

BELLBRIDGE NEWS



Bellbridge Primary School

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STUDENT ABSENCES

Absences so far this year	-	159
Absences same time last year	-	152

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 8 th February	-	Bellbridge District Swimming try-outs
Friday 8 th February	-	P-6 Assembly (in the GYM)
Wednesday 13 th February	-	No Preps required at school
Thursday 14 th February	-	Parent Helpers Course (1 of 3)
Friday 15 th February	-	P-2 Assembly (in the GYM)
Monday 18 th February	-	District Swimming
Monday 18 th February	-	School Council
Monday 18 th February	-	Parent Teacher Meetings
Monday 18 th February	-	Prep Parent Evening
Tuesday 19 th February	-	Parent Teacher Meetings
Wednesday 20 th February	-	No Preps required at school
Friday 22 nd February	-	3-6 Assembly (in the GYM)
Wednesday 27 th February	-	No Preps required at school
Thursday 28 th February	-	Parent Helpers Course (2 of 3)
Friday 1 st March	-	P-2 Assembly (in the GYM)
Wednesday 6 th March	-	No Preps required at school

NEWSLETTERS are an IMPORTANT FORM of COMMUNICATION

At Bellbridge Primary School, the official school newsletter is generally provided in Weeks 2, 6 and 10 of each term. The newsletter that was provided in a hard copy version last week was a special newsletter for the start of the year – it contained lots of administrative information.

This newsletter and all others will be provided via COMPASS and the school web page.

If parents prefer a hard copy of the newsletter, there are several copies available at the Office.

STUDENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE

All payments that are sent to the office are required to be in an envelope with the following details: student's name, grade, what the payment is for and the amount enclosed.

If the payment is for an excursion or camp a **HARDCOPY CONSENT FORM** MUST be printed from Compass or obtained from the office and placed in the envelope with payment. This will avoid the processing of the payment being delayed.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

We have five vacancies for parent positions on School Council and are currently seeking nominations from parents to participate in an election process in order to fill these positions.

The notices for the election of new School Council members have been posted around the school.

Nomination forms are available at the Office as of 7/2/2019 and also included at the end of this newsletter. These need to be returned to the Office by 4:00pm, Thursday, February 21st.

INFORMATION about BELLBRIDGE PS SCHOOL COUNCIL

Bellbridge Primary School Council currently meets on a Monday evening twice a term. Elections are held at the beginning of each year to elect parent and staff representatives. Everyone is welcome to nominate for election to School Council. We always look forward to working with each new school council to further promote our community's commitment to our school and to continue our growth and development as an effective school for all involved.

Roles and Responsibilities within School Council

School councils play a vital role in the educational opportunity and outcomes of all students at the school. In essence, the role of school council is one of setting the long term future for the school and maintaining oversight (not management) of the school's operation. It is not about running the school – that is the job of the principal. Three of the critical roles of school councils are: developing the strategic plan, approving the annual budget, and setting and reviewing policies.

Other roles may include:

1. School maintenance
2. Sub-contracting
3. Fundraising
4. Developing, reviewing and monitoring the Student Code of Conduct and the School Dress Code
5. School community engagement.

Role of School Councillors

It is important for school councillors to be aware of their roles and responsibilities.

For school councils to operate effectively, school council members need to be able to work as a team, respect the different skills, knowledge and experience that each member brings to council, and share the workload and responsibility.

The council president and principal need to work cooperatively. Similarly the school council president and the school councillors need to maintain respectful and cooperative relationships.

School councillors also need to be able to listen and ask the school community, and sometimes the wider community, about their views on topics that council might be considering.

BELLBRIDGE TWILIGHT CARNIVAL – Friday, March 22nd (mark it in your diary!)

Our major annual fundraising event is the School Carnival which is being held on Friday, March 22nd from 3:00 – 7:00pm. Each class and/or team has the responsibility of preparing a stall or activity to host on the day and our School Council organises and oversees a Food Stall with the support of parent volunteers.

