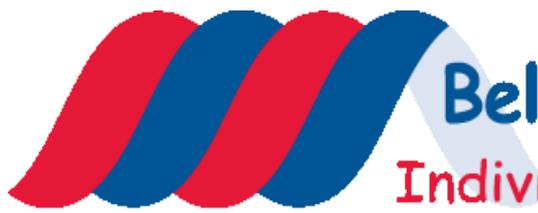


BELLBRIDGE NEWS



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 10th May to Friday 20th May

Monday 16th May

Thursday 19th May and Friday 20th May

Friday 20th May

Saturday 21st May

Monday 23rd May to Friday 27th May

Monday 23rd May

- Grade 3 and 5 NAPLAN testing
- Education Support Personnel Day and School Council meeting
- School Photos
- Walk Safely to School Day
- Federal Election (polling booth at Bellbridge PS)
- Education Week
- District Cross Country (elected Gr 3-6 students)

PLEASE NOTE: COMPASS is the main form of communication between school and home. It is important that all families are using this communication tool. If you are not able to login, or have forgotten your password, please contact the school and our office staff will be happy to assist.

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

Bellbridge Primary School is committed to protecting children and supports Child Safe Standards.

Victorian government schools are child safe environments. Our 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.

More information is available at:

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



SUBWAY lunches are available for order every Wednesday and Friday this term. Ordering is simple. Visit 'subsforyou.com.au', follow the steps to place the order, review and pay. DONE! All Subway lunch dates will be visible and are identified by the green + icon, giving families the option to order and pay for any one or all of the available dates throughout the term. Orders are to be placed by Monday 11.30am for Wednesday lunches or by Wednesday 11.30am for Friday lunches. Orders already placed can be cancelled by these times as well. Refunds will take a couple of days to be processed back to your account. If you have any questions or queries regarding your account or placing an order, please email contact@subsforyou.com.

SCHOOL PHOTOS Thursday 19th and Friday 20th May

School Photos will occur on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th May. The schedule for these photo days will be sent out closer to the date.

All payments are due via Compass by Friday 27th May. A \$20 late fee will be charged for payments received after this date. If you are purchasing sibling/family photos, orders must be received by 11:00pm on Wednesday 18th May.

If you have any questions regarding school photo orders, please call MSP Photography directly between 8:30am-5:00pm Mon-Fri on (03) 9115 1642, or email melbourne@mvp.com.au.



RAPID ANTIGEN TEST Kits

Another supply of Rapid Antigen Test kits (RATs) were provided to all students this week.

It is still recommended that students and staff continue to do these tests twice a week.

If you believe you have not received a RAT for your child, contact the office and we will arrange for a kit to be sent home as soon as possible.

CELEBRATING OUR EXTRAORDINARY EDUCATION SUPPORT STAFF

Next week we are acknowledging and celebrating the wonderful work done by the Education Support staff at our school – there are 28 of them. We have 17 integration aides who support the special learning and wellbeing needs of many students in our classrooms and in the playground. They implement personalised 1:1 and group programs/strategies that support students with a range of individual needs that include: autism spectrum disorder (ASD), intellectual disability (ID), physical disability (visual/hearing impaired, cerebral palsy), attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADD/ADHD), downs syndrome, diabetes, speech delay and trauma affected learning delay.

We have eight support staff who manage the administration of our school. These roles and responsibilities include: financial planning and management, enrolments, attendance, first aid, occupational health and safety practices, and human resource management.

We also have two ICT technicians who oversee and manage our extensive IT programs, devices and technical needs, as well as a hardworking maintenance person who maintains the facilities and grounds.

We thank them for the extraordinary work they do to support our students, staff and our school!



MOTHER'S DAY STALL

We had a very successful Mother's Day Stall last week. This was due to the generous support of a team of parent volunteers, which included: Angela Vredembregt, Brooke Miller, Janice Hamill, Lauren Hyett, Marina Lowe, Sarah Sgarioto and Shae Evans. We know the students truly appreciated their support and advice with the shopping process.



