

# BELLBRIDGE NEWS



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## STUDENT ABSENCES

Absences so far this year	-	3427
Absences same time last year	-	3039

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	-	3-6 Assembly
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	-	CURRICULUM DAY (NO Students Required)
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	-	Gr 5 Excursion: Sovereign Hill
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	-	Prep – Gr 2 Incursion: Chirpy Chicks
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	-	P-2 Assembly
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	-	Queen's Birthday (Public Holiday)
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	-	BOOKCLUB ORDERS DUE (No late orders accepted)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	-	3-6 Assembly
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	-	School Council Meeting
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	-	3-6 Athletics Carnival
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	-	P-2 Assembly
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	-	Parent Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	-	Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	-	Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	-	SUBWAY Lunch
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	-	P-2 Athletics
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	-	CSEF Applications Close
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	-	P-6 Assembly
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	-	LAST DAY TERM 2 (1:40 Finish)
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	-	FIRST DAY TERM 3

### ENROL PREP STUDENTS for 2020 NOW!

At this time, we have only 12 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).

### ATHLETICS HELPERS NEEDED

The Grade 3 to 6 Bellbridge Athletics Carnival is taking place on Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> June. We are calling for any parent helpers who would like to help out on the day. If you can help, Please contact the school, leave your name and number and we will get back to you with a job.

Thanks, Miss Morgan and Mr Henshaw

### NATIONAL WALK and RIDE SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Once again, our school community demonstrated a huge commitment to the 'National Walk Safely to School Day' last week. We had 78% of students walk, ride, scoot or travel by bus to school. We hope that with ongoing education and support, more of our families will choose to walk, ride and scoot to school on a daily basis. In order to be in contention for the Golden Wheel Award, we need to maintain a rate of approximately 80% of students actively travelling to school every Wednesday.

Thank you to all our families who supported this special Active Travel day and made it such a success. It was wonderful to see so many students travelling actively to school, excited to receive bee tokens, stickers, and for some, a 'high five' or hug from Super Bee!

We are very proud of the fact that Bellbridge is 'leading the way' in the implementation of every aspect of this significant, local initiative. Bicycle Network Victoria has awarded our school Platinum Level achievement as we are in the top five schools in the state of Victoria.



### STRANGER DANGER

We understand that some parents may have concerns about their child's safety when travelling to and from school and that is why we urge families to discuss 'Stranger Danger'. Teachers discuss with students how to identify 'Stranger Danger' and strategies to keep safe when they are walking or riding to and from school.

We encourage parents to talk with their children about 'Stranger Danger' at home and we remind parents and students that if they have any concerns to report them immediately.

If you see anything suspicious, please call the Police straight away and inform the school.

You may find this website has some helpful links – [www.safety4kids.com.au](http://www.safety4kids.com.au)

### SCHOOL REVIEW

We have completed two more days of our School Review. These days included the Reviewer conducting classroom observations and observations of meetings, as well as focus groups with small groups of teachers, leaders and students where experiences, feedback and input were shared. The final day of our Review will be June 6<sup>th</sup> and a final report with recommendations will be provided for staff and School Council in July.

### NAPLAN

We are so proud of our students and staff! They completed their roles and responsibilities associated with NAPLAN in a very calm and organised manner throughout the week long testing. Our students completed the tests online and our staff prepared them very well in relation to awareness of processes, stamina and providing adequate technology. It is a credit to our staff, students and their families that this national test is supported so fully with minimal absences and very few requests by parents for exemptions. We look forward to receiving the results next term.

## STUDENT VOICE and AGENCY

A goal in our Annual Implementation Plan (AIP – available on the school web page) is based on Student Voice and Agency. This involves students' opinions and ideas being 'heard' and acted upon where applicable, as well as them being given opportunities to be 'agents' for their learning. Teachers have been incorporating student feedback in their planning and teaching which involves providing students with opportunities to tell their teachers the degree to which their teaching is effective and/or engaging, and ways the teaching and classroom practices could be improved or changed to support the needs and interests of students. This will also be a point of discussion in our current School Review and will be a focus of our new Strategic Plan to be implemented over the next four years.

## STUDENT ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY

All students in Grades 4 – 6 participated in the annual Attitudes to School Survey last week. This is an online survey where students provide feedback in relation to their feelings about their motivation as learners, connectedness to school and peers, their opinions about classroom behaviour and their safety in the classroom and the yard. Students' responses are collated and data is generally shared in Term 3.

## Woolworths EARN & LEARN – only FOUR WEEKS to go!

Please keep collecting these stickers and return them to school. There is a collection box at the Office and student leaders are managing the processing of the stickers on to sheets.