If any parents or their family or friends have contacts with businesses and/or are able to provide our school with donations it would be very much appreciated. This year we are planning a Silent Auction and your donations will support this aspect of our Carnival.

More information about donations, pre-ordering of show bags and rides and other important news will be sent via COMPASS.

You can also check out our Facebook Page for information and updates.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS (Meet & Greet) – Monday, February 18th/Tuesday, February 19th

We will be having Parent Teacher meetings on Monday, February 18th (2:50 – 6:30pm) and Tuesday, February 19th, (2:50 - 4:10pm). This is an opportunity to establish a shared relationship and build on the home school partnership with your child's teacher. It is also important for parents to share information that is specific to their child's needs.

We look forward to having conversations with all parents at these meetings so we can start the year with shared expectations.

Some information that can be shared at the interview may include:

- Your child's current health situation, e.g. allergies, asthma (which require a management plan)
- Changed family circumstances
- Dates for any extended absences that are being planned (e.g. holiday overseas)
- Issues that may impact on the completion of homework

When teachers are aware of special circumstances in a child's life they are able to understand and support the student in a variety of ways and your timely communication allows us all to work as a team.

Bookings for these meetings will be processed electronically via Compass – more information will be communicated very soon.

LOG IN TO COMPASS TO BOOK YOUR PARENT-TEACHER MEETING

Bookings for parent-teacher meetings will be open from 6pm Friday 8th February.

COMPASS is our online portal used for parents to:

- *Access your child's Semester Reports
- *View up-to-date attendance information, and add approvals or explanations for absences (before or after the absence)
- *Access information regarding upcoming events and news, including a school calendar
- *Update your registered email and mobile number (used for SMS alerts) details
- *Receive alerts via text message or email
- *Provide information and online consent functionality for sports, camps and excursions
- *Make most payments online
- *Make bookings for Parent/Student/Teacher conferences

The bookings for Term 1 Parent-Teacher Meetings will open this Friday at 6pm, and a text message will be sent to advise parents of the date/time the system will be available to make bookings. Families with multiple children at our school are advised to book early to ensure the time slots can be made around the same time. We recommend that you do not book time slots immediately following each other - just to be sure you have time to move from one classroom to the next. Login to Compass using the mobile app or Compass web link on our school homepage. (<https://bellbridgeps-vic.compass.education/>)

If you can't remember your password for Compass, please go to the Compass Portal and select "Can't access your account?"

This link will take you to: <https://bellbridgeps-vic.compass.education/Portal/ForgotPassword.aspx> where you can take steps to change your password.

1:1 NETBOOK PROGRAM

The Grade 4 - 6 teams and the ICT Team have worked very hard to once again implement our 1:1 Netbook Program for all students in Grades 4 - 6. Our 1:1 Netbook Coordinator, Mr Sisson and our Assistant Principal, Mrs Hunt, have made sure that the program (now in its 9th year) provides parents with the best value for money, as well as having the best possible technical support from our full time technician, Helena Kasem.

Students in Grades 4 - 6 will be using their netbooks on a daily basis to support and enrich their learning in all areas of the curriculum, as well as providing engaging homework tasks. We are very proud of this program because ALL students receive a personal netbook to use at school every day, allowing teachers to implement consistent, relevant and engaging learning experiences for everyone.

We appreciate the time taken by parents to attend the 'Hand-Over Evening' on Tuesday, 5/2/19, where agreements were signed and netbooks were taken home by students. The attendance was the best ever!

BELLBRIDGE STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2019

Congratulations to the recently elected Grade 6 student leaders.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS

- Amy Gorman
- Luke Smith
- Jordan Sobing
- Asha Cruz
- Zahli Brown
- Kiana Dunlop

HOUSE CAPTAINS

<u>Coker</u> (BLUE) Jack Bresnan Akoija George	<u>Hughes</u> (GREEN) Vraj Barot Hannah Shave
<u>Middleton</u> (RED) Divy Joshi Jarrod Gaylard	<u>Gillard</u> (YELLOW) Marcel Stockman Zahra Esgandari

SAFE USE of the PLAYGROUND and SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS SUPPORT

A feature of the SWPBS program at Bellbridge includes explicitly teaching students about how to behave in our playground. As part of on-going learning, our teachers discuss and clarify consistent understandings in relation to safe, respectful and responsible use of all areas of the playground.

