

BELLBRIDGE NEWS



Bellbridge Primary School
Individual Paths, United Journey

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STUDENT ABSENCES

Absences so far this year - 10,276
Absences same time last year - 8,833

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 12 th December	-	Christmas Concert
Friday 13 th December	-	P – 2 Assembly
Tuesday 17 th December	-	Last Day for the CANTEEN
Wednesday 18 th December	-	Grade 6 BIG Day Out
Wednesday 18 th December	-	Subway Lunch
Thursday 19 th December	-	Grade 6 Graduation
Friday 20 th December	-	Prep – Grade 6 Assembly (in the Gym)
Friday 20 th December	-	Last Day of Term 4 (1pm Dismissal)
Thursday 30 th January 2020	-	First Day Term 1
Friday 31 st January	-	Grade 6-6 Assembly
Tuesday 4 th February	-	Grade 4 Netbook Handover Evening
Wednesday 5 th February	-	No Preps at school
Friday 7 th February	-	Prep – Grade 2 Assembly



LAST DAY OF TERM

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

Friday 20st 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.



URGENT - WILL YOUR CHILD BE LEAVING BELLBRIDGE?

We have completed planning for our grades for next year and it is very important that we know if any students or families WILL NOT be attending Bellbridge PS in 2020.

If your child will be moving to another school, please contact the Office as soon as possible.

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

Bellbridge Primary School is committed to protecting children and supports Child Safe Standards.

Victorian government schools are child safe environments. Our school actively promotes the safety and wellbeing of all students, and all school staff are committed to protecting students from abuse or harm in the school environment in accordance with their legal obligations including the Child Safe Standards.

More information is available at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/protect/Pages/default.aspx>

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property has undergone a big clean-up. Any items with names have been forwarded to the correct classroom.

All remaining items in the tub will be cleaned out at the end of term if not collected. Uniform items will be added to our spare uniform storage.

Here's a photo in case you spot that missing drink bottle or jacket!



Lost property is a tub opposite the entrance to the gym.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL CHILDREN'S UNIFORM ITEMS ARE CLEARLY LABELLED

STUDENT REPORTS & INDIVIDUAL LEARNING PLANS

Semester 2 Student Reports and rated ILPs will be added to Compass on Friday 13th December.

On this day, students will also bring home information about your child’s class and teacher for 2020. 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 2020 teacher and share information about your child.

Compass website: Click on “View Academic Reports” and choose “2019 – Semester 2 Report”.

Compass app: Tap the student’s profile (photo) then “Reports” tab and choose “2019 – Semester 2 Report”.

From Monday 16th 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.

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.

BELLBRIDGE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our annual Bellbridge Christmas Concert will be held on Thursday, December 12th at 6:00 – 7:30pm. We are promoting our concert as a family picnic and encourage families to bring their own rugs and chairs as well as picnic food of their choice.

School Council has also organised a Sausage Sizzle which will include Hot Chips, drinks and a Raffle for those who are keen to participate. *There will also be a ‘special guest’.*

Families are advised to enter the school grounds via the pedestrian gate on Bellbridge Drive (directly opposite Macedon Street) and make their way to the oval where areas will be designated for people sitting on their rugs and/or sitting on their fold up chairs.

The concert starts at 6:00pm and will conclude around 7:30pm.

We look forward to sharing this special event with lots of our students and their families.



SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

Our recent School Council held on Monday, November 18th included the following:

- A presentation was made by our School Captains, as well as a proposal they submitted regarding the possible training and implementation of a program involving students as Peer Mediators in the yard during recess and lunch times.
- Presentation of the monthly financial report, including operating statements in relation to expenditure, program budgets – all approved and motions accepted.
- Presentation and approval of the Indicative Budget for 2020.
- Finance Meeting included confirming details regarding the replacement of the flooring in the gym and discussion about the projected costs and funding for possible re-grassing of the oval.
- Correspondence was presented and discussed.
- Presentation of the Principal's Report re: Staffing, Student Learning & Engagement, School Accountability and Community.
- A draft of proposed fundraising action plan for 2020 was presented and discussed. It included confirmation of the date for Carnival – Friday, March 20th; approval for Subway Lunches every term; approval for a 'free dress day' with a gold coin donation at the end of every term.

Please note: Parents are always welcome to raise school related issues by communicating via letter or email and the matter can be presented via Correspondence and discussed in General Business at the next School Council meeting.

Our next School Council meeting will be in February 2020.

TERM 1 2020

The first day of school at Bellbridge PS in 2020 for all students is Thursday 30th January.

Teachers will start the year on Tuesday 28th 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.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

While we still have a little over one week remaining, this is our final newsletter for 2019, 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 at secondary school.

Debbie Clancy

NEWSLETTERS are an IMPORTANT FORM of COMMUNICATION

At Bellbridge Primary School, the official school newsletter is generally provided in weeks 2, 6 and 10 of each term. This newsletter and all others will be provided via COMPASS and the school web page. **If parents prefer a hard copy of the newsletter, there are several copies available at the Office.**

STUDENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE

All payments that are sent to the office are required to be in an envelope with the following details: Student's name, grade, what the payment is for and the amount enclosed.

If the payment is for an excursion or camp, a **HARDCOPY CONSENT FORM MUST** be printed from Compass or obtained from the office and placed in the envelope with payment. This will avoid the processing of the payment being delayed.

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.

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.

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

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.

Active Travel Program at Bellbridge

This year has seen the continued success of our school's Active Travel Program:

Wheel and Walk Wednesdays

We continue to achieve an average of at least 50% of students travelling actively to school each Wednesday. This year, we have maintained our status as a 'gold school'.



Bike Education



Our Grade 5 students continue to be involved in a well-structured and effective Bike Education program. They have developed a range of skills this year, including knowledge around bike maintenance and road rules for cyclists. Bike Education is also part of a Physical Education unit in Term 4 for our Grade 6 students, allowing students to consolidate the skills taught in Grade 5. Congratulations to the Grade 5 team, as well as Mr Henshaw and Miss Morgan, for continuing this successful program.

Achievement Program

Bellbridge Primary School continue to be focused on a holistic approach to student health and wellbeing. Over the last four years, we have achieved state-wide recognition in ALL areas of the Achievement Program:



Thanks to everyone within our school community for your support. We look forward to sustaining our ongoing success in 2020. 😊



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Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

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-  lessons & activities
-  uniforms & shoes
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* many Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.

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