

School Bell



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Individual Paths, United Journey

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STUDENT ABSENCES

Absences so far this year _____ 379
Absences same time last year _____ 331

DATES TO REMEMBER

24th February.....Truganina District Swimming Carnival
26th February..... Prep Free Day
3rd March..... Curriculum Day
5th March..... Prep Free Day
6th March.....School Photos
10th March.....Labour Day Holiday
28th March.....School Carnival
4th April.....Last day of Term 1

CURRICULUM DAY

A reminder that students will not be required at school on MONDAY 3RD MARCH due to it being a Curriculum Day. Out of School Hours Care will be running on this day. For your child to attend, they must be enrolled in the program and the form at the end of the newsletter must be completed and returned. For any further information, please contact Joanne on 0419594841.

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, etc) a note is required to be given to their teacher informing them of the absence prior to them commencing the absence.

PRINCIPAL WRITES

Parent Teacher Meetings

We appreciate the time taken by many parents to attend the Parent Teacher Interviews this week.

These meetings are often referred to as a 'meet & greet' because we receive important information from parents about their child/ren, e.g. special needs re: medical, social, emotional issues. It is also an opportunity for teachers to share some consistent expectations regarding attendance, punctuality, homework, uniform and communication between home and school. A set of documents were provided that support this information process, e.g. 'Homework Policy', 'Bikes, Scooters & Skateboards Agreement' (to be signed and returned to Mrs Clancy), SWPBS Matrix of Expected Behaviours. If parents were unable to attend this meeting and would like to receive a copy of any of these documents, please contact the Office and/or the classroom teacher so you can make an alternative time for a meeting.

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Marnie O'Donohue, our PE teacher, for organising our annual Bellbridge Swimming Carnival. Approximately 60 students participated in trials at the Altona Swim Centre so that we could select a team of swimmers to compete against other local schools at the Interschool Competition on Monday, February 24th.

Safe Use of the Playground and School Wide Positive Behaviours

A feature of the SWPBS program at Bellbridge includes explicitly educating students about how to behave in our playground. As part of on-going learning, staff discuss and clarify consistent understandings re safe, respectful and responsible use of all areas of the playground.

Some basic school wide expectations are:

- Students may play anywhere they wish as long as they engage in safe and responsible behaviour
- Playgrounds are for climbing, swinging, sliding, balancing, etc – NOT chasing games
- Games that involve running and chasing should be played on the oval – NOT around buildings
- The front of the school is out of bounds at all times
- The seating around the Grade 5/6 building is for passive activities – NOT eating, or standing on
- The courtyard is a passive area for sitting or playing less active games – NO running or ball games
- The new soccer field will be used according to a roster until further notice

Expectations about the use of the Playground After School

We are fortunate to have wonderful play equipment at Bellbridge and understand that the children really enjoy playing on it, but at the end of the school day it is essential that our staff can identify any child who has not been collected from school. This is impossible to do when we have lots of children on our playgrounds.

Therefore we have implemented the following expectations:

- NO pre-school children or toddlers are to play on the playground equipment at any time as it has not been designed for school age children. *Parents or carers who choose to allow their pre-schoolers and toddlers to play on the school playgrounds, do so at their own risk and it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to provide supervision.*
- Students who walk or ride bikes/scooters home from school are NOT to play on the playground after school as all students are to make their way home or to their designated meeting place where they are picked up by a parent as soon as the bell goes at 2:40pm.
- Parents or carers are responsible for the supervision of their children if they choose to allow them to play on the playground after 2:40pm.

1:1 Netbook Program

The Grade 4 - 6 teams and the ICT Team have worked hard to once again implement our 1:1 Netbook Program for all students in Grades 4 - 6. Our ICT Coordinator, Tania Hunt has made sure that the program provides parents with the best value for money, as well as having the best possible technical support from our full time technician, Helena Kasem.

Students in Grades 4 - 6 will be using their netbooks on a daily basis to support and enrich their learning in all areas of the curriculum, as well as providing engaging homework tasks. We are very proud of this program because ALL students receive a personal netbook to use at school every day, allowing teachers to implement consistent, rich and engaging learning experiences for everyone.

We appreciate the effort made by parents to attend the official Grade 4 Handover Session last week where parents signed an agreement about safe use of the netbook at home

Homework

Bellbridge has a Homework Policy that supports students and their families by providing activities that support classroom learning, foster good study habits and provide an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning.