Some basic school wide expectations are:

- Students may play anywhere they wish as long as they engage in safe and responsible behaviour
- Playgrounds are for climbing, swinging, sliding, balancing, etc – NOT chasing games
- Games that involve running and chasing should be played on the oval – NOT around buildings
- The front of the school is out of bounds at all times
- The seating around the school is for passive activities (no standing or jumping on them)
- The courtyard is a passive area for sitting or playing less active games – NO running or ball games
- The soccer field is used according to a roster : Monday (Gr 6); Tuesday (Gr 5); Wednesday (Gr 4; Thursday (Gr 2 & 3); Friday (Prep & Gr 1)

STUDENT DIARIES are an IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION TOOL at BELLBRIDGE

Prep and Grade 1 students receive a Reading Log/Journal to record their daily reading at home and all students in Grades 2 – 6 receive a Student Diary at the start of the year as part of their book box. The regular use of Student Diaries is a consistent, school wide expectation. It is a tool for regular communication between home and school and must be at school every day. We ask that parents support this expectation by checking their child's diary each day and signing it daily or weekly as required by classroom teachers.

We look forward to meeting as many families as possible at the upcoming Parent Teacher Meetings on Monday, 18/12/19 and Tuesday 19/2/19.

Debbie Clancy

Principal

CHANGE OF PERSONAL DETAILS

It is of the utmost importance that all family contact details are kept up to date.

SMS, via Compass is regularly used to inform parents/guardians of an upcoming event that requires consent and payment and will be used to inform families in emergency situations.

A Change of Details form can be obtained from the office. Please note that changes to email addresses and mobile numbers can be updated on Compass.

ESSENTIAL EDUCATION ITEMS

Thank you to all parents/guardians who have paid their Essential Learning Items fee of \$200.00 per student. This fee is set by School Council and is used for activities and services that are essential to support student learning of the standard curriculum.

A reminder that payments can be made on Compass or at the office via cash or EFTPOS.

COMPASS

Please note that Compass is now our preferred payment option for fees and charges and is also being used for Parent/Teacher Conference bookings.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office

CSEF

If you have a health care card or a pension card, you may be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) payment.

You can obtain an application from the office. A copy of your health care card or pension card will be required.

Please note: If you applied in 2018, you **do not** need to reapply unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

Applications close on the 28 June 2019

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, (e.g. 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.



**Bellbridge Primary School 2019 Semester One
Early Years Literacy and Numeracy
Parent Helpers Course**

ALL WELCOME (parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles etc)
Runs for 3 sessions

SESSION ONE Thursday 14th February 8.40 – 10.20 Staffroom
Literacy- Speaking and Listening
Numeracy -How children learn Maths



SESSION TWO Thursday 28th February 8.40 – 10.20 Staffroom
Literacy -Reading
Maths- Pause Prompt Praise strategies

SESSION THREE Thursday 14th March 8.40 – 10.20 Staffroom
Literacy-Writing
Maths-Helping with maths in the classroom or at home

Find out how Numeracy and Literacy are taught at school and how you can help your child at home, and at school if you wish to be a Parent Helper.

(All parents assisting with English/Maths at Bellbridge are expected to have completed the course and have an up to date Working with Children Check)

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

Any queries please contact Helen Baldock 9749 6161

Early Years LITERACY AND NUMERACY PARENT HELPERS COURSE 2019 Semester One

I would like to attend the Early Years Parent Helpers Course

I understand there are 3 sessions in the Course to attend.

