approved provider
- Olympic Sport



BEGINNERS WELCOME ANYTIME

Enquiries: info@worldtaekwondo.com.au Ph: 0412 909 500

Website: www.worldtaekwondo.com.au **Sports Voucher Approved Provider**



JOIN THE FUN!

St Marys Junior Kookaburras

Laura Ave, St Marys SA 5042

Dates: 11/05/23 - 29/06/23

Thursday Afternoons 5:00pm - 6:00pm

For more information please contact

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play.afl/auskick



2024 SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS

Applications are now open
for year 7 students commencing in 2024 for our
Entrepreneurial Specialist Learning Pathway
and
Special Interest Volleyball Program

More information can be found on our website
www.hhs.sa.edu.au/specialinterest



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Mobile Phone Policy



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Student use of mobile phones and personal devices at Bellevue Heights Primary School

Scope

This school policy is implemented in line with the Department for Education's [Student use of mobile phones and personal devices policy](#), which applies to all government schools. This document provides direction to students, staff, and families about managing personal devices that students choose to bring to school.

For the purposes of this policy, **personal devices** include mobile phones, smart watches and other digital devices that are capable of sending or receiving messages or calls and/or able to connect to the internet, and personal laptops or iPads that are not owned by the school and have not been brought to school by the student under a separate Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) agreement.

Rationale

With the widespread and increasing ownership of mobile phones and other devices among students it is critical that schools, in partnership with families, provide clear guidance for students to become informed, safe, respectful, and responsible digital citizens.

It is the Department for Education's position that access to personal devices during school hours must be managed so that students can be fully present in their learning and in their interactions with their teachers and peers.

The aim of this policy is to help promote:

- safe environments with reduced negative impacts of inappropriate use of devices at school, such as cyberbullying, exposure to harmful content, and critical incidents that involve mobile phones
- classroom environments where teachers can teach, and students can learn, free from distractions caused by personal use of devices
- use of breaks as quality time away from screens, encouraging physical activity and play and meaningful face-to-face connections with peers.

Personal devices at school

Students are permitted to bring personal devices to school:

- as a measure to ensure their safety while travelling to and from school
- so that parents can contact them outside of school hours
- to be used during school hours in line with an exemption that has been approved by the school under this policy.

While students are at school, or attending school activities, they must comply with any reasonable directions given by school staff in line with this policy regarding their personal devices.

The Department for Education's policy requires all students at all department schools to **keep personal devices 'off and away' between the start and end of each school day, and while they are attending school activities off-site, such as camps and excursions.**

Students will not be able to access their personal devices at any time during school hours, unless they have received an approved [exemption](#) from the school to use the device for a specific, agreed reason. This means both physical access and remote access (e.g. connecting with the personal device via hotspot or using paired headphones).

Storage of personal devices at school

Students will turn their devices off or place them in flight mode before putting them away. This includes taking off and storing any wearable technology that fits the definition of this policy, such as smartwatches.

Students will present their devices to their teacher at the beginning of the school day

In order to minimise disruption to learning, all devices are to be turned off or muted before being stored

Collected devices will be kept in secure storage by the teacher. Each device will be stored in a bag labelled with the student's name

Devices will be collected by students at the conclusion of the school day

Only the teacher will have access to the secure storage

Responses to non-compliance

Where students use a personal device at school without an approved exemption, or use it inappropriately, a response will be provided in line with the school's behaviour support policy.

- The student's device will be securely stored in the classroom and will be returned to the student at the conclusion of the school day. The student will be reminded of the Primary student use of mobile phones and personal devices policy. If a student is found to consistently not hand their device to the teacher, has misused a device, or has breached the Primary student use of mobile phones and personal devices policy or the Digital Citizenship Agreement:
- The device will be confiscated and placed into secure storage in the classroom and returned to the student at the end of the day or in some cases will be stored in the front office to be collected by a parent at the conclusion of the school day
- Parents will be informed of the non-compliance with the policy
- Consequences may be applied to the student in line with the school's Behaviour management and ICT Agreement. Where a student's misuse of personal devices is serious, it may be necessary for the school to consider responses in line with the department's suspension, exclusion and expulsion of students procedure, or to contact South Australia Police if the behaviour is suspected to be illegal

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Exemptions

Exceptional circumstances

Individual students may have extenuating reasons for needing access to their personal device during school hours, such as where:

the device is used to monitor or help manage a health condition

the device is a negotiated adjustment to a learning program for a student with disability or learning difficulties

the device is used for translation by a student with English as an additional language

the student has extenuating personal circumstances that require them to have more ready access to their personal device, such as being a parent themselves or a primary carer to a younger sibling or unwell family member.

