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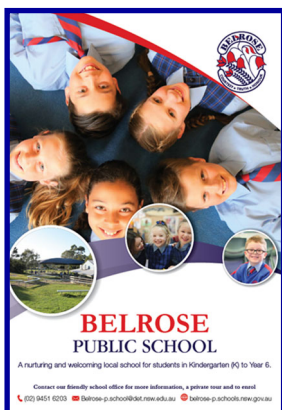
TERM 1, WEEK 3

NEWSLETTER DATE: 11 February 2021

Dates

Term 1 2021

Monday 15 February	Dance Auditions commence Assembly 2:20pm Swimming Ribbon Presentation Parent Teacher Information nights Kindergarten to Year 2 6pm-7pm
Monday 22 February	Parent Teacher Information nights 6pm-6:30pm 4/3K and 4W 6:30pm-7:00pm 6/5P and 6D
Tuesday 23 February	Years 3-6 PE lessons begin. Sports uniform every second week
Monday 1 March	Training Band starts
Monday 8 March	Zone Swimming Carnival No spectators
Monday 15 March	Sydney North Swimming Carnival
Friday 19 March	P & C Disco for kids



Principal's Message

TEACHING AND LEARNING AT BELROSE

We are very fortunate to have such dedicated staff with a diverse range of teaching experiences and effective pedagogical practices. Each teaching and learning program is based on the collaborative practices of many staff with the integration of 21st century learning. We continue our focus on our Personal Best and how we can empower our staff and students to be their very best. Students will be encouraged to:

- Articulate their learning intention and success criteria
- Explain the next steps in their learning
- Set learning goals in writing and reading initially in years 1 to 6
- See errors as opportunities for further learning
- Know what to do when they are stuck
- Seek feedback

SEESAW PROGRAM

The students are very enthusiastic learners at Belrose PS and we will continue to use the digital platform "Seesaw" as a depository of learning. 'Seesaw' is used by the teachers and students to share with you what they are learning and how they are learning. It provides our students with opportunities for self assessment and peer feedback. It additionally allows our teachers to provide quality informative feedback. We are in our third year of use with all students from Kindergarten to Year 6. All parents will receive a note with their child's personal QR code. This will allow you to link your device with the Seesaw program. The students will show items such as their success criteria, photos or videos of completed work with self, peer and teacher feedback. Each posting has to have the approval of the teacher before going live. When you have time, we would appreciate the feedback of your child's work online.



Enjoying time in the library at lunch time.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS

Monday 15 February	Monday 22 February
6:00pm Kindergarten to Year 2 Beginning in the hall, we will then move to each classroom. A COVID safety plan has been developed with spacing of groups within the hall. Face masks will be available, if needed.	6:00pm 4/3K and 4W in classrooms 6:30pm 6/5P and 6D in classrooms

The teachers are looking forward to sharing their pedagogy at the Parent/Teacher information sessions. We will be requesting Class Parents for the year. A form will be circulating around each class for parents to record their email addresses. As an organisation, the school is unable to share personal email information between parents.

Although P/T interviews are scheduled for the end of the term, your child's teacher is your first point of call to discuss any social, emotional or academic needs. All teachers are led by an Assistant Principal. The Stage supervisors are:

Mrs Louise Green—KIJ, 1/KG, 2/1S and 2M

Mr Mark Warren—4/3K, 4S and 4W

Mr Tom Davidson—5S, 6/5P and 6D

COMMUNICATION

The newsletter is our Primary source for communicating to parents although an email may be sent, when required. Calendar dates are listed on the front page and also on the school's website. The school will eventually move to an electronic version of the newsletter. All financial information is sent through Schoolbytes. Items remain on the invoice throughout the year and parents select which items to pay each time. Payment for excursions, which covers entry fee and transportation by bus, prior to the event date is required.

Teachers will discuss with you on Parent/Teacher night the best form of communication for them through their individual staff email addresses or via the school's email belrose-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

There is a Belrose PS Facebook parent run platform administered by the P&C. All staff do not have access to this, including myself. I have been informed that some year groups have adopted a Year Facebook page or similar platform.

We are very grateful for the parents who have volunteered to be class parents. With many new to this role, we wish to clarify its purpose so that it is not a burden on people's already busy lives.

