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STUDENT ABSENCES

Absences so far this year _____ 7676
Absences same time last year _____ 7652

DATES TO REMEMBER

12th December.....Christmas Concert
17th December.....Grade 6 Big Day Out
17th December.....Subway Lunch
18th December.....Grade 6 Graduation
19th December.....Last Day of Term

LAST DAY OF TERM

A reminder to all Parents / Guardians that school will finish on -

FRIDAY 19th DECEMBER at 1.00pm

Please ensure that arrangements have been made for your child/children to be collected at the earlier finishing time on that day.

We will be having Assembly in the gym at 12.30pm.

TERM DATES FOR 2015

Term 1 Monday 2nd February (All Students start school) to Friday 27th March
Wednesday 28th January (All Staff return to work for 3 days of Professional Learning)

Term 2 Monday 13th April to Friday 26th June

Term 3 Monday 13th July to Friday 18th September

Term 4 Monday 5th October to Friday 18th December

Our 'Crafty' Parents

We have had a small group of parents who have been meeting most Wednesday mornings to teach each other crafts and share their skills and talents.

Many of them have only recently learnt how to knit and crochet. As a way of showcasing their newly developed skills, they have wrapped two of our trees in colourful pieces of crochet and knitting. This practice is at times referred to as 'yarn bombing'.

If you look closely in one tree (near the Matlock Street basketball court) you may be able to see an owl.

Well done to our parents! They demonstrated persistence and great cooperative skills as learners.



Student Reports

The end of year Student Report will be sent home with your child this Friday. Included with the report will be information about your child's class and teacher for 2015, as well as information about key dates and processes related to the start of the school year. E.g. The first day of school at Bellbridge PS in 2015 for all students is Monday, February 2nd. Teachers will start the year on Wednesday, January 28th with three consecutive days of professional learning (Curriculum Days).

EMA Letter

Last week a letter explaining the situation regarding 'no EMA' in 2015 was sent home with the eldest child in each family. We have included this letter in the newsletter for your reference. In the letter, we encourage any families who feel they may find it difficult to manage payments to the school next year due to the loss of EMA, to make a time to speak with Mrs Clancy and Mrs Lynch (our Business Manager).

Lost Property

We have quite a number of un-named clothing in the 'Lost Property' tub outside the Gym. These include: jumpers, bomber jackets, hoodies and hats. If your child has lost any clothing please check it out. If an item of clothing in Lost Property does not have a name on it and it looks like your size, please take it because any unclaimed clothing will be given to charity at the end of the term.

Bellbridge Christmas Concert

Well over 400 people have indicated they will be attending the Bellbridge Christmas Concert and we look forward to a fun event. We are promoting our concert as a family picnic and encourage families to bring their own rugs and chairs as well as a picnic food of their choice. School Council has also organised a Sausage Sizzle, drinks, LED candles, song books and a Raffle for those who are keen to participate.

There may also be a 'special guest'.

Families are advised to enter the school grounds via the pedestrian gate on Bellbridge Drive (directly opposite Macedon Street) and make their way to the oval where areas will be designated for people sitting on their rugs and/or sitting on their fold up chairs.

The concert starts at 6:00pm and will conclude around 7:30pm.

We look forward to sharing this special event with lots of our students and their families.

Debbie Clancy - Principal

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the children named below for receiving Awards.

Be a Learner

Skye Wilson, Ethan Chang-Kum, Nikita Yarshevich, Taleah Burnett, Bethannie Mizrahi, Couper Spies, Shanea Heffernan, Savanah Laupana, Nicole Edwards, Lara Cruz, Miles Ripari, Kate Kennett, Isabella Maskell, Jamal Burdett, Emily Russell, Shevonne Yip, Xavier Carter, Zoya Zaki, Breanna Bamford, Jasmin Pelen, Lillie Lewis, Hiwet Kidanemariam, Charleen Nguyen, Matthew Muche, Aaron Shaw, Izzy Burnett, Ashton Reed, Cathleen Benny, Nhan Luu, Ryan Tesoriero, Ramy Zalzy, Will Collins, Harrison Little Spence, Tanner Best, Mitchell King, Chloe Cumper, Anuj Malik, Nikolina Ceranic, Pranav Pavan, Brodie Dixon, Alex Milanov, Annalise Donghi, Vinay Kaler, Miles Ripari, Jasmin Pelen

