

BELLBRIDGE NEWS



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STUDENT ABSENCES

Absences so far this year - 2931
Absences same time last year - 2143

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 3rd May - Prep – 2 Assembly
Tuesday 7th May - School Photo Day (See Roster)
Wednesday 8th May - School Photo Day (See Roster)
Thursday 9th May - Mother's Day Stall
Friday 10th May - Whole School Assembly
Sunday 12th May - Mother's Day
Tuesday 14th – Friday 17th May - Gr 3 & 5 NAPLAN Week
Wednesday 15th May - Gr 1 Animals of Oz incursion
Friday 17th May - Grade 3-6 Assembly
Friday 17th May - Walk Safely to School Day
Monday 20th May - School Council
Thursday 23rd May - REAL Robotics Event
Friday 24th May - Prep – 2 Assembly

PRINCIPAL WRITES

SCHOOL REVIEW

Most schools undertake a School Review every four years. A review of our school's achievements in relation to our Strategic Plan and Annual Implementation Plans (available for viewing on our school web page) will be conducted this term. Our Reviewer is Lucy Glover and our Principal Class challenge partners are Darryl Spiteri (Rockbank PS) and Laban Toose (Wyndham Park PS). Other members of the review panel will include our leadership team, our Senior Education Improvement Leader (SEIL), Helen Hobley, and our School Council President, Sian Smith.

We have completed and submitted our School Self-Evaluation document which included feedback, input and reflections from all students and interested parents who attended a parent forum.

The review will also involve a panel discussion with student leaders, classroom observations by the panel members, and analysis of data (student achievement, parent surveys, staff surveys and student surveys) over the past four years.

Key dates for the review process are May 1st, 22nd, 23rd and June 6th.

A final report will be provided to the school community in Term 3.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE in Term 1, 2019

(average number of days absent per student in each class)

Prep A - 3.55	1A - 3.95	2A - 4.09	3A - 2.42	4A - 2.09	5A - 2.43	6A - 1.96
Prep B - 4.05	1B - 4.14	2B - 2.10	3B - 1.74	4B - 2.38	5B - 2.21	6B - 4.39
Prep C - 1.80	1C - 2.76	2C - 2.04	3C - 3.75	4C - 3.43	5C - 2.04	6C - 3.44
Prep D - 1.80	1D - 2.48	2D - 3.05	3D - 2.39	4D - 2.17	5D - 2.17	6D - 2.29
Prep E - 1.70	1E - 2.00	2E - 1.23				
Average - 2.58	Average - 3.07	Average - 2.50	Average - 2.56	Average - 2.52	Average - 2.21	Average - 3.02

* Classes with less than 3 days per student each term assist us in achieving our Annual Implementation target by the end of the year – 'the average number of student absence days over the course of the year will be less than 12'.

* 202 students had 100% attendance in Term 1.

PARENT FEEDBACK FROM CARNIVAL SURVEY (84 responses)

Favourite feature of the Carnival

Show Bags	Sideshow Alley	Food/drink	Fairy Floss	Silent Auction	Hampers	Lucky Dips	Choc Toss	Cakes
28	32	57	30	37	32	35	53	41

Favourite Food at School Council Stall

HOT CHIPS	SAUSAGES IN BREAD	HOT LAMB ROLLS	HAMBURGERS
53	31	26	11

Favourite Rides

Dodgem Cars	Giant Slide	Cha Cha	Jumping Castle	Zorb Balls	Chair-o-plane
57	46	N/A	22	20	28

OVERALL SATISFACTION

Low	Fair	Medium	High	Very High
3	10	35	27	9

Thank you to all of our families who provided such positive and constructive feedback.

We will use this information to assist with the planning of the next school carnival.

SWPBS: School Wide Positive Behaviour Support program

Our SWPBS strategies continue to be embraced throughout our school by all staff and students. For the past seven years, this program has provided a culture and tone in our school that ensures calm and settled environments for work and play. Students respond well to clear and consistent expectations, supported by incentives and positive rewards. Our consistent school wide approach ensures teachers are able to teach and students are able to learn with minimal interruptions. Clear guidelines and procedures to manage unacceptable behaviour or challenging situations provide opportunities for students to learn from poor choices and/or errors in judgement.

