

School Bell



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Individual Paths, United Journey

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STUDENT ABSENCES

Absences so far this year _____ 7517
Absences same time last year _____ 8022

DATES TO REMEMBER

1st December Christmas Concert
5th December Prep Info Night
19th December Gr 6 Graduation
20th December Last day of Term 4
1st February 2017 First day of Term 1

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

OUT-OF-SCHOOL-HOURS CARE (OSHC) PROGRAM CHANGES

School Council ratified the decision to engage an external provider, OSHClub, to assume responsibility for our school's Out-of-School-Hours Care (OSHC) program from the start of 2017.

Further information will be presented to parents at a Parent Information Session to be held at Bellbridge on **Monday 5th December from 6:30-7:30pm**. Please note the following key points:

- Fess will remain the same for 2017 as they are now.
- Existing OSHC staff have the opportunity to continue working at Bellbridge with OSHClub.
- Joanne Thomas will remain the coordinator.
- OSHClub will provide further information, including payment and enrolment processes.

ACHIEVEMENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: OHS MANAGEMENT

We were very pleased to receive a letter from the Department of Education and Training congratulating our school on achieving an OHS Management System audit result that places Bellbridge PS in the top 10% of schools state-wide. Bellbridge staff constantly maintain a commitment to health and safety in our school, and it's wonderful to be officially recognised with such positive confirmation.

STAFF OPINION SURVEY

We recently obtained the results of a Department-managed School Staff Opinion Survey, outlining staff opinion across four key areas:

School Staff Survey - Summary of Module Percent Endorsement Scores - 2016	Bellbridge PS	All VIC primary schools
School Climate	87.1%	75.1%
School Leadership	87.9%	72.1%
School Staff Safety and Wellbeing	88.5%	68.4%
Professional Learning	84.0%	74.7%

The data is reflective of a very positive school culture indeed, and while we are celebrating this as a staff, we are also reflecting on the more detailed data to identify areas we can strive to be even better in.

SCHOOL DISCO

Volunteer staff and parents are to be acknowledged and congratulated for the success of our school disco, which raised approximately \$800 in total, indicating that around 400 of our students attended the event and enjoyed the disco atmosphere. It was a well-organised disco right down to the finest of details. Imagine a fun-filled disco with hundreds of children – yet somehow all within an orderly environment characteristic of what we've come to expect of Bellbridge students. Simply wonderful – and it wouldn't be possible without all of the staff and parents who volunteered to stay late to assist. This was very much appreciated. Well done to the organisers and the volunteers!

BELLBRIDGE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

We look forward to greeting a large number of school families at our upcoming Bellbridge Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 1st from 6:00 – 7:30pm. We are promoting our concert as a family picnic and encourage families to bring their own rugs and chairs as well as picnic food of their choice. School Council has also organised a Sausage Sizzle, drinks and a Raffle for those who are keen to participate. *There may also be a 'special guest', who will greet students as they come off-stage.* Families are advised to enter the school grounds via the pedestrian gate on Bellbridge Drive (directly opposite Macedon Street) and make their way to the oval where areas will be designated in front of our new stage area, for people sitting on rugs and/or sitting on their fold up chairs.

We look forward to sharing this special event with lots of our students and their families.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS – Preps, OSHC, Netbook (Gr 3)

As part of our strong home-school partnerships, it is important for parents to remain well-informed of various programs and aspects of Bellbridge PS.

NETBOOK INFORMATION EVENING: This week, a number of parents of Grade 3 students attended a very informative information session in preparation for the 1:1 Netbook Program the runs from Grade 4-6. Student helpers demonstrated their ICT knowledge as part of the presentation, and should feel very proud of their efforts in promoting some of what this valuable program has to offer.

PREP INFORMATION NIGHT: On Monday 5th December, parents of Preps in 2017 have been invited to an information session at the school. Parents will have the opportunity to view a video that depicts a typical day for a Prep student at our school and will be able to visit a range of stalls that showcase examples of Reading, Writing, Maths, Homework, Getting Ready for School, Before/After School Care Program, School Canteen and the School Nurse program.

We appreciate the time that our teachers and parents take out of their busy family time to attend these sessions. It contributes to the success of our home-school partnerships.

OUT-OF-SCHOOL-HOURS CARE PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSION: Also taking place on Monday 5th December is a Parent Information Session run by our new before/after-school care provider, OSHClub - to be held at Bellbridge from 6:30-7:30pm. Whilst we feel very positive about the new provider (with Jo remaining as coordinator), it's anticipated that a number of current users of after-school care will no doubt wish to seek clarity about what to expect from the changes beginning in 2017, and this information session will prove highly informative.