Please note: Homework is not compulsory at Bellbridge Primary School – it is a parental choice.

If parents do not wish to support homework activities or find that some homework tasks cannot be completed due to other family commitments, we request that parents write and sign a short note to the teacher (e.g. in the Student Diary).

Our approach to homework at Bellbridge includes:

Prep – Grade 3

- Reading activities to, with and by parents.
- Simple extension tasks associated with classroom activities.
- Gathering of additional information or materials.
- Homework will generally not exceed 20 - 30 minutes per day.

Grade 4 – 6

- Independent reading on a daily basis.
- Tasks such as continuation of classroom work.
- Other tasks linked to Integrated Studies.
- Homework will generally not exceed 45 minutes per day.

Student Diaries

Prep and Grade 1 students receive a Reading Log/Journal to record their daily reading at home and all students in Grades 2 – 6 receive a Student Diary at the start of the year as part of their book box. The regular use of Student Diaries is a consistent school wide expectation. It is a tool for regular communication between home and school and must be at school every day. We ask that parents support this expectation by checking their child's diary each day and signing it daily or weekly as required by classroom teachers.

Carnival

Each year our school has a major fundraising event. This year we are having a School Carnival on Friday, March 28th from 12:30 – 6:00pm. Each class has a stall or activity to prepare and host on the day and our School Council and Parents Club organise and oversee the Food Stall and a Spinning Wheel. In recent years, the money raised from school-based fundraising has contributed to the climbing playground on Matlock St., the seating and artificial grass around the Grade 5/6 Building and the re-furbishment of the Grade 2 building.

If any parents or their family or friends have contacts with businesses and are able to provide our school with donations it would be very much appreciated.

Thanks to one of our parents we will have a large billboard erected at the front of the school sponsored by Harcourt Real Estate.

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.

School Council Elections

We currently have four vacancies for parent positions on School Council and are seeking nominations from parents to participate in an election process in order to fill these positions.

The notices for the election of new School Council members have been posted around the school.

Nomination forms need to be returned to the Office by 4:00pm, Monday, February 24th.

An election will be held if we have more than four parents nominated for School Council.

Debbie Clancy

Principal

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the children named below for receiving Awards.

We Value Team Work

Couper Spies, Abigail Tolhurst, Nigel Biji George, Lincoln Paaka, Gianni Paaka, Jacob Millar, Isabella Maskell, Sarah McInerney, Connor Walker

We Aim We Achieve

Joshua Radel, Bailey Hutchinson, Ethan Harianto, Jai Rauner-Smith, Rylee Turner, Luca Cianci, Khin S'bel Oo, Caleb Perry, Marija Ceranic, Mac Broughton, Eh Ka Mwe, Ratu Rudiartana, Sabastian Quinn, Golbarg Mastouri, Adian Reilly, Andrew Clark, Lia Allison, Teshawn Manivong, Ineka Leffler, Georgia Voinescu, Jack Monro, Tarique Kavakura

We Are Responsible Citizen

Anshdeep Multani, Lydia Godfrey, Ella Newborn, Tink Binks, Guled Khalif, Reuben Bennett, Chloe Cumper, Xavier Bennett, Rimshaa Shakil, Jet Ostrogonac, Xavier Fenton, Clarise Chiu, Zack O'Toole

We Are All Individuals

Brandon Mangion, Jonathan Bufalino, Rylie Real, Laura Cardona, Nickolas Stojanovski, Chloe Maroney, Jiamei Li, Eh Blut Htoo, Sid Taouti

PE NEWS

Last Friday 60 students competed in our School Swimming Carnival. It was the largest carnival we have had. Well done to everyone for having a go. Congratulations to the following students who will be representing our school at the Truganina District Swimming Sports on Monday 24th February at Werribee Outdoor Pool.