This program gives schools the chance to earn amazing school equipment. If your family would like to support this program, you can collect stickers until June 25th.

## 'NO PARKING' AREAS

Concerns have been raised and complaints have been made about parents parking in No Parking areas around the school. These areas include the BUS STOP on Bellbridge Drive and Disabled Parking bays on Matlock Street and Bellbridge Drive. Parents who park in these areas risk significant fines from Traffic Officers who make random checks on parking around our school.

Please observe the parking signs on the streets surrounding our school and carefully consider where and when you park so you can avoid the frustration of being fined.

## PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS

Mid-year Parent-Teacher Meetings will take place in the last week of this term (24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> June). These meetings will provide an opportunity to discuss your child's progress in further detail subsequent to receiving the Semester 1 Student Report via Compass on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

**Appointment bookings will open on Compass soon.  
Parents will be notified of the time/date bookings will open.**

## COMPASS

One FAMILY CODE (LOGIN) is provided per home address for parents/guardians. Where both parents live with a student, they share the same login. Separated parents living in different addresses may wish to have a unique login code for each parent. To arrange this, an "alternative family" form should be obtained from the school office.

*NOTE: This may be a suitable option for parents wishing to access their child's school report – available on Compass from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Compass will be the method of distribution for the student reports.*

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.

App vs Browser – At this stage, the Compass App is handy for receiving notifications and performing a limited number of functions, but the browser experience offers full functionality. If using the app, you can choose "Open in Browser", but note that booking P/T Meetings or consenting/paying for events is a little fiddly and you may need to search around the screen when there is a drop-down menu to select from. Compass has updated their app somewhat, so it may be easier this time.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

Our recent School Council held on Monday, May 20th included the following:

- Presentation of the monthly financial report, including operating statements in relation to expenditure and program budgets – approved and motions accepted.
- Presentation and discussion about the confirmed School Budget plan for 2019.
- 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, as well as viewing of the plan for two field work days which involved the Reviewer engaging in observations of classrooms and meetings, as well as focus groups with teachers and students.
- Correspondence was presented and discussed.
- Approval and feedback about special events, excursions and incursions in Term 2, which included: Active Kids Sports (Gr.4), Market Fresh (Gr.2), REAL Robotics; Graffiti Incursion (Grade 5 / 6); Chirpy Chicks Incursion (P-2); Sovereign Hill (Grade 5); Immigration Museum (Gr.6); Animals of Oz (Gr.1); Hoop Time Basketball (Grade 3/4), First Aid in Schools: Gr.6 Gala Sports Day.
- 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.
- Discussion about parents' concerns and how they can be raised with the leadership of the school and/or via School Council. It appears that some issues deemed important by some parents are being discussed on social media without a solution or clarity being sought from relevant staff at our school. Parents are always welcome to approach a member of the leadership team informally (e.g. quick chat at the beginning or end of the school day while on yard duty) or formally (e.g. meeting or phone call). Alternatively, parents can communicate 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, June 17th at 6:00pm (with School Captains' presentation at 5:30pm)**

## CURRICULUM DAY (Student Free Day) – Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>

All staff will be involved a whole day of professional learning next Monday and students are not required at school. Teachers will be engaged in learning about a range of strategies and practices that will enhance the teaching and assessment of Writing. This will be facilitated by Misty Adoniou, a professor at ANU (Canberra) and a regular consultant for the Department of Education.

Education Support staff will be participating in First Aid training and refreshing their knowledge and skills in a range of areas to support the health and wellbeing needs of students.

*Debbie Clancy*  
Principal

## **FAMILY MATHS NIGHT**

Family Maths Night last week was well attended by many families. It was great to see the positive responses to the maths sessions offered. The Maths Program Team worked hard to set up the activities and stay back after work to support our Bellbridge families. Everyone enjoyed learning about Mathletics and the importance of maths in our everyday lives.



## Positive Parenting Telephone Service

Our free 6 to 10 Week program helps you to:

-  Have Stronger more positive relationships
-  Set rules and limits
-  Manage everyday behaviour problems

Participants complete a workbook or online modules which are supported by weekly 30 minute phone calls with a trained parenting educator.

All of this can be done from the comfort of your own home at a time that suits you.



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Enrolments are taken all year round



**FREE**

## VICTORIA WIDE SERVICE

For:

Parents

Grandparents

Carers

of children aged 2 to 12 years



## FOSTER CARE INFORMATION NIGHT

Ever thought about fostering children or young people?

Anglicare Victoria is looking for people who have a place in their heart for a child in need of a safe home. Care can be short term or long term.

