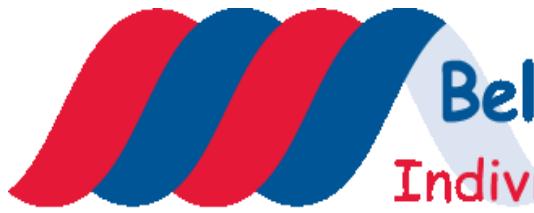


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STUDENT ABSENCES

Absences so far this year _____ 3539
Absences same time last year _____ 3718

DATES TO REMEMBER

20th July Wheel-and-Walk-a-thon
25th July School Council
26th July Grade 2 Excursion to Mansion
27th July Prep 100 Days of School

NUDE FOOD STARTING IN WEEK 2

During Term 3, Bellbridge PS will run a Nude Food campaign which aims to assist in developing healthier eating habits, as well as reduce the amount of rubbish going into landfill.

What is nude food? Nude food is simply food that is not wrapped in plastic, foil or other commercial packaging.

Each **Wednesday**, students are encouraged to:

PACK	AVOID
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Snacks in reusable containersDrinks in reusable bottlesReusable utensils when neededA reusable lunchbox	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lunches packed in plastic bags, cling film or foilDisposable drink boxes, cans, cartons and bottlesDisposable forks and spoonsOther single-use items

Student leaders (SRC) will be monitoring the number of people in each grade who bring packaging-free food. There will be class rewards available to those making the effort to support our weekly Nude Food Day!



PRINCIPAL WRITES

WELCOME BACK to TERM 3!

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday break.

Our students had a great start to the term with a very settled first day back at school. Our staff are to be congratulated on providing classrooms and learning environments that support structure, routine and consistent expectations that are easily achieved by students.

It was a very comfortable start to the term because of the thoughtful planning and preparation undertaken by staff at the end of last term.

This term several classes will be involved in:

- Excursions and incursions (Grade 2: Werribee Mansion; Grade 6: Science at Suzanne Cory HS; Prep Toy Incursion; Grade 1: Scienceworks, Grade 5/6 STEMania Performance)
- Grades 3 – 6 students will participate in a House Athletics Day and a Spelling Bee to select our school representatives to compete at the Wyndham Spelling Bee
- Prep students will celebrate their first ‘100 Days of School’
- Grade 6 students will attend their annual camp at Mt Morton
- Staff and students will have an opportunity to dress up for ‘Footy Day’ and ‘Book Week’
- Some parents will be able to provide feedback in a Parent Opinion Survey

We look forward to a variety of learning opportunities and extra-curricular activities for everyone in our school throughout Term 3.

SWIMMING PROGRAM in GRADE 1 & 2

Our Physical Education Team has been investigating possibilities for the implementation of a purposeful swimming program for students at Bellbridge. School Council recently discussed and approved an option whereby Grade 1 and Grade 2 students would participate in a 10-session program each year as part of their learning focus. We will be seeking feedback from parents of students in Grade 1 and Grade 2 to determine an estimated number of participants in the swimming program which will then allow the P.E. Team to calculate the expected cost per student. At this stage, we are anticipating costs of approximately \$70 - \$80 per student for 10 sessions delivered by qualified instructors, including bus transport.

STAFF CAR PARK

School Council is very pleased with the newly installed extension to the Staff Car Park near the oval.

Our maintenance manager worked very hard over the school holidays to create 22 more parking spaces. In the next few weeks, the fence line areas will be planted out with grass and shrubs.

Please Note:

PARENTS and CARERS are not to PARK or DROP OFF or PICK UP STUDENTS in the STAFF CAR PARK.

Over the years, our staff have respectfully and repeatedly asked parents not to use the staff car park for a number of reasons, the most important being the safety of our students - your children.

At assembly and in the classroom, students have been taught not to walk through the staff car parks.

In newsletters and in personal conversations with staff, parents have been asked not to use the staff car parks. BUT we still have parents using our staff car parks, which contributes to dangerous situations, such as students nearly being hit by cars.

