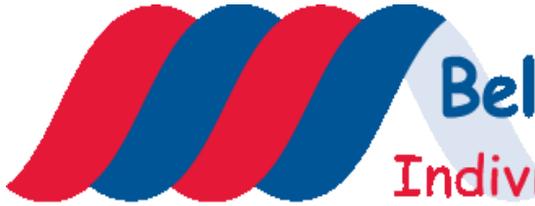


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STUDENT ABSENCES

Absences so far this year _____ 5312
Absences same time last year _____ 5736

DATES TO REMEMBER

23rd October.....Grade 6 Excursion Wyndham Youth Resource Centre
24th October.....Book Club Due
3rd November.....Curriculum Day
4th November.....Melbourne Cup
7th November.....Prep Zoo Excursion
17th December.....Grade 6 Big Day Out
18th December.....Moving On Up Ceremony
19th December.....Last Day of Term

ARE YOU LEAVING BELLBRIDGE PS THIS YEAR

We are currently planning our grades for next year and need to know if any students or families **WILL NOT** be attending Bellbridge PS in 2015. If your child will be moving to another school, please write a letter to your child's teacher, informing them of the school or area in which your child will be enrolled next year.

This information is very important as it helps us to make decisions regarding class sizes and teacher placements

Cuppa' & Crafts

Every second Wednesday (odd weeks, i.e. week 1, 3, 5, 7, 9)

8:30 – 10:00am

Our parents group has a regular session involving crafts.
Come along and share a cuppa' and participate in some craft activities
while catching up with other parents.

Week 3 (22/10/14): We will be exploring more ways to use crochet and knitting in crafts
Please let the Office know if you plan to attend – 9749 6161

PRINCIPAL WRITES

TAKING PRIDE in our SCHOOL and our UNIFORM

Most of our students demonstrate pride in our school by wearing the correct school uniform every day. Occasionally students need to wear a different item of clothing because personal circumstances haven't allowed clothes to be ready for school. When this happens, parents need to write a note to the teacher to inform them that their child is out of uniform for that day. We also have some spare uniform items in the Sick Bay that are available to students in need – children need to see our Office staff and spare uniform items will be provided, where possible. **Please note: As part of our SunSmart Policy, all students are expected to wear a broadbrimmed navy blue sun hat.**

'IT'S NOT OKAY to be AWAY'

Regular attendance at school is important for students to keep up with their learning, maintain friendships and feel connected to their teacher and their school. At the end of each term, we like to acknowledge students who have had 100% attendance at school by providing them with a special certificate.

Throughout Term 3, we had an increase in the number of students with significant absences, several due to extended holidays. More than 50 students were absent for more than 10 days last term. There were 50 days of school so these students missed more than two weeks of learning which is concerning and disappointing.

	Prep	Gr 1	Gr 2	Gr 3	Gr 4	Gr 5	Gr 6
Number of students	84	85	78	71	83	79	72
Total days of student absence	308	384	218	353	335	375	289
Number of students with 100% attendance	18	10	20	15	18	17	17

We encourage parents to make sure their child attends school as often as possible, except when they are unwell. Missing school because of a birthday, shopping, waking up late or any other reason other than being ill, puts your child at risk of not learning at the expected rate.

If your child is absent because they refuse to come to school (some may complain of being bullied), it is important that you contact the school to arrange a meeting with the teacher and an Assistant Principal, so we can address the concerns as soon as possible.

This term we will continue to monitor the rate of attendance at school in each classroom every week. We hope to acknowledge improved attendance with rewards for individual classes and students.

Walk to School in October – 'WALKTOBER'

Our school is encouraging a VicHealth initiative that promotes the healthy option of walking to school. If your child comes to school by car, families can support this healthy initiative by planning to drop students a short distance from school, (e.g. one or two blocks away on Bellbridge Drive, such as: Cowderoy Drive, Tootles Court, Birchwood Boulevard, Aitken Avenue, Mokhtar Drive, Nicklaus Drive, Sunbird Crescent, Bootles Court)), so they can experience walking to school. Our classes will be focused on maintaining a daily chart to record our students' participation in this health promotion initiative.

Students are also reminded to use the School Crossings!

Congratulations to students and their families for having a great start to the term and 'well done!' to our Grade 6 students and staff – the week long 'School of Rock' was a huge success and the performances by each class were outstanding.

Debbie Clancy - Principal

IMPORTANT: NEW SCHOOL IN TRUGANINA – TRUGANINA P – 9 COLLEGE ON CLEARWOOD DRIVE

Do you know there is a new school being built in Truganina?

Do you live in the area within the boundaries of Morris Road, Sayers Road and Leakes Road?