9yr boys	9yr girls	10yr boys
Nathan Melville 3B	Tia Chen 3C	Jai Rauner-Smith 5C
Aaron Williams 3B	Sarah McInerney 4A	Roan Mallon 4A
Hayden Bate 3C	Isabelle Dawson 3B	Jalen Jaimangal 4C
Corey Cox 3C	Lahni Smith 3C	
	Lara Cruz 3B	
10yr girls	11yr boys	11yr girls
Heleen Geelhuizen 4B	Nathan Ripari 5A	Emma Tabone 5C
Bethany Blackham 5B	Damian Williams 4C	Karla Cox 6B
Bethannie Mizrahi 4C	Paul Ripari 5C	Eden James 5B
		Madison Bruce 5C

12/13yr boys	12/13yr girls	
Michael Casale 6B	Montana Rauner-Smith 6C	
Daniel Cahoon 6A	Dakota Scott 5C	
Jayden Danaher 6C	Bianca Wolski 6C	
	Natasha Wolski 6B	
	Laila Toonen 6C	
	Trinity Shapter 6C	

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BRIDGE OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Bellbridge Out of School Hours Care will be operating on the Curriculum Day, Monday 3rd March, from 6:30am - 6pm.

If your child requires care on the day, please sign the attached letter and return to the After School Care room ASAP.

If you have not yet filled out an Enrolment Form, you must do so before your child attends the program. These can be collected from the office or the After School Care room.

Any parent that arrives after 6 pm to collect their child will be charged a late fee of **\$2 per minute per child**.

All fees **MUST** be paid by the date stated on the invoice. Failure to finalise your account by the due date may result in your child losing their place at the program.

PAYMENT OF MONIES

All money received at school, whether through the office or classroom, needs to be enclosed in a sealed envelope with the relevant information written on it. EG:

John Smith Grade Prep A
Melbourne Zoo
\$25.00 enclosed

GRAFFITI AND VANDALISM

If you see anyone behaving suspiciously or inappropriately in our school grounds please contact the following numbers:

Police: 9742 9444

WMR Emergency Management: 9589 6266

ASTHMA FORMS

Asthma forms have been sent home with all students. 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 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

WERRIBEE SECONDARY COLLEGE: Werribee Secondary College will be holding a 2015 Enrolment Information Night on **Wednesday, 5th March, 2014** commencing at 7.00pm in the College Auditorium. Come along and find out what our College can offer your child. Information regarding the Select Entry Learning Program will also be available. Contact us on 9741 1822 for further information or to book a tour of the College.

NEWSLETTER PRIZE – Read the newsletter and you might win a prize!

Newsletter Prize

Question: Why is it important to bring your Student Diary to school every day?

Answer: _____

Student's Name: _____

Parent's signature: _____

Return to the office by 8:20am Monday, February 24th – to be drawn at Assembly

SWPBS: School Wide Positive Behaviours

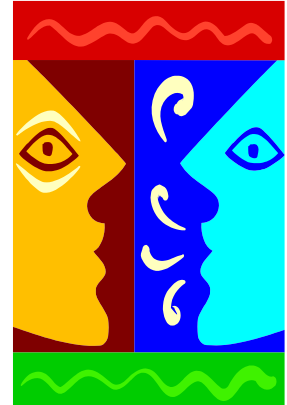
- 1. Be Safe 2. Be Respectful 3. Be Responsible 4. Be a Learner**



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.

Huney 1D (20)	Jack 1D	Moustafa 2C
Rylee 2D	Mitchell 2C	Panos 6C
Yiannis 1C	Lucas 1D (20)	Hafsah 1B
Jarrold 1D (20)	Kieran 1A	Ebony 1B
Lily 1D (50)	Ryan 1D	Aliesha 1D
Zaine 1C	Summer 1C	Laura 1C
Kayla 1C (20)	Anna 1C	Matt 1C
Amber 2A	Teshawn 2C	Jaxon 2B
Maddison 2B	Adam 2D	Rishit 2B
Anshdeep 2D	Jayden 2D	Ineka 2C
Ebony 2B	Imreet 2D	Shaurya 2D

Malakai 2B	Twinae 6E	Kate 2B
Liam 2B		



Hi everyone,

Welcome back for the beginning of the 2014 school year.

I trust that you all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday.

I am extremely excited to announce that this year at Bellbridge Primary School I will be working in a dual role within the school. As well as teaching in the Grade 3 area (commencing my 19th year of teaching), I will also be offering counselling support for students, parents and families.

In 2012, I enrolled in a Diploma of Counselling course with the Australian Institute of Professional Counsellors. My qualifications allow me to work with individuals, couples or families through some challenging or difficult times in their lives, such as:

**Relationship issues (friendships, sibling, parent/child, couples)*

**Separation and divorce*

**Grief and loss*

**Parenting issues*

**Family therapy*

**Bullying*

**Sadness, anxiety and depression*

**Transitional issues (particularly Grade prep and Grade 6 students)*

If you or your child would like to see me about any problems or difficulties you might be facing, please contact me at the school on 9749-6161. I will be located in the B.E.R for private sessions commencing Term 2. Days and times of sessions will be negotiated. This is a free service to the families of Bellbridge Primary School.

