

School Bell



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STUDENT ABSENCES

Absences so far this year _____ **410**
Absences same time last year _____ **355**

DATES TO REMEMBER

23rd February.....District Swimming Competition
25th February..... Prep Free Day
4th March..... Prep Free Day
5th March.....School Photos
9th March.....Labour Day Holiday
20th March.....School Carnival
27th March.....Last day of Term 1
13th April.....Start of Term 2

SCHOOL PHOTOS

In last week's newsletter, an incorrect date was noted for the school photos. The correct date for the school photos will be **Thursday 5th March.**

Envelopes for individual photos were handed out by the classroom teachers last week. Correct money is required to be placed in the envelopes as they are handed directly to the photographer on the day. All students are required to be in full school uniform. Any families interested in having a family photo taken can collect the family photo envelope on a table located in the office foyer.

ASTHMA FORMS

For any student who suffers from asthma, the school must have an action plan in the student's file in case of an emergency. Asthma forms have been sent home with all students recently. **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 we can assist your child effectively.

Parent-Teacher Meetings

We appreciate the time taken by many parents to attend the Parent-Teacher Meetings this week. It supports our commitment to strong home-school partnerships.

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 regarding medical, social or emotional issues.

If parents were unable to attend this meeting, please contact the Office and/or the classroom teacher an alternative time can be made for a meeting or a phone conversation with the teacher.

Bellbridge Swimming Competition

Congratulations to Damien Downing, our PE teacher, for organising our annual Bellbridge Swimming Competition. Approximately 45 students participated in trials at the Bayfit Leisure Centre so that we could select a team of swimmers to compete against other local schools at the District Swimming Competition at Werribee Outdoor Pool on Monday, February 23rd.

Safe Use of the Playground and School Wide Positive Behaviours

A feature of the SWPBS program at Bellbridge includes explicitly teaching students about how to behave in our playground. As part of ongoing learning, our staff discuss and clarify consistent understandings in relation to 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 school is for passive activities – NOT standing on
- The courtyard is a passive area for sitting or playing less active games – NO running or ball games
- The soccer field is used according to a roster : Monday (Gr 6); Tuesday (Gr 5); Wednesday (Gr 4); Thursday (Gr 2 & 3); Friday (Prep & Gr 1)

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.

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 and excellent educational leadership from our Netbook Program Coordinator, Mike Sisson. 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 also 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 Inquiry Learning and Integrated Studies.
- Homework will generally not exceed 45 minutes per day.

Student Diaries are an Important Communication Tool at Bellbridge

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 sign it daily or weekly as required by classroom teachers.

Bellbridge Carnival – Friday, March 20th

Each year our school has a major fundraising event. This year we are having a School Carnival on Friday, March 20th from 12:30 – 6:00pm. Each class has a stall or activity to prepare and host on the day and our School Council organises and oversees a Food Stall with the support of parent volunteers.

If any parents or their family of friends have contacts with businesses and/or 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 Harcourts 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, Thursday 26th February.

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

Debbie Clancy

Principal

LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY LEAVERS – CHANGE OF PROCEDURES

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 the 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, 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, (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.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the children named below for receiving Awards.

Be a Learner

Skye Morrison, Kaelan Stewart, Alex Taylor, Danisha Tran, Axel Partridge, Tyson Maroney, Laura Cardona, Jarrod Gaylard, Cassie Bientema, Daniel Krywula, Joey Citro, Aimee Bounden, Reno Koktzidis Stefanidis, Baquer Razvi, Raul Sapkota, Shae Stubbs, Parth Shah, Raia Jose, Daishara Fenton, Ameer Slamani, Hollie Radbourne, Ashton Reed, Johanna Ku, Charlotte Leicester, Jack Plowright, Hassan Mohammed, Mohamad Nasser, Sabastian Quinn, Jordan Sobing, Jessica Lawson, Akoija George, Kodey Odewahn, Adam Conroy, Raima Khan, Mason James, Lachlan Nugara, Aaron Shaw, Jai Rauner-Smith, Leon Balla

