

# BELLBRIDGE NEWS



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## STUDENT ABSENCES

Absences so far this year - 903  
Absences same time last year - 874

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March - No Preps required at school  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - Free Dress day for a Grocery Item  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March - Grade 3-6 Assembly  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March - LABOUR DAY (Public Holiday)  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March - GRIP Leadership Conference (School Captains ONLY)  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March - Division Swimming  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Grade 4 & 5 Grand Prix Excursion  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Prep – 2 Assembly  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Grade 3 excursion – Scienceworks  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March - School Council Meeting  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March - REAL Robotics Event  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Book Club Orders DUE (NO Late Orders Accepted)  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March - Harmony Day  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - No Assembly  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - SCHOOL CARNIVAL  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Grade 6 Sports Gala Day  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Ride 2 School Day  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Grade 3-6 Assembly  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April - Grade 3-6 Cross Country  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April - LAST DAY TERM 1 / 1:40pm Dismissal  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Perp – 6 Assembly

## CHILD SAFE STANDARDS AND CHILD SAFETY POLICIES

Bellbridge Primary School maintains a strong commitment to child safety. Three policies related to processes and issues related to child safety have been presented to all staff and School Council. Copies of these policies (Child Safety; Child Protection – Reporting Obligations; Safe Guarding Children and Young People CODE of CONDUCT) are available on our school web page. A link to documents for parents to use as a reference is included below – ‘Protecting Children from Abuse: For Parents and Carers’. More information is available at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/protect/Pages/default.aspx>

*Victorian government schools are child safe environments. Bellbridge Primary School actively promotes the safety and wellbeing of all students, and all school staff are committed to protecting students from abuse or harm in the school environment in accordance with their legal obligations including the Child Safe Standards.*

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

We are extremely fortunate to have had six keen parents submit nominations for the five positions on School Council this year. We are now in the process of completing an election. Voting ballots and summaries of personal profiles written by candidates have been distributed to all families and voting will close at 4:00pm on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Our community will be notified of the successful candidates via Compass.

These candidates will attend their first School Council meeting on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT**

This was the final meeting for many of our members of the 2018/2019 School Council team.

We offered sincere thanks to the outgoing School Councillors who had completed their designated term – Tanya Tesoriero, Kerri Cahoon, Michelle Ripari, Ursula Kelton, Rupali Jetiley, Shaam Nundlall, Samantha Dean, Joan Hofmann.

Our first school council meeting with our new councillors will take place on Monday, 18th March.

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

- FINANCE REPORT was presented, discussed and approved. It included an explanation, discussion and celebration regarding the current collection rate for Essential Education Items (90%) based on the receipt of voluntary contributions. This is a significant increase in relation to last year.
- PRINCIPAL'S REPORT was presented. It included reports on Staffing; Student Learning and school based programs (1:1 Netbooks, Coaching, Assessment & Reporting, Extra-curricular activities); Swimming Carnival; Grounds and Facilities; and Accountability which involved explanations and discussion regarding Census data (which is based on our school enrolment on February 28<sup>th</sup>) and its relation to school funding, e.g. enrolments on 28/2/18 – 681; current enrolment 686.2.
- Correspondence was shared and discussed.
- Dates for excursions and special events were confirmed – Curriculum Days (29/1/19, 30/1/19, 3/6/19, 4/11/19); Swimming Try outs (8/2/19), District Swimming Competition (18/2/19), Free Dress Days (26/2/19 and 7/3/19), GRIP Student Leaders Conference (13/3/19), Grand Prix excursion (15/3/19), Grade 3 Excursion: Science works (18/3/19), REAL Robotics (20/3/19).
- Fundraising events were approved – School Carnival, Mother's Day & Father's Day Stalls, Easter Raffle, Christmas Raffle, Subway Lunches (Term 2, 3, &4), Wheel & Walkathon, Christmas Concert.
- The following policies were presented and endorsed: Cash Handling; CSEF; Gifts, Benefits & Hospitality; Internet Banking; Parent Payment; Parent Refund.
- SWPBS Matrix for School Council and Parents/Guardians was presented and members were informed of the expectations related to each matrix.
- Meeting dates for 2019 School Council meetings were presented and approved: 18/3; 20/5; 17/6; 19/8; 16/9; 21/10; 18/11.

### **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 and the weekly Carnival Newsletter.

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

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

We appreciate the time taken by many parents to attend the recent Parent Teacher Meetings. It supports our commitment to strong home-school partnerships.

These meetings are often referred to as a 'meet & greet' because we receive important information from parents about their child/ren, e.g. special needs re: medical, social, emotional issues and family situations.

