

BELLBRIDGE NEWS



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STUDENT ABSENCES

Absences so far this year - 4674
Absences same time last year - 3894

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 28th June - CSEF Applications Close
Friday 28th June - P-6 Assembly
Friday 28th June - LAST DAY TERM 2 (1:40 Finish)
Monday 15th July - FIRST DAY TERM 3
Friday 19th July - P-2 Assembly

ENROL PREP STUDENTS for 2020 NOW!

At this time, we have only 38 Prep enrolments for next year.

Families who already have students attending Bellbridge are urged to enrol any siblings eligible for Prep next year as soon as possible so we can make informed decisions regarding staffing and class sizes as part of our census data in early August.

If you know of any local families with children in kindergarten, please encourage them to enrol early.

The process for enrolment involves providing evidence of residence in the designated neighbourhood area (DNA, also known as our Zone) and completion of the enrolment form with copies of appropriate records (birth certificate, immunisation records).

PRINCIPAL WRITES

STUDENT REPORTS – Semester One

Student Reports are now available on Compass, as well as Individual Learning Plans (ILPs) for specific students. If parents would like a hard copy of their child's report, they can contact the Office or their child's teacher and a copy will be printed for them.

SCHOOL REVIEW

The final day of our School Review was completed on June 6th and we have drafted a set of goals and targets for our next Strategic Plan (2020 – 2023). We appreciated the time dedicated to this process by our School Council President (Sian Smith) and our Principal Class Challenge Partners (Laban Toose – Wyndham Park PS and Darryl Spiteri – Rockbank PS). The reviewer, Lucy Glover (Valad Solutions) will present the final report to staff in July. One of the panel's final tasks was to rank the top three highlights of our school and they determined the following: 1. SWPBS; 2. STEM; 3. Consistency in processes and procedures. We look forward to the progress we will make over the next four years.

SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

Our recent School Council held on Monday, June 17th included the following:

- The meeting began with a presentation from the School Captains about the election process for student leaders and an explanation of their roles and responsibilities. It also included a 'question & answer' segment that the students responded to very capably.
- Presentation of the monthly financial report, including operating statements in relation to expenditure and program budgets – approved and motions accepted.
- Presentation of the Principal's Report re: Staffing, Student Learning & Engagement, School Accountability and Community which included a discussion about the process and progress of the School Review, presentation and discussion about documentation and procedures related to Child Safe Standards, and agreement that Child Safe will continue to be an agenda item of all School Council meetings.
- Correspondence was presented and discussed. This included a parent concern about organisational and administrative issues regarding the Out of School Hours Care provider.
- Report provided about sales of the Entertainment Book – 19 books sold to date.
- Approval and feedback about upcoming special events, excursions and incursions, which included: Grade 6 Camp (16 – 20/9); Grade 4 / 5 Camp (16 – 18/10); Grade 6 Serendip Sanctuary (31/7 & 1/8); Grade 1 Brickworks Incursion (5/8); Grade 2 Werribee Mansion (9/8); Grade 5 / 6 Young Writers Festival (4/9).
- Further discussion about the efficiency and reliability of home school communication, with a particular focus on whether having our newsletter online (via Compass) is a successful and accessible form of communication for our families. It was agreed that a hard copy survey of parents would be undertaken and results shared at the next meeting.
- Discussion about fund raising (in general) with parents sharing a range of possible activities to support current activities. It was agreed that this item could also be included in a hard copy parent survey as a way of seeking Parent Input.
- Concerns raised about the ongoing issue of parents/carers parking cars and dropping off/picking up students in an unsafe manner, putting others at risk. The school has raised this issue with the Wyndham City Council but cannot do this on a daily basis. Parents are encouraged to contact Wyndham City Council to lodge their specific concerns and/or complaints about community safety.
- Grounds & Facilities – A second ga-ga pit has been installed (Matlock St play area); an order has been placed for new recycled benches to replace the old, wooden ones; preparations are in place for new line markings around the school in Term 3.

Please note: Parents are always welcome to raise school related issues by communicating via letter or email and the matter can be presented via Correspondence and discussed in General Business at the next School Council meeting.

Next meeting: Monday, August 19th at 6:00pm (with School Captains' presentation at 5:30pm)

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN HAS FINISHED!

The Woolworths 'Earn and Learn' promotion has now finished. Please send any stickers you have to school so we can complete the tallying process and select the school equipment we have earned.

We appreciate the wonderful support demonstrated by our families.

