

# 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.**

**IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT THE SCHOOL YOU CAN CALL:**

**0491 304 962 during office hours (8:00 – 4:00pm)**

## **HOME SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS are really important now!**

The communication between home and school is very important during this challenging time and we strongly encourage parents to maintain regular contact with their child's class teacher.

Teachers are delighted to receive emails with updates and examples of students' work and we are hopeful that very soon our teachers will be able to set up processes to enable video chats to occur as well.

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 number of students whose parents are required to work from home in essential services.

Based on recent telephone chats between teachers and parents we have been able to identify families who need a laptop at home to support home learning and we have implemented a process where parents are able to loan laptops for use with school work being done at home.

Several families have also 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 10:00am every Monday.

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

Take care,

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## IN OTHER NEWS.....

### SUMDOG NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!

Bellbridge students have shown their passion for maths and smashed the SUMDOG NATIONAL MATHS CONTEST!

Many Grade 2-6 students have chosen to get online and participate. They have done this during their school holidays and this week while also completing amazing remote learning work.

Bellbridge students have shown off to the nation, taking out:

- 9 of the top 10 places for individuals!

- 3 of the top 10 places for classes!

Well done to 5D for a blue ribbon effort!

WOW and CONGRATULATIONS to our students! This is something we are very proud of!

### SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Monday, March 16 and was attended by our new School Council, duly elected for the 2020/2021 year.

School Councillors this year are: Sian Smith (President), Angela Vredenbregt (Vice President), John Herbert, Lou Ripari, Jacinta Dean, Jackie Reynolds, Kaye Mitchell, Emma Haines, Jessica Fanning, Belinda Onofretchook, Tania Hunt, Debbie Clancy (Executive Officer).

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

- 2019 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY was presented and featured a discussion about the achievement and performance data related to students' learning, explanation about the SWPBS program in our school, as well as other programs and procedures that our school implements that result in positive feedback from schools in the network and at a regional level, e.g. Respectful Relationships, Community of Practice (Writing focus), eSmart, Better Buddies, Program for Students with Disabilities.
- FINANCE REPORT was presented, discussed and approved. It included an explanation and discussion regarding the excellent current collection rate for Essential Education Items (80%)
- PRINCIPAL'S REPORT was presented. It included explanations and discussion regarding Census data (which is based on our school enrolment on February 28<sup>th</sup>), Corona Virus Update and the strategies/implications for schools,
- CHILD SAFE information packs were provided for all members, so they have an understanding of the school's guidelines and procedures in supporting the safety and wellbeing of all students.
- SWPBS Matrix for School Council and Parents/Guardians was presented and members were informed of the expectations related to each matrix.
- Discussion about supporting the Entertainment Book.
- Discussion about reconsidering our plans for fundraising this year in light of the current health situation – further discussion and decisions will be made at the next meeting.

**Next meeting is Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>** (this will be an online remote meeting using Microsoft Teams)

### 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) and 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).

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.

## ANZAC DAY – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2020

ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. ANZAC Day is the day that Australians remember those who fought and died in all wars, from the New Zealand War in 1863 to conflicts of today. Each year, on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April, we remember, in particular, the landing on Gallipoli in 1915, and honour the spirit of the original ANZACs.

This spirit, with its human qualities of courage, mateship and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity. The ANZAC spirit lives on in many ways through Bellbridge students. In some ways, we are showing the ANZAC spirit when we share what we have, when we talk through difficult situations with each other, and when we stand by our friends and help teachers and fellow students.

Often when we think of war, we think of soldiers on battlefields as those affected. But there are so many more who we should remember. The families and friends at home who lived without knowing what was happening to their loved ones, the businesses that were not able to continue without the workers who were away, the children who grew up without knowing their father, mother, sister or brother, the families who lost the breadwinners and were forced to struggle to cope with the challenges of everyday life. The list is endless. The impact of war has lasted for generations.

Today, people in the Australian Army, Navy and Air Force, continue to carry out important work as defence force peace keepers in various parts of the world. They know that life in the defence forces is not all fighting, but it is also about doctors, nurses, builders and engineers who help other people who are in need.

This year, ANZAC Day will be commemorated in a whole new way, with no dawn services or street marches. Instead, we'll mark ANZAC Day from our houses and driveways. Here are a few.....:

- The ABC will broadcast official ANZAC Day services throughout the morning. Tune in to the Australian War Memorial ANZAC Day Service live from the Australian War Memorial in Canberra from 5:30am.
- There will also be a live 10:00am service from the ANZAC Memorial in Sydney and a reflection video will be live-streamed across all ABC radio and ABC News Facebook pages at 11:30am.
- RSL Clubs across the nation have come together to create a collective dawn service. Australians can be a part of the event by standing in their driveways (or living rooms) at 6:00am to 'Light Up The Dawn'. Light a candle, stream the 'Last Post' on YouTube (or play it on the bugle if you have one!) and get the neighbours involved to share a minute's silence and feel the community spirit.

### The Ode

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