### INFORMATION SESSION:

**Thursday 6th June | 6.30pm - 7.30pm**

**Anglicare North West Region**

Come along to find out more & have your questions answered. To book or to receive an information package please contact

**The Volunteer and Recruitment Worker on 9396 7400 or [carer.info@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:carer.info@anglicarevic.org.au)**

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### 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**

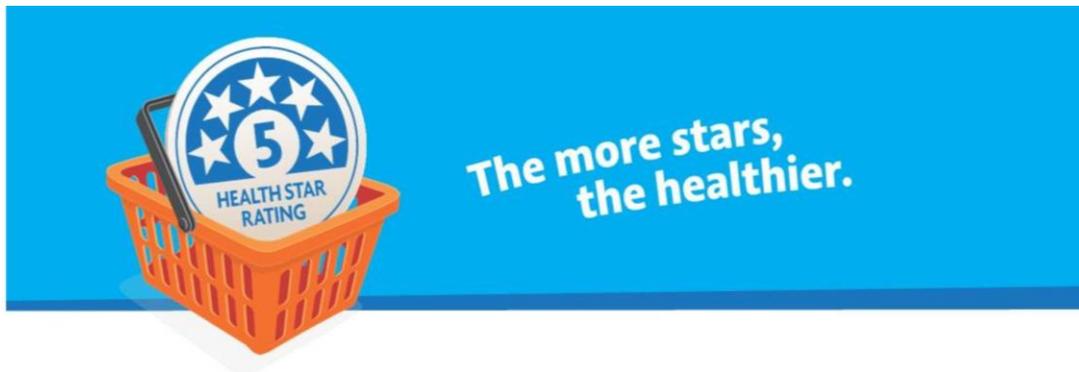
## LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY LEAVERS

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.



### What are Health Star Ratings?

The Health Star Rating system helps you compare similar packaged products at a glance. The system provides a rating from a half to five stars on the front of product packaging – the more stars, the healthier the choice. The system is voluntary but star ratings are appearing on a growing number of products.

### How do I use Health Star Ratings?

When looking for the stars, remember to compare similar packaged products only. For example, compare one breakfast cereal with another, not cereal with yoghurt. Many healthy foods, like fresh fruit and vegetables and lean meats, are not generally packaged and may not have a star rating.

### Where will you see Health Star Ratings?

Health Star Ratings are displayed on the front of packaged foods in the supermarket and can be displayed in two ways. The first (circle only) shows just the star rating of the product; the second includes the star rating plus additional specific nutrition information.



### What are the stars based on?

Packaged products are given a rating based on their nutritional profile, according to a strict algorithm (the Health Star Rating Calculator). This includes: energy (kilojoules); risk nutrients - saturated fat, sodium (salt) and sugars; and positive components - dietary fibre, protein and the proportion of fruit, vegetable, nut and legume content.

Star ratings for all products are calculated based on either 100g or 100mL, meaning you can easily compare the star ratings of similar products.

### How do I know if the stars on a product are accurate?

The calculation of ratings is the responsibility of food manufacturers and retailers. The calculations require specific information on individual components that may not be included in the Nutrition Information Panel or ingredients list, such as the fruit, vegetable, nut and legume content.

Calculating or attempting to check the rating without all the necessary information may produce an inaccurate result. If you have a question about the accuracy of a product, contact the company first.

The National Heart Foundation of Australia also monitors the Health Star Rating system in Australia, including the accuracy of the star rating on a random sample of products, on behalf of the Australian and state and territory governments.



Australian Government

**The Health Star Rating**

A joint Australian, state and territory governments initiative in partnership with industry, public health and consumer groups.

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## Maths Challenge

Grades P - 2

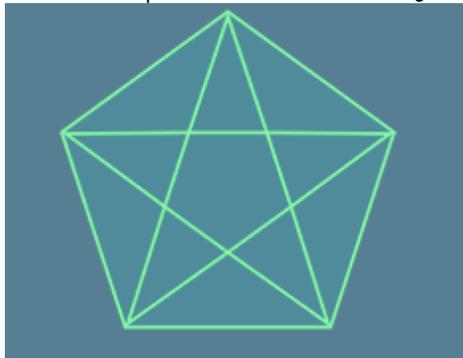
Jack used 20 circles to make a snowman. What could it have looked like?

You might have lots of different ideas.

Draw as many snowmen as you like, but make sure that there are 20 circles for each of them.

Grades 3 – 6

Take a close look at this shape. How many triangles can you find?



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 Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019.**
- One person drawn from the P-2 and 3-6 box.