



# BELLEVUE HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter Date

Term 4 Week 9

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Dear families,

The **New Strategy for South Australian Schools** has been developed with extensive consultation of all stakeholders including students. The key direction and purpose of schooling is (in part):

*Educators and staff work in partnership with families and communities to nurture, develop and empower all South Australian children and young people with the knowledge, skills and capabilities they need to become fulfilled individuals, active, compassionate citizens and lifelong learners.*

Four major areas of impact are now at the forefront.

- **Equity and Excellence** (Inclusion, knowledge, skills, capabilities)
- **Well being** (belonging , safety, resilience, persistence, engagement)
- **Learner Agency** (voice, partners in learning, discernment, judgement)
- **Effective Learners** (curiosity, creativity, making meaning, strategic awareness, meta-cognition and self-regulation.)

Over the last 5 years we, as teachers, have been striving to continually improve our practice as the pressure of constant improvement had been a stronger department focus in the past. This work has been **excellent** and our teaching practice and critical improvement is now well developed. We will continue this.

With the new strategy, we now have permission to pause. Over 2023, we have maintained our skill development but taken time to explore some of the new direction such as resilience, agency and well-being. Although these are not new and teachers have always addressed these important areas, we can now look with greater clarity and purpose. **Infact - our new director has told us to be BOLD, to make change that is going to work for our schools.**

Therefore in 2024 we are going to be bold and make 2 major changes. We will be introducing a whole school well being program called **The Resilience Project (TRP)** - please have a sneak peek here: [2024 School Wellbeing Program - The Resilience Project](#) Watch the video.

We will also change the way we work with families to report student progress.

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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 2023

December 15th  
Early dismissal 2:30pm

### Term 1 2024

#### First day of Term 1

Monday Jan 29th

#### Welcome Back BBQ and AGM

Tuesday Feb 6th

#### Parent Conversations

Feb 7th - 15th

#### 4 Year Old Friday

Mar 8th, 15th & 22nd

#### Good Friday

March 29th

#### Easter Monday

April 1st

#### Daylight Savings Ends

Sunday April 7th

#### Sports Day

Friday April 12th

#### Last day of Term 1

Friday April 12th

## Upcoming School Tours

Ring the Office to book for 2023

### 2024 dates

Friday Feb 16th at 9:15am

Tuesday March 5th at 9:15am

Friday April 5th at 9:15am

We want to change the focus of these opportunities from a teacher driven reporting time to a partnership driven collaboration time with each child as the focus.

We will be holding parent/teacher **conversations** very early in term 1 next year rather than an interview late in term 1. The purpose will be to shift focus to a jointly shared time where meaningful discussion can occur about your child, their strengths and needs for the coming year and begin the process of working in partnership with your child as the focus. We will not have an interview late in term 1, teachers will keep in touch **as needed (some will need more than others)** and complete a written report at the end of term 2. We will hold a second round of conversations early in term 3 that allows the report to be discussed and further partnership and goals planned. A final written report will be given at the end of the year.

Well-being, Learner Agency, Effective Learners, Equity and Excellence all in partnership with you, our families.

Thank you all for a fabulous year. This year has been eventful, challenging, but most of all awesome!

We wish you all a peaceful, fun-filled Christmas break wherever you may be and what ever you may do. We look forward very much to seeing you next year as we start 2024 together.

With much gratitude,

Margot and Kirsty.



The new sign has now been installed. Congratulations Park Rangers of 2023 on all of your outstanding contributions this year. A huge thank you to Tash Howard who has proudly worked with this group every Wednesday afternoon.

If you would like to join Tash next year, please get in touch with the school. It really is a rewarding time.

## Governing Council 2024

Would you like to be part of the Governing Council for 2024? Would you like to help set and monitor the school's direction in the future? Do you enjoy being part of a fun and collaborative team of like minded parents?

Then stay tuned for how you can join the Governing Council in 2024!

For further information please click here: [Governing councils \(education.sa.gov.au\)](https://governingcouncils.education.sa.gov.au)

## 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: Leif, Arius, Dodo

### School Medal Recipient

This year the School medal has been achieved by Dodo Mohmand - Congratulations Dodo!

