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BELLBRIDGE CARNIVAL

We wish to thank all members of our school community for making the Bellbridge Carnival such a wonderful event. It was a day full of team work and lots of fun for everyone.

SPONSORS and DONATIONS

The following businesses and individuals have generously donated items and services that have helped the Planning Committee to organise a wonderful Carnival.

We appreciate their support and encourage you to support them too!

ULTRA TUNE	Simpson Greeting Cards	HARCOURTS Real Estate
CHILLY BILLY ICE	Western Bulldogs	Immaculate Steam Cleaning
Aroma Bakery	WYNCITY	Office Max
Digital Media Creations	JIM's Mowing	REPCO
Werribee Indoor Sports	Best Friends	Country Loaf Bakery
MUSE Hair Salon	Bicycle Superstore	Hotel 520
Pets Domain	Pet Barn	Tiger's Club House
Ray's Tent City	Super Cheap Auto	H2O
Metcash Food & Grocery	H & H Canteen Services	GOOD GUYS
Fragapane Farms	Woolworths Hogans Corner	Woolworths Hoppers Crossing

PLEASE NOTE: School finishes at 1:40pm Friday, March 27th.

We will have a special Assembly in the gym at 1:00pm.

Parents and families are invited to attend our reflection and celebration of Term 1.

BULLYING – No Way! Day

This Friday we are encouraging students and staff to wear something purple (e.g. socks, shirt, hair ties, hat) to demonstrate our support for the Buddy Bear Program and as a way of promoting our school wide commitment to addressing the issues associated with bullying.

Students in Grades 3 – 6 will also attend a ‘Bully Zero’ incursion in the gym in the morning.

2014 Annual Report to the School Community

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 is being provided for all families this week.

IMPORTANT: New smoking bans to apply on school grounds and at school entrances

- From 13 April 2015, smoking will be banned within four metres of an entrance to all primary and secondary schools in Victoria, and within the school grounds, under an amendment to the *Tobacco Act 1987*.
- A similar ban applying to the entrances and grounds of Victorian childcare centres and kindergartens will be introduced at the same time.
- While smoking was banned on the grounds of all Victorian Government schools by the Minister for Education in 2009 via a Ministerial Ban Order, the new bans are enshrined in legislation and will also apply to Catholic and independent schools in Victoria, thereby ensuring a consistent approach across the government and non-government sectors.
- Please contact the Tobacco Control Section in the DHHS if you have any questions regarding the new smoking bans, via phone (03) 9096 0469, or via email tobacco.policy@health.vic.gov.au.

We wish all members of our school community a happy and safe holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday, April 13th.

Debbie Clancy
Principal



Invitation to parents: PARENT FORUM - STUDENT REPORTING

Come and share your thoughts/opinions about effective reporting of student progress.

The Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) has released new curriculum planning and reporting guidelines for schools. Schools now have increased flexibility in how they report student achievement to parents.

As part of a review of our reporting processes – with a view to possibly changing our reporting practices this year, we wish to invite parents to join us in an parent forum to share opinions about what they find most valuable regarding the communication of their child’s achievement and learning goals. This includes the parent-teaching meetings/interviews and the twice yearly written report.

Forum details: Tuesday 14th April from 3:00pm – 3:30pm at Bellbridge PS (enter via the office).

RSVP to 9749 6161 if you’d like to attend.