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STUDENT ABSENCES

Absences so far this year _____ 1079
Absences same time last year _____ 854

DATES TO REMEMBER

20th March.....School Carnival
24th March.....Regional Swimming Championships
27th March.....Last day of Term 1
13th April.....Start of Term 2

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 as we can assist your child effectively.

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 their 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, (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.

PRINCIPAL WRITES

BELLBRIDGE CARNIVAL – Friday, March 20th

Are you ready for the Carnival? It starts at 12:30pm and finishes at 6:00pm. We look forward to seeing you there! There is still time to buy:

- LANYARDS (in \$10.00 amounts so you don't have to handle cash)
- WRISTBANDS for Rides (so you can have unlimited rides all day for only \$30.00 if ordered by Thursday. If purchased on Carnival Day the cost will be \$40.00)
- SHOW BAGS (so they will be on sale at the Show Bags Stall on the day)

All of these items will be handed out to students in their classrooms on Friday between 12:00 - 12:30pm

We have a special Carnival Newsletter. Please make sure you read it so you can be informed and prepared.

Please note: Students are expected to arrive at school at 12:00pm on the day of the Carnival and **must be in school uniform**. It is important that all families have returned the 'Special Arrangements on Carnival Day' note so that teachers know who will be picking students up from the classroom when the Carnival begins at 12:30pm. If you haven't returned it to school, a copy is included with this newsletter.

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

Grand Prix Excursion

Students in Grade 4 / 5 were very fortunate to attend the Grand Prix. This is a very special, annual extra curricula activity organised by Mr Sisson. We appreciate his hard work in planning such a special experience and would also like to thank all of the parent helpers who attended and supervised a small group of students. Their support contributed to the success of the day.

Wyndham Council Programs

Bellbridge has been successful in receiving a grant (\$5,000) to engage in the Active Travel Program. The aim of this program is to explore ways to reduce the traffic around our school and increase the number of families who walk or ride to school. We are also supporting the Ride2School program which promotes riding bikes and scooters to school as an alternative to using cars. Last Friday, we had 45 bikes and 6 scooters parked in our bike shed.

Library Program

Our Library program has been re-energised with the recent move to its new learning space in the Grade 4/5 building, as well as the provision of new library borrowing bags. A parent and grandparent of one of our students have very generously provided colourful and sturdy, home-made library bags which students are using to support their weekly borrowing. We are very pleased that there has been a significant increase in student borrowing since the library bags have been donated.

Student Leaders

We are pleased with the increased focus on student leadership at Bellbridge this year. The development of a defined 'student voice' has been apparent with two sets of student leaders (Grade 5 & 6 SRC; Grade 3 & 4 SRC) participating in online video conferences. Our Grade 6 Student Leaders attended the state wide Young Leaders Conference and the Grade 6 SRC participated in the Wyndham SRC Forum hosted by Joanne Ryan (Federal Member of Parliament). House Captains are responsible for the daily borrowing of sports/play equipment which is available to all students at recess each day and the SRC (class captains and vice captains) assist with the SWPBS rewards shop at lunch time each Tuesday and Thursday.

School Council Members in 2015

Our parent representatives on School Council this year are: Michelle Ripari, Ellisa Cole, Jantina DeHaan, Craig Wilson, Tanya Tesoriero and Sian Nissen.

They will be joined by our staff representatives: Lisa Conibeer, Vicki Murphy, Tania Hunt and Joan Hofmann.

2014 Annual Report

The 2014 Annual Report has been prepared for submission to the Department of Education and Training (DET). It was presented and approved at School Council on March 16th.

The document includes a summary of our school's achievements over the previous year with the key areas being our School Context and reports on Achievements, Engagement, Wellbeing, Productivity and a Financial Summary. The content of this report generates our 'Annual Report to the School Community' which will be provided for parents in a brochure format in the last week of Term1.

Debbie Clancy

Principal

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the children named below for receiving Awards.