What is a Class Parent?

The class parents play an essential liaison role between teachers, parents and the P&C. It is a worthwhile way to get to know your child's class, your teacher and being involved in the Belrose School community. The staff will only seek assistance at particular times of the year.

What does being a class parent involve?

At Belrose, there are a number of P&C events throughout the year and the class parent may assist the school and P&C in co-ordinating these events. This involves:

- Being the liaison person between your teacher and your class.
- Disseminating information to the parents in your class from the teacher.
- Facilitating social events for your class and helping families get to know each other.
- Organising and co-ordinating parents for catering and assistance at school and P&C events.
- Co-ordinating working bees in their given area twice a year and attending the P&C meeting once a month.

The teacher is responsible for all educational programs and information regarding teaching and learning strategies, ie homework, reading strategies for home etc.

The class parent may work with the class teacher to recruit classroom helpers as required:

- To assist in the classroom (reading, maths, etc),
- To assist in special projects, eg. by sharing skills and expertise. ie props and costumes for concerts,
- Co-ordinate parents to assist in events/functions hosted by your year or stage such as Kindergarten Orientations, 2022,
- Peer Support and Year 6 Farewell luncheons and dinners.

CODING CLUB

Coding Club will continue this year for students in Years 3 to 6 on a Tuesday and Wednesday at lunchtime. This term, we have the Virtual Reality Kit organised through the Department's STEMshare kit.

FOCUS ON READING

All of the staff are experts at using multiple approaches to meet the diverse needs of students. Last year, we introduced the use of a Fountas and Pinnell Reading assessment with Years 3 to 6 students with the extension of this into Kindergarten to year 2 from Reading records. Each child is assessed individually by their teacher so that they have an increased understanding of the strengths of our readers with regards to phonological awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension. The comprehension assessment consists of your child reading a passage and then being asked questions regarding:

- Thinking within the text involves the extent to which the student has decoded the words, searched for and used information, and reached a literal understanding of the fiction or nonfiction text.
- Thinking beyond the text involves making inferences; synthesizing new information; making connections with content knowledge, background experiences, and other texts; and making predictions and
- Thinking about the text involves analysing the text for aspects of the writer's craft or critiquing the quality or objectivity of the text.

With this acquired knowledge, the teachers target specific teaching and learning processes and strategies to move students forward. We have a data wall to track and inform our teaching in Reading and Writing.

HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS

At times on the playground accidents do happen, a collision between two people playing soccer or a trip to the ground and we need to seek medical assistance by calling an ambulance. This is normal practice and is a consequence of having many students being able to run and play in our amazing grounds. When we do this, every attempt will be made to contact you by mobile phone keeping you up to date with what is happening. If you are unable to arrive at the school in time, a staff member will always accompany your child in the ambulance. The cost for the ambulance is covered by the Department and the invoice may be given to the office.

ATTENDANCE

As we all lead busy lives and sending emails about absenteeism may not be a priority, as a Principal, I need to remind you about this regularly. Each Wednesday, students with absences without explanation for the previous 7 to 14 day span will receive a letter. It is not a concern that you receive this letter but we do require you to record the reasons for any absences. Sickness, medical or paramedical appointments will be accepted but any absence due to holidaying, no matter how small, requires Principal permission which will be granted. A form is found on our website under 'Notes'. School is important and 100% attendance from 9:00am--3:00pm each day of the school year is our aim. Students who fall below the 93% attendance rate have a higher risk of missing out on essential learning.

NATURE PLAYGROUND

Our \$20 000 nature playground is near to completion. With a combination of school and a community grant we are awaiting the arrival of the mud kitchen and plants. Thank you Mrs Jones for all of her work with seeing this project through to its completion.



Belinda Zorian
Principal

VEGE GARDEN REVAMP!

A huge THANK YOU to all the families who have provided constant support in redeveloping our vegetable and bush tucker gardens. Emma Burling has led the charge and organised many successful working bees since the start of this project. A huge thank you to the Burling, Baptista, Lovett, Scicluna, Chisholm, Jones and Webb families for their huge efforts. We would not have this amazing garden without you! We can't wait to watch our bush tucker plants grow over the next few months. Look out for more information on these bush tucker plants in future newsletters.