If parents were unable to attend this meeting, please contact the classroom teacher and/or the office so you can make an alternative time for a meeting or a phone conversation with the teacher.

## EXPECTATIONS about the Use of the Playground AFTER SCHOOL

We are fortunate to have wonderful play equipment at Bellbridge and understand that the children really enjoy playing on it, but at the end of the school day it is essential that our staff can identify any child who has not been collected from school. This is impossible to do when we have lots of children on our playgrounds.

Therefore we have implemented the following expectations:

- NO pre-school children or toddlers are to play on the playground equipment at any time as it has not been designed for pre-school age children. *Parents or carers who choose to allow their pre-schoolers and toddlers to play on the school playgrounds, do so at their own risk and it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to provide supervision.*
- Students who walk or ride bikes/scooters home from school are NOT to play on the playground after school as all students are to make their way home or to their designated meeting place where they are picked up by a parent as soon as the bell goes at 2:40pm.
- Parents or carers are responsible for the supervision of their children if they choose to allow them to play on the playground after 2:40pm.

## HOMEWORK

Bellbridge has a Homework Policy that supports students and their families by providing activities that support classroom learning, foster good study habits and provide an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning.

***Please note: Homework is not compulsory at Bellbridge Primary School – it is a parental choice.***

If parents do not wish to support homework activities or find that some homework tasks cannot be completed due to other family commitments, we request that parents write and sign a short note to the teacher (e.g. in the Student Diary).

Our approach to homework at Bellbridge includes:

### Prep – Grade 3

- Reading activities to, with and by parents.
- Simple extension tasks associated with classroom activities.
- Gathering of additional information or materials.
- Homework will generally not exceed 20 - 30 minutes per day.

### Grade 4 – 6

- Independent reading on a daily basis.
- Tasks such as continuation of classroom work.
- Other tasks linked to Inquiry Learning and Integrated Studies.
- Homework will generally not exceed 45 minutes per day.

## PARENTS USING TOILETS AT SCHOOL

We understand that there are times when parents, carers and adult visitors may need to use toilets at school ***but the students' toilets are only for students.***

Our students are taught about 'Stranger Danger' and if/when an adult who is not a member of staff is in the students' toilets, students can become confused, concerned or even frightened, and in most cases they alert their teacher and the office about a 'stranger' in their toilet.

If/when parents, carers and adult visitors need to use toilets when at school, they are advised to report to the Office where they will be directed to an appropriate adult toilet for their personal use.

## HOW PARENTS can RAISE CONCERNS with the SCHOOL

At times, parents may have queries or concerns related to their child, a situation, a teacher or the school environment. In order to maintain a respectful, responsible and supportive home school partnership, our leadership team and staff make themselves available for open communication about these issues.

- Parents are advised to make a time to meet with a TEACHER to discuss issues related to their child's learning and/or social, emotional or behaviour concerns.
- Parents are advised to make a time to meet with the PRINCIPAL (or an Assistant Principal) to discuss issues related to the governance of the school, the safety or welfare of the community, or if a meeting with a teacher is not deemed to have been resolved with an acceptable level of satisfaction.
- Our Principal and Assistant Principals are highly visible within and about the school grounds before and after school, and are very approachable when they are on supervision duty during these times.
- Parents can also contact the Office to make appointments with Teachers and the Principal Class.

We look forward to continuing our positive and productive partnerships with all families at Bellbridge.

*Debbie Clancy*

### **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 month 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.

### **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.

Please note: If you applied in 2017, 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.

## **R.E.A.L ROBOTICS 2019**

Congratulations to the members of the 2019 R.E.A.L Robotics Team:- Anushka Davidge, Amy Gorman, Divyansh Joshi, Xaviar Kelton, Mia Ripari, Liam Allison, Evindu Dahanayake, Ethan Harianto, Dim Samte, and Georgia Voinescu.

The team is already hard at work investigating some of the problems faced by astronauts and they would like your input! Please follow the following link and answer some quick questions to help out the team:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HDRSBFM>

## **SEEKING DONATIONS FOR STEM**

This term in STEM, Grade 4 students are hard at work building their own arcade games, with the intention to share their designs in an exhibition for their buddies. To deliver a more rich and realistic experience, students are eager to include prizes for their punters. As we like to encourage sustainable choices at Bellbridge P.S., we are seeking second hand toys or trinkets for donation. These can be small or large, but must be in a suitable (safe and hygienic) condition for other children to use. If you are able to donate, please direct items to the STEM room. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Kind regards,  
Sarah Murphy  
STEM Specialist Teacher