Be a Learner

Michael Galea, Maddison Rowe, Jack Coughlan, Tia Vainerere, Mia Sobing, Nicky Askew, Moussa Masri, Seo Ha Lee, Leah Godden, Tegan Bounden, Matthew Bate, Storm Katene, Hafsah Ali, Amin Yoseph, Aarya Pokharel, Ryan Voinescu, Rhys Kahaki, Ryan Tesoriero, Bailey Gordon, Abdullah Muhammad, Chloe Connolly, Heleen Geelhuizen, Isabel Wilson, Maianna Tofete

Be Responsible

Zidan (Jordan) Li, Declan Cumper, Sanjana Chinta, Taylah Monro, Tara Connolly, Divyangana Dutta Rao

Be Respectful

Izabella Raymond, Arisa Rahman, Abbi Walsh, Shantell Yip, Rebekah Bradley, Kate Kennett, Tanner Best, Michelle Mason

P.E. NEWS

Congratulations to our Bellbridge P.S Wyndham Division swimmers for a great job representing our school on Thursday 12th March at the Werribee Outdoor pool. A special mention goes out to Jai Rauner-Smith who won his two individual events, the 50m Backstroke and 50m Breastroke, and will advance to the Western Region Finals in Geelong on March 24th.

Damien Downing
P.E Teacher

GRAND PRIX REWARD TRIP 2015

45 lucky grade 4 and 5 students enjoyed a reward trip out to the Australian Grand Prix on Friday 13th March. These students earned this right through making a great start to 2015 and they demonstrated exemplary standards of behavior throughout the day.

They got to see the Formula One cars have their first practice session, saw a variety of other on track races, as well as Aerial displays by the RAAF Roulettes, stunt shows, and a wide range of educational displays and fun activities.

The trip was made possible by the generous support from our awesome parent volunteers: Lisa Buffalino, Brent Smith, Scott Cruz, Julie Wilson, Peter Williams, Sarah Scott, Andrew McInerney and Deon Geelhuisen.

Same again next year!

Bec Guest & Mike Sisson
(Grade 4 & 5 teachers)



BRIDGES FOSTER CARE: Do you want to make a positive contribution to a young person's life? Do you and your family have capacity to provide a safe, supportive and nurturing home environment to a young person in need? Have you ever considered becoming a foster carer?

Werribee Support and Housing's Bridges Foster Care program provides training and ongoing support for individuals and families interested in becoming foster carers.

Due to an urgent need, we are currently recruiting foster carers. If you are interested in making a positive difference in a young person's life and want to find out about becoming a foster carer, please contact Bridges Foster care for further information on 9742 6452.

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)*

In the coming weeks we are interested in discussing parents' perspectives regarding Student Reports, e.g. format, content, interview process.

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 and you can go in the special draw for a prize. Good luck!

Newsletter Prize

Question: Which company sponsored our big Carnival sign at the front of the school?

Answer: _____

Student name: _____

Parent's signature: _____

Return to the office by 8:20am Monday, March 23rd – 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.