We'd also like to thank **G McColl Tree Services** for donating the mulch, the **Hefford family** and **Coates Hire** for donating the fencing. **Nigel Croft** for rebuilding the sandpit and of course Adam at **Wildergardens** for building this special space and keeping the garden alive during the holidays

Rebecca Jones

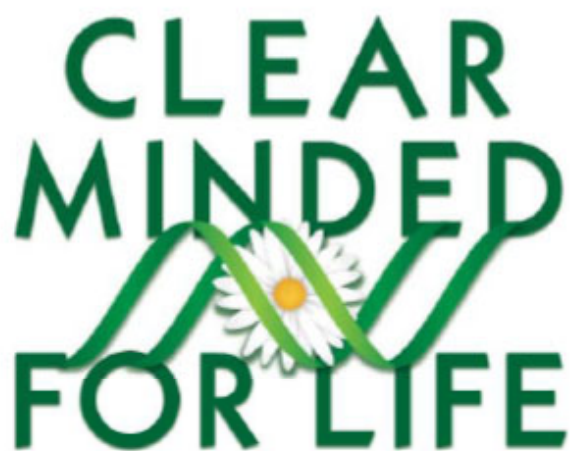


G McColl
TREE SERVICES
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CLEAR MINDED FOR LIFE RETURNS TO BELROSE PUBLIC SCHOOL

This program returns each Tuesday to Belrose Public School with each class having Vicky visiting them until the end of the term. Vicky will be offering parents a free before school meditation session in the library.



**Meditation, Breathwork & Focus
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www.clearmindedforlife.org

GARDENING COMMITTEE



In a few weeks our Gardening Committee, with **Mrs Staples** and **Mrs Iwakura**, will be planting new seedlings on

Thursdays at 8.30am.

We welcome all students to join in the fun of planting and harvesting!! Watch this space for updates on when all new seedlings arrive and the club starts up again.

Rebecca Jones



P&C News

We had our first meeting this week and it was so lovely seeing new faces.

Our first event this term will be a disco on Friday 19 March. Details and flyers will be available next week. This event will be a drop off only event for parents unless you are a volunteer. Tickets for our Easter raffle can be purchased at the disco and the winner will be announced at the Easter Hat parade.

We are also having a gelato day towards the end of term which the children love. More details next week.

During the Easter holidays we will be doing some exciting new work in the quadrangle. If you have some spare hours and like painting or high pressure cleaning please let me know. The more help the better!

We will also have the Ball in October (COVID permitting) and Term 3 will see the return of The Colour Run.

The Playground will be upgraded this year. More details will be available each week about this process.

The Library will be enhanced with some giant cushions ideal for reading and hopefully a splash of colour.

We will also be running some fundraisers with band families like cupcake days to raise some money for our wonderful band program. We are so lucky to have 2 fabulous bandmasters. Thank you Mrs Anderson and Mrs Fyfe for all your enthusiasm and encouragement of our band children. We look forward to hearing all our talented children through out the year.

Our next meeting is the 9th of March at 7.15 pm. We would love to see you all there.

Rebecca Keiller
P & C President

CANTEEN NEWS

Hello everyone,
Please find the roster for tomorrow :

Friday 12/2/21	Time
Jacqueline Power	9.30—1.30 pm
Yangju Leyton	12.00—1.30 pm

Volunteer opportunities for "Canteen Volunteer Roster - Term 1" are now open.

Please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to go to the signup sheet:

volunteersignup.org/AM4E9

To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do.

Thank you for volunteering!

Lee Purser
belrosecanteen@outlook.com

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

Thursday afternoon - 2.45pm to
3.15pm

Sport

PSSA

PSSA trials for summer sport will be held again tomorrow Friday 12 February. Our first round of competition will be held on Friday 19 February. Students in **Year 4, 5 and 6** will be able to trial for:

T-Ball – Girls – Mr Warren (coach) Softball – Girls – Miss Panetta (coach) Cricket – Boys – Mrs Stephens (coach)

2021 SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS

Congratulations to all students who competed in our school carnival on Tuesday 2 February. Ribbons will be presented at assembly on Monday 15 February at 2:20pm. Students who came 1st, 2nd or 3rd in 50m Freestyle will go to the Zone Swimming Carnival. In all other events only the 1st and 2nd placegetters will go to the Zone Swimming Carnival.