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# A Healthy Diet for Healthy Teeth

Here are some tips for good Dental Health

- Drink PLENTY of Water
- Eat a variety of foods from the 5 food groups
  - o Whole grains
  - o Fruits
  - o Vegetables
  - o Lean Proteins – beef, chicken, fish, beans, peas, legumes
  - o Dairy foods
- Have healthy snacks, avoid snacks full of sugar
- Brush your teeth twice a day

**Here is something to help you shop for healthy foods!**



***Another tip is to shop the boundaries of the supermarket!***

Hoppers Crossing Secondary College presents:

Australia's foremost expert in the area of cyber safety and young people

## Susan McLean

Susan McLean was a member of Victoria Police for 27 years. Widely known as the 'cyber cop' she was the first Victoria Police Officer appointed to a position involving cyber safety and young people. Susan provides consultancy services to a range of organizations including government and non government bodies, adolescent psychologists, magistrates, sporting bodies, corporate entities, law firms, mental health bodies and Medical Practitioners. You may have seen Susan on television programs such as ABC's Catalyst or Channel 9's 60 minutes and we are very proud to bring her to present in our community.



# Cyber Safety Information Evening -

How to keep your children safe in the digital space

**Venue:** Hoppers Crossing Secondary College

**Date:** Tuesday 26th March 2019

**Time:** 7.00pm

Register your interest at <http://bit.do/MCLEAN>

# Is your 3 to 7 year old child experiencing worry, fear or anxiety?

Then register for...

## The Brave Program

for parents and caregivers of young children

Helping children  
be BRAVE



A FREE online program that provides parents and caregivers of children aged 3 to 7 years with information and skills to help their child overcome fears and anxiety.



<https://brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au>



[fb.me/braveparents](https://fb.me/braveparents)



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UNIVERSITY  
Queensland, Australia



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To keep this program free for all Australian families, anonymous data is collected at registration and during the program use, to help us track the success of the program. Some of this data may be used for research purposes.

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### COMMUNITY NEWS

MELBOURNE  
UTD.  
**2 DAY  
JUNIOR**  
BASKETBALL CAMP

\$175



**ALTONA SPORTS CENTRE**

Thursday 11th & Friday 12th April  
290 Queen Street, Altona Meadows



**OPENING SOON**

**FCGC WILLIAMS LANDING GYMNASTICS**

OPENING FEB 2019

FCGC Gymnastics is excited to be opening our second venue in the Williams Landing business park in Feb 2019. Ideally located between a fitness center and a swim school, FCGC Williams Landing offers a brand new and inviting training facility for both recreational and competitive gymnasts. With ample parking and easy freeway access our new gymnastics is the answer to your questions of how to keep the little ones entertained this year.

FREE TRIAL CLASS FOR ALL NEW MEMBERS

[WWW.FCGC.COM.AU](http://WWW.FCGC.COM.AU)  
FOR MORE INFO

**OPENING FEB 2019**

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**PRE-SCHOOL GYMNASTICS**

**FCGC WILLIAMS LANDING**

Classes for

- Pre-walkers (Bilbies)
- Walking—3 yrs (Wombats)
- 3yrs—5yrs (Geckos)
- 4/5yrs (Koalas)

FREE TRIAL CLASS FOR ALL NEW MEMBERS

**Book Now!**

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**SUPER FUN**  
COME WATCH & PLAY

**Little River Country Fair**

Sunday 17th March, 2019  
10.00am - 3.00pm

Auction, Open Air Market, White Elephant, Devonshire Tea, Animal Farm, Book Fair, House of Horrors, Games & Competitions, Jams & Produce and Dancing

Little River Primary School  
Little River Primary School, 21 Flinders Street, Little River. Ph: 5283 1214