STUDENTS LEAVING OR ENROLLING

It's extremely important that we are advised of any students who will not be returning to Bellbridge in 2017. Please notify the office if this is the case, as we are currently planning for class sizes accordingly. Likewise, if you are aware of anyone who intends to move within our area and subsequently seek to enrol a child at Bellbridge, please ask them to notify the school as soon as possible.

SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

At our recent School Council meeting the following was presented and/or discussed:

- The Director of OSH Club made a presentation to the members of School Council which was followed by questions, answers and discussion
- A motion was unanimously accepted to approve the decision to enter into a contract with OSH Club to be the service provider for the Before and After School Care program at Bellbridge as of Wednesday, February 1st, 2017
- The Business Manager presented and explained the draft budget for the Indicative School Budget for 2017 which is based on an anticipated enrolment of 675 students
- Finance Report was presented and ratified
- Principal's Report was presented and ratified
- Correspondence was presented and discussed, with responses and follow up where necessary
- Staff Opinion Survey data was shared, discussed and celebrated
- Final arrangements were made for the School Christmas Concert (Thursday, December 1st) which will include a sausage sizzle, drinks, Christmas Raffle, performances by students, as well as our special guest – Santa.
- Curriculum Days for 2017 were confirmed – Monday, January 30th; Tuesday, January 31st; Monday, November 6th and a day in Semester 1 still to be confirmed.

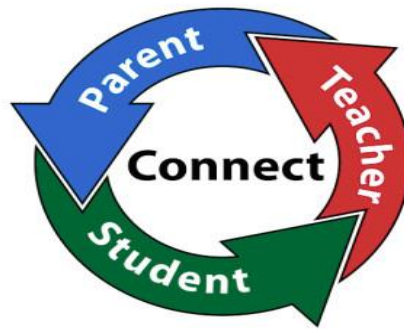
Next School Council Meeting: Term 1, 2017

WYNDHAM CHILDREN'S FORUM 2016

The Wyndham Children Forum is a workshop that encourages students to participate in activities such as: Safety in our Community, Communication and Electronic Media, Connection with parents, peers and community. It also enlightens students in program design and participation in after school activities. At this forum, students were given the opportunity to express their opinions about the above topics and how it impacts the youth in our community.

It was a memorable day for 5 of our students who attended this forum: **Andrew Scott, Lara Cruz, Isabelle Dawson, Kate Kennett and Charleen Nguyen.** They were able to participate in rich discussions that were informative, fun and enlightening. It was a great experience shared at the assembly on Monday.

It was all about:



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the children named below for receiving Awards.

Be a Learner

Jade Westbury, Ayman Mohamed Sinas, Kyah Williams, Declan Barrett, Eh Hser Eh, Hollie Busuttill, Jayla Warhurst, James Paw, Jessica Kumar, Brian Nguyen, Frangelica Mauceri, Emily Lawson, Kaelan Stewart, Sanjana Shivashankaran, Shevonne Yip, Emmi Li, Riley Carew, Joshua Radel, Jacob Taylor, Kyle Okeroa, Rain Rhang, Liam Odewahn, Laura Cardona, Lachlan Smith, Lochan Kaler, Matthew Butt, Daniel Hennessy, Kiam Glare, Rishit Sharma, Liyana Balla, Ananya Sharma, Tara Connolly, Bradley Gorman, Tiana Adams, Taylor-Raune Dirks, Raima Khan, Abdullah Muhammad, Obed Zaathang.

Be Responsible

Harshad Surya Diddi, Jack Coughlan, Leilani Dunlop, Rudraksh Patel, Tangikina Finau, Kaleb Tierney, Amy Gorman, Cassie Beintema, Jordan Sobing, Anushka Davidge, Rebecca Woodgate, Jaken Simpson, Adam Conroy, Shania Lee, Terence Kavakura, Esra Jeffery, Andrew Scott.

Be Respectful

Danisha Tran, Stevie Wisewoud, Johanna Ku, Aidan Reilly, Theo Roidis, Shiana O'Brien, Ivory Vainerere.

NUDE FOOD

The winners of last week's Nude Food Wednesday are; PE (68%), 1D (50%), 2A (74%), 3A (10%), 4A (45%), 5D (60%) and 6B (52%). These classes won a beehive each. Well done to everyone that made healthy choices and brought food without packaging!

Did you know?

Our diets are no longer restricted by the seasons, or what is grown locally. However, the transport of food over longer distances releases more greenhouse gas emissions compared to buying food locally. Also, food that has been stored and transported large distances is likely to have less nutritional value.

The term 'food miles' refers to how far food has travelled from the paddock to the plate. It is estimated that an Australian food basket has travelled a huge 70,000km! This is the same as travelling around the circumference of Earth twice!

