

# School Bell



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**Individual Paths, United Journey**

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## STUDENT ABSENCES

Absences so far this year \_\_\_\_\_ **1984**  
Absences same time last year \_\_\_\_\_ **1876**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

15<sup>th</sup> May.....NAPLAN Testing  
19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> May.....Education Week  
20<sup>th</sup> May.....PJ Day (Gold Coin Donation)  
21<sup>st</sup> May.....Family Maths Night  
22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> May.....'Responsible Pet Ownership' Incursion  
6th June.....Grade 3/4 Hooptime  
9<sup>th</sup> June.....Queen's Birthday Holiday  
27<sup>th</sup> June.....End of Term 2

## ASTHMA FORMS

**There are a still a large number of Asthma Plans outstanding.** For any child who suffers from Asthma, the school must have an action plan in the child's file in case of an emergency. If you have not sent an action plan to school please send it to school as soon as possible. It is important that we have this information on hand so as we can assist your child effectively.

## 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 come to the office to sign their child out, prior to going to the classroom.

## 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.

**Parent Surveys at Bellbridge**

Last week, the eldest child in each family received a set of surveys to take home. The surveys are seeking parent feedback and input related to LOTE (Language Other Than English program), Attendance, Extra Curricular Activities and Parent Engagement with our school. Parent Input provides our school with valuable information that contributes to our decision making processes. We would like to have as many surveys returned as possible as the feedback will be collated and shared at our next School Council meeting and a report will be included in our next newsletter.

**Grade 6 Hoodies**

We know our Grade 6 students are very proud to wear their hoodies ('Class of 2014' hooded windcheaters) BUT we also have a consistent expectation that the hoods are not to be worn over the head in class or in the yard. The hoods may be worn over the head to and from school only. This also applies to hoodies worn by other students.

**Loom Bands and Bracelets**

We are in the midst of a current trend that involves many of our children using loom bands to make colourful bracelets. Our 'Student Uniform Code' does not allow bracelets to be worn to school (only watches and sleepers or stud ear rings) but we are prepared to make an allowance for the loom bracelets as long as students wear them in accordance with our school rules by being SAFE, RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE and a LEARNER.

If teachers feel that wearing a loom band bracelet is interfering with a student's ability to work and/or learn; if it is interrupting the teacher's right to teach, OR if it is being used in an unsafe manner, the teacher will take the bracelets from the student and send them to the Office. The bracelets will be placed in an envelope with the student's name on it and the student can collect them from the Office at the end of the school day.

***REMINDER:** Please do not bring valuable items to school as we do not take responsibility for loss or damage.*

**Student Attendance: 'It's Not Okay to be Away'**

Thanks to all of families who are supporting and encouraging our daily focus on regular student attendance at school. Classes with 100% attendance on a daily basis receive a class 'beehive token' which assists the class in earning a Positive Behaviour Class Reward, e.g. ice cream cones, sole use of an area of the playground, sausage sizzle, picnic at Skeleton Creek, class movie, popcorn, a class disco.

***Number of classes with 100% daily attendance: (we have 25 classes in total)***

<b><i>Week beginning</i></b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
<b><i>28/4/14</i></b>	6	5	7	9	7
<b><i>5/5/14</i></b>	9	11	16	7	11

**Education Week**

It is Education Week next week (Monday, 19/5 – Friday, 23/5). Some of the special events will include:

**-Monday** (8:30am) – Assembly in the gym; winners of the Monster Poster Competition announced

**-Tuesday** - 'PJ Day' – students can come to school in their PJ's for a gold coin donation which will be given to the RSPCA; (9:00am) - Tours of the school

**-Wednesday** (6:00 – 7:00pm) – Family Maths Night: parents and students participate in a range of hands on Maths activities that can support mathematical language and thinking at home

**-Thursday** – Incursion re 'Responsible Pet Ownership' (Grades 3 – 6)

**-Friday** - Incursion re 'Responsible Pet Ownership' (Grades P - 2); (9:30 – 10:30am) – Grade 6 Interschool Sports

**Parents & Friends Group**

We have a growing number of parents and friends who have been attending an informal chat with members of our Leadership Team (Debbie Clancy, Lisa Conibeer, Tania Hunt, Gail Pomfret) after assembly each Monday.