Be Responsible

Kacee Coughlan, Sarmad Alobaidi, Keiran Kennett, Anaru Brown, Abdallah Nadir

Be Safe

Saanvi Gupta, Estelle Brown, Luke King

Be Respectful

Jordan Mokalei, Elijah Hawes, Musa Sahibzada Mir, Zoya Iqbal, Emmi Li, Demi Cahoon

BOOKLIST AND ESSENTIAL LEARNING FEES FOR 2015

Booklist and Essential Learning Fees for 2015 can be made at the office until Tuesday 16th December. Fees for Prep – Grade 5 students will be \$175.00 and for Grade 6 students they will be \$220.00.

The school office will be opened on **Thursday January 29th 2015** between the hours of **11.00am – 2.00pm and 3.00pm – 6.00pm** for any families needing to make payments prior to school starting. **Payments can be made by CASH (correct amount) or EFTPOS. NO CHEQUES CAN BE ACCEPTED.**

This will be the only opportunity to pay your child's Booklist & Essential Learning Charges prior to school starting and the opening times will be strictly adhered to. If you are unable to pay on the above date you will need to make other arrangements with the school office.

CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen will operate as normal on **Subway Day, Wednesday December 17th**. Children who **have not** pre ordered a subway lunch can either bring their lunch from home or place a lunch order with the canteen.

On the last day of term, Friday 19th December, the Canteen will be closed.

Janet Fennessy
Canteen Manager

ARE YOU LEAVING BELLBRIDGE PS THIS YEAR

We have completed 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.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

As we draw to the end of the year, the Staff at the Program would like to Wish You All A Very Merry Christmas and A Safe AND Happy New Year.

All accounts have been calculated to the end of the year and all need to be paid by THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER.

If accounts are not finalised by the end of the year, your children will not be able to access the program until paid in full.

All enrolments forms for next year need to be handed back to Joanne or Kate by the end of the year. If you do not have an updated enrolment form please see Joanne or Kate.

Breakfast Club will not run during the last week of school.

The Out of School Hours Care program will be operating on the last day of school from 1pm to 6pm.

Lost Book Amnesty



We have lots of missing library and take home books. For the remainder of Term 4 we are going to be having a book amnesty.

Please help us find our valuable books by checking at home to see if you have any Bellbridge books on your bookshelves or under your bed.

For every book you find and return your teacher will give you a bee token, no questions asked.

Newsletter Prize

Question: **Where can you find the Lost Property tub?**

Answer: _____

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent's signature: _____

Return to the office by 8:20am Monday, December 15th – to be drawn at Assembly



Bellbridge Christmas Concert



Friday, December 12th from 6:00 – 7:30pm.

- Classes will perform a song/item in teams (i.e. Prep Team, Grade 1 Team)
- School Choir performance
- Staff performance
- Christmas Raffle (tickets will be on sale only on the night)
- Families are encouraged to bring a picnic (food, drinks, picnic rug, chairs)
- School Council will have some food, drinks & other items for sale (sausage sizzle, cold drinks, LED candles, song books)

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.