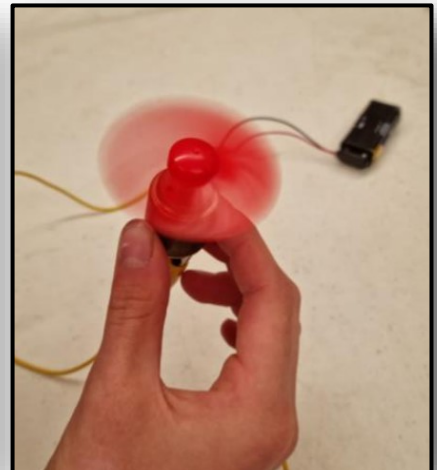


# Science and Nature Play News

On Friday, November 17th (week 5), students from the year 2 and year 3 classes participated in a Nature Play excursion to Colebrook Reconciliation Park. The excursion had a two-fold purpose of understanding local Aboriginal history (the Colebrook story and the Stolen Generation) and engaging in nature play activities in local, natural surroundings. With the help of many parent volunteers, we all walked up Shepherds Hill road to the Park to immerse ourselves in the history and significance of Colebrook. After having a fruit snack and investigating all the information available around the site, we then went on a winding bush walk before ending up at Karinya Reserve for recess and an opportunity to have the skate park area all to ourselves! We then took a short cut back to Colebrook past the soccer pitch and separated into 3 large groups to undertake some nature play activities. Students rotated between making creations using only pieces of wood and their imaginations in the Colebrook shed; whittling sticks with peelers and sanding them with sandpaper; and making seed bombs and playing blindfold games such as 'echidna ears' and 'bat-bat-moth'. We managed to all walk back to school without incident and arrived in time for lunch, as planned!



During week 6, on the Wednesday and Thursday, students from years 3 to 6 had a science incursion from Peter and Sue Boggiano called 'Fun with Science' – and that was exactly what everyone had! Each session was a hands-on extravaganza of experimenting with a wide array of physical science materials and equipment to better understand concepts such as electrical conductivity, magnetism, centre of gravity using balance birds, laws of motion using 'Newton's Cradle' and of course having a hair-raising time using the Van de Graaff static electricity generator. Each class had their full science double lesson in the gymnasium participating in a rotation of activities amongst some class demonstrations. Peter and Sue were terrific and the students could not have been more engaged!





## In other news...



### Term 4 Basketball Team

Cameron, Chase, Jay, Oscar, Seb, Nika, Steven, Liev and Luke have loved playing Basketball so much in term 2 & 3 that they decided to continue it in term 4.

A big thank you to Todd Bussenschutt & Anastasia Tingey for coaching the team and making this happen.

They've had their third win in a row which was against a team who beat them 34 to 2 last time they met. They then beat them 18 to 2. Everybody had a massive game, plenty of passing the balls and I think everybody had a shot at the hoop which was great to see. It was so great to see everybody work so hard for the ball, put pressure on the other team and run hard when needed. They all should be very proud of how hard they worked.



### Tawny Frogmouths

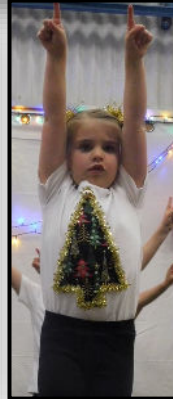
Every now and then we have a visit from some very special friends - and this year it looks like the family has grown.

These birds were spotted outside the old French room. Their feathers are designed to camouflage with the tree branches so while we know they live on the school grounds they are often hard to find!

They are nocturnal and carnivorous, but they are not owls!

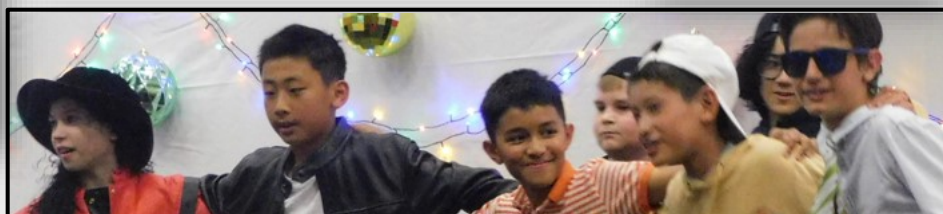


# Bellevue Wonderland





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What an awesome night!





# Concert News



## Christmas Stocking Raffle Winners

- 1st Prize** Giant Christmas Stocking  
Cash Popplewell
- 2nd Prize** Bicycle Centre \$250 Voucher  
Lucky Sadler
- 3rd Prize** Beach Trolley Pack  
Luke Brown
- 4th Prize** Christmas Hamper  
Janice Chilstone
- 5th Prize** Family Protein Pack  
Orianah Eldridge
- 6th Prize** Events Cinema \$50 voucher  
Clementine Van Der Zwaag



## Kristina Macaulay Junior Courage Award

Chelsea Mawson was selected from her class as the recipient of this special award for her respectful relationships with peers and adults in the classroom and the school grounds. This award was provided by the Zonta Club of Mount Barker after they worked with the class on the ***Expect Respect*** project.

Congratulations Chelsea!

# Music available in 2024

In 2024 our school will continue to offer Strings (Violin and Cello), Piano and Guitar / Drum lessons through a variety of providers. Some are Departmental providers and some are external providers who charge fees.

