School Bell

Bellbridge Primary School
Individual Paths, United Journey

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STUDENT ABSENCES

Absences so far this year _____629
Absences same time last year _____587

DATES TO REMEMBER

6th March…….School Photos
11th March…..Prep Information Night
10th March…….Labour Day Holiday
13th March…….Free Dress Day
14th March…….Book Club Orders Due
14th March……..Swimming Carnival
28th March……..School Carnival
3rd April……..Subway Lunch
4th April……..Last day of Term 1

FREE DRESS DAY: Thursday March 13th

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These items should be packaged and not 'out of date', e.g. baked beans, tuna, chips, canned vegetables, pasta.

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.

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.

PRINCIPAL WRITES

BELLBRIDGE CARNIVAL

We have a special Carnival Newsletter being sent home every Tuesday with the important information about the Bellbridge Carnival which is being held from 12:30 – 6:00pm on Friday, March 28th. 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 ready for the Carnival? It starts at 12:30pm and finishes at 6:00pm. We look forward to seeing you there! The following forms were sent home yesterday so you can pre-order before the Carnival:

- LANYARDS (in $10.00 amounts so students don't have to handle cash)
- WRISTBANDS for Rides (so students can have unlimited rides all day for only $30.00)
- SHOW BAGS (so you can make sure you 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 28th between 12:00 - 12:30pm.

A ***'BIG THANK YOU'*** to Jay Radbourne and Harcourt 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!

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 pre-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.

TRAFFIC SAFETY – It's everyone's business!

The safety of students and parents on Matlock Street and Bellbridge Drive is becoming a growing concern in our community. In the past few weeks some of our students and parents have had some very frightening experiences around our school. As a result, several complaints have been made to the Wyndham City Council and we have been warned that Traffic Officers may be doing random checks to monitor parents who are not following the traffic rules around our school. E.g. No parking in the Bus zone, observing Disabled Parking spaces.

Please make sure that you 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

We, as a school, cannot take any responsibility for parents who are fined or reprimanded for unsafe and/or illegal road use. Please make good choices and keep our students safe.

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.

Debbie Clancy
Principal

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the children named below for receiving Awards.

We Value Team Work
Brayden Allison, Trinity Manivong, Nicky Broughton, Tanya Mapon, Chloe Connolly, Nicholas Carne

We Aim We Achieve
Arundhati Manojkumar, Jasmin Castro, Deniz Oztan, Kaysa Nyberg, Cathleen Benny, Tyson Maroney, Christian Biak Thluai, Aaraa Amudhabalan, Jack Clarke, Taylah Monro, Jay Moxham, Grace Walker, Lucas O'Toole

We Are Responsible Citizen
Xavier Carter, Tyrell Harlick, Annalise Donghi, Chloe Sammut, Daniel Adams

We Are All Individuals
Nayan Gangaiya, Zaine Anderson, Chelsea Dao

PREP INFORMATION NIGHT

As part of our Prep program, we are inviting you to attend our **Parents Information Night** to be held at Bellbridge Primary School on **Tuesday 11th March,** from **6.00pm to 7.00pm**.
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 will be answering these questions and more on the night. Please put this date in your diary.

ART ROOM NEWS

Please collect any lids from milk containers, jars and bottle tops for the art room. Also any cereal boxes, ice cream containers and vegetable trays, as well as newspapers, always come in handy

Thankyou

Naomi Bennett
Art Teacher

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE GRANGE P12 COLLEGE: The Grange P12 College will be holding an Expo Evening on Tuesday 18th March at the Deloraine Campus, Deloraine Drive, Hoppers Crossing. The evening will run from 6pm – 7pm. There will be an opportunity to see classrooms in action, tour the campus and meet with key personnel. This expo would be of interest to parents/carers of students in Grades 4, 5 and 6. For further information, contact the school on 9748 9166.

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

Newsletter Prize

Question: Why are cars not allowed to stop, pick up, drop off or park in the Bus zone??