HIGHLIGHTS of TERM 2

- Extra-curricular activities – Chess club, STEM club, Lunch time friendship club, Lunch time Sports activities, Bike Education, Basketball clinics, Active Kids clinics, 3 / 4 Hoop Time, Cross Country, Science Group at Hoppers Crossing SC
- Excursions – Immigration Museum, Sovereign Hill, REAL Robotics, Scienceworks
- Incursions – Animals of Oz, Market Fresh Food presentation, First Aid in Schools, Anti Grafitti, Chirpy Chicks
- Special events – Family Maths Night, Active Travel days, 'House' Cross Country, National Walk to School Safely Day, Gala Sports Day, Subway Lunch, P-2 Athletics

LOOKING FORWARD to TERM 3

Besides the purposeful learning and teaching happening in our classrooms next term, we have a range of extra-curricular activities and special events planned to support our learning and personal development.

District Athletics	ACTIVE TRAVEL on Wednesdays	Grade 5 / 6 HOOP TIME Basketball Competition
Prep 100 Days of School!	Grade 6 Serendip Excursion	RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP
PJ Day	WYNDHAM SPELLING BEE	Grade 1 / 2 Swimming Program
eSMART Week	Brickworks Incursion	BOOK WEEK
Family Science Night	FOOTY DAY	Grade 6 Camp
Grade 3 FOOTY CLINICS	SCIENCE WEEK	SUBWAY Lunch

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT and PARKING are BIG ISSUES at our SCHOOL (and they shouldn't be an issue if everyone follows the rules and expectations)

These are in place to SUPPORT STUDENT SAFETY at our school:

- Three school crossings with active school crossing supervisors provided by Wyndham City Council
- Well marked parking areas with appropriate restrictions to manage traffic flow
- Responsible parents/carers who follow the rules and expectations of parking and pick up
- Teaching and learning experiences that teach students appropriate rules and expectations of traffic safety

These are affecting the SAFETY of STUDENTS at our school:

- Parents/carers who park illegally and don't follow the parking laws
- Parents/carers who double park and block traffic flow for other cars
- Parents/carers who park in the Bus Stop and block buses from their duty
- Parents/carers who leave young children unattended in their cars
- Parents/carers who let their children out of the car on the traffic side not the curb side
- Parents/carers who call their children across the road without using the school crossing

Our school has lodged concerns with the Wyndham City Council.

Our school crossing supervisors have lodged concerns with the Wyndham City Council.

We need concerned parents to also contact the Wyndham City Council to report concerns about student safety and traffic safety around our school, if/when you see unsafe behaviour.

We all need to remember to BE SAFE, RESPECTFUL and RESPONSIBLE so our students can be safe coming to school and leaving school.

We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday break and look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday, July 15th.

Debbie Clancy
Principal

JOIN OUR JULY MULTI-SPORT HOLIDAY CAMPS



OUR MULTI-SPORT HOLIDAY CAMPS ARE DESIGNED FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN (5-12YO):

We cover a mix of Soccer, Cricket, AFL, Basketball, Volleyball & Ultimate Frisbee.

- ✓ **TIME: 9.00AM - 3.30PM**
- ✓ **AFTER CARE OPTION UNTIL 5PM** (in some locations)
- ✓ **CERTIFIED COACHES**
- ✓ **ONSITE FIRST AID**
- ✓ **ALL STAFF HAVE CURRENT WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK**
- ✓ **GREAT COACH TO CHILD RATIO**
- ✓ **AN INCLUSIVE SPORTS CAMP FOR CHILDREN AT ALL SKILL LEVELS**
- ✓ **1 OR 2 DAY OPTIONS**

- LOWER PLENTY - Lower Plenty Primary School**
Mon 1st, Tues 2nd, Tues 9th & Wed 10th July
- BURWOOD - St Benedict's Primary School**
Mon 1st, Tues 2nd & Wed 10th July
- HOPPERS CROSSING - Hoppers Indoor Sports**
Tues 2nd, Wed 3rd, Wed 10th & Thurs 11th July
- KNOXFIELD - Fairhills High School**
Wed 3rd & Thurs 11th July
- CRANBOURNE - Rangebank Primary School**
Tues 2nd, Wed 3rd & Tues 9th July
- BRIGHTON - Brighton Grammar School**
Thurs 4th, Fri 5th, Mon 8th & Tues 9th July
- FITZROY - Fitzroy Primary School**
Thurs 4th July
- MORANG SOUTH - Morang 5th Primary School**
Fri 5th July
- ESSENDON - St Johns Uniting Church Hall**
Thurs 11th July



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Western VACCA

VOICE TREATY TRUTH

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL ISLANDER DAY OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE

NAIDOC 2019 CHILDREN'S DAY

WEDNESDAY 3RD JULY

Werribee Secondary College 11.00am – 3.00pm
45 Duncan's Rd Werribee

FREE EVENT INCLUDES

- Acknowledgement of Country • Smoking Ceremony
- Art Activities • Cultural Activities • Hawthorn Football Player Jarman Impney will be running footy clinic alongside
- Scotty Krakouer • Jumping Castles • Animals on the move a native experience • PCYC Commit to be Fit program
- NAIDOC shirts • NAIDOC Showbags • Celebration NAIDOC CAKE
- Face painting • Photo booth and more!

