

BELLBRIDGE NEWS



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Individual Paths, United Journey

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STUDENT ABSENCES

Absences so far this year - 8892
Absences same time last year - 9342

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 17 th	-	School Council Meeting
December 19 th	-	Grade 6 Big Day Out
December 19 th	-	SUBWAY Lunch
December 20 th	-	Grade 6 Graduation
December 21 st	-	Prep - 6 Assembly (in the Gym)
December 21 st	-	Last Day Term 4
January 31 st 2019	-	First Day Term 1
February 1 st	-	No Assembly



LAST DAY OF TERM

A reminder to all Parents & Guardians that school will finish on

Friday 21st DECEMBER at 1:00pm

Please ensure that arrangements have been made for your child/ren to be collected at the earlier finishing time on that day.

We will be having Assembly in the gym at 12.30pm.



PRINCIPAL WRITES

BELLBRIDGE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Hundreds of students and their families flocked to the annual Bellbridge Christmas Concert on Monday, December 10th. It was a very festive occasion with a sausage sizzle, cold drinks and a magnificent Christmas Raffle (with three very happy winners!).

A special feature of our concert was the live weather report that was telecast by Mike Larkin from Channel 10. Mike Larkin came to our school in response to a wonderful letter written by three of our students (Kaitlyn, Will and Emily) which told him how much they loved our school and their teachers.

Mike interviewed these students (and Santa) and our grade 3 students performed 'Jingle Bells' during the weather report.

STAFF OPINION SURVEY

We are very proud of the work being done by our staff, especially in relation to increasing the consistency in our teaching practice so that it has a positive impact on students' learning outcomes. The implementation of PLTs (Professional Learning Teams), student centred coaching and a strong commitment to purposeful planning, assessment and moderation to maximise student learning, as well as our recent focus on Student Voice and Agency is a credit to the hard work of our staff.

Component	Bellbridge PS	REGION	STATE
Collective efficacy	↑ 82.00	78.84	79.26
Collective responsibility	↑ 89.47	86.47	86.41
Academic emphasis	↑ 78.62	75.29	75.51
Trust in students and parents	↑ 76.82	75.93	76.48
Staff trust in colleagues	↑ 90.69	82.07	81.90
Teacher collaboration	↑ 81.22	75.57	75.29
Parent and community collaboration	↑ 80.56	77.87	79.15
Collective focus on student learning	↑ 92.63	86.81	86.17
Guaranteed and viable curriculum	↑ 90.56	80.56	80.34
Shielding/buffering	↑ 87.22	72.64	71.88
Overall score	83.78	78.96	79.20

STUDENT REPORTS

Semester 2 Student Reports will be on Compass at 3:00pm Friday 14th December.

On this day, students will also bring home information about your child's class and teacher for 2019 and instructions regarding the use of Compass as our main form of communication next year.

If you have any queries about your child's report, please arrange a mutually convenient time with the classroom teacher to discuss these. Early in Term 1, there will be an opportunity to meet your child's 2019 teacher and share information about your child.

Compass website: Click on "View Academic Reports" and choose "2018 – Semester 2 Report".

Compass app: Tap the student's profile (photo) then "Reports" tab and choose "2018 – Semester 2 Report".

From Monday 17th December, parents who have not been able to access the report on Compass may request a printed copy from the office or class teacher – by noting the student's name and grade with a written request for a printed hardcopy. It will then be sent home with the child once printed.

COMPASS

One FAMILY LOGIN CODE is provided per home address for parents/guardians. Where both parents live with a student, they share the same login. Separated parents living in different addresses may wish to have a unique login code for each parent. To arrange this, an "alternative family" form should be obtained from the school office.

NOTE: This may be a suitable option for parents wishing to access their child's school report – available on Compass from Friday 14th December, the same date that a single paper copy will be sent home with each student.

If you can't remember your password for Compass, please go to the Compass Portal and select "Can't access your account?"

This link will take you to: <https://bellbridgeps-vic.compass.education/Portal/ForgotPassword.aspx> where you can take steps to change your password.

SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

At our recent School Council meeting (19/11/18 and 5/12/18) the following was presented and/or discussed:

- School Captains facilitated a presentation that outlined the varied work they undertook in their roles this year.
- Finance Report was presented and ratified. There was robust discussion about the collection rate of the annual Essential Education Items (\$200 per student) where it was noted that only 70% of families have paid this year. School Councillors shared strategies that might inform parents of the importance of this annual payment and were disappointed and concerned that budgets for extra curricula learning activities and online learning programs have been reduced as a result. It was noted that our school has one of the lowest Essential Education Items and that it equates to \$50 a term per child, or \$5.00 a week per child, is far cheaper than kindergarten, and many parents experiencing challenges have been able to make a payment plan with the Business Manager. But it is extremely encouraging and humbling to note that as at 10/12/18 a significant number of families have already made payments for next year, which is greatly appreciated.
- Correspondence was presented and discussed, with responses and follow up where necessary.
- Principal's Report was presented and included discussion related to the Staff Opinion Survey data.
- Curriculum Days for 2019 were confirmed – Tuesday, January 29th; Wednesday, January 30th; Monday, June 3rd and Monday, November 4th.
- School Carnival was confirmed for Friday, March 22nd, 2019 (2:40 – 7:00pm) and a range of rides have been selected – Giant Super Slide, Dodg'em cars, Chair-o-plane, Zorb Balls and Jumping Castle.
- All school councillors were thanked for their participation to the discussions and decision making processes they contributed to in relation to the governance of our school over the year.
- At the Wyndham School Council Network Dinner, Tanya Tesoriero was presented with a framed certificate acknowledging her 20 years long relationship with Bellbridge, which included being a classroom helper, parent volunteer on excursions and camp, membership on Parents Club and School Council, and support of many fundraising activities. Her many and varied contributions to our school community are greatly appreciated!