## Piano

30mins per one-on-one weekly lesson, **all materials provided** and tailored to each individual

- posture and technique
- music theory
- performance and musicianship



Available days **Tue to Fri** (school hours onsite) **Mon to Sat** (out of school hours at teacher's studio just across the road)

- School timeslots **allocated** first come first served in consultation with class teacher
- For out-of-school timeslots, please contact piano teacher to discuss preferences

Kids and adults all welcome (minimum age 6yrs) no prior musical knowledge needed  
\$400 per term

- Family discount available
- Discount also available for students who want to have 2 lessons per week instead of just 1
- Please contact piano teacher to access discount rates     Adeline - 0405 459 214

## Guitar , bass, drums, keyboard

Peter McPheat offers one-on-one and small group tuition in guitar, bass guitar, drums and keyboard. He has been teaching in Victoria and Adelaide for the past twenty-five years, and at Belleview Heights for the last two.

Peter currently teaches at Belleview Heights on Wednesdays during school time, but before school, recess and lunchtime lessons are also available.

Lessons last for half an hour and happen weekly. A one-on-one lesson costs \$30, and a small group lesson (two or three students) costs \$19.

In 2024 Peter is also excited about starting a Belleview Heights Primary School band! This will be open to all students who learn an instrument (not necessarily from Peter) plus students who like to sing. More information to come.

If you would like more information or to enrol your child for music lessons, you can contact Peter on 0423 194 916 or [petermcpheat@gmail.com](mailto:petermcpheat@gmail.com).



## Strings - Violin / Cello



Information regarding these instruments can be obtained at the beginning of next year. There may be limited spaces. This is a department provider and therefore there are no costs. A fee is charged however to cover the cost of instrument hire.



# Code Camp for year 2-6



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# Holiday Ideas



## DROP IN SHOP XMAS HOLIDAY PROGRAM!



Drop the kids off while you shop! Let us entertain the kids while you get your Christmas shopping done. There will be LOADS OF CHRISTMAS FUN with modified sports games throughout the day to keep your children entertained. Sports include: Foam hockey, Soccer, Basketball, Cricket, AFL, Netball, Teeball, Mini Olympics and Picnic Games. We will also have dance, arts & craft, scavenger hunt and a VISIT FROM SANTA! For boys and girls aged 5-12 years.

Please bring a gold coin donation and/or Christmas present which will be donated to KickStart for Kids for children experiencing hardship.

**WHEN:** Monday 18th December 2023  
**LOCATION:** Brighton Oval, Highet Ave Brighton  
**TIME:** 8:30am - 5pm  
**COST:** \$66.00 incl. GST

Sibling discount available - please contact 0421 888 400

What you need to bring: appropriate clothing, hat, drink bottle, lunch and snacks.

To enrol, register online at [www.kellysports.com.au](http://www.kellysports.com.au). Payments can be made online at [www.kellysports.com.au](http://www.kellysports.com.au) or by EFT to Kelly Sports Adelaide Metro BSB 035 045 A/C No 342581.

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**Bookings & Enquiries:** 0421 888 400  
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All Kelly Sports coaches have mandatory working with children employment screening checks

## Coromandel Community Centre Connect Contribute Celebrate



## SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY

HADO—Beyond Sports

This Augmented Reality game is new to Australia.

Be a part of the launch of this interactive game in Adelaide.

Checkout this official trailer <https://hado-official.com/en/>

**Teams of 3 vs 3. Ages 10 to 15yrs. Maximum 24 Minimum 18 players**

Wear appropriate clothes and footwear

**When:** Monday 22 January

**Time:** 10:30am to 1:30pm

**Where:** 442B Main Road  
Coromandel Valley

**Cost:** \$15 per person Pre Paid

<https://events.humanitix.com/hado-school-holiday-activity>

Light snack included

Contact the Centre on 8370 6880 visit [www.coroalive.org.au](http://www.coroalive.org.au) or Like us on Facebook



GOOD  
NEWS

## Disability SA NEW AVAILABILITY!

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## Holiday Support

# BEACON 24

EMERGENCY FOOD SUPPORT SERVICE FOR MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY WHEN THEY NEED IT



Beacon 24 is here to help with a food hamper that can support those in need for 24-48 hours as well as provide information on helpful services which are available.

## **PACKS ARE AVAILABLE AT:**

**BLACKWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST (367 Shepherds Hill Rd, Blackwood)**  
Tuesday - Friday | 9am - 2pm

**OFFICE OF CATHERINE HUTCHESSON MP (1/7-9 Young St, Blackwood)**  
Monday | 9am - 5pm & Tuesday - Friday | 2pm - 5pm

**The Green Dispensary (202 Main Rd, Blackwood)**  
Monday - Friday | 5pm - 6pm & Saturday | 9am - 5pm & Sunday 11am - 4pm  
\*Please use this location during the Christmas/New Year period

A project of the Blackwood Church of Christ, the Green Dispensary Blackwood, Blackwood Lions Club, the Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills, Blackwood Action Group and Catherine Hutchesson MP, Member for Waite