

# BELLBRIDGE NEWS



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*Individual Paths, United Journey*

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> & Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Nov – School Photos  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November - School Council (Online)  
Wed 25<sup>th</sup> November - Gr 5 Bike Ed  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November - REAL Robotics event  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December - 2021 Prep Info Night (Online)

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Reports go home (via Compass)  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Grade 5 Bike Ed  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Grade 6 graduation  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Term 4 ends (1:00pm dismissal)

## **CHILD SAFE STANDARDS**

**Bellbridge Primary School is committed to protecting children and supports Child Safe Standards.**

*Victorian government schools are child safe environments. Our school actively promotes the safety and wellbeing of all students, and all school staff are committed to protecting students from abuse or harm in the school environment in accordance with their legal obligations including the Child Safe Standards.*

More information is available at: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/protect/Pages/default.aspx>

## **WILL YOUR CHILD BE LEAVING BELLBRIDGE?**

We are planning our grades for next year and need to know if any students or families **WILL NOT** be attending Bellbridge PS in 2021.

If your child will be moving to another school, please write a letter to your child's teacher or contact the school office, advising 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 student placements.

## **LOST PROPERTY**

Our lost property bin has been overflowing!

Unfortunately a lot of items are not labelled with students' names, making it hard to get them back to the rightful owner.

We understand that with limited access into the school, parents are not able to check lost property freely.

If you believe your child has lost any clothing, please feel free to call the school and speak to Katie in Sick Bay.

We also have several non-school uniform clothing if you wish to contact me as well.

KATIE CARTER

First Aid Officer/Sick Bay

## **SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR POSITION**

Wyndham City Council are currently advertising for School Crossing Supervisors.

If anyone is interested in pursuing a rewarding career with the Wyndham City Council.

Please apply online at [www.wyndham.vic.gov.au](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au).

Applications will be accepted until 11:59PM Sunday 15th November 2020.

Any questions contact Christine on 8734-6165 or Trishna on 9742-0878



Note: This position is not affiliated with Bellbridge Primary School

### TERM 4 PRIORITIES:

#### Wellbeing

We continue to implement safety and wellbeing procedures in line with every DET update related to on-site teaching and learning, support and supervision, and student/staff wellbeing measures. Our school continues to follow our 'COVID Safe Return to On-site Schooling' document that provides explicit instructions in relation to school procedures and operations, e.g. hygiene practices; face masks; physical distancing; entry/exit procedures; attendance; recess/lunch; yard duty; programs; meetings.

#### Learning and Excellence

All staff are working very hard to plan and deliver essential and targeted learning for all students as a means of supporting students in making as much of the expected progress as possible. It has become evident that many students thrived during remote learning and this is a credit to the programs planned on MS Teams, the consistency of the on-site learning, and the support and commitment of parents/carers in facilitating the learning at home.

To support students whose learning has been disrupted as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Department of Education (DET) is implementing the Tutoring Program initiative in semester one next year. It involves some short term funding for additional staffing to provide intervention and small group needs-based learning for some students. More specific information will be available next year.

This term, we have made a commitment to provide additional education support in our classrooms to assist students in attempting to catch up and close gaps in their learning, as much as possible.

#### Transitions

Transition for Kindergarten – Prep is being implemented in a modified manner with groups of up to 10 kindergarten students attending a Prep classroom for a 40 minute session (i.e. 8-10 kindergarten students in each of our five Prep classrooms x 40 minutes, with two sessions accommodating all enrolments). Information is being sent to these parents very soon.

School-based transition (current Prep – Grade 5 students) will occur in year level home groups within the current classrooms, so students are not visiting classrooms of other year levels. Teachers will be able to observe the transition groups to identify/observe the dynamics of each group before determining student placements for 2021. Students will be participating in classroom-based tasks, where they are able to inform their current teacher of the students/peers they believe they would like to learn with and play with next year. This will also contribute to the decision-making process related to placement of students.

Grade 6 Graduation procedures will happen in the school gym and the usual speeches, awards, acknowledgements and performances will be filmed. A video of this special event will be provided to parents at the end of the school year. Other 'rites of passage' are being considered as specific restrictions are eased.

2021 Prep Parent Information Night is being planned and will involve an online meeting. As well as a photo/information presentation (PowerPoint) about the classes, programs and facilities at Bellbridge on our school web page, we have recently included a video about 'A Day in the Life of a Prep Student' – check our web page: <https://www.bellbridgeps.vic.edu.au/enrolments.html>

### STUDENT ENROLMENTS FOR 2021

All enrolments for 2021 are being managed using an online process that is accessible via our school web page (<https://www.bellbridgeps.vic.edu.au/enrolments.html>). A virtual tour of the school is available (PowerPoint Presentation), 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.

Enrolments will be managed by our Enrolment Officer. Prompt enrolments assist with our planning for staffing and classes, as well as our Transition Program (held later this term).

***We need Prep enrolments for 2021 to be completed as soon as possible, so we can plan the necessary transition experiences and processes to support students and their families.***

## SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS RULE at our SCHOOL (SWPBS)



We have a strong culture of consistent expectations regarding positive behaviours at Bellbridge. These expectations provide clear guidelines related to being safe, respectful, responsible learners in the classroom and in the yard. We are so impressed with how most of our students have returned to school from remote learning, demonstrating these behaviours on a consistent basis.

Students can earn individual rewards in the form of bee tokens and whole classes can earn team awards in the form of beehive tokens.

This term, many classes will be cashing in their tokens for class rewards, which may include: free dress days, movies, exclusive use of playgrounds (gaga pits, red slide/blue slide playgrounds), a walk to the Skeleton Creek Park, and other possibilities that students suggest that are feasible.



### A BIG 'Thank You' to all our FAMILIES for SUPPORTING our SCHOOL'S COVID SAFE PLAN

We appreciate how families are maintaining 'COVID Safe' strategies by:

- Keeping students home when they are unwell (and seeking a COVID test and/or a GP medical certificate, when necessary)
- Making sure students bring a personal drink bottle to school every day
- Maintaining safe distancing and not congregating around the school gates
- Wearing a face mask when visiting the Office and/or when waiting at the school gates
- Minimising the need to come on the school grounds to visit the Office
- Being on time when bringing students to school and collecting them after school

Your responsible and respectful actions make our school a safer place during this challenging time.

### SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Just because school has resumed for many of our students, it doesn't mean that the challenges faced by many families in our community have magically disappeared. If you or someone you know may be in need of some additional assistance or support, the following resources for parents and children may be helpful.

- **PARENTLINE: 13 22 89** Parentline is a phone service for parents and carers of children from birth to 18 years old. They offer confidential and anonymous counselling and support on parenting issues.
- **LIFELINE: 13 11 14** Lifeline is a national charity providing all Australians experiencing emotional distress with access to 24 hour crisis support.
- **KIDS HELPLINE: 1800 55 1800** Kids Helpline is a free, private and confidential 24/7 phone and online counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25.

Take care,

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