Be Responsible

Abigail Galik, Lachlan Farnham, Meharte Zewdu, Ebony Raudino, Bradley Gormon, Sinawit Kidanemariam, Adyan Syed, Jaxson Walker, Zahara Falwasser, Sonya Zulkifli, Abigail Collings, Jack Clarke, Ella Haywood, Tarkan Jeffrey, Adam Alobaidi, Xavier Fenton, Sammy Santhosh

Be Safe

Isaac Juniper

Be Respectful

Kai Debenedetto-Grant, Ayush Jogoo, Azib Javed, Liam Allison, Anissa Simmons-Curtis, Sarah Gastin, Summer Beintema, Kaidyn McGowan, Ayden McMaster, Stevie Wisewould, Heleen Geelhuizen, Kaleb Johnson, Ashleigh Karan

Chat with the Principal

We welcome parents to meet with the Principal (and occasionally other members of staff) to have an informal chat with other parents after Assembly each Monday morning. Many parents have enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about our school (e.g. procedures, special events) whilst getting to know other parents as well.

We generally meet in the After School Care Room (opposite the Art Room)

BELLBRIDGE OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Parents must advise the coordinator or the ladies at the office if their child/ren are not attending the program. Failure to do this will result in being charged for the day.

All invoices need to be finalised by the due date stated on your invoice. If you fail to pay this, your child **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND THE PROGRAM UNTIL PAID IN FULL.**

If you have not paid and let the account go over 3 weeks, then the account will be forwarded onto the Finance Committee for further action.

If any account is outstanding from last year, **YOUR CHILD CANNOT ACCESS THE PROGRAM UNTIL PAID IN FULL.**

If you have any enquiries about the program, you can contact Joanne or Kate on 0419594841.

The program closes at 6pm. If you are running late, you must get your emergency contacts to pick up your child or you will be charged \$2.00 per minute per child.

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

The school newsletter is a very important form of communication between home and school.

To be in the running for this prize, you need to answer a question about some information in the newsletter. When you return the slip with the correct answer and a parent's signature to the Office, it is included in the special draw for a prize.

Good luck!

Newsletter Prize

Question: What date is the Bellbridge Carnival?

Answer: _____

Student's Name: _____

Parent's signature: _____

Return to the office by 8:20am Monday, February 23rd – to be drawn at Assembly.

COMMUNITY NEWS

HOPPERS CROSSING GIRL GUIDES: Hoppers Crossing Girl Guides currently have places in the following units: Guides 7-11 year olds, Guides 10-14 year olds, Guides 14-18 year olds. For further information please contact 8606 3500 or 1800 girl guides or visit their website guidesvic.org.au

WYNDHAM ROTARY: Wyndham Rotary is conducting the annual Fun Run / Walk on Sunday the 1st March at Chirnside Park in Werribee. The theme of "Take the first Step" encourages people of all ages and abilities to be involved in a local event and support the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Last year nearly 900 adults and children walked distances of 8KM/ 4 KM or ran 5 KM / 10 KM. Come along and join in as you enjoy the scenic course that takes you around the Werribee River and Chirnside Park. Go to www.wyndhamfunrun.org for more information.

TARNEIT FOOTBALL CLUB: Tarneit Football Club is currently looking for players for the 2015 season. All kids are welcome to join. We train on Monday and Wednesdays starting 5pm at Wootten Rd Reserve which is located on the corners of Hogans Rd, Thames Blvd and Wootten Rd Tarneit. For any further information we can be contacted via e-mail at enquiries@tarniettitansfc.com.au

SWPBS: School Wide Positive Behaviours

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



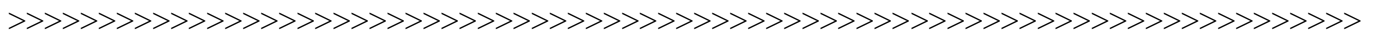
CONGRATULATIONS to the following students for earning 10 or more ‘Bee Tokens’ for their positive behaviours in the classroom and the playground. They have traded their tokens for a prize at the Rewards Shops.