You can minimise your food miles by looking for local farmers markets or try growing your own fruit and vegetables in your backyard. You could even consider keeping some chickens!

Always read the labels of packaged food and where possible, choose the products where the ingredients are grown, produced and manufactured in Australia.

With a bit of care, you can become an eco-consumer. It is actually a fun challenge! Try making more mindful choices with your family and pack Nude Food.

**We are living
on this planet
as if we had
another one
to go to**




**KEEP
CALM
AND
BE PART OF
THE SOLUTION**

REGIONAL HOOP TIME

On Friday the 11th of November, 8 Grade 6 students competed in the Senior Hoop Time Regional Finals. They competed well, showing great sportsmanship and a great deal of passion for basketball. They played four games in the round robin tournament and won three out of the four, which progressed them to the qualifying final. Unfortunately, they did not win the qualifying final but as the organisers were announcing the teams that were advancing to the next stage, State Grand Final Day, they declared that the Bellbridge Bobcats will be advancing through as a "Wild Card" team for the Tournament. This will be taking place on Friday the 25th of November so please wish them luck! Those competing are Avana Hobson, Tiana Adams, Xavier Bennett, Aaron Leonard-Klein, Bradley Gorman, Dalvin McFawn, Mason James, Damian Williams, Taj Danaher and Nathan Melville.

COMMUNITY NEWS

GIRLS ONLY MILO T20BLAST CENTRE – POINT COOK:

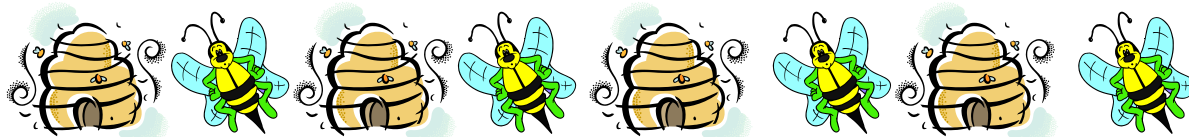
\$99 for an 8 week program inclusive of a Melbourne Renegades participant pack.

FREE Come & Try Days: Monday November 21 & Monday November 28, 2016. Dunnings Rd Reserve, Dunnings Rd Point Cook 3030 – 5:30pm to 7:00pm. To register, visit www.playcricket.com.au & search Point Cook. For more information contact Darren Driscoll 0414 689 045 or Stuart Wilson 0401 841 284

THE GRANGE COMMUNITY CENTRE: Carols by Candle Light Saturday 17th December, Gates open at 5:30pm, event 7pm – 9pm. Bring your own blanket, picnic and enjoy Christmas Carols! Food vendors available. Special visit by Santa! Battery operated candles will be available for sale at the event. 260– 280 Hogan's Road, Hoppers Crossing

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.