**NEW BLOOD DONORS NEEDED IN WERRIBEE**

We're now open on Saturdays

7 Bridge Street  
13 14 95 | donateblood.com.au

**Australian Red Cross BLOOD SERVICE**

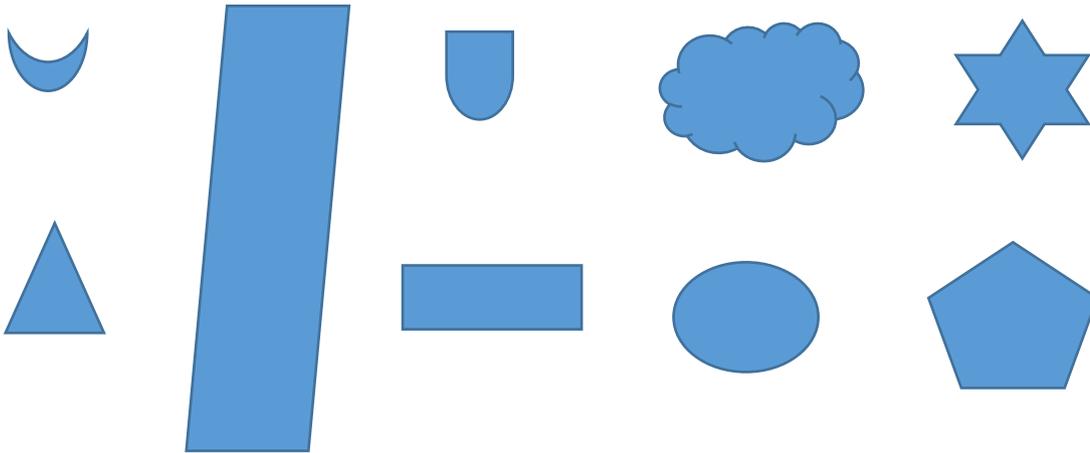
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## Maths Challenge

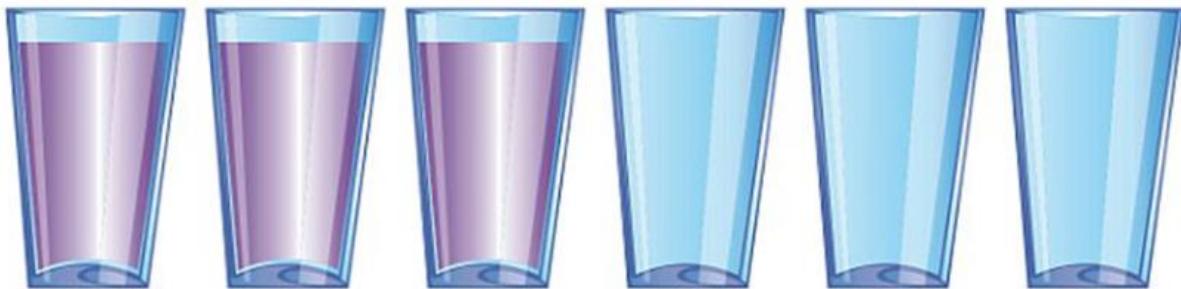
### **Prep - Grade 2**

Using as many of the following shapes as you can, create a picture of yourself.

Each shape can be used more than once.



### **Grade 3-6**



Move only one glass to make a repeating pattern of full and empty glasses. You may only move one glass. Which glass do you move?

### **Things to Remember!**

- Answers must be submitted into the box on the library bench.
- Remember your name, and grade on your answer page.
- Winners will receive 25 bee tokens
- **Entries for this challenge are due before Thursday 21st March.**
- Winner will be announced at end of term assembly

# SHOW BAGS ORDER FORM

We are selling a variety of show bags for our Twilight Carnival. You can pre-order your show bag/s to guarantee you get the show bag you want. Simply fill in the order form below and place in an envelope with the correct payment. Send the envelope labelled with your full name, classroom and write 'Show Bags' on the front. All orders must go through your child's classroom. No orders will be accepted at the office.

NAME : \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE : \_\_\_\_\_ ROOM NUMBER : \_\_\_\_\_

### Novelty Show Bags

	<u>Cost per Show Bag</u>	<u>Number of Show Bags</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Bagosaurus	\$8		\$
BFF School	\$8		\$
Boys Rock	\$8		\$
Fairy Princess	\$8		\$
Girls Rule Stationary	\$8		\$
Horror	\$8		\$
Science Bag	\$8		\$
Slime Zone	\$8		\$
Stinky & Gross	\$8		\$
Super Magic	\$8		\$
Totally Boys	\$8		\$
Totally Girls	\$8		\$
Tricks and Jokes	\$8		\$
		<u>TOTAL</u>	\$

### Confectionary Show Bags

	<u>Cost per Show Bag</u>	<u>Number of Show Bags</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Bertie Beetle	\$6		\$
Chupa Chups	\$6		\$
Fizzer	\$6		\$
Freddo	\$6		\$
Kit Kat	\$6		\$
Pops N Fizz	\$6		\$
Smarties	\$6		\$
		<u>TOTAL</u>	\$

Pre-ordering closes on **Friday 15th March.**

Show bags will be handed out on Friday 22nd March,  
just before the Carnival begins.

Contents of the show bags will be displayed in the  
courtyard for you to view.

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ CASH  EFTPOS

Card No.

Expiry

Cardholder's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cardholder's Signature \_\_\_\_\_