Truganina P – 9 College is currently being built on Clearwood Drive and will be ready to open at the start of the school year, next year. At the moment, the principal of Truganina P – 9 College, Jenny Crowle, is based at Truganina South Primary School, and is taking appointments with families as she needs to have accurate information regarding enrolments in order to support her plans for staffing and grades in 2015.

We understand that some of our families live in this area and we appreciate that Truganina P – 9 may be a preferred option.

It is important that any families currently enrolled at Bellbridge who are considering enrolling at the new school contact our school so we can adjust our enrolments.

I am happy to discuss this matter with any parents who are considering enrolling at Truganina P – 9 College.

Debbie Clancy

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.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the children named below for receiving Awards.

Be a Learner

Nickolas Patcha Bell, Rain Zhang, Shraddha Mahapatra, Tahlia Bryan, Jack Clarke, Andrew Clark, Jayde Noga, Alesha Dickson, Thinal Herath, Taurean Kavakura, Liyanna Balla, Tyrell Harlick, Cody Mangion, Kieran Perry, Naina Gangaiya, Taylah Monroe, Jordan Tyrrell, Ahmed Soueid, Eden Skoutariotis

Be Responsible

Izabella Zarafa, Jack Monroe

Be Respectful

Abdul Iqbal, Shantell Yip

GRADE 6 NEWS

At the end of Term 3 the Grade 6 students enjoyed a wonderful week at Mt Morton camp, working together in a variety of engaging activities. This camp is not possible without the help of our wonderful volunteers and the Grade 6 team would like to thank Lyn Wolski, Rachael Alblas, Christine Boras and Jackie Barber for all their dedicated efforts over the week.

Last week the Grade 6 students completed a course called 'School of Rock' that involved them writing, recording and performing a new song based on an older original. The students gave three enthusiastic performances on Friday that were thoroughly enjoyed by the whole school and their parents. If you are interested in viewing the lyrics or hearing these songs, a copy will be available on the school's website.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Parents are reminded that invoices need to be paid by the due date stated on the invoice.

If a bill is three weeks over due chil/ren will not be able to access the program until it is paid in full.

The program closes at 6pm, so parents need to ensure they are here by 6pm to pick up their child. If you are having trouble please use your emergency contacts to help you or ring the program on 0419 594 841. If a child is not attending the program, parents must notify the program or they will be charged for that day. If a child is attending the program as a casual, parents must also notify the program as you will be charged extra for non notification.

Breakfast Club is on Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the ASC room.

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

SUBURBAN CHURCH HOPPERS CROSSING:

1. **Suburban Kids Crew** - every Wednesday evening from 7.00-8.30 during school term at the Suburban buildings 152-154 Bellbridge Drive. Activities for kids for Prep -Gr 5. Contact Nick on 0430405445 or visit www.suburbanchurch.org
2. **Suburban Youth** - every Wednesday evening during school term from 7.00-8.30pm at Wyndham Youth Resource Centre. Derrimut Road. Activities for kids Gr 6+. Contact Mel on 0403364394 or visit www.suburbanchurch.org
3. **Parenting Conference** - Saturday 18th October. At Suburban buildings 152-154 Bellbridge Drive. Parents of Children of all ages are welcome. Meeting the challenge of being effective parents of babies through to teenagers! Contact Joylee on 0413355928 or visit www.suburbanchurch.org

QUICK STIX LACROSSE HOPPERS CROSSING: Stix Lacrosse registrations are now open for the Quick Stix Lacrosse Program in Hoppers Crossing. Quick Stix is a state-wide program aimed at introducing primary school kids to the game of Lacrosse in a fun, high-energy format. The children will learn how to catch, throw, and scoop a ball with their very own Lacrosse Stix! If you have any questions about Quick Stix or Lacrosse in general, please don't hesitate to contact Kristen at development.officer@lacrossevictoria.com.au or 9926 1390.

WYNDHAM SUNS FOOTBALL CLUB: Wyndham Suns Football Club are running a six week Sunday Program for anyone who has never played football and is interested in learning about Aussie Rules, for anyone wanting to join a club or just wanting to get some exercise through a sporting activity. The program will start Sunday 2nd November at Goddard Street, Tarneit (North Oval) from 12pm – 1pm. All ages from 10 years to playing adult welcome. For further information contact Josh Stephens 0434 252 039.

YOUTH FEST 2014: Wyndham City Council are holding a free event at Mossfiel Reserve, Heaths Road, Hoppers Crossing on Friday 21st November 4pm – 9pm. There will be live entertainment and performances, live bands and DJ's, amusement rides, jumping castles, footy and soccer workshops, face painting, hairspray, airbrush tattoos and reptile van. Fairy floss, popcorn, BBQ, other food options and low cost soft drink available. A skate, scooter, and BMX competition will be held for ages 11–15 and 16- 25. This is a drug, alcohol and smoke free event and security officers will be in attendance.

