STUDENT ABSENCES
Absences so far this year _____________ 757
Absences same time last year ___________ 623

DATES TO REMEMBER
5th March………………………………………………………………………School Photos
9th March………………………………………………………………………..Labour Day Holiday
11th March………………………………………………………………………Free Dress Day
20th March……………………………………………………………………….School Carnival
27th March……………………………………………………………………….Last day of Term 1
13th April…………………………………………………………………………Start of Term 2

ASTHMA FORMS
For any student who suffers from asthma, the school must have an action plan in the student’s file in case of an emergency. Asthma forms have been sent home with all students recently. If your child suffers from asthma, please send the form back to school as soon as possible. It is important that we have this information on hand so we can assist your child effectively.

LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY LEAVERS – CHANGE OF PROCEDURES
Any child arriving to school after 8.30am is required to attend the office with a parent/guardian to obtain a late pass. If your child is leaving school early, the parent/guardian is required to send a note with the child on the morning, informing the classroom teacher of the time they will be collected and who will be collecting them. The parent/guardian is required to sign the child out at the office, where arrangements will be made for the child to come up to office.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL
If your child is absent from school, you will need to call the school office to let us know that they won’t be attending. When your child returns to school, a note will need to be given to their teacher explaining the absence. If your child has any long term absences from school, (eg. holidays, extended illness etc) a note is required to be given to their teacher informing them of the absence prior to them commencing the absence.
PRINCIPAL WRITES

Bellbridge Swimming Competition
We are very proud of our Bellbridge Swimming Team who came third in the recent interschool competition. Some of our students performed so well that we have students representing our school in two relay teams and three individual events at the District Swimming Competition.

TRAFFIC SAFETY – It’s everyone’s business!
The safety of students and parents on Matlock Street and Bellbridge Drive is a constant concern in our community. In the past few weeks some of our students and parents have had some very frightening experiences around our school.

You can help to keep your children safe by:
• Using the school crossing as an option for crossing the road
• Obeying the parking signs around the school – do not park in disabled car parks unless you are allowed
• Not parking in the Bus Zone to pick up students
• Not double parking near parked cars – this blocks traffic and can cause accidents
• Not parking in, or walking through the staff car parks

We, as a school, cannot take any responsibility for parents who engage in unsafe and/or illegal use of the roads, bus stop or school car parks. Please make good choices and help to keep our students safe.

‘Wyndham Active Travel Plan’ and ‘Ride 2 School Day’
As part of our school’s commitment to traffic education and safety, we are participating in these Wyndham City Council initiatives. Students, staff and parents will be encouraged to complete some surveys about how they travel to school. The information gained from this data will assist us in developing some proactive strategies that may help to reduce the amount of traffic around our school at the beginning and end of the school day.

We look forward to working with the Wyndham Council on behalf of our students and families and will keep you informed about further action.

Facebook Page
We are fortunate to have our Bellbridge PS Facebook Page which provides information about events and activities at our school. Please note: the school Facebook Page is not checked as regularly as some people check their personal Facebook account. If parents have any questions about the events and activities advertised on our Facebook Page, it is recommended that they contact the Office (9749 6161) where queries can be answered personally and promptly.

Bellbridge Carnival – Friday, March 20th
We have a special Carnival Newsletter being sent home every Thursday until the Bellbridge Carnival which is being held from 12:30 – 6:00pm on Friday, March 20th. Please make sure you read the Carnival Newsletter and our fortnightly Newsletter so you can be informed of special events and school expectations.

Are you getting excited about the Carnival? It starts at 12:30pm and finishes at 6:00pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

The following forms will be sent home so you can pre-order before the Carnival:
• LANYARDS (in $10.00 amounts so you don’t have to handle cash)
• WRISTBANDS for Rides (so you can have unlimited rides all day for only $30.00)
• SHOW BAGS (so you make sure have ordered them just in case they sell out on the day)

All these items will be handed out to students in their classrooms on Friday, March 20th between 12:00 - 12:30pm.

A ‘BIG THANK YOU’ to Jay Radbourne and Harcourts Real Estate for sponsoring the big billboard on the corner of Matlock Street and Bellbridge Drive. It is a great advertisement for our School Carnival!

We also appreciate the recent donations received from ‘Simson Greeting Cards’, ‘WynCity Bowling’, ‘Immaculate Steam Cleaning’, ‘Western Bulldogs’ and ‘Jim’s Mowing’. Please let us know if you have a business or personal contacts that may be able to provide donations for the Carnival.

More information about donations, pre-ordering of show bags and rides and other important news will be sent home via a weekly Carnival Newsletter.

You can also check out our Facebook Page for information and updates.

Debbie Clancy
Principal
Congratulations to the children named below for receiving Awards.