BBQ lunch provided
SMOKE & ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

For further information please contact:
Rebecca Monohan on 9742 8300

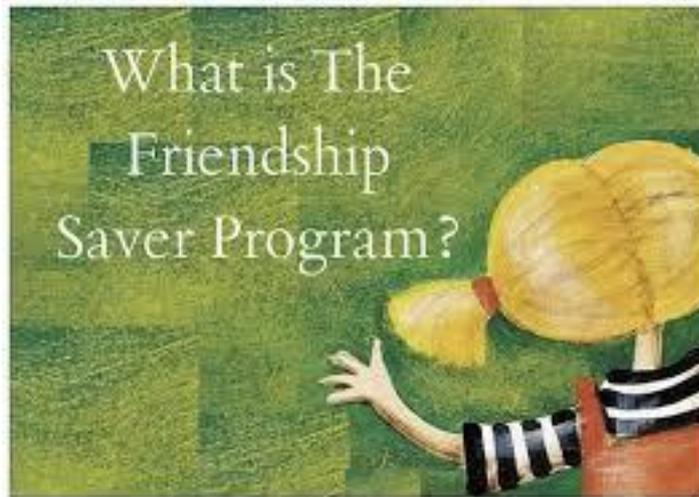


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VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL CHILD CARE AGENCY



presents the Friendship Saver Program



The friendship saver program is an evidenced based intervention that is designed to enhance student’ friendships and reduce conflict amongst peers. The program teaches essential social skills and conflict resolution skills.

Research shows improved peer relations promotes general wellbeing, school engagement, self-confidence and can improve academic focus.

The program focuses on:

- Fundamental social skills & whole body listening
- Emotional intelligence & understanding ourselves in friendship
- Making and keeping friends
- Friendship styles
- The drama triangle (how conflict happens)
- The strength triangle (problem solving conflict)
- Being assertive
- The strength triangle and caring for others

Venue: 2 Young St, Moonee Ponds VIC 3039
 When: Daily commencing **Tuesday 2nd July 2019 – Friday 5th July 2019**
 **Must attend all consecutive days **
 Duration: 2 hours inclusive of 15-minute fruit snack break
 Cost: \$80 per session, Private Health Rebates May Apply - Total Cost \$320
 \$100 per session if using FaHCSIA or NDIS funding - Total Cost \$400
 Time: 9.00am – 11.00am
 This program is suitable for children from Grade 2 to 6
A pre-requisite for the program is that you child is able to participate in discussions and be able to participate in role play.

The Incredible Flexible You™

A Social Thinking® Curriculum for Early Learners

What is The Incredible Flexible You Social Skills Program?

The Incredible Flexible You Social Skills Program is an evidence based intervention that is designed to aid children in developing skills required in social problem solving. The program introduces, and explicitly teaches social thinking concepts in a concrete manner, and is suitable for children encountering social skill difficulties*. The program targets social thinking concepts that are at the core of our social interactions.

Which social thinking concept will be taught?

The first social thinking concept that will be taught is Thinking Thoughts and Feeling Feelings.

 THE INCREDIBLE FLEXIBLE YOU™ SERIES

Thinking Thoughts and Feeling Feelings

What is Thinking Thoughts and Feeling Feelings?

Thinking Thoughts and Feeling Feelings teaches children that every individual has their own thoughts and feelings. This social thinking concept is important for perspective taking.

- Venue:** 2 Young Street, Moonee Ponds VIC 3039
When: Daily commencing Monday 1st July 2019 to Friday 5th July 2019
** Must attend all consecutive days **
Duration: 2 hours, inclusive of 15-minute fruit snack break
Cost: \$80 per session, Private Health Rebates May Apply- Total Cost \$400
\$100 per session if using FaHCSIA or NDIS Funding – Total Cost \$500
Time: 11am to 1pm

Call Pauline on Reception on 9372 0631, or email info@smcspeechpathology.com.au to book your place

** Please note that this program is suitable for children who have language skills appropriate for their age, as the program uses a language-based approach.*

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. 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.

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.

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.

Applications close on 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.