I am looking forward to being of support to you and/or your family throughout the year,

Yours sincerely,

Ms Lynne Lloyd

A happy, hassle-free beginning to the 2014 school year...

Commencing school for the first time or making the transition from being at home over the long end of year break, to returning back to school can be quite a challenge for individuals and families.

Here are a few tips to keep in mind to help your children make the transition a little easier....

- 1. Early to bed and plenty of sleep**– it's very easy to slip into lazy routines while we are on holidays and allow children to stay up past scheduled bed times. Well, it's now time to get the bed time ritual happening ASAP. Set a bed time, allow 15 mins or more of reading together and make sure it happens every school night. Be consistent, so there are no arguments and your children will have enough rest ready to cope with a full day at school, which can be quite draining and tiring.
- 2. Be organised**– pack school bags the night before school and get children to help make and pack their own snack and lunch. Get up early in the morning to allow time for the morning routine. Arrive at school in time to find a car park or allow students enough time to walk to their classroom before the 8.20am bell. Don't forget to unpack the school bag at the end of each day too as there are often very important notes that come home and school diaries that need to be checked for messages and need to be signed.
- 3. Healthy eating**– we encourage healthy eating and 'nude' foods where possible, which are foods that are not wrapped in plastic. Students are encouraged to drink water throughout the day and in most classrooms are allowed to have water bottles at their tables. We also have fruit breaks to break up long sessions, so make sure there are plenty of fruits and vegetables in lunch boxes.
- 4. Sun Smart**– please put sunscreen on your children before very hot days and every child must wear a hat during Term 1. 'No hat means no play', which can distress quite a few children. Students without hats must stay in the courtyard.
- 5. Teach your children values**– we teach children values at school every day via direct and indirect discussions and actions. Families need to support the school by also teaching strong values, so our children can play cooperatively with others, make good choices for themselves, respect other people, look after their belongings, behave responsibly and do their best work.
- 6. Talk, talk, talk**– so many families are so busy during the school week and school terms and have many things they have to manage. Sometimes communication and talking goes by the wayside. We need to make sure that children get many chances to express themselves, their opinions, speak properly and are asked about their school days. Many issues can be resolved quickly, if parents know what is happening in their child's life on a daily basis. Sitting together at the dinner table, away from the TV, with no technology allowed at the table, is a really good opportunity to allow everyone a chance to share about their day! :D

Let's all enjoy a happy and successful school year!





Maths at Bellbridge



Weekly Maths Challenge

Well Done to 3A, 4A and 5A 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



Golden Rule:

Whatever you do, make sure your children enjoy it.

If they struggle to understand maths, make mistakes, or get bored: keep calm, make it easier, change the subject, play football or go to the park. Make maths fun so they can see it in everything they do. Look at the shape of the ball and compare it with other shapes etc. Generally the advice is:

Play games involving numbers and/or logic, such as card games, dominoes, darts, draughts, chess etc. Stimulate their thinking at times of boredom, (such as when travelling), with mental activities. Check with the school for any specific help which would be useful. Also check the methods they are teaching for any specific content, such as written methods of calculating.



Challenge: Water consumption in the home is a challenge for many parents, especially when it comes to using different appliances. Can you estimate the amount of water that is used by your toilet cistern (half and full flush) dishwasher, washing machine and taking a 4 minute shower. Which appliance uses the most/least?

PREP INFORMATION NIGHT

Parents of Prep Students

If you are asking questions such as;

How do I support my child's reading?

How do I help my child learn the alphabet?

How do I help my child to count to 100 and beyond?

The Prep Teachers are hosting an information night on Tuesday the 11th of March to answer these questions and more. Please put this date in your diary. More details will be sent home soon.

CURRICULUM DAY – OSHC PROGRAM

Parents

Monday 3rd March 2014 is a Curriculum Day and children will not be required at school.

Bellbridge Outside of School Hours Care will be operating on this day from 6:30 am- 6 pm.

If your child will require care on the day, please fill out this form and return it to the After School Care room ASAP.

Child's Name: _____

My child will require care on the Curriculum Day.

Signed: _____