Name _____ Contact Number _____

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

PLEASE RETURN AND GIVE TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

**Thank you
Helen Baldock**

HOT FOOD	
Steamed Dim Sims	\$1.00
Party Pie	\$1.10
Sausage Rolls	\$4.00
Hot Dog	\$3.00
Hot Dog with Cheese	\$3.50
Meat Pie	\$4.00
Chicken Wrap – Small	\$5.00
Chicken Wrap – Large	\$6.00
Chicken sticks x6	\$4.00
Chicken Nuggets x 6	\$4.00
Nachos –Corn chips, Salsa, Cheese	\$3.00
Lasagne,	\$5.50
Mac & Cheese, or Pasta Bake	\$5.00
Chicken Burger with lettuce, cheese and mayo	\$6.00
Hamburger with Cheese, tomato, lettuce, & tomato sauce	\$6.00
Tomato Sauce	25c
Boiled Egg	80c
HALAL	
PLEASE LABEL BAG WITH HALAL	
Hot Dog	\$4.00
Hot Dog with Cheese	\$4.50
Sausage Roll – Home Made	\$4.00
Chicken Sub	\$6.00
Sweet Chilli Sub	\$6.00
Pizza - Margherita	\$4.00
Pizza - Vegetarian	\$4.00
Home Made Hamburger with cheese and lettuce	\$6.00
Nachos	\$3.50
HOMEMADE PIZZA	
Margherita - Small	\$2.00
Hawaiian– Small	\$3.50
Vegetarian - Small	\$4.00
Margarita – Large	\$4.00
Hawaiian – Large	\$4.50
SANDWICHES	\$2.50
Cheese	\$2.50
Ham	\$3.00
Ham and Cheese	\$3.50
Ham, Cheese and Tomato	\$4.00
Egg and lettuce	\$4.00
Salad – Lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot and cheese	\$5.00
Carrot and cheese	\$4.00
Ham and Salad	\$5.50

Chicken and Salad	\$6.00
Tuna and Salad	\$6.00
Vegemite or Jam	\$2.00
Extra Fillings – Beetroot	40c
White, Whole wheat or Gluten Free bread available	
Rolls – add 50c	
SUBS	\$6.00
Sweet Chilli Sub – Chicken Schnitzel, lettuce, sweet chilli sauce and mayo on a roll	\$6.00
Chicken Sub - Chicken Schnitzel, lettuce and mayo on a roll	\$6.00
Chicken Stick Wrap - Chicken Sticks, lettuce and mayo in a wrap	\$6.00
Please add 20c for Tomato, Tasty Cheese	
SALAD BOXES	
Salad Snack Box – 3 Chicken Sticks, Lettuce, Tomato and Cheese	\$6.00
Aussie Salad – Lettuce, tomato, Cucumber, Carrot, Cheese, Beetroot	\$6.00
COUNTER SALES	
Assorted Biscuits	50c
Mini Muffins	50c
Large Muffins	\$2.00
Small Pop Corn – Homemade	\$1.00
JJ's – Sea salt and Honey Soy	\$1.20
DRINKS	\$2.00
Water	\$2.00
Just Juice	\$2.00
Slushie	\$2.00
Big M – Chocolate & strawberry	\$2.50
ICE CREAMS	
Mini Calippo	\$1.00
Vanilla Ice Cream Cup cones	\$1.00
Icy Twist	\$1.00
COMBO PACKS	\$7.00
Monday – Mac & Cheese with a Juice and Pop Corn	\$7.00
Wednesday – Hot Dog with a Juice and Pop Corn	\$7.00
Thursday - Nachos with a Juice and Pop Corn	\$7.00
Friday - Pasta Bake with a Juice and Pop Corn	\$7.00

BELLBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS SCHEDULE 5A: SELF-NOMINATION FORM FOR PARENT MEMBER CATEGORY

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent member on the BELLBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL, School Council.

Name:

Residential address:

Contact phone (mobile or landline):

Email:

I am the parent/guardian of _____ who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training but not engaged in work at and for the school

Yes / No (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:

- an undischarged bankrupt
- of unsound mind
- currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence; or
- a registrable offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.

Signature of Candidate _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable).

Further, the name, membership category, gender, term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Training by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on 9749 6161

If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted. If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.