**Be a Learner**
Leilah Grant, Bon Martin, Lara Brownrigg, Jasmin Mastouri, Jasper Chiong, Hunter Kelly, Riley Chang-Kum, Alesia Megalogenis, Haider Akhtar, Joshua Faamausili, Georgia Voinescu, Ramy Zalzly, Alexis Ciappara, Alfonso Karim, Lydia Jenkins, Amy Gunn, Jessica Le, Dylan Young, Ebony Raudino, Deanna Bufalino, Jessica Tran, Leilani Dunlop, Kiara Danaher, Porsche King, Brodie Davis, Kyall Aquilina, Mitchell Carne, Ella Taylor, Sylvie Yip, Joshua Radel, Maverick Kelly, Lachlan Smith, Zahli Brown, Malak Qazim, Grachelle Cabulacan, Rylie Real, Emily Salier, Nicholas Carne

**Be Responsible**
Briolette David, Melody Turner, Bailey Haywood, Corinthian Mokalei, Charlie Galea, Jay Moxham, Bianca Burrone, Aleena Yousuf, Damian Williams, Zachary Shave, Olivia Paaka, Austin Gaylard, Chloe Atzis, Breeanna Smith, Tainer Zhang, Mouna Elhaouli, Rylee Turner, Kiara Stojcevski, Veronika Yarshevich, Xavier Vainerere

**Be Safe**
Savannah Brcic, Eh Blut Htoo, Niel Harianto

**Be Respectful**
Jun Tao Chen, Thalia Smith, Zaim Cekovic, Hannah Shave, Tanya Mapon, Cooper Burney, Omar Elmirr

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**WOODVILLE BASKETBALL CLUB:** Woodville Basketball Club invites boys and girls of the following age groups to play basketball in 2015. From Under 8's through to Under 20's. New season starting in March. REGISTER AT [www.woodvillebc.com.au/registration.html](http://www.woodvillebc.com.au/registration.html) INQUIRIES woodvillebc@iprimus.com.au

**LITTLE RIVER PRIMARY SCHOOL:** On Sunday March 15th our school will be holding its annual Country Fair at 21 Flinders Street, Little River from 10.00am to 3.00pm. There will be many great stalls, show bags, a side show alley with loads of fund games for the kids, along with Devonshire tea and great food stalls for the parents. This year we will also have entertainment starting with a Bagpiper at 10.00am, music and rides. For further enquiries contact the school on 5283 1214.

**FREE DRESS DAY: Wednesday March 11th**
Students can come to school out of uniform and bring a grocery item as a donation for 6C’s Grocery Stall at the Carnival. These items should be packaged and not ‘out of date’, e.g. baked beans, tuna, chips, canned vegetables, pasta, cake mixes. *The class with the highest average of items per student will win a Sausage Sizzle Lunch and free dress day to celebrate.*

4th March 2015
NEWSLETTER PRIZE – Read the newsletter and you might win a prize!
The school newsletter is a very important form of communication between home and school. To be in the running for this prize you need to answer a question about some information in the newsletter and you can go in the special draw for a prize. Good luck!

Newsletter Prize
Question: What is the prize for the class who collects the most Groceries for Carnival?

Answer: ________________________________________________________________

Student’s Name: _______________________________________________________

Parent’s signature: ______________________________________________________

Return to the office by 8:20am Monday, March 16th – to be drawn at Assembly

SWPBS: School Wide Positive Behaviours

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students for earning 10 or more ‘Bee Tokens’ for their positive behaviours in the classroom and the playground. They have traded their tokens for a prize at the Rewards Shops.

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**Chat with the Principal**

We welcome parents to meet with the Principal (and occasionally other members of staff) to have an informal chat with other parents after Assembly each Monday morning. Many parents have enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about our school (e.g. procedures, special events) whilst getting to know other parents as well. *We generally meet in the After School Care Room (opposite the Art Room)*

In the coming weeks we are interested in discussing parents’ perspectives regarding Student Reports, e.g. format, content, interview process.

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**National Ride2School Day**

Bellbridge Primary School will be celebrating National Ride2School Day on Friday 13th March. We encourage students and their families to leave the car at home on this day and get a taste of the benefits, ease and fun involved in choosing to walk or ride to school.

We support our students to walk or ride to school because:

- Students feel fresh and alert at the beginning of a school day.
- There are fewer cars around the school which eases ‘drop off congestion’.
- Students are more likely to reach the recommended minimum of 60 minutes of physical activity they need each day.
- Students feel happier, healthier and able to perform better in classroom.

All students who make the effort to walk or ride to school on this day will receive a bee token from their classroom teacher to acknowledge their efforts. If you live a long distance from school, we encourage parents to drop students off close to school and allow them to walk or ride the rest of the way.

We appreciate your support in making our students more active and aware of the benefits of physical activity.

4th March 2015
Maths at Home

Math in the Home

Your home is full of opportunities to explore math with your child and, at the same time, build his or her self-confidence and understanding of mathematical ideas. This is a chance for you and your child to "talk math" that is, to communicate about math while discovering relationships between numbers. Being able to describe mathematical patterns and relationships, such as those between "addition and subtraction" or "odd and even numbers," is important to later success in math.

Newsletter Maths Tips

Newspaper numbers. Help your child look for numbers 1 to 100 in the newspaper. Cut the numbers out and glue them in numerical order onto a large piece of paper. For children who cannot count to 100 or recognize numbers that large, only collect up to the number they do know. Have your child say the numbers to you and practice counting up to that number.

Collect only numbers within a certain range, like the number between 20 and 30. Arrange the numbers on a chart, grouping all the numbers with 2s in them, all the numbers with 5s, and so on.

Parent Pointer

This newspaper activity helps children read and understand numbers and charts.