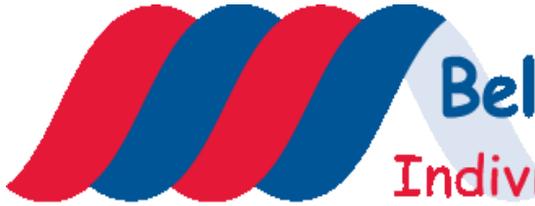


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STUDENT ABSENCES

Absences so far this year _____1408

Absences same time last year _____1552

DATES TO REMEMBER

18th April.....18th Parent Helpers Course
19th April.....Grade 3-6 Cross Country
25th April.....Anzac Day
10th May.....NAPLAN
11th May.....NAPLAN
12th May.....NAPLAN
24th May.....School Photos
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LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY LEAVERS

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 for any reason, we require parents/guardians to notify the school office that they won't be attending. When your child returns to school, a note must be given to their teacher detailing the date and the reason for 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

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

A goal in our 2016 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) is to ‘maximise student attendance’ and ‘monitor and celebrate it regularly’. At the end of each term, I like to review our student attendance records. The following table provides the current average absent days per student in Term 1. Classes with less than two days per student (17 CLASSES) assist us in achieving our target by the end of the year. (NB – Some classes have a high rate of average absence due to students on extended holidays).

It is wonderful to note that 273 students maintained 100% attendance throughout Term 1 which equals 44% OF OUR STUDENTS!!

<u>GRADE</u>	Av days p/student	No. of students re 100% attendance	<u>GRADE</u>	Av days p/student	No. of students re 100% attendance	<u>GRADE</u>	Av days p/student	No. of students re 100% attendance
<i>Prep A</i>	1.75	8/20	<i>2A</i>	2.21	13/23	<i>4A</i>	1.54	13/22
<i>Prep B</i>	2.47	9/19	<i>2B</i>	1.45	11/22	<i>4B</i>	2.34	9/23
<i>Prep C</i>	1.68	10/19	<i>2C</i>	2.04	10/23	<i>4C</i>	1.95	9/23
<i>Prep D</i>	3.78	6/19	<i>2D</i>	2.18	6/22	<i>4D</i>	1.05	8/21
<i>Prep E</i>	0.85	8/20	<i>3A</i>	2.24	9/25	<i>5A</i>	1.65	11/23
<i>1A</i>	1.42	15/21	<i>3B</i>	1.20	11/25	<i>5B</i>	2.22	8/22
<i>1B</i>	1.45	7/22	<i>3C</i>	3.08	7/24	<i>5C</i>	1.59	9/22
<i>1C</i>	2.09	6/21	<i>3D</i>	3.04	8/25	<i>5D</i>	1.68	8/22
<i>1D</i>	4.09	6/22				<i>6A</i>	1.25	14/24
<i>1E</i>	1.04	13/22				<i>6B</i>	1.26	9/23
						<i>6C</i>	4.45	3/24
						<i>6D</i>	1.88	9/18

We strongly urge parents to support our school-based ‘It’s Not Okay to be Away’ program and encourage regular attendance at school. If your child’s absence is due to school refusal, please contact the classroom teacher as soon as possible.

WE VALUE PARENT INVOLVEMENT at BELLBRIDGE

Supportive partnerships between home and school contribute to the success of our school. We seek parent involvement in a range of formal and informal ways. These include School Council, Parents & Friends groups, support with homework and attendance, as well as participation in parent/teacher meetings, special family nights and information sessions.

Last term we enjoyed the outstanding support from parents with our School Carnival which resulted in a profit of close to \$17,000. We appreciate your involvement in the success of this major school fundraiser and look forward to more opportunities when parents, students and staff can be involved in shared activities. (such as those listed below)

MOTHERS DAY and FATHERS DAY Activities

A small group of parents organise a Mothers’ Day Stall and Father’s Day Stall in the After School Care Room. ALL gifts are only \$3.00 and each class visits the stalls at a rostered time during the school day. We also have a Mothers’ Day and Father’s Day Raffle which involves a booklet of five tickets sent home to each family (tickets are \$1.00 each).

PARENTS & FRIENDS GROUP

To encourage and support further parent involvement, we extend a regular and open invitation to parents and friends associated with Bellbridge to attend an informal chat group after assembly each Monday. These meetings generally take place in the Staff Room or the Library and pre-schoolers are welcome.

PARENT SURVEYS and PARENT INPUT

Over the course of the school year, we will be sending home a number of surveys seeking parent feedback about a range of issues and programs at our school. These include the Transition Survey (see results below), Parent Opinion Survey, Active Travel Survey and the very recent Carnival Reflection (‘Three Stars & a Wish’).

Parent Input provides our school with valuable information that contributes to our decision making processes. In recent years, Parent Input and Opinions have resulted in the implementation of our Performing Arts Program, the decision to teach Auslan as our LOTE (Language Other Than English), the establishment of a weekly Play Group and the implementation of our STEM program.

TRANSITION SURVEY – Parent Feedback

We value Parent Input at Bellbridge. Last term families were invited to complete our annual Transition Survey to provide feedback about our processes implemented to support students' transitions from kindergarten and throughout Prep – Grade 6. We were pleased to receive 300 responses to this survey.

Statement	AGREE	DISAGREE	No answer
My child enjoyed the school transition program in Term 4 last year.	280	4	16
My child has had a good start to the school year.	295	5	0
My child is generally happy at school.	297	3	0
My child was well supported by the teacher when they started this year.	293	7	0
I feel I have had good communication between home and school.	286	11	3
I found the parent-teacher meeting in Term 1 was worthwhile.	277	9	14

We are encouraged by the positive responses about our strategies and procedures but would also like to feel that we receive constructive feedback from any parents who feel their child has had a less than ideal transition experience at Bellbridge. You may wish to provide this feedback in a letter or in a meeting with a member of the leadership team – Debbie Clancy, Tania Hunt, Alysha Jarvis, Helen Baldock. We look forward to your input as we feel it strengthens our partnership in the delivery of our programs and procedures.

