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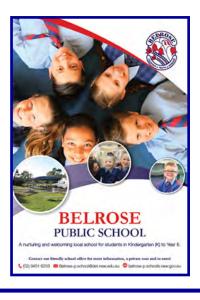
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TERM 4, WEEK 8

NEWSLETTER DATE: Thursday, 3 December 2020

Dates

Term 4 2020				
Monday 7 December	9.30am 3-4 Assembly			
Tuesday 8 December	6.30pm 5-6 Assembly			
Wednesday 9 December	Winning House BBQ/Mufti Winning house notified on Tuesday			
Thursday 10 December	Stage 3 Surf Awareness			
28/29 January & 1 February 2021	Best Start Kindergarten Interviews			
Friday 29 January	Year 1 to 6 students begin			
Monday 1 February	Canteen open for lunch orders & counter sales			
Tuesday 2 February	Kindergarten students begin			



Principal's Message

YEAR 6 FETE

Thank you to our entire school community for supporting the Year 6 Fete. Once again, we had a very successful day and the students demonstrated an amazing effort to organise, plan and deliver some great activities and food stall ideas. We are all very proud of our year 6 children.



HOUSE CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS 2021

Congratulations to the following students for being elected House Captain and Vice Captain. We are looking forward to working with each of the following students during our busy carnival periods and extensive sports program. Their first responsibility will be at the Swimming Carnival. Their badges were presented at Monday's assembly and their photos are on page 2 of this newsletter.

Fraser House Captains: Joshua M and Ella L

Fraser Vice Captain: Hayley D

Freeman House Captains: Abi R and Luca E

Freeman House Vice Captain: Saskia M

Thorpe House Captains:
Thorpe House Vice Captains:
Thorpe House Vice Captains:
Charlie S and Skye B
Taisei Y and Chloe S
Bradman House Captains:
Sofia E and Lachlan A
Charli B and Angus R

Some important dates for the 2021 calendar include:

Swimming Carnival: Thursday 2 February
Cross Country Carnival: Thursday 25 March
Athletics Carnival: Wednesday 14 July

2020 CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

Thank you for your kind donations to our annual support for Stewart House, Bear Cottage and Dalwood Spilstead.

ASSEMBLIES

Well done to the many students who have received their Gold awards. Although our Monday afternoon assemblies have finished for the year, students may see me for their badges. Congratulations to the recipients of the PSSA trophies for Term 4. The House BBQ tally board remains close with the final decision being announced next Tuesday. The BBQ will be held on Wednesday, 9 December, 2020. The winning house captains and vice captains will assist me with the preparation and cooking.

THANK YOU

We wish to thank the class parents for assisting the teachers throughout the year as well as our volunteers for the uniform shop and canteen.

Thank you to many parents who attended Tuesday's P&C meeting for our Annual General Meeting and to those who helped make Jo Stracey's last meeting so memorable for her. We wish to thank Jo for her vast contributions during her 15 year involvement with Belrose and for her last three years as President. Her key achievement have been:

- -Connecting families through multiple annual events
- -Fundraising for playgrounds, classroom resources, technology and our learning support teachers.
- -Ensuring our focus remains on students
- -Her positive mindset, her integrity, enthusiasm and outstanding communication

Her fun, no nonsense approach will be surely missed by everyone. We wish Jo and her family good health and a bright future. Thank you to our 2020 P & C Executive team of Peter, Elise, Jeanette, Lou and Heather. We have very much appreciated all of your time with supporting our school.

Congratulations to 2021 House and Vice-Captain Leaders



2021—2024 STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS FOR BELROSE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Currently, all schools are working on their 2021-2024 Strategic Plan. As a community, we have identified 3 strategic directions that will influence students, staff and the community over the next four years. These are:-

- Student Growth and Attainment, focussing on a whole school approach to growth in Reading, Writing and Numeracy for all students.
- Wellbeing, that develops a strategic, systematic and planned approach to whole school wellbeing, supported by high levels of connectedness and belonging. This will be supported through:
- a) Carol Dweck's Growth Mindset professional learning sessions for staff over the life of the strategic plan. Staff will have ongoing professional mentoring by certified trainer, James Anderson and will guide the implementation strategies at Belrose that help our students create more growth-oriented mindsets.
- b)Targeted PD/Health/PE lessons to assist their social-emotional competence. A whole school community shared responsibility for the increase of students' social-emotional skills, including the specific awareness of others' feelings (empathy), emotion regulation and it's management, social problem solving and friendship building. We will utilise a variety of resources including the *Second Steps* program.
- c)Clear Minded meditation lessons by expert Vicki O'Leary for a term.
- d)Revising the rules and procedures of our student wellbeing policy
- Student, Staff and Community Engagement, continuation of embedded innovative high quality STEM pedagogical practices with new and emerging technologies, and a well informed and connected whole school community working together.

