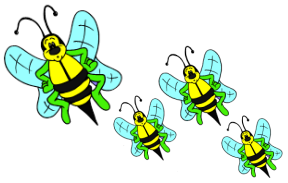
Bellbridge Primary School
Individual Paths, United Journey



Be Respectful
Be Responsible
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GRADE 1 NEWSLETTER

~ Term 1, 2017 ~

Dear Parents/Guardians
Welcome back to school, we hope you had a restful break. Listed below is important information for the term. Please feel free to arrange a time to discuss any concerns you may have with your child's teacher. If you would like to speak to your child's teacher please contact the office to make an appointment.

CLASSROOM TEACHERS AND SPECIALISTS DAYS

1A Melissa Russell	**1B** Krysta Livingstone ES- Janice Trait
PE –Wednesday Art – Thursday Performing Arts - Thursday	Art – Thursday PE – Tuesday Performing Arts - Thursday
1C Deanna Raptopoulos	**1D** Keely Bubb ES – Mel Dobsin-Manitta
Performing Arts- Tuesday Art – Thursday PE - Thursday	PE- Thursday Art – Tuesday Performing Arts - Thursday
1E Rebecca Guest	
PE- Tuesday Art – Thursday Performing Arts - Thursday	

IMPORTANT ITEMS

Please ensure your child brings an art smock, a library bag and a box of tissues to be used at school. Please remind your child to hand these items to their teacher.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

Parent Teacher Interviews (10min interviews)
Monday 20th February 2:50-6:30 and Tuesday 21st February 2:50- 4:10
Labour Day Holiday – Monday 13th March
Bellbridge Carnival – Friday 24th March
Last Day of Term – Friday 31st March
First Day of Term 2 – Tuesday 18th April

DROP OFF TIMES

Children are expected to enter the classroom at 8:20am. This allows them time to independently unpack their bags, read and change their take home books, place lunch orders in the crate and hand any notes or messages to the teacher. This is an important time for teachers and students to make a settled and positive start to the day. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher please arrange a time at the office.

PICK UP TIMES

Please ensure your child understands where you will meet them at the end of the day. Children are encouraged to return to their classroom if they are unable to find their parents, so please check their classrooms if they are not at your designated meeting place.

The Literacy Intervention learning area is located in front of 1C, 1D and 1E locker areas. We are reminding all Parents and students to be mindful of this learning space and only enter the building to access lockers and classrooms after 8.20am and 2.40pm.

SWPBS

Our four school values are: - **Be Safe** - **Be Responsible** -**Be Respectful** – **Be a Learner**

Please feel free to use this language at home to enhance the home/school connection. Please note that the courtyard is a passive place where students should be quiet, calm, and walking at all times, including before and after school.

NO HAT, NO PLAY

Please remember in Term 1 all students are required to wear a navy blue, wide brimmed or bucket hat for play times and outdoor learning activities.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Students are required to be in full school uniform. If a student's hair is longer than shoulder length, please have it securely tied back. Please ensure all clothing is named.

RED READING BAG

Each night your child will bring home their red bag, which contains:
- Home Reading Diary - A reading book -Homework book
- M100W word book *or* Look Say Spell Cover Write Check word book

Reading at home is an important part of your child's learning. Please spend 10 mins listening to your child read their book and M100W words. If your child has spelling words please assist them with the Look Say Spell Cover Write Check process. Please ensure their RED BAG is bought to school EVERY DAY so as your child can take home a new book to read each night. M100w or Look Say Spell Cover Write Check will be

checked and updated weekly by your child's teacher. Please note that the students are also encouraged to place important notes or newsletters in their red bag.

HOMEWORK

Homework will be handed out every Monday and returned every Friday starting Monday the 13th of February. There will be homework free weeks in the first and last week of each term. Grade 1 homework has a maths focus. A new homework outline will be pasted into your child's book weekly.

SHOW AND TELL

Your child will have a share day once a week. Please view your child's homework to find out when it is your child's Show and Tell day. Sharing is important for their speaking and listening. If they don't have a physical item to share they can share an experience.

IT"S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

If your child is going to be absent from school, please phone the school in the morning to inform us and on your child's return, please provide a written explanation of the absence to the classroom teacher.

FRUIT AND WATER

Each day your child will be given a 10 minute break to have a piece of fruit. Please provide your child with a piece of fruit every day. We encourage all students to bring a water bottle to school each day to avoid interrupting learning time to get a drink.

KEY CONCEPTS COVERED THIS TERM:

Reading

- Reading Strategies
- Predictions and Prior Knowledge
-Visualising
- Think Aloud

Writing

-Recounts

Maths

- Number and Place Value
-Length and Shape
-Statistics and Probability

Inquiry - Me, My Family and My Community

-School Wide Positive Behaviours (SWPBS)
- Roles and Responsibilities of themselves, family and community members
- Cultural Beliefs and Celebrations
-Recycling

AUSLAN with Pricilla Patterson

Auslan will be taught to Grade 1 students for 30 minutes each week. Auslan is short for Australian Sign Language. Auslan is a visual language used by the deaf community and is produced by using the hands, face, body and gestures. During Term 1, students will learn how to communicate by fingerspelling the alphabet, they will also be taught how to sign numbers, colours and family words.

Priscilla Patterson

We are look forward to an exciting year teaching your children.
Regards,
Melissa Russell, Krysta Livingstone, Deanna Raptopoulos, Keely Bubb and Rebecca Guest