SWPBS REWARDS SHOP

The 'Rewards Shop' is located in the room near the entry to the small staff car park on Bellbridge Drive which is also used as our Uniform Shop each Tuesday morning (8:00 – 8:45am) Students are able to visit the Rewards Shop each Tuesday and Thursday at 1:00pm.

The Rewards Shop is overseen by the Health & Wellbeing Team in collaboration with the Student Leaders (SRC – class captains and vice captains).

Our students enjoy earning bee tokens for demonstrating positive behaviours in the classroom and the yard. The bee tokens they collect can be cashed in for prizes at the Rewards Shop or some students prefer to cash them in for beehive tokens for class rewards, visits to other classrooms or other classroom incentives.

The rewards consist of a wide range of treats, stationery, toys, games and magazines. On average, we have between 100 – 150 students visit the Rewards Shop each week!

COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

The Department of Education (DET) has a focus on schools engaging in work involving an approach known as Community of Practice (CoP). Bellbridge completed a CoP in Reading over the past three years. We are now actively engaged in a CoP related to Writing and will be collaborating with Little River PS, Tarneit P – 9 College, Manor Lakes College and Warringa SDS, Over the course of this year, school visits will be undertaken at each school. We know they will be suitably impressed with the strong student centred focus on learning that is a consistent feature of our school.

NAPLAN PREPARATION

Teachers in Grade 3 and Grade 5 are in the process of preparing our students for the three days of testing involved in NAPLAN, which is being completed online. This includes developing an understanding of the testing genre and the building of personal stamina so students can maintain sustained focus on various tests, e.g. reading five different texts and responding to comprehension questions in a 45 minute period.

STUDENT ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY

All students in Grades 4 – 6 will be participating in the annual Attitudes to School Survey in the coming month. 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

Bellbridge PS will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. This program gives schools the chance to earn amazing school equipment. If your family would like to support this program, you can collect stickers from Woolworths from May 1st – June 25th.

Each family will receive a 'Sticker Sheet' to start collecting the stickers. The sheet and/or stickers can be returned to school and placed in a special collection box at the office.

STUDENT LEADERS

Our School Captains attended the annual student leadership conference at the end of last term and represented our school admirably. School leaders (class captains and vice captains who form the SRC) have participated in regular SRC meetings and continue to fulfil their roles as assistants in the SWPBS Rewards Shop, collection of recycling tubs, Active Travel data collection and the hosting of assemblies, which also includes speeches and reports.

This week they have also participated in a Student Forum with members of our School Review Panel. This involved them responding to questions and comments posed by the panel members in relation to their thoughts, understandings and feelings about our school, their classrooms and their teachers.

PROCESSES WHEN DEALING WITH HEAD LICE

We have had a few families inform us of recent cases of head lice which has resulted in a request for clarity regarding the process followed when parents detect head lice in their children's hair. The school policy is also included in this newsletter for your reference (and is also included on our school web page with many other school policies).

If parents find that their child has head lice they should:

- Treat the head lice immediately
- Tell the office staff or classroom teacher before the child/ren return to class
- Office staff who are experienced in head lice checks will check the child/ren's hair before they return to class
- When staff have been made aware of a case of head lice, a note will be prepared for students to take home to inform families of the class affected so they can check their child/ren's hair and treat them, if necessary.

If you have any concerns about this matter, please contact the Office to make a time to discuss it with a member of the leadership team.

SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

Next meeting: Monday, May 20th at 7:00pm

MOTHERS DAY STALL

The School Council has organised a wonderful range of gifts for our Mother's Day Stall which will be held during the morning next Thursday, May 9th in the 'Rewards/Uniform Shop'.

Each class will have a rostered time to attend the stall and all gifts are priced at \$5.00 each.