Within our strategic plan, we will continue to strive for student growth and attainment. We will continue to focus on improving individual student outcomes and catering for all our students' learning needs. We aim for students to grow by at least one year in literacy and numeracy.

We are very mindful of our students broadening their friendship circles, fostering new relationships, new interests and greater social opportunities outside their own year group. As we understand, each class could have an 18 month age difference along with 1-2 years academic difference. We will continue to support this through our straight grade and composite class structure. We will be ensuring additional staff for composite groups but opportunities for students in the same grades to be together for lessons such as Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths (STEM), Music/Dance, Japanese and PD/Health/PE and on incursions and excursions.

In 2021, we will continue to offer morning and lunchtime extra-curricular activities, including dance, choir, band, library, chess and Maths Olympiads.

Hopefully, 2021, will see a further easing of Covid-19 restrictions and we will be able to see parents once again actively involved in learning at school, assisting with Reading Groups, excursions, carnivals, sport and assemblies. We would also be keen to learn if you have a particular interest or talent that could be shared with our students, such as assisting with the building, care and maintenance of our sustainability garden etc.

The Belrose Staff and I are very excited about moving forward and also to working with you to ensure that Belrose Public School continues to provide high quality educational opportunities for all of our students.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to learn more.

Belinda Zorian

Principal

Congratulations to our PSSA Award Receipients



Congratulations to our Term 3 Award Recipients





Congratulations to our Chess Teams



Congratulations to our Bronze, Silver and Gold Award Recipients







Congratulations to our Student of the Week Award Recipients

KIG	1S	1K	2J	3K
Ava B	Oliver K	Eli D	ТВА	Ed F
Tyla B	Ellie W	Xanthe B		Ben G
3W	4M	4/5S	5D	6M
Holly T	Ella D	Emma C	Hayley Q	Will C
Ellie H	Noah D	Sophie S	Charlie S	Ben H



Vege Garden Makeover!

Redevelopment of our vegetable garden has be-

gun! A huge thankyou to COATES HIRE Willoughby for donating the fencing and to Phil Hefford and Brad Franklin for helping to organise and construct it. We really appreciate everyones's support. Watch this space over the next few weeks to see how it progress!



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2020 CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

Supporting Stewart House, Bear Cottage & Dalwood Spilstead.

Gifts may be brought to school by Years K—6 from Monday 30 November and placed under the Christmas tree in the school office.

It has been requested that any gifts be unwrapped and placed in a gift bag as all gifts need to be checked for suitability. Please also avoid toys that need too many batteries. Only new items are suitable. No food items please.

Thank you to all families who support this appeal. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.



Japanese Language Speaking Competition

日本語 Congratulations to all our finalists—I am very proud of you all for standing up and speaking in front of our judges.

That was very brave and you all did a fantastic job. A big congratulations to our winners—Mari, Nate and Bodhi.







Mrs Iwakura

Library News

Week 8 is the last week for borrowing. I will be printing out overdue notes for students and will also be emailing out a list of overdue books. Your assistance with the return of any outstanding books would be greatly appreciated.

K.Wedlock Teacher Librarian

Belrose Music 2020







What a fantastic year we've had, albeit rather tricky for Creative Arts! Together, we have managed to create beautiful music.

This year Belrose Public School children, from kindergarten to year six, participated in a music programme called, Count Us in, where thousands of children around Australia performed the same song, "You won't bring Us down" at the same time. Due to Covid19 restrictions we unfortunately could not all sing together, so instead we used an array of musical instruments, movements and sign language to engage with the music.

We have listened to and analysed different styles of music and have created chants, musical jingles and sound effects to develop Musical knowledge.

I am superbly proud of how hard the children at Belrose Public School have worked during their Music sessions and am constantly amazed by their creativity.

Thank you, boys and girls for a wonderful year.

Shona Adamo





Year 6 Fete

Thank you to the Belrose community for your amazing support of the Year 6 Fete. Congratulations to each and every single Year 6 student for their amazing efforts with their stalls as well as the collaborative and cooperative process prior to and on the day. Year 6 completed a risk assessment for each stall and planned what they would bring in. They dealt beautifully with the new token system and helped the younger students navigate these tokens and how to complete the various activities at the school in a COVID safe way. This was a true demonstration of their maturity and organisational skills.

I know there was a tremendous amount of planning and help from home as well. I sincerely thank all parents for helping with the individual wrapping of food items and baking. As well as the generous purchases of prizes and treats galore. Also thank you for ensuring your children could meet and plan what they were doing.