Answer:_____

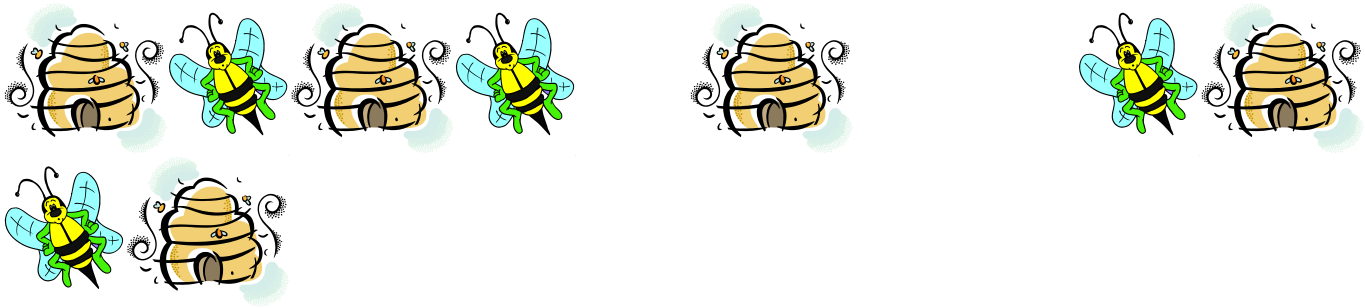
Student's Name:_____

Parent's signature: _____

Return to the office by 8:20am Monday, March 17th – 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.

Eh Blut Htoo 1C	Mia 1B	Xavier 1A	Taylor 1B	Danielle 4D
Deeghan 1B	Ethan 2B	Jasmin 1B	Lilly 1B	Matthew 1C
Divy 1C	Kaylah 1C	Laura 1C	Harley 1D	Zahli 1D
Jack 5C	Harrison 1C	Harpratap 3A	Shanea 4B	Antonio 2B
Andrew PB	Abigail PB	Bailey PB	Aaraa PB	Mahalia PB
Chloe PC	Emmi PC	Izabella 1A	Hannah 1A	Damian 1A
Bharveer 1A				

GOVERNMENT REMINDER TO PARENTS AND CARERS

Despite a recent drop in temperatures, parents are still urged to be aware of the dangers of leaving children alone in motor vehicles, so if you need to get out of the car, even for a moment, always take your child with you. *No Exceptions. No Excuses.*

A recent survey conducted by the Victorian Coalition Government found that despite sweltering through one of the hottest summers on record, one in three parents admit to leaving their children alone in a parked car. The research also demonstrated most parents underestimate how quickly the temperature inside a parked car can rise and the devastating impact this has on a child.

Even if the outside temperature is 30 degrees the temperature inside can reach up to 50 degrees in a matter of minutes. The Victorian Government is reminding all parents travelling with a child that if you need to get out of the car, even for just one minute, make sure you take your child with you. No exceptions. No excuses.

A reminder to parents and carers:

- A car's temperature starts to rise from the moment the door is closed and can be double the outside temperature in minutes.
- Even when it's 30 degrees outside, your child could be sweltering in up to 60 degree heat.
- It is not worth the risk – if you are travelling with a child and you need to get out of the car, even for just one minute, make sure you take your child with you. No exceptions. No excuses.
- Young children are more sensitive to heat than adults and their body temperature can reach dangerous levels quicker than expected.
- A young child's body temperature rises three to five times faster than an adult, placing them in extreme danger of life threatening heatstroke, dehydration and other health risks if left alone in a parked car.
- Never leave a child alone in a car. No Exceptions. No Excuses.

For more information, see: Kidsafe Victoria

2014 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

Our school is taking a stand against bullying and violence in 2014

Our school has registered to be part of the 2014 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, being held nationwide on Friday, 21 March.

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (National Day of Action) is Australia's key anti-bullying event for schools. It's a day where school communities across Australia 'take a stand together' against bullying and violence.

Bellbridge Primary School is dedicated to creating supportive school environments, free from bullying, harassment and violence. By working together we are sending a clear message to young people that bullying and violence, in or outside of school, are not okay at any time.

We have a number of programs and initiatives in place to counter bullying. These include our School Wide Positive Behaviours Program, Better Buddies and eSmart program.

The National Day of Action is an initiative of all Australian education ministers and is coordinated by the Safe and Supportive School Communities (SSSC) Working Group, with representatives from all Australian educational authorities.

The SSSC is also responsible for the Bullying. No Way! website which offers practical resources and information to help schools, parents and students counter bullying, harassment and violence.

Also available on the site is the Take a Stand iPhone app, to keep tips and advice on dealing with bullying close at hand, as well as The Allen Adventure iPad app, designed for children under 8 years.

Download these free apps now in the Student's section of www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

Maths at Bellbridge

Weekly Maths Challenge

Well Done to 2A, 3C, 4C 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

As with reading, try to make maths as much fun as possible - games, puzzles and jigsaws are a great way to start. It's also important to show how we use maths skills in our everyday lives and to involve your child in this. Identifying problems and solving them can also help your child develop maths skills. Try to find new ways to enjoy the subject with your child.

Tips for helping your child to enjoy maths:

Point out the different shapes to be found around your home.

Take your child shopping and talk about the quantities of anything you buy.

Let your child handle money and work out how much things cost.

Look together for numbers on street signs and car registration plates.

I bought something at the supermarket and got 5cents change. How much did it cost and how much money did I give to pay for it?