The Zone Swimming Carnival will be held on Monday 8 March at the Warringah Aquatic Centre. Further information will be sent home in the next couple of weeks. At this stage no spectators will be allowed to attend due to COVID restrictions. If this changes we will notify our community.

Thank you to all the wonderful parents and staff who worked at the carnival. I greatly appreciate the community spirit and support. Without the support of the Belrose community we would not have such a successful carnival.

Thank you

Mark Warren

Assistant Principal/Sports Coordinator

100m Open Freestyle	
<u>100m Freestyle Boys</u> Max F Matthew J Matthew C	<u>100m Freestyle Girls</u> Lucy C Emma C Sofia E
50m Freestyle Results	
<u>8 Years Freestyle Boys</u> Sam J Harley E Samson B	<u>8 Years Freestyle Girls</u> Ameile G Mertyll G Xanthe A
<u>9 Years Freestyle Boys</u> Jack C Hugo S Rylie K	<u>9 Years Freestyle Girls</u> Margaret T Madison T Kiarah W-P
<u>10 Years Freestyle Boys</u> Ben G Lucas F George W	<u>10 Years Freestyle Girls</u> Emma C Jessica M Haruka Y
<u>11 Years Freestyle Boys</u> Matthew C Luca E Taisei Y	<u>11 Years Freestyle Girls</u> Holly L Gemma E Ella L
<u>12 Years Freestyle Boys</u> Max F Matthew J Charlie S	<u>12 Years Freestyle Girls</u> Lucy C Aurelia T Lily C

Sport

50m Breaststroke	
<u>Junior Breaststroke Boys</u> Ben G Jack C	<u>Junior Breaststroke Girls</u> Margaret T Emily H
<u>11 Years Breaststroke Boys</u> Matthew C	<u>11 Years Breaststroke Girls</u> Holly L Ella L
<u>12 Years Breaststroke Boys</u> Matthew J Max F	<u>12 Years Breaststroke Girls</u> Lucy C Aurelia T
50m Backstroke	
<u>Junior Boys Backstroke</u> Ben G George W	<u>Junior girls Backstroke</u> Emma C Margaret T
<u>11 Years Boys Backstroke</u> Matthew C	<u>11 Years Girls Backstroke</u> Holly L Gemma E
<u>12 Years Boys Backstroke</u> Matthew J Charlie S	<u>12 Years Girls Backstroke</u> Lucy C Aurelia T
50m Butterfly	
<u>Junior Boys Butterfly</u> Ben G Kai S	<u>Junior Girls Butterfly</u> Emma C Margaret T
<u>11 Years Boys Butterfly</u> Mack J	<u>11 Years Girls Butterfly</u> Nil participants
<u>12 Years Boys Butterfly</u> Matthew J Angus R	<u>12 Years Girls Butterfly</u> Lucy C Aurelia T
200m Individual Medley	
<u>Junior Medley Boys</u> Nil participants	<u>Junior Medley Girls</u> Emma C Margaret T
<u>Senior Boys Medley</u> Matthew J Matthew C Mack J	<u>Senior Girls Medley</u> Lucy C Aurelia T Lily C
Relay Teams	
<u>Junior Boys Relay</u> Ben G Lucas F George W Kai S	<u>Junior Girls Relay</u> Emma C Margaret T Jess M Haruka Y
<u>Senior Boys Relay</u> Max F Matthew J Charlie S Matthew C	<u>Senior Girls Relay</u> Lucy C Aurelia T Lily C Sofia E

House Points:

1 st	Bradman	2 nd	Fraser	3 rd	Thorpe	4 th	Freeman
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Junior Age Champion
11 Years Age Champion
12 Years Age Champion

Emma C
Holly L
Lucy C

Ben G
Matthew C
Matthew J

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Come and see what soccer is all about. Your children will have fun dribbling, goal kicking, passing and simply learning about soccer. To help us with numbers please RSVP or for more info email us.

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