Please contact the school if you need to request an exemption due to exceptional circumstances. These requests will be considered by the principal (or delegate) on a case-by-case basis. If approved, the exemption will be recorded in the student's file or health care/learning plan as appropriate.

Roles and responsibilities

Principal

Make sure:

- The school's policy has been endorsed or ratified by governing council and is clearly communicated and accessible to all students, staff, and families
- there is a process for regular review of the school's local policy
- secure storage is provided for student personal devices that are handed in to school staff and
- processes are in place for monitoring internet and school network use by all members of the school community.

Enforce the policy and responses to instances of non-compliance.

Consider requests for exemptions from the policy from parents or independent students due to exceptional circumstances on a case-by-case basis. Make sure that approved exemptions in this category are documented and that relevant staff, including temporary relief teachers, are informed about students with an exemption.

Model appropriate use of mobile phones and support school staff to do the same. Support families to understand the importance of promoting safe, responsible, and respectful use of mobile phones to their children.

Report and respond to incidents of inappropriate or illegal use of personal devices in line with department policy and procedures and any legal requirements.

School staff

Deliver learning opportunities and maintain a safe and productive learning environment. Take steps to minimise distractions from the non-educational use of personal devices in the learning environment.

Respond to instances of non-compliance in line with the school's policy.

Report and respond to incidents of inappropriate use of personal devices in line with department policy and procedures and any legal requirements.

Ensure students who are given permission to access their personal device use it appropriately and only for the specified purpose, and store their personal devices away after the exempted activity has concluded.

Make sure that any student personal devices handed in for their care are stored in a secure location and are returned to the student (or their parent) by the end of the same school day.

Model appropriate use of mobile phones and support families to understand the importance of promoting safe, responsible, and respectful use of mobile phones to their children. Use mobile phones for work-related/emergency purposes only when students are under their care.

Students

Comply with the requirements of this policy and follow all reasonable directions from the principal and school staff.

Switch all personal devices off, or into flight mode, on arrival at school each day and store it away as specified in this policy.

If permitted to use a mobile phone or personal device in line with an exemption under this policy, do so in a safe, responsible, and respectful way and support peers to do the same.

Communicate respectfully with others and do not use a mobile phone or other personal device to bully, harass, or threaten another person.

Respect others' rights to privacy and do not take photos, film, or audio records of other people without their knowledge or permission.

Notify a school staff member as soon as possible if feeling unwell or experiencing any other issues at school. Use the school's sign-out processes in all cases where requiring early collection from school.

Parents

Support the school's implementation of this policy, including the consequences for non-compliance.

Encourage their child not to bring a personal device to school unless necessary. Understand that the department does not provide insurance for accidental loss or damage to personal property that is brought onto school grounds (however, claims may be met under the department's public liability insurance where the loss or damage can be attributed to a negligent act or omission on the part of the school – the school will contact the department for advice if this may be the case).

Use the school's formal communication channels in all instances to communicate with the school or to make contact with their child during school hours (including where a student requires early collection from school). Encourage their child to always report to a school staff member in the first instance if they become unwell or experience an issue at school.

Recognise the important role they play in supporting their child to use their mobile phone (or other personal device) in a safe, responsible, and respectful way.

Supporting links

school behaviour code, behaviour support policy
school anti-bullying policy
ICT user agreements.

Communication and review

- The Primary student use of mobile phones and personal devices policy has been developed in consultation with the staff, students, Education Sub-committee and the Governing Council of Bellevue Heights Primary School.
- The Primary student use of mobile phones and personal devices policy is aligned with DfE policy documents.
- The Primary student use of mobile phones and devices policy will be located on the school website.
- The Primary student use of mobile phones and personal devices policy will be reviewed in accordance with Departmental regulations.

Questions, concerns, and further information

This policy has been implemented by the school in line with the Department for Education's 'Student use of mobile phones and personal devices policy'. You can find more information about this policy, and links to further resources for parents about personal devices and online safety, on the department's website: [Mobile phones and personal devices at school \(education.sa.gov.au\)](https://www.education.sa.gov.au/mobile-phones-and-personal-devices-at-school).

If you have any questions or concerns about the department's policy, you can contact the department at:

Email: education.customers@sa.gov.au or submit an [online feedback form](#)

Phone: Free call: 1800 088 158

Please contact the school directly to discuss the possibility of an exemption if your child has exceptional circumstances as outlined in this policy.