Year 6 raised an amazing \$2458.15. We will be planning what they would like to donate to the school in their memory.

Samantha Meikle











Home Sport Program Term 4 2020

Belrose Public School won a Sporting Schools Grant of \$2,500.00 to bring professional sports people into the school to upskill those students who attend home sport. This term we chose basketball and cricket. We thank the coaches James (basketball) and Nick (cricket) for their expertise in their sports and sharing this knowledge with Belrose students. Student skills have increased and we are seeing great engagement within these sports. There were some great catches during the cricket sessions. Students in basketball have improved their dribbling and shooting skills.

Some amazing baskets were scored.

















It is Christmas Raffle Time and we have some fabulous prizes on offer! Please help support our lovely little school, our line up this year includes:

Novotel Manly accommodation and breakfast package

Full weeks of Evolve Tennis Multisport School Holidays camps

Dinner vouchers and more...

Tickets are just \$2.50 each - you can purchase here... https://belrosepublicschool2020christmasraffle.floktu.com Thank you ,PLEASE SHARE with your friends and family!

A HUGE thanks you to all our sponsors!

Sport News

Belrose V Killarney Heights 20/11/20

Junior Cricket

I think everyone in the junior team played amazingly well but one person I think tried their personal best. That person was Skye B! Her bowling was awesome and she even hit the wicket while doing it! There was some amazing catches in this game by a lot of players which definitely helped us win. Thank you!

T-Ball B

Player of the match was Kai S. We didn't do too well against Killarney PS but we tried hard. We hired help from the A team. Hamish came over to the B team for today.

Rhys P

Lily C

T-Ball A

It was a hard team and we lost. The score was 16-9. The Player of the Match was Lachie A as he did some big hits with the bat and great cheering for Belrose.

Jack S

Softball A

The Softball A team just lost, 13-8, against Killarney Heights PS. There were many good people in the team but I am giving Man of the Match to Jin T and Max W for their amazing catches.

Mika L

Sport News

Belrose V Forestville 27/11/20

Junior Cricket

Everybody did really well and it was really hard to choose a player of the match, but I chose Chloe. She batted and fielded very well . She bowled then caught the cricket ball and got that person out.

Emily W

Senior Cricket

We had an amazing game. The score was 65 to 105 to them. Kate deserves the player of the match for her spectacular bowling and great communication on the field.

Amber & Ella

T-Ball B

Player of the match: Will for an exciting catch to get a player out. Everyone did a good job. Score: Belrose 4—21 Forestville but everyone still had lots of fun.

Kai

Softball A

We lost to Forestville 12-3. We weren't playing that well in the first innings but we played better in later innings. Player of the match goes to Ben for being a really good catcher.

James

Softball B

It was a tough game. They were very good and we tried so hard but we lost 3-18. The player of the match is Will for an amazing game.

Oliver

House of the Week = Thorpe

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected Sport Captains and Vice Captains for 2021. I am sure you will do a wonderful job of demonstrating sportsmanship, inspiring participation and boosting team spirit.

	BRADMAN	FRASER	FREEMAN	THORPE
Captain	Sofia & Lachlan	Ella & Joshua	Abi & Luca	Skye & Charlie
Vice Captain/s	Charlie & Angus	Hayley D	Saskia	Chloe & Taisei

Swimming notes for our carnival in 2021 have been sent home. Please return by the due date. The carnival will be held on Tuesday 2 February 2021.

Samantha Meikle Sport Coordinator

P & C News

This will be my last newsletter as P&C president. I sit here and write this while reflecting on my 15 years as a parent at Belrose Public school. I have now almost seen my 4 children through their primary schooling, truth be told I am very sad to be leaving BPS. I have met some amazing people during my time here and made some lifelong friends.

There have been some highs and lows as with anything. To reflect on some things that have been achieved during my time. We were the first public school in the area to have A/C in all classrooms, we also were one of the first to have smart boards in every classroom. The multipurpose court was a 2-year project, the cover of the basketball court was also a 2-year project.

We have had many kids' discos, gelato days, Mother's Day Stalls, Father's Day Breakfasts, parent social nights which have included Trivia Nights, Balls, Bogan Bingo and of course the introduction of the Belrose Fair.

The most special event for me is Girls Night in which was also an annual event in honour of a wonderful Belrose Mum who tragically lost her battle with Breast cancer in 2010. Linda Farquhuar wanted an evening for just the mums who could have a night out, relax and mingle all whilst raising funds for Breast Cancer research.

2020 has been an interesting year to say the least and certainly not how I thought my last year at BPS would be.