CYBER SAFETY and being eSMART

We are an eSmart school and we expect our students to be safe, respectful and responsible learners and users of the internet and any forms of social media/apps.

Our eSmart program helps educate our students about the smart, safe and responsible use of online technology.

INTERNET PRIVACY - *Respecting everyone's personal information and privacy is one of the most important aspects of an eSmart school and home.*

Top 10 cyber safety tips from eSmart



1. Use tech to make life better

We can use technology to learn things, create things, connect with friends and family, reach out to people who are having a hard time, enjoy great entertainment, and even boost our fitness and mental health. We should not use technology to make other people feel sad or unsafe.

2. Keep your balance

Technology is incredible. Gaming, networking, apps ... online shopping! But relying too much on tech can mess with your sleep and make you feel exhausted, stressed or lonely. Make time for the other things that matter to you: family meals, playing with pets, kicking a ball around, reading, cooking, art or just sitting out in the sunshine.

3. Boundaries, people

Sure, you're fascinating, but you don't need the world watching your every move. Regularly check your privacy settings on apps and social media, and make sure people can't track your location. Don't share passwords (no, not even with your best friend), and always think before you post. Photos that show your school uniform or the outside of your house might make you a little too easy to find.

4. Respect others

Before taking and sharing photos or videos of other people, always ask first if it's OK with them. And before you talk about someone online, stop to think: how might this make them feel?

5. Keep everything updated

Be vigilant about updating software, including apps, anti-virus and even the humble browser.

6. Spam, Spam, Spam, Spammidy-spam

Even with the best anti-spam and malware software – that's up-to-date – spam is the modern version of junk mail. It's everywhere! Beware of emails and messages from people you don't know, especially if they are misspelled, say weird things, or urge you to click on hyperlinks or open files.

7. Keep your cool

When someone's behaving badly online, the temptation is to shoot back something equally harsh – but is that really how you want to spend your time? If someone's behaviour online is making you scared, anxious or miserable, it's time to talk to someone you trust and block or report whoever is bothering you.

8. Keep your friends close and strangers at arm's length

Do you know how many true friends most people have? Three. Yup, those four thousand and fifty-two social media 'friends' are a combination of acquaintances, people-you-met-once, people-you-can't-remember-meeting-once and, probably, some 'randoms'. How much do you want them to know about you? And if someone you don't know contacts you asking for photos, videos or personal info, or if they ask you to meet them in private or keep your conversations a secret – red flag! Tell a trusted adult straight away.

9. Be the hero

Have you seen someone being bullied or treated badly online? You have a chance to change the story. Think about reaching out to them and saying something kind and supportive, reminding them that they deserve to be treated with respect, and encourage them to report abusive behaviour to the website, the [eSafety Commissioner](#), or a caring adult.

10. Ask for help if you need it

Online dramas getting you down? Talk to someone you trust, like a friend, family member, teacher or mentor. Abusive behaviour online can also be reported to the eSafety Commissioner. And remember: you can chat for free to counsellors at [Kids Helpline](#), [ehespace](#), [Beyond Blue](#) or [Lifeline](#). They are open 24/7 and offer web and text counselling, as well as over the phone.

SEEKING PARENT VOLUNTEERS FOR ELECTION DAY

Our school will be hosting a polling booth for the Federal Election on Saturday, May 21st and we are seeking parent volunteers to assist with a School Council Sausage Sizzle.

If you are able to volunteer at any times between 8:00am – 2:00pm, please email the school your expression of interest and the times you may be available, and a member of the School Council fundraising team will contact you with further information.

Duties will include: setting up the barbecue area, collection of money, cooking and serving sausages and egg/bacon sandwiches, as well as packing up at the end of the session.

Our school councillors are very keen to make this our first onsite community event since the lockdowns began over two years ago.

School email: bellbridge.ps@education.vic.gov.au



PREP ENROLMENTS for 2023 and SCHOOL TOURS

Enrolment Forms for next year are available on our school web page, as well as upon request at our school office.