Ella N 1C (25)	Nicky PC	Hunter PC	Joshua 3C	Lucas 3C
Rebecca 3A	Sonya PD	Joshua PD	Kiana 2D	Ryder PD
Azib PD	Mia PC	Rudraksh PD	Liam 3A	Frank 3A
Ashleigh PF	Theo 3D	Brodie PD	Riley PD	Charlotte PC
Abbi PD	Atahua 3B	Ebony 2B	Anushka 2B	Lexus PD
Arundhati 3A	Xiao PD	Chloe PD	Ayden PD	Noah 4A
Kaine 5B	Jasper PC	Willow PC (20)	Mitchel 4B	Yusuf 4B
Tink 4B (20)	Maddy 4B (20)	Lara 4B	Shae 4B	Harpratap 4B
Daniel 6B	Luke 3A	Reuben 3A (50)	Moulok PC	Clare PC (20)
Ayush PC	Amin 2C	Briar PD	Danisha PD (20)	Bethannie 5B
Davernious PF	Porsche PC	Keana 4A	Kaidyn PB (20)	Chloe PD
Azib PD	Abbi PD	Ayush PC	Joy PC	Nicky PC
Jack PC	Riley 1B	Channaye PC	Matilda PC	Leilah PA
Tegan PA	Breeanna PE	Alesia PF	Briar PD	Danish PD
Sonya PD	Riley PD	Sehas PD	Saanvi 3A	Luke 3A (20)
Austin PA	Adam PF	Shubhar PE	Abdulah PF	Leon PF
Ari 3C	April PE (20)	Kaleb PF	Declan PF	Ayden PD
Seo PE	Emily 5C	Daishara 5C	Lily 2C	Akoija 2C
Jalen 3A	Jiamei 3C	Rylee 3C	Ella 3A	Brodie 1B
Tavita 1B	Mitchell 1B	Jake PA (20)	Crystal PC	Mia PC
Lincoln 1B	Niel 1B	Liam 1B	Atahua 3B	Imreet 3B
Harjas 3B	Summer PA	Austin PA	Kyall 3A	Kai PA
Deanna PA	Jack C PA	Demiana PA	Eman PA	Hunter PC
Skye PA	Tyler PA	Kobe PA	Johanna PA (20)	Doha 1B
Jack M 1C (25)	Anabella 2C	Pierre 1C	Zoey 1C	Eden 1C
Clarise 3A	Shakayla PA	Sunia 1B	Daniel 3A (20)	Joshua 1B (20)
Kiana 2C	Mitchell 3A	Jayden 3A	Chloe 1A	Travis 1A
Lochan 2C	Xavier 2C	Anton 2C	Jacob 1C	Jack T 1C
Matthew B 1C	Yousif 2D	Lucky 3D	Blake 5C	Carl 1C
Roshaan 2D	Zahli 2D	Lily 2D	Harley 2D	Bethannie 5B
Lara PB	Harsh PB	Tayla 1A	Laura 5C	Chloe 5B
Ashton 1A	Tanae 2C	Anissa 1C (25)	Lachlan 5C	Zaine 2D
Mitchell 4B	Kieran 4B	Shraddha 1D	Jessica PB	Leilani PB
Hamthosh 2C (20)	Chloe 2D	Kyall 2C	Jasmin 1D	Zaim PE
Jessica PE	Kaidy PB	Mahrte PE	Ethan 1D	Hafsah 2B
Nathan 1D	Bailey 1D	Chloe 5B	Riley 1B	Boston PE
Jun Tao PE	Xavier 2C	Liyana 3B (25)	Lochan 2C	Malak 3B
Nickolas 1D	Bailey 1D	Ratu 1D	Tarique (20) 2B	Austin PA
Jack 2D	Sarah 2D	Abbie 2D	Chloe 2C	Mahalia 1B (40)
Mahib PE	Seo Ha PE	Axel PE	Lara PB	Ashleigh PF

Melody PF	Reuben 3A	Ipshita PB	Abigail 1B	Sabastian 1D
Musa 1D	Zoya 1D	Storm 1D	Lilly 2D	Zain A 2D
Zain S 2D	Austin PA	Kai PA	Kobe PA	Johanna PA
Lachlan 3C	Divyangana 6A	Adam 4B	Tomi 4B	Lahni 4B
Alisha 4B	Aaron 4B	Mitchell 4B	Taj 4B	Lara 4B (20)
Nathan 4C	Ksenia 3D	Nadja 3D	Frank 3D	Harlan PF
Laura 2A	Taya 2D	Skye PA	Shantell 1A (20)	Shevone 1A
Maddison PA	Tahlia 1B	Jordan 1A	Mia 2A	Lily 2C
Tayla 1A	Ashleigh PF	Joe 1A	Kacee 1A	Ella PF
Niel 1B	Doha 1B	Zahra 2A	Bon PA	Sanjana 2A
Samantha 2A	Abigail 1A	Kaelan PB	Izabella PB (20)	Stevie PE
Jordan PE (20)				

BULLYING, NO WAY! DAY – Wear purple, Bring a bear!



Friday 27th March (last day of term)

- Wear anything purple, with the remaining items to be school uniform. (You could wear a purple scarf, socks, shirt, etc.)
- Bring a bear (or small stuffed toy) to look after as your buddy for the day.
- Grade 3-6 students will participate in a special presentation by the Bully Zero Australia Foundation.

We thank our SRC representatives for coming up with such a marvellous idea to acknowledge the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.

<http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/national-day/>

For further information on Bully Zero Australia, including tips for parents and students, go to <http://bzaf.org.au/>

For information on Bellbridge Primary's Better Buddies program (of which a purple bear is the mascot), go to <http://www.bellbridgeps.vic.edu.au/better-buddies.html>





Maths at Bellbridge



Weekly Maths Challenge

Well Done to 1C, 2C, 3C, 4A, 5A and 6A 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.