- The staff car parks have signs clearly stating that they are for STAFF ONLY.
- The staff car parks are not to be used to drive through as a drop off and/or pick up area for students.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE in Term 2:

(average number of absences days per student in each class)

Prep A – 2.25	1A – 2.57	2A – 1.12	3A – 3.90	4A – 2.40	5A – 3.09	6A – 2.54
Prep B – 5.60	1B – 3.00	2B – 2.68	3B – 2.52	4B – 3.17	5B – 4.76	6B – 4.47
Prep C – 2.15	1C – 4.85	2C – 3.39	3C – 3.78	4C – 3.30	5C – 2.68	6C – 4.47
Prep D – 5.2	1D – 4.10	2D – 2.91	3D – 3.64	4D – 3.36	5D – 2.45	6D – 3.77
Prep E – 3.71	1E – 2.22					
Average: 3.78	Average: 3.34	Average: 2.52	Average: 3.46	Average: 3.05	Average: 3.24	Average: 3.81

Classes with less than 2.5 days per student each term assist us in achieving our Annual Implementation Plan target by the end of the year – ‘the average number of student absence days over the course of the year will be less than 12’.

IT'S NOT GREAT TO BE LATE FOR SCHOOL

Our school follows the procedures in the Department of Education programs - 'It's Not Okay to be Away' and 'Every Day Counts'. This year teachers have noticed a significant number of students arriving at school late on a regular basis. This ranges from 5 – 10 minutes late, at times 30 minutes and in some cases more than one hour late for school. Students who are constantly late for school have to catch up on daily morning activities, such as handing in notes and homework, placing lunch orders, changing take home books, reading with their teacher and/or buddies. Students who are late also miss out on important connections with their teacher, their friends and their learning. We will continue to record the late arrival of students and will be contacting the parents of students whose learning and school based relationships appear to be at risk due to regular lateness to school.

School starts at 8:20am

Classroom learning begins at 8:30am

School finishes at 2:40pm

COMMUNICATION and NOTES SENT HOME

We work very hard to provide a range of communication between home and school. Communication is important for establishing and sustaining effective and supportive relationships between our families and the school.

Some of the ways we communicate with our families and the local community include:

- School Newsletters (every fortnight)
- Class Newsletters (every term)
- Student Diaries (with comments from parents and teachers)
- Communication Books
- Phone calls, letters, meetings, emails
- School-based Facebook page
- School Website

At times we find that some parents do not appear to be receiving notes and other important information from school, e.g. excursion notes, information about special events. Some children need to be reminded to share notes with their parents. We encourage parents to check their child's bag each day so that they always have current information that is being provided between school and home.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

A special envelope containing information about the annual Parent Survey will be sent home to approximately 100 randomly selected families in the week beginning July 25th.

This survey includes a set of questions about your level of satisfaction regarding different aspects of our school. We value feedback from our parents as it helps us to make further plans for the future success of our school. Responses are due back at school by Friday, August 5th.

We appreciate the amount of parent support, feedback and input we have been receiving from our families. Our shared partnership is a key feature of our school culture.

PREP ENROLMENTS for 2017

At the start of August, we will be informing the Education Department of our predicted enrolments for next year and our accuracy in predicting Prep enrolments is critical due to classroom space and staffing.

Parents of current students at Bellbridge who have a younger sibling who will be starting Prep in 2017 are strongly encouraged to enrol now.

We conduct regular tours of our school for families seeking enrolments (every Tuesday at 9:00am).

Please contact the Office if you wish to arrange a tour or a chat with a member of the Leadership Team prior to enrolling.

We look forward to continuing our wonderful home-school partnerships with our families this term.

*Debbie Clancy
Principal*

REMEMBER to return your Sponsorship Forms and money for the Walk and Wheel-a-Thon that will be held on Wednesday, July 20th.

Wheel and Walk-a-thon



A 'Wheel and Walk-a-thon' will take place on Wednesday, July 20th at 11:15am.

This is a School Council Fundraiser with a focus on raising funds to support our Active Travel Program which aims to motivate students to be active every day.