Maxie 1A	Chloe 1A	Summer 2A	Ivory 5B	Lydia J 5B
Chloe 2C (20)	Mercy 1D (20)	Bailey 1D (20)	Ratu 1D	Ethan 1D
Akoija 2C	Anton 2C	Hamthosh 2C	Sophie 2B	Anabella 2C
Lenyx 5B	Riley 3C	Ezekiel 3B (30)	Xavier 6B	Kacee 1A
Zahra 2A	Nikita 1A	Emma 1A	Abigail 1A	Travis 1A
Abigail 2C	Lucas 2C	Kyle 2C	Lochan 2C	William 2C
Mouna 1D	Sawas 1D	Keiran 2C	Ata 3B	Yashab 2C
Izzy 2D	Kiana 2C	Lily 2C	Mya 5B	Adara 5B
Musa 1D	Brendan 1D	Storm 1D	Jasmin 1D (20)	Nickolas 1D (20)
Nebiyu 1D	Xavier 2C	Abigail 1D	Taleah 3C	Harrison 2A
Luca 1A	Dylan 2A	Shantell 1A	Brodie 1B (20)	Zilyah 1B (20)
Rebekah 2C (20)	Hannah 2C	Mason 5B (20)	Nicholas 5B	Jack 2D
Andrew 1B	Tegan 1B	Tahlia 1B	Lily 2C	Thomas 5A
Laura 5C	Lilly 2D	Neve 3C	Amandeep 4C	Doha j1B
Nicole 1B	Heleen 5C	Isabella 5C	Roan 5B	Abbie 2D
Luke 2C	Keana 4A	Lillie 3D	Rhys 3C	Sunia 1B
Matthew PA	Shanea 5A	Cassie 2D	Musa 1D	Jasmin 1D
Lachlan 3C	Raia 5B (20)	Hassan 6A	Tayla 1A	Ivory 5B
Shevonne 1A	Shantell 1A	Ata 3B	Shaun 6A	Lucky 3D
Nathan 1D	Abigail 1D	Bailey 1D	Pranav 1D	Jiamei 3C
Matthew 2B	Kaine 5B	Chloe 5B	Lucas 3C (20)	Abigail 1A
Nadja 3D (20)	Amin 2C	Kiana 2C	Shraddha 1D	Storm 1D
Brendan 1D	Lucas 2C	Kayla 2B	Luke 3A	Aimee 3C
Mia 2A	Yianis 2A	Chloe 1A	Jordan 1A	Ksenia 3D

Craft Group

Last year we started a parents’ Craft Group one morning each week. Over the course of the year, the group was involved in learning about different crafts and teaching each other how to knit, crochet, make loom bands and practise pencil drawing. Some of the craft work was used to ‘yarn bomb’ some trees in the garden.

There has been some interest expressed by parents who are keen for this group to start again this year. If you are interested in participating in a weekly Craft Group, please complete the form below and return it to the Office as soon as possible.



Craft Group: Expression of Interest

If you are interested in participating in Craft Group, please tick or circle the following preferences.






I would prefer a: Morning session Afternoon session Either
 Preferred days: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

NAME: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Return to the Office as soon as possible.

Help your kids manage their asthma

Checklist for Parents

	<p>Does your child have an up to date Asthma Action Plan (Asthma Care Plan)?</p> <p>The Asthma Care/Action Plan tells the school how to manage your child's asthma and what to do if their asthma gets worse. This should be updated & signed by the doctor on an annual basis.</p>
	<p>Does your child carry their reliever puffer and spacer with them at all times? Or is it readily available to their Carers?</p> <p>Medication needs to be available wherever your child may be (school, child care, sporting field, home)</p>
	<p>Are you and your child aware of their asthma triggers?</p> <p>Do you take steps to avoid these triggers? Are the Teachers aware of these triggers?</p>
	<p>Do you listen to what your child says?</p> <p>They will be aware of their asthma symptoms and should be able to tell you when they need their medication.</p>
	<p>Does your child take their asthma medication correctly?</p> <p>Good technique allows more medication to get into the lungs where it is needed. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like to check your device technique.</p>



Maths at Bellbridge



Weekly Maths Challenge

Well Done to 5C 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.



Challenge: If you like popcorn, which cylinder would you buy?

Take 2 sheets of 8cm by 11 cm paper. Roll one into a short cylinder and the other into a tall cylinder. Does one hold more than the other or are they the same?

Hint: Making visual estimates and finding volumes are useful hints. Designers and engineers use them to find economical ways to package and protect items.