School tours have begun and bookings are quickly filling for this term. Parents must contact the school via the Enrolment Officer to make an appointment for a school tour. The number of participants in each school tour is limited and bookings are essential.

We are keen to have as many early enrolments completed as soon as possible to assist with our planning for staffing and classes in 2023, as well as our Transition Program which is planned for Term 4.

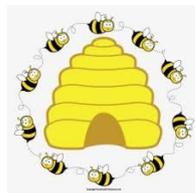
Please note: All schools in Wyndham are directed to accept enrolments of students who live in the Designated Neighbourhood Area (DNA), which is also referred to as a 'zone', and proof of residence is required to complete an enrolment (e.g. most recent rates notice, electricity bill, and/or a copy of a rental/purchase agreement for a house in the local area).



Debbie Clancy - Principal

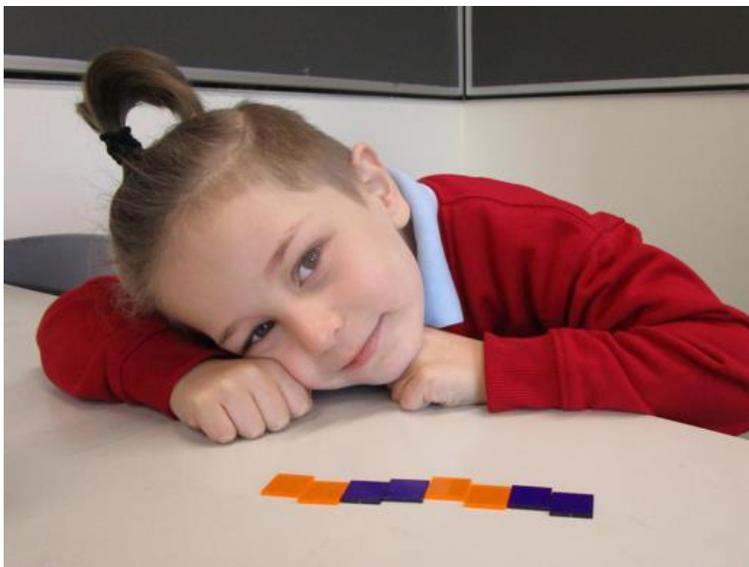
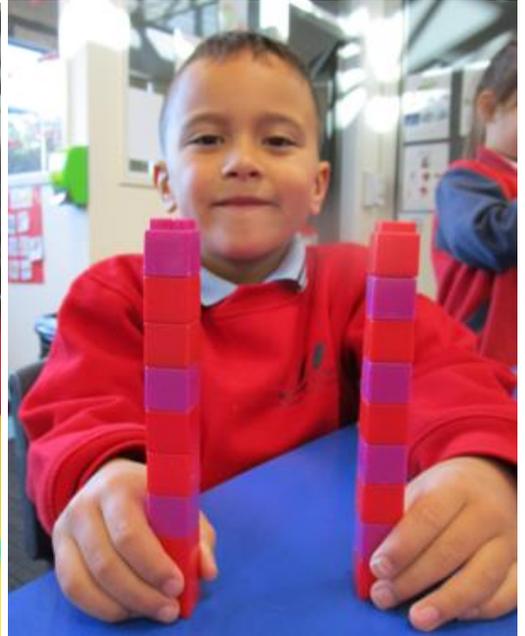
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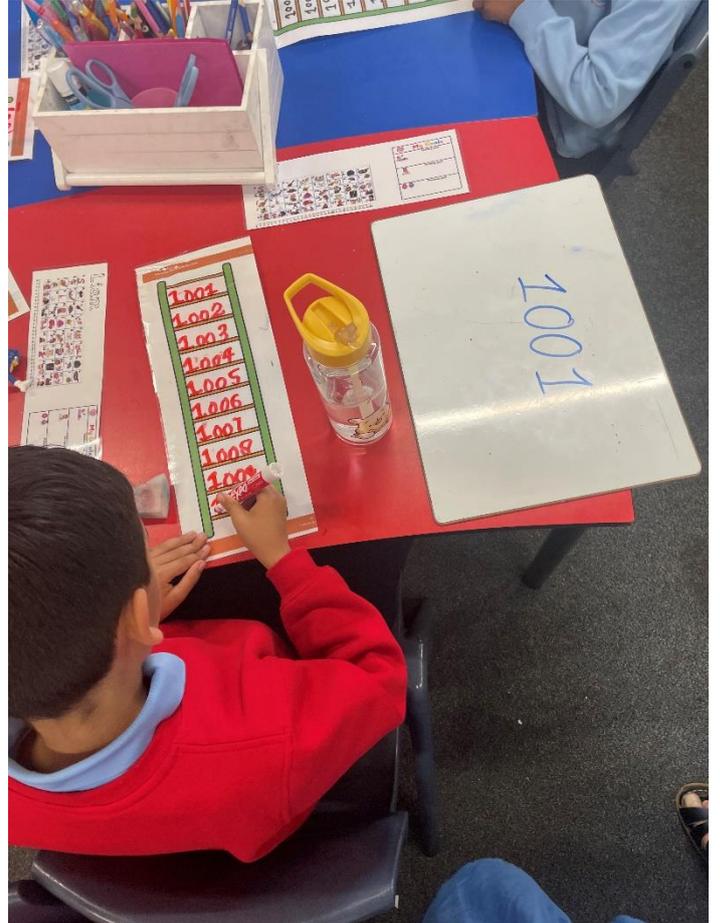
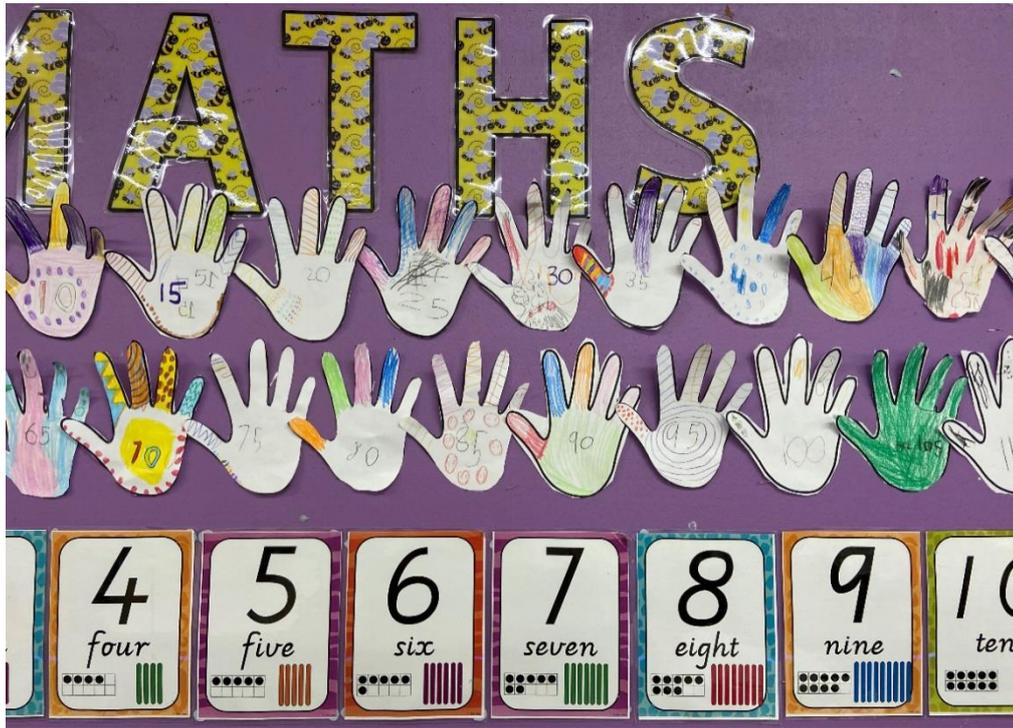


PREP LEARNING

Our Prep students have been learning about patterns in Maths lessons.

