

BELLBRIDGE NEWS



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All students who can learn at home must learn from home.

This is a very clear directive from the Victorian Government based on the advice of the Chief Health Officer.

PARENTS MAY NOT ENTER THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

unless it is deemed to be essential

If parents do need to be on-site, they must minimise their time, practise physical distancing and wear a face covering. They must also STOP at the front door of the school and wait for assistance from office staff before entering the building.

Reasons to be on-site may include:

- Making payments, e.g. netbooks
- Collecting laptops or hard copies of learning tasks
- Picking up a child for an appointment during the school day

The office is open between the hours of 9:00 - 12:00 each day. If you need to visit outside of these hours, please contact the office prior to arrange an appointment (9749 6161).

HOME SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS are EVEN MORE IMPORTANT NOW!

The communication between home and school is very important during this challenging time (second time around!) and we strongly encourage parents to continue to maintain regular contact with their child's class teacher as often as required, e.g. responding daily to Google Form check ins, responding via emails, returning phone calls from teachers, assisting students to upload completed tasks, alerting teachers to any concerns promptly.

All of our staff have participated in a huge team effort to ensure our families are able to engage in remote and flexible learning from home, as well as providing on-site learning for a significant number of students whose parents are required to work or where students are deemed vulnerable (complex family or learning needs).

Teachers attempted to contact all parents via telephone during the students 'extra week of holidays' and were able to identify personal needs of students and families. This included providing approximately 100 laptops for students, dongles for families without internet access, and special learning packs for some students to support their learning at home.

Several families again indicated that they find it helpful to have HARD COPIES of the weekly program/activities for their child's year level. These are available for parents to collect at the Office after 9:30am every Monday.

Please feel free to contact me if you any other queries or concerns.

Take care,

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REMOTE LEARNING - STUDENT ENGAGEMENT DATA (20-24 July 2020)

Number in cohort	701	104	102	106	109	90	93	97
Monday	520	59	56	64	90	77	82	92
Tuesday	558	67	68	78	93	80	85	87
Wednesday	566	72	60	80	92	78	92	92
Thursday	551	60	55	94	92	77	82	91
Friday	537	60	60	81	92	76	84	84
AVERAGE % COHORT PARTICIPATION	78%	61%	59%	75%	84%	86%	91%	92%

ON-SITE PROGRAM	SCHOOL	Prep	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6
Number in cohort	701	104	102	106	109	90	93	97
Monday	91	11	15	15	12	10	16	12
Tuesday	97	13	17	17	12	10	19	9
Wednesday	105	14	17	17	17	13	18	9
Thursday	103	13	18	21	13	12	18	9
Friday	86	13	12	12	13	10	18	9
AVERAGE % COHORT PARTICIPATION	14%	12%	15%	15%	12%	12%	19%	10%

HARDCOPY PACKS	SCHOOL	Prep	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6
Number in cohort	701	104	102	106	109	90	93	97
Total hardcopy packs collected	28	3	6	5	7	3	1	3
AVERAGE % COHORT COLLECTION	4%	3%	6%	5%	6%	3%	1%	3%

ATTENDANCE DATA - Week 2:

COMPASS ATTENDANCE DATA (total 701 students)

Monday: 579 remote + 91 on-site = 670

Tuesday: 561 remote + 97 on-site = 658

Wednesday: 561 remote + 105 on-site = 666

Thursday: 556 remote + 103 on-site = 659

Friday: 559 remote + 86 on-site = 645

IMPORTANT: Our teachers attempt to contact families every day if/when students do not appear to be attending to learning tasks at home – this includes not completing the daily check-in on Google Forms and not uploading designated learning tasks via MS Teams or email. After 3 consecutive days of no engagement and repeated attempts made by a teacher to communicate with parents and students, the concern about lack of attendance and engagement is referred to our Assistant Principals who oversee Welfare (Mrs Baldock: P-2 and Miss Jarvis: 3-6). If our Assistant Principals are unable to make contact with families, their concerns are referred to local agencies, which may include DHHS and Police.

SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT – Meeting held Monday, 27 July (via WEBEX)

Key discussions and business arising from the School Council meeting included:

- FINANCE REPORT was presented, discussed and approved. It included acknowledgment of the excellent current collection rate for Essential Education Items (81.7%). We appreciate parents resuming these payment plans after they were suspended last term.
- PRINCIPAL'S REPORT was presented. It included explanations and discussion regarding COVID-19 updates and the current strategies implemented for our school (students, staff and parents), data related to on-site attendance and engagement in remote learning via MS Teams.
- CHILD SAFE procedures implemented during remote learning that support the safety and wellbeing of all students, especially those with complex family needs and deemed to be vulnerable in this second version of remote learning was explained. (see highlighted section above)
- FEEDBACK was provided by School Council parent members about the increased expectations of remote learning this term, e.g. uploading learning tasks within MS Teams, assessment tasks required in all year levels, daily class video meetings, small group learning online, teaching videos from Specialist teachers and classroom teachers. Parents were unanimous in their appreciation of the efforts made by all staff to support the learning of all students during this challenging period in schools.

SCHOOL TOURS

We generally host weekly tours of our school early in Term 2, but due to the need for flexible and remote learning, we will be providing information about enrolments for next year on our school web page.

We are also working on a 'virtual tour' of our school, which will be available soon.

Enrolments will be managed by our Enrolment Officer, with more information available via our school web page.

It is important to note that early enrolments assist with our planning for staffing and classes, as well as our Transition Program (held mid-Term 4). We are aiming for most Prep enrolments for 2021 to be completed by mid-Term 3.

Please note: All schools in Wyndham are directed to accept enrolments of students who live in the Designated Neighbourhood Area (DNA), which is also referred to as a 'zone', and proof of residence is required to complete an enrolment (e.g. rates notice, electricity bill, rental/purchase agreement).

STUDENT ENROLMENTS FOR 2021

All enrolments for 2021 are being managed using an online process that is accessible via our school web page. A virtual tour of the school is also included, as tours will not be conducted at school until we feel it is a safe and appropriate option for our students, staff and prospective visitors.

If you know of any local families who have a child in kindergarten, it would be appreciated if you could encourage them to complete the enrolment process as soon as possible. They can contact our Enrolment Officer (9749 6161) if they wish to discuss aspects of the enrolment process.

We look forward to continuing our supportive, positive and productive partnerships with all families at Bellbridge via our remote and flexible learning options until further notice.

Take care and stay safe.

Debbie Clancy