Students will be walking on our Active Travel Paths. Grade Preps will be walking around our School's Oval, Grade 1 and 2's will be walking along the Red Path, Grade 3 and 4's will be walking along the Green Path and the Grade 5 and 6's will be walking along the Blue Path. Students who choose to ride bikes, scooters or skateboards will travel on the pathways near the school.

Make sure you wear some good walking shoes, bring a bottle of water and wear the colour of the path your year level will be walking on that day.

There will also be several competitions, such as:

- 'Design our ACTIVE TRAVEL MASCOT'
- 'Dress up your Bike Helmet'
- 'Orienteering' activities
- House points and prizes

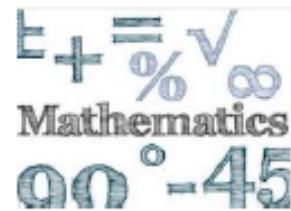
We are encouraging families to support this healthy fundraising initiative by seeking donations from family members and friends.

Please note: Sponsorship Forms and money are due back at school on Wednesday, July 20th.
[more Sponsorship Forms are available at the Office if required]

Your support will help to make this special day a huge success!



Bellbridge Primary School 2016 Term Three
Early Years Literacy and Numeracy
Parent Helpers Course (3 sessions)



ALL WELCOME (parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles etc)

SESSION ONE Tuesday 16th August 6pm-7pm Staffroom

Literacy- Speaking and Listening
Numeracy -How children learn Maths

SESSION TWO Tuesday 23rd August 6pm-7pm Staffroom

Literacy -Reading
Maths- Pause Prompt Praise strategies



SESSION THREE Tuesday 30th August 6pm-7pm Staffroom

Literacy-Writing
Maths-Helping with maths in the classroom or at home

Find out how Numeracy and Literacy are taught in school and how you can help your child at home, and at school.

Please fill out the form below and return it to your child's teacher.

Early Years LITERACY AND NUMERACY PARENT HELPERS COURSE 2016 Term 3

I would like to attend the Early Years Parent Helpers Course

I understand there are 3 sessions in the Course.

Name _____ Contact Number _____

Child's Name _____ Child's GRADE eg 2B _____

PLEASE RETURN AND GIVE TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

Thank you Helen Baldock
Acting Assistant Principal



COMMUNITY NEWS

Mount St. Joseph Girls' College (MSJ): Currently Accepting Applications for 2016, 2017 and 2018

Limited places are available for 2016. Further information can be found at our website www.msj.vic.edu.au or by contacting the College Registrar at registrar@msj.vic.edu.au or Phone: 8398 2007.

Newsletter Prize

Question: Why are students not allowed to walk in the Staff Car Park?

Answer: _____

Student's Name: _____

Parent's signature: _____

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

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.

David 1E (20)	Ngun PE	Shay 1C	Axel 1C	Leilah 1C
Sumaili PE	Ranya 1C	Kylah PE	Alesia 1B	Charlotte 1E
Vivan PE	Ruby PC	Aina PC	Sebastian PC	Charli PC
Jawad 1B	Lexus 1E	Alia PC	Aden PC	Kaelan 1E
Jorja PC	Kayla PC	Tia 1E	Ipshita 1E	Arisa 1C
Ella PB	Anna 1E	Makayla PC	James PD	Declan 1C
Janelle PD	Kouper PD	Mahammed PD	Ashita PD	Joell PB
Ayush 1D	Nathan PC	Azib 1C	Bon 1E	Angel PE
Nate PE	Oscar PB	Joshua PE	Jake 1E	Emily 1E
Amin 1E	Maxwell PC	Kim 1D	Zahara 1D	Stevie 1D
Alex 1D	Mia 1D	Nicky 1E (25)	Davernious 1C	Rudraksh 1C
Danisha 1B	Kobe 1E	Summer 1E	Joshua 1E	Jasmin 1E
Melody 1B	Kaidyn 1B	Ryder 1E	Kai 1E (25)	Abi PE
Amel PE	Demiana 1E	Riley 1C	Moussa 1C	