If parents are able to assist with supervising at the stall, please contact the Office.

SCHOOL TOURS

We have begun hosting weekly tours of our school each Tuesday at 9:00am as a means of encouraging local Prep enrolments for 2020. Prospective parents are required to make bookings for the tours which can cater for up to five families.

The process for enrolment involves a tour, 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).

Families who do not live in our DNA are allowed to submit a letter requesting consideration for enrolment based on educational grounds. These letters are considered at the end of July when we have an indication of local enrolments.

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.

Debbie Clancy

Principal

COMMUNITY NEWS

turning in to kids



The TUNING IN TO KIDS™ Parenting Program aims to promote the development of emotional competence.

It provides parents with emotion coaching skills that help children learn to understand and regulate their emotions.

It assists parents in being aware of their children's emotions, behaviours and problem solving skills.

When: Every Tuesday
10 am - 12 pm
7 - 14 - 21 - 28 May
4 - 11 June

Where: Central Park
Community Centre
80 Lonsdale Circuit,
Hoppers Crossing

**It's FREE! Places are limited
and registration is essential.**

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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. 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.



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Individual Paths, United Journey

HEAD LICE MANAGEMENT POLICY

Rationale

- Responsibilities for managing head lice are shared between parents/guardians, schools and Principals
- Parents/guardians have primary responsibility for detection and treatment of head lice
- Schools must develop an accurate and consistent policy to managing head lice that is approved by the School Council
- The written consent of parents/guardians prior to students being inspected for head lice must be obtained
- Infected students must be excluded until the day after treatment has commenced

Purpose

- To minimise outbreaks of head lice
- To ensure Bellbridge Primary School complies with DET policy and the requirements of the Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 2001

Implementation

- A pro forma consent form that obtains parent/guardian consent to head lice inspections will be provided to parent/guardians for completion as part of enrolment
- The consent form will be updated when guardianship or custody arrangements change for the student or parents/guardians no longer wish to consent to inspections
- It will apply for the duration of the child's enrolment at the school
- Head lice checks without physical contact do not require parental consent
- Parents/Guardians will be contacted regarding students identified with live head lice and will be sent home
- Parents/guardians through school Newsletters or other communications will be encouraged regularly to check for lice or eggs in the hair of all household members and notify the school if their child is affected
- They must not send their children to school with untreated head lice
- The school will alert parents/guardians of an infestation, particularly the parents of other students in the same class as the affected child/children but will use discretion about informing the school community about an infestation
- The school will exercise sensitivity towards students and families with head lice, maintain student confidentiality to avoid stigmatization and support and provide practical treatment advice to parents/guardians

Evaluation

To be reviewed as part of the cyclic plan in 2018.

Ratified at School Council – November, 2018

School Council President: Michelle Ripari

Principal: Debbie Clancy

Reference: www.education.vic/gov.au/school/principals/spag/health/pages/headlice.aspx

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Maths Challenge

Grades P - 2

I looked out of the window and counted 10 legs. What might I have seen?

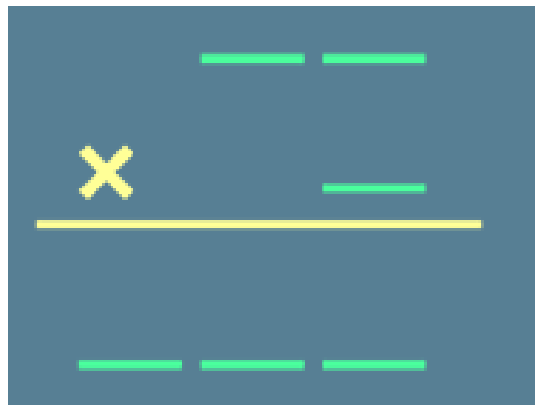
How many different answers can you find?

You can write or draw your answers.



Grades 3 - 6

Use each of the following numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 exactly once to fill in the spaces below.



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 Monday 20th May 2019.**
- One person drawn from the P-2 and 3-6 box.