Next School Council Meeting: February, 2019.

TERM 1 2019

The first day of school at Bellbridge PS in 2019 for all students is Thursday 31st January. Teachers will start the year on Tuesday 29th January with two consecutive days of preparation and professional learning (Curriculum Days).

Prep students will have an altered schedule for five Wednesdays – from 6th Feb until 6th March inclusive. For these five Wednesdays, Prep assessments will be underway, with Prep students only required at school for their designated day/time.

ASSEMBLIES in TERM 4

- Week 10: December 14th Prep - Grade 2
- Week 11: December 21st WHOLE SCHOOL

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

While we still have one week remaining, this is our final newsletter for 2018, so we take this opportunity to wish everyone associated with the Bellbridge Primary School community a happy and safe holiday.

We look forward to seeing you all in the new year, with the exception of our Grade 6 students – who we wish the very best to as they enter the next major phase of their education.

Debbie Clancy
Principal

OFFICE UPDATE

Cash and EFT payments close at 4pm Friday 14th of December, but payments on Compass will stay open. School will be open on Wednesday 30th of January 2019 from 9am-12pm & 2pm-6pm for cash and EFT payments for book boxes and school fees.

STUDENT PAYMENTS MADE TO THE OFFICE

To ensure that all payments are receipted to the correct student, please ensure that the student's name, grade, event name and amount are clearly labelled on the envelope or plastic bag.

LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY LEAVERS

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 their 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 for any reason, we require parents/guardians to notify the school office that they won't be attending. When your child returns to school, a note must be given to their teacher detailing the date and the reason for the absence.

If your child has any long term absences from school, (e.g. 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.

CHANGE OF PERSONAL DETAILS

It is of the utmost importance that all family contact details are kept up to date.

SMS, via Compass is regularly used to inform parents/guardians of an upcoming event that requires consent and payment and will be used to inform families in emergency situations.

A Change of Details form can be obtained from the office. Please note that changes to email addresses and mobile numbers can be updated on Compass.

ESSENTIAL EDUCATION ITEMS

Thank you to all parents/guardians who have paid their Essential Learning Items fee of \$200.00 per student. This fee is set by School Council and is used for activities and services that are essential to support student learning of the standard curriculum.

This is a reminder that payments can be still made on Compass or at the office via cash or EFTPOS.

COMPASS

Please note that Compass is now our preferred payment option for fees and charges and is also being used for Parent/Teacher Conference bookings, and Student Reports.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Congratulations to the children named below for receiving Awards.

Antonio Borg, Suzanna Hay, Ashley Hyett, Willow McCarthy, Ishaq Mohideen Imran, Munisheel Reddy, Benjamin Atzis, Pascal Russ, Adrian Shrestha, Zoe Talau, Dale Egan, Grace Waycott, Masekeine KLeicester, Archit Rajesh, Christopher Mokalei, Isabella Nissen, Summer Alobaidi, Ashton Arts, Sarayu Hulsoor, Max Kao, Thomas Morrison, Lut San Nanghee, Aymin Kamar El Dine, Amel Khalif, Ruby Mensch, Sebastian Mineo, Te Whe Smith-Kahukura, Jade Westbury, Valerie Dawson, Isabella Hay, Joshua Akhwar, Hollie Busuttill, Christian Cowan, Ayaan Khan, Lachlan O'Kane, Ruby Russ, Charli De Bomford, Aiden Merrifield, Sam Roslin Manugas, Jeeya Dayal, Hassan Mohammed, Kaleb Johnson, Ella Taylor, Mahmoud Al Haouli, Declan Cumper, Kai Dibenedetto-Grant, Willow Smith, Channaye Aquilina, Adam Bradley, Eman Taleb, Mysha Dubey, Jack Plowright, Shanali Naidu, Harsh Trivedi, Baylee O'Connor, Isabel Sinanaj, Jack Monroe, Travis Cocks, Zoey Mineo, Shevonne Yip, Kacee Coughlan, Oscar Sorrenti, Isa Balla, Pranav Pavan. Amelia Debono, Ezekiel Mitchell, Ratu Rudiartana, Musa Sahibzada Mir, Deeghan Fenton, Anushka Davidge, Amy Gorman, Lily Maloney, Luke Fekete, Divyansh Joshi, Jarrod Gaylard, Harrison Little-Spence, Lachlan Smith, Aimee Bounden, Daniel Hennessy, Neve Dingle, Yutong Ge, Demi Cahoon, Guled Khalif, Ebony Raudino, Narstarsia Tofete, Radha Barot, Rishit Sharma, Maddison McGowan, Lachlan Modrich, Saanvi Gupta, Abdallah Nadir.