As a result of these informal gatherings we have had several parents volunteer to prepare the Mother's Day raffle tickets and approximately ten parents coordinated the Mother's Day Stall last Wednesday. We appreciate the contributions and support provided by the parents and friends of Bellbridge and look forward to more occasions when we can meet, chat and work together.

Debbie Clancy – Principal

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

**Congratulations to the children named below for receiving Awards.**

### **Be a Learner**

Mason James, Abdalla Gamada, Nikita Yarshevich, Luke King, Jayden Ku, Zilyah Tysoe, Rain Zhang, Ayden Micallef, Brandn Tran, Bailey Evans, Abdallah Nadir, Lacey Surma, Matthew Bate, Rylan Slattery, Sanjana Shivashankaran, Rebecca Harvey, Chloe Walls, Mohammad Shakil, James Cardona, Jyssie Tofete, Athulya Nair, Jade Makiri, Maddison McGowan, Inka Leffler, Andrew Scott, Sasank Parimi, Vicky Kolevski, Sanket Shivashankaran, Callum Hardy, Joel Gustin, Mitchell Dawson, Isobel Ross, Moustafa Melhem, Deeghan Fenton, Kiara Stojcevski, Lydia Jenkins, Paige Simpson, Brodie Dixon, Raiden Taula, Ananya Sharma, Rico Rivera, Nhan Luu, Emily Russell, Luke Fekete, Taj Danaher

### **Be Responsible**

Izzy Burnett, Tavita Aleni, Taliah Pierce, Savanah Laupama, Demi Cahoon, Olivia Paaka, Daishara Fenton, Cody Walker, Zoe Batzogiannis, Tahlia Bryan

### **Be Respectful**

Kayla Moore, Aidan Thong, Antonio Naumcevski, Amber Anderson

## PE NEWS

Last Tuesday over 30 students competed at the Truganina District Cross Country. Eight schools competed on the day with over 60 competitors in each race. Everyone tried hard on the day and Bellbridge came 6<sup>th</sup> overall. Below are accounts of the day by some of the students:

'It was cold, but everyone still tried hard' *Annalise Donghi 6A*

'It was really cold, but we all still had fun and tried our best running against other schools' *Michael Casale 6B*

'I didn't think I would come first because it was a harder and faster competition' *Jalen Jaimangal 4C*

'I was nervous and it was freezing cold' *Monique Parker 3A*

Congratulations to Jalen Jaimangal (1<sup>st</sup>), Michael Casale (2<sup>nd</sup>), Veronika Yarshevich (4<sup>th</sup>) and Joel Dingle (9<sup>th</sup>) who came in the top 10 and will compete later this term at the Wyndham Division Cross Country.

Mrs O'Donohue  
PE TEACHER

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**VICTORIA UNIVERSITY SPORTS CAMP:** Victoria University will be holding a series of camps at Victoria University Fitness and Aquatic Centre Footscary on 30<sup>th</sup> June – 4<sup>th</sup> July and 7<sup>th</sup> July – 11<sup>th</sup> July. The programs include Multi-Sport Junior, Multi-Sport Intermediate and Multi-Sport Senior. Suits ages 6- 15. For further information visit [www.staff.vu.edu.au/sportscamps](http://www.staff.vu.edu.au/sportscamps)

**WERRIBEE CINEMAS:** Werribee Cinemas will be showing "The Movie" on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 10.00am. This film is suitable for families and children with autism and sensory issues. Entry for adults will be a kids prices.



**REMEMBER – PJ DAY TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY.**

Students can come to school in their PJ's for a gold coin donation which will be given to the RSPCA.