DEALING with CONCERNS about YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION

Bellbridge Primary School is committed to treating everyone with dignity and respect and encourages good communication between parents and the school. At times, parents may experience some concerns about issues relating to their child's education or wellbeing. It is important that these matters are discussed and resolved in a timely manner using constructive and respectful communication channels.

How can parents raise an issue or concern?

The school should always be your first point of contact. Schools need to know if you have any concerns about your child's education. Teaching and learning works best when parents and teachers talk to each other and work together to solve any problems. Parents are always welcome to ask about and request a copy of our school's policies and procedures.

The process for raising concerns involves:

- a) Communicating the concern to the classroom teacher, e.g. phone call, student diary, meeting
- b) If you still have a concern after talking to the classroom teacher, you are encouraged to speak to the Assistant Principal (Helen Baldock: Grades P – 3; Alysha Jarvis: Grades 3 – 6) or Principal (Debbie Clancy)
- c) If the matter is not resolved by speaking with the Assistant Principal or Principal, you can contact the Community Liaison Officer at the South Western Regional Office (1 300 333 232)

All concerns and issues raised with the school are addressed in line with relevant professional and administrative standards and in accordance with obligations and rights afforded under Victorian legislative and regulatory frameworks.

We look forward to a very productive Term 2 that includes strong, supportive partnerships with all families.

Debbie Clancy
Principal

EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners of the Easter Raffle:

- 1st Prize: Dale Hicks
- 2nd Prize: Travis Cocks 2D
- 3rd Prize: Joe
- 4th Prize: Aiden Reilly 2D
- 5th Prize: Arif
- 6th Prize: Nikolina Ceranic 5D
- 7th Prize: Liz Curtis

COMMUNITY NEWS

WOODVILLE BASKETBALL CLUB:

COME AND PLAY BASKETBALL

<h3 style="margin: 0;">UNDER 8s SPECIAL OFFER</h3> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">For children born in 2009 or 2010</p> <p>Basketball is a great sport for keeping active and is heaps of fun for kids. With modified rules for younger players and games that take less than an hour under 8s is a great introduction to the game.</p> <p>Under 8s fees are discounted 50% to just \$100 for a six month season and include free uniform hire, you'll be hard pressed to find a better value for money activity for your son or daughter.</p>	<h3 style="margin: 0;">UNDER 10 – 20 PLAYERS</h3> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">For children born in 1997 - 2008</p> <p>Whether you have played before or are new to basketball, we have a team for you. There are places available in all age groups, catering for boys and girls of all skill levels and abilities.</p> <p>Discounts available for families with more than one child playing.</p>
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Interested?

Visit: woodvillebc.com.au/registration

Call: Pete on 0419 591 596 Email: woodvillebc@iprimus.com.au



WERRIBEE INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE: Form a team with your friends and come join the action @ Werribee Indoor Sports Centre. We have the following competitions: Soccer Clinics for 5years – 10years. Competitions from U10 to U18. Cricket Competitions for U13 and U15.

MILO T20 Blast: 7years - 12years. Teams or Individuals welcome. Competitions open to both boys and girls. To register simply call the centre on 9741 5122,

Werribee Indoor Sports Centre
13 Riverside Avenue, Werribee 3030
Tel: 9741 5122

www.werribeeindoorsports.com.au
info@werribeeindoorsports.com.au

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.

Alexis 2B	Liam (20)	Mercy 2B	Zac 6B	Georgia 2A
Gopal 1D (20)	Josh 2C	Lily 3C (20)	Adara 6D	Crystal 6D
Tayla 2A	Zoey 2A (20)	Zaine 3C	Abdul 3C (20)	Carl 2B
Cathleen 2B	Ratu 2B	Sarah 5B (20)	Tegan 2D	Nebiyu 2B (20)
Oyshee 3C (20)	Mahmoud 3C	Riley C 2B	Maurid 2B	Aleisha 3C
Corinthian 3D	Akoija 3C (20)	Abigail 3C	Prakriti 3C (20)	Lacey 3C (20)
Emily 6D	Hafsah 3C	James 3C	Maxie 2D (40)	Jacob 2D
Jasmin 2D	Sunia 2C	Lincoln 2D	Ashita PD	Kouper PD
Joelynn PD	Ayush 1D	Harsh 1D	Liana PE	Raighn PE
Brian PE	Sumaili PE	Alex 1D	Angel PE	Abi PE
Mehrate 1D	Nate PE	Karina 1D	Nathan PC	Tim PE
Charlotte 1E	Stevie 1D	Sebastian PC	Seth PC	Brodie 1B
Makayla PC	Asiya 1B	Charlie PE	Gian PC	Maxwell PC
Erin PC	Charlotte PD	Isla PD	Inayat 1A	Tia 1E
Demiana 1E	Summer 1E	Ella 1A	Seoha 1B	Matilda 1A
Nicole 1A	Kaleb 1A	Jessica 1A	Zoey 1A	Michael 1A
Aymin PD	Kiana 3B	Carl 2B	Mia 2B	Abdulah 1A
Damie PD	Senuth PD			

Newsletter Prize

Question: When is ANZAC Day?

Answer: _____

Student's Name: _____

Parent's signature: _____

Return to the office by 8:20am Monday, April 18th – to be drawn at Assembly