Nigel 1D	Heleen 4B	Apoorva 4B	Aiden 5C	Lacey 1D
Jet 1D	Ella 1D	Ryan 1D	Will 1D	Macy 3C
Tiana 4B	Christian 3C	Corinthian1C (20)	Sam 1C	Zack 3B
Jack 1D	Abbie 1A	Anna 1C	Taylor 1B	Anna 1C
Will 1C	Yianis 1C	Laura 1C	Ryan 4A	Kieran 3C
Corey 3C	Xavier 3C (30)	Lachlan 2B	Alisha 3B	Josh 2B
Adam 2D	Antonio 2B	Kyle 1A	Chloe 1A	Divyangana 5B
Abbie 1A	Will 1A	Hannah 1A	Jaxon 2B	Neve 2D
Kate 2B	Liam 2B	Vraj 1A	Miles 3A	Jaxon 3A
Lara 3A	Shraddha PD	Tegan 6B	Kyle 6C	Laila 6C
Summer 1C (25)	Maverick 1C	Jet 1D	Kiana 1D	Lucas 2A(30)
Kieran 1A	Rhys 2A (30)	Jahy 1D	Sarah 6A	Avana 4A
Xavier 1A	Sarah 3A	Zahli 1D	Elijah 2A	Taliah 6B
Panos 6C	Nathan PD	Karla 6B	Tanae 1B	Estelle PD
James 1C (25)	Jordan 1C	Macy 3C (20)	Abbie B 1A	Akoija 1D
Abigail 1A	Jalen S 2A	Saed 6B (30)	Imreet 2D	Kyle 1A
Chloe M 1A	Mahmoud 1A	Will 1D	Zahra 1D	Sanjana 1D
Izzy 1B	Mahmoud 1A	Harrison 1C (25)	Zaine 1C	Yousif 1C (25)
Laura 1C	Maverick 1C	Tahlia 1C	Divy 1C	Jordan 1C
Tavita PD	Jessica 1A	Afomia 6A	Rylee 1B	Anna 1C
Kyle 1A	William 1A	Sarah 4A	Tun Tun 4A	Rain 1B
Tarique 1B	Lochan 1B	Anushka 1B	Jasmin 1B	Abdulla 4C
Anton 1B	Tia 3A	Deeghan 1B (20)	Luke 1B	Abigail 1A
Abbie 1A (20)	Xavier 5B			



Maths at Bellbridge



Weekly Maths Challenge

Well Done! 1A, 2B, 3C, 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 ★

TURNING maths into a story

By presenting mathematics as a story children can make links to their everyday life. Begin by reading books to your child that include numbers and counting. Turn everyday events or objects into a maths story:

Count the fruit in the fruit bowl.

Cut fruit into six pieces.

Count the pieces of toast you cooked at breakfast.

Add the total of cutlery at the table.

Count the number of people travelling in the car or the bus.

My lunchbox has four things inside. One sandwich, one orange and two slices of cheese.



Challenge: Encourage your child to draw and talk about the number of things in the pictures they have drawn. Write down your child's ideas as a story. Here are some examples:

There are five pieces of fruit in our bowl. Three are apples and two are bananas.
My lunchbox has four things inside. One sandwich, one orange and two slices

10/12/2014

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Bellbridge Primary School Council is proud of the quality of education and numerous programs we offer to cater for the needs and interests of students at our school.

A recent State Government decision was made where the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) will no longer be provided to families with Health Care cards. In recent years, EMA has been used by parents as a means of providing financial support with school costs. Therefore, many families that have been eligible for the EMA will no longer be able to access this financial support.

In 2015, the new funding that replaces the EMA will be distributed to schools and is based on the Student Family Occupation (SFO) index. Unfortunately, Bellbridge Primary School will be ineligible for this funding due to our SFO index being much lower than in the past.

We have queried this situation with the Department of Education and they have advised us that our reduced SFO level is due to our parents' employment status as indicated on student enrolment forms, (e.g. the high number of parents who have listed their job as a senior manager, executive, doctor). Therefore, Bellbridge Primary School will not be receiving any additional funding or financial support as part of our annual government funding. This will be an approximate reduction of \$70,000 in next year's funding.

We are coming to terms with the fact that the loss of EMA funding and the reduction in government funding (re SFO) will have a significant effect on our school finances in 2015. We will therefore be counting on our families to do the best they can to make school based payments so that we can continue the quality of education, programs and facilities at Bellbridge.

We understand that for our families that have received the EMA in the past, this may become a financial strain. If any families find it difficult to make payments, we are happy to make individual arrangements and provide personalised support, where possible.

Please contact the Office to make an appointment to discuss any concerns or personal circumstances with the Principal and/or the Business Manager.

Sincerely,

Debbie Clancy

Principal

Ellisa Cole

School Council President