We, however, have achieved quite a few things this year which I am very proud of:-

- Our fabulous Mural, how good does it look, thanks to Jeanette, Bec and their team of helpers.
- The toilet doors inspirational artwork, Thanks to Jeanette, Alison and their team of painters, they look fantastic.
- Our vegie Garden project, I will be definitely be coming back for a visit to see it completed, Thanks to Emma, Jeanette, Prue, and the team of helpers getting this one off the ground.
- Loose Parts Play, how great is this project, I know the children are getting so much joy out of this, Thanks to Zoe and Jeanette for making this one happen.
- Run4Fun Colour Explosion..how much fun did the children have!!!! This was so much fun for the kids AND teachers alike, this is one of my favourite events, Thank you to the school community for your support and fundraising.

There are so many people I would like to thank, and I can't thank them all but having said that there are a few people who have honestly made my time here such a joyous one and/or have been my sounding board when I've most needed it. The P&C exec - ha-ha you guys are the best and very tolerant of me and my 50 text messages at a time (because I hate emails)

Elise Cooper- how many events have we organised together??? We have had so many laughs AND so much fun and I really can't thank you enough for all your organisational skills and support to me over the years, THANKYOU.

Jeanette Baptista- you have been an amazing support to me during my time as President and your enthusiastic attitude is admirable always happy to step in and take over things when I just couldn't do it, THANKYOU.

Peter Davis- our wonderful Treasurer who had stepped down last year due to a job promotion and heavy workload and then came back in this year to help us again, I am incredibly grateful for your time and patience with us, and a big thanks to Holly for always sending in the most delicious gluten free treats to eat, THANKYOU.

Heather Nichols- our fabulous secretary who always has the minutes up to date and keeps us on track and or being a sounding board for me, THANKYOU.

Miriam Watsford- another superstar who has been a huge sounding board for me and the voice of reason over the years. I can't thank you enough for talking me off the ledge many times and getting us through some tricky times, THANKYOU.

Lou Webb- you are an absolute gem, you keep our uniform shop up and running and have been a great support over the years, THANKYOU.

Lisa Walters- you are an amazing human, you have maintained our Band Treasury role and have done a wonderful job, it is very time consuming but very much appreciated, THANKYOU.

Belinda Hay- you have always been a great support and behind the scenes person that is happy to turn up and just get on with it, THANKYOU.

Leissa Dawson-your goal was to bring back the Belrose Fair and you did it, boy did you do it!! We are so lucky to have such an enthusiastic person pushing to get this off the ground, for both the fairs all up that's 16 months' worth of work and coordinating to make that happen. Both fairs raised just under \$60,000!!! WOW!!!, THANKYOU.

Rebecca Keiller- you have always taken on an event and run it from start to finish which has been an absolute god-send, THANKYOU.

P & C News

The office ladies- how you put up with me I have no idea, but thank you so much for finding forms for me, reminding me to write my blurb for newsletter (multiple times) and just generally being asked 400 times for the locked box key during an event, THANKYOU.

Mrs Zorian- Thank you for being my sounding board a lot of the time, thank you for supporting us when we ran events, I'm pretty sure you thought we were mad and so OTT for our events but at the end of the day you supported us which made everything so much easier to manage, THANKYOU.

I would also like to say a big thankyou to all the support and help I received when I wasn't able to be around due to my MS, those times were very difficult for me and I am not very good at letting things go if I can't be around, but you guys stepped in and ran things beautifully and I will forever be grateful for that.

To the outgoing exec 2020

Vice President Elise Cooper

Vice President Jeanette Baptista

Treasurer Peter Davis / Lou Webb

Secretary Heather Nichols

Thank you for your time and commitment you have dedicated to our school, there really are not enough ways I can express my gratitude.

I would like to congratulate the INCOMING P&C Exec for 2021

President Rebecca Keiller

Vice President Jeanette Baptista

Vice President Zoe Heaton

Treasurer Alison Thompson

Secretary Heather Nichols

I wish you guys the best of luck and can't wait to hear about all the wonderful projects and events that you will run, what lucky children to have you all on board.

That's it from me, I hope you enjoy the rest of the term and have a safe and Happy holidays.

Jo Stracey

CANTEEN NEWS

The Canteen will be operating from Monday 1 February 2021 for lunch orders and counter sales.

		Friday 4 December Lee Purser Jen Costello Holly Davis Lisa Walters
Monday 7 December Lee Purser	Wednesday 9 December Lee Purser	Friday 11 December Lee Purser Holly Davis Jackie Power
Monday 14 December Lee Purser	Wednesday 16 December Lee Purser	