Interested Parents and Friends are invited to meet with Mrs Clancy and members of the Leadership Team for an informal chat after Assembly every Monday. Pre-schoolers are welcome.



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.

Will 1C (20)	Callum 1C	Jordan 1C	Cassie 1C (20)	Laura 1C (20)
Jack PA	Luca PA	Shantell PA	Georgia PA	Matthew PA
Emily PA	Zaine 1C	Harrison 1C	Kyle 1A	Abbie 1A
Mia 1B	Jaxon 2B	Ashton PA	Anna 1C	Eh Blut Htoo 1C
Pierre PA	Luke S 1B	Luke F 1B (20)	Anton 1B	Lilly 1B
Izzy 1B (20)	Rain 1B	Roshaan 1B	Liam 2B	Taylor 1B
Carl PA (20)	Luca 1D	Summer 1C (25)	Zahli 1D	Harley 1D
Sanjana 1D	Corinthian 1C	Anshka 1B	Saed 6B (20)	Joshua 2C
Cayden 2A	Jordan 1C (20)	Abdallah 2C	Moustafa 2C	Taleah 2C
Kyle 2C	Samantha 1C (25)	Abigail PC	Ksenia 2C	Nadja 2C
Hemant 2C	Ineka 2C	Nicholas 4A (20)	Liyanna 2C	Kacee PC
Amber 2A	Kayden 6C	Reuben 2A	Zahli 1D	Ben 2A
Akoija 1D	Zahra 1D (30)	Jack 1D (20)	Huney 1D	Ayden 5A (20)
Sarmad 5A (20)	Holly 5A (20)	Golbarg PC	Clarissa 5A (20)	Charlie 2A
Hunter 2A	Jalen 2A	Elijah 2A (20)		

Newsletter Prize

Question: Why do we want lots of students to walk to school?

Answer: _____

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent's signature: _____

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



Maths at Bellbridge



Weekly Maths Challenge

Well Done to 1D!

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



Measuring Things

Use a wall measuring chart to measure the height of people in your family.

Cut a piece of string for your child, any length will do. Use the string to measure the objects in your house to find out what is longer or shorter than your 'string measuring tape'. Ask your child to identify anything that is the same length.

Explore other ways of measuring using a cup, jug, teaspoon, icy pole sticks, foot prints or hand lengths.

Build a tower of blocks that is taller than a favourite toy. Ask your child to count the total blocks to measure the height of the tower.



Challenge: Students will be challenged by arranging and measuring family members from shortest to tallest.

Using the internet safely at home

Internet safety important is equally important in the home, the library and other public places. By planning to be cybersafe in any location, children are most likely to enjoy fun and rewarding online experiences.

There are four key steps to cybersafe practices in the home:

- » **educate**
- » **empower**
- » **make the computer safe**
- » **supervise.**

The four work together towards positive and safe online use. The aim is not only to protect children but to help them learn to make good decisions.

Educate—an essential part of keeping children safe is making them aware of risks, and talking to them about how to avoid potential problems. Visit the Cybersmart website for internet safety information and educational programs suitable for children's use.

Empower—encouraging and supporting children is a positive step towards making them feel confident in their internet use. Children need to know they can make the right choices. They also need to know they can talk to a parent if something happens online that makes them feel uncomfortable.

Make the computer safe—one of the most practical ways to help children stay safe online is to set up the home computer with an internet content filter and other security software.

Supervise—children may behave differently online, to in person, so it's important to be involved. By placing the computer in a family area, supervision becomes easier.

Before starting:

- » talk with the family about the importance of staying safe online and having an internet safety plan
- » teach children how to use the internet safely. Use an educational program suitable for the child's age
- » learn about the internet and the types of internet services children use. Check with the local public library to see what courses are offered.

Set up correctly:

- » determine if your internet service provider can assist with advice for staying safe online. If not, switch to one that can
- » look at where the computer is set up. If it is in a bedroom, move it to a public area of the house where it's easier to supervise
- » make sure safety software is installed on the computer. This may include an internet content filter and other security software such as anti-virus programs, spyware and adware
- » use a safe search engine for all web searches.

Create family guidelines:

- » discuss the benefits and risks of going online with children and offer support if they get into trouble
- » create an internet safety contract with children, setting house rules for internet use.

When online:

- » stay involved in the child's use of the internet and new technologies. Work with them. Set up an account, join the child's 'friends' and see what they are doing. It can be a fun experience for parents too
- » help the child set up their profile to make sure that they don't put too much personal information online
- » check the privacy settings for internet services and see how to report abuse. Many social networking, virtual networks and gaming sites have facilities to do this
- » supervise and monitor the use of the internet, particularly with younger children. If issues arise, address them quickly and know who to report problems to
- » above all, keep the lines of communication open. Children need to be confident that they can talk to an adult about what's happening, without being afraid that they're automatically going to get into trouble.