Ella 1A	Will 1A	Neil 2B	Charlie PB	Christina PD
Brian PE	William PA	Hollie PC	Breanna 2A (20)	Bailey 2C
Ethan 2C	Ivory 6C	Zack 5B	Amin 1E	Tayla 2A
Amna 1E	Sanjana 2A	Demiana 1E	Austin 1E	William 3B (50)
Doha 2D	Jasmin 2D	Rain 3B	Austin 1A	Hassan 1A
Jack 1A	Leon 1A	Kacee 2B	Mahammed PD	Golbarg 2A
Amel PE	Sylvie 2A	Shahmir 2A	Kaelan 1E	Jeevika PE
Claudia PA	Eva PA	Brodie 2C	Mia 2B	Jordan 3B (20)
Leilani 1A (25)	Ethan PE	Ali 1C	Khadija 1A	Tangikina 2B
Kaleb 1A (25)	Kouper PD	Aymin PD	Chiara PE	Ruby PC
Georgia 2A	Zilyah 2A	Sabastian 2B (20)	Shiana 5B	Louay PD
Malakai 5B (20)	Alex 1D	Gain PC	Sithuli 5A	Jasmin 1E
Lexus 1E	Kai 1E (20)	Tia 1E	Mahmoud 3C (20)	Lochan 3D
Abdul 3C (40)	Bharveer 3C	Sam 3B	William 3D	Ayoub PB
Jack 3C	Tahlia 3A	Declan PB	Max PB	Sheree PA
Anahita PB (20)	Eh Hser PB (20)	Sanket 6C	Thraya PA	Eva PA
Karim 1D	Hannah 3C	Lily 3C	Christian PB	Logan PA
Jade PA	Zack 5B	Bon 1E (50)	Sebastian PC	Demiana 1E
Summer 1E	Stevie 1D	Ayden 1D (20)	Deeana 1D	Zac 6B
Liam 3C	Georgia 2A	Lacey 3C	Yousif 3C	Jack 3C
Nikita 2A	Eh Blu Too 3B	Shanea 1B	Erin PC	James PC
Atahua 4A	Raima 6B	Kaidyn 1B	Tim PE	Lilly 3C
Sonya 1D	Ayush 1D	Vivi 1D	Kylah PE	Jasmin 1E
Isabel 2D	Ipshita 1E	Amna 1E	Melody 1B	Brodie 1B
Savannah 1B	Channaye 1B	Jack 1A	Zoey 1A	Mahmoud 1A (20)
Jaiven 1A (25)	Michael 1A	Harshad Surya PD	Mysha 1A	Briolette 1A
Ethan 2A	Manaia PD	Nicole 1A (25)	Syrill PD	Senuth PD (20)
Isla PD (20)	Eva PA	Shayella PA	Ashleigh 1D	Saryu PD (20)
Mahammed PD	Gurnoor PD	Joelynn PD	Aashi PD	Mahib 1D
Zaim 1D	Lincoln 2D	Oyshee 3C	Elias PE	Jessica PE
Amel PE	Brianna PE	Sumaili PE	Shevonne 2A	Ava PC
Seth PC	Kiara 1E	Demiana 1E	Lexus 1E	Kobe 1E
Kelan 1E	Tobias 1B	Nebiyu 2D	Lara 1B	Joy 1B
Ngun PE (20)	Laiba 1B	Alesia 1B (20)	Emily 1E	Ryder 1E
Nicky 1E	Elle PB	Jasper 1D	Jessica ID	Declan PB
Liam 4B	Parker 4B	Danisha 1B	Caleb 6D	Adam 1B
Sunia 2C	Austin 1E	Kobe 1E	Frangelica 1C	Danvernious 1C

Lillie 4B	Jazarah PB	Summer 1E	Lexus 1E	Oyshee 3C
Joy 1B	Ashleigh 1D	Sione 2C	Charli PC	Demiana 1E
Harlan 1B	Kai 1E	Maurya 1B	Melody 1B	Aiden PC
Damian 3C (60)	Aimee 4B	Raya 4B (20)	Marija 4B (30)	Ella PB
Amin 1E	Abigail 3C (20)	Dou Dou 1B	April 1B (20)	Kiara 1E
Clare 1E	Christian PB	Ayaan PC	Seo Ha 1B (20)	Shakayla 1C

2017 PREP INFORMATION EVENING (FOR PARENTS ONLY)

There will be a Prep Information Evening for all parents and guardians of new 2017 prep students, with details as follows:

Date: Monday 5th December, 2016
Time: 6:00 – 7:30pm
Venue: Bellbridge PS Gymnasium
For: Parents of 2017 Prep students (preferably no children please)

This session will provide an overview of what you need to know in relation to the day to day operation of the school, and how this may impact on you and your child next year. Parents will have the opportunity to view a video that depicts a typical day for a Prep student at our school and will be able to visit a range of stalls that showcase examples of Reading, Writing, Maths, Homework, and Getting Ready for School, Out-of-School-Hours Care Program, School Canteen and the School Nurse program.

We appreciate the time that our teachers and parents take out of their busy family time to attend these sessions. It contributes to the success of our home-school partnerships.

Newsletter Prize

Question: What is the team name of our basketball team advancing through to State level?

Answer: _____

Child's Name: _____

Parent's signature: _____

Return to the office by 8:20am Monday 5th December – to be drawn at Assembly



Maths at Bellbridge



Maths at Home



Maths is all around us every day and sharing this everyday maths with children strengthens their understanding and increases their chances of success at school.

Everyday situations:

Sorting things out and putting things away, e.g. shopping, toys, cutlery, and clothes. Talk about which things go together and where things go, giving clear instructions for position such as 'in the cupboard, on the bottom shelf'.

Matching pairs of socks, shoes, gloves.

Ordering and sequencing when getting dressed, going to the shops, having a bath etc. Talk about what you do first, what you do next, and last of all.

Comparing objects according to size, weight or capacity, e.g. the longest spoon, the lightest shopping bag, the cup which holds the most, the shortest person, the widest hand, the bottle which is half full. Matching and counting when setting the table, preparing food, sharing out food, etc.



Challenge: If you like popcorn, which cylinder would you buy?

Take 2 sheets of 8cm by 11 cm paper. Roll one into a short cylinder and the other into a tall cylinder. Does one hold more than the other or are they the same?

Hint: Making visual estimates and finding volumes are useful hints. Designers and engineers use them to find economical ways to package and protect items.