# Newsletter Prize

Question: *When is PJ Day at Bellbridge?*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Return to the office by 8:20am Monday, May 19th – to be drawn at Assembly*

## SWPBS: School Wide Positive Behaviours

**1. Be Safe    2. Be Respectful    3. Be Responsible    4. Be a Learner**



**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.

Cassie 1C	Summer 1C	Taya 1A	Kate 2B	Malalkai 2B
Obed 4B	Sanket 4B	Rishit 2B	Brandon 3C	Sinawit 4C
Ethan 3B	Lydia PC	Eden PC	Aidan PC	Chloe PC
Jordan PC	Tyrell PC	Keiran 1A	Annissa PC	Mohamad PC
Travis PC	Saed 6B	Dylan 1A	Damian 1A	Riley 1A
Zilyah PD	Pranan PD	Kyall 2C	Moustafa 2C	Ivory 4A
Luke 3C	Isabelle 3B	Taylah 3B	Miles 3A	Ethan 3B
Reuben 2A	Tiana 4B	Jayden 2D	Luke 2A	Sam 1C
Jiamie 2B	Lachlan 2B	Rain 1B	Lilly 1B	Hafsah 1B
Harpratap 3A	Alisha 3B	Deeghan 1B	Mia 1B	Jasmin 1B
Anushka 1B	Ratu PD	Mia PD	Bobby 6B	Raima 4C
Caleb 4C	Rimsha 6A	Karthik 5C	Amrtesh 5C	Dakota 5C
Lucas 2A	Asha 1B	Aurndhati 2D	Jay 2B	Joshua 2B
Jaxon 2B	Henry 2B	Brodie 2A	Saed 6B	Cassie 1C
Izabelle 1B				

*Interested Parents and Friends are invited to meet with Mrs Clancy for an informal chat after Assembly on Monday. Pre-schoolers are welcome.*





## Weekly Maths Challenge

Well Done to 1C, 2D, 3B, 4C, 5A and 6C for winning this week's Maths Challenge. Each week grades compete against other grades in their year level to win the coveted Maths Challenge trophy.

## Maths at Home



Maths is all around us every day and sharing this everyday maths with children strengthens their understanding and increases their chances of success at school.



### Newsletter Maths Tips



#### "Feel It"

Here's a way to match, using the sense of touch. There are many more ways to play matching games. Try inventing games of your own for matching smells, sounds, and tastes.

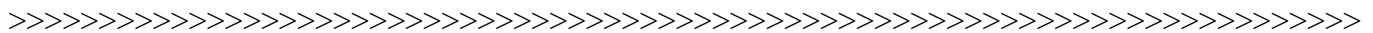
**You will need:** two paper bags or two big socks, matching pairs of items, such as gloves, spoons, marbles, blocks, balls, jacks, crayons, or rubber bands (Hint: Pick different textures and shapes - hard, soft, round, long, fuzzy, cool.)

#### To play:

1. Separate the pairs into the two bags or socks.
2. 'These two bags have things alike. I'm going to close my eyes.' THEN reach into one bag. 'I feel a round thing. Let's look.'
3. 'Can I find one like it in bag two WITHOUT LOOKING?'
4. 'Think you can do it? Close your eyes...'

## PLAY GROUP

Bellbridge PS is considering the implementation of a Play Group at our school. We are prepared to plan for at least one session per week but need to know if there are families interested in participating in a school based Play Group. The Play Group would have full use of our Out of School Hours Care facilities as well as parts of the playground. Please complete and return this form if you are interested in participating in a Play Group at Bellbridge.



### EXPRESSION of INTEREST re: PLAY GROUP at BELLBRIDGE PS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**I am interested in participating in a Play Group at Bellbridge PS.**

*Circle the day/s you would prefer:*

MONDAY      TUESDAY      WEDNESDAY      THURSDAY      FRIDAY

*[Please return this form to the Office as soon as possible]*

## Responsible Pet Education Program

Next week is Education Week and we are excited because students have the opportunity to be involved in an incursion from the Responsible Pet Education Program where they will learn about how to be safe around dogs. The incursion is free of charge and will be on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May for students in Grades 3 – 6 and on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May for students in Grades Prep – 2.

If you have any concerns about your child participating in the program or your child has allergies or anxieties around animals, please contact your child's classroom teacher or Ms Gail Pomfret.



**Very soon  
the Responsible Pet Education Program  
is coming to visit you at your school!**



My pet dog will be coming to help teach you how to be safe around dogs and how to say hello to dog with their owners!



There will be lots of listening, role plays, singing and some dancing.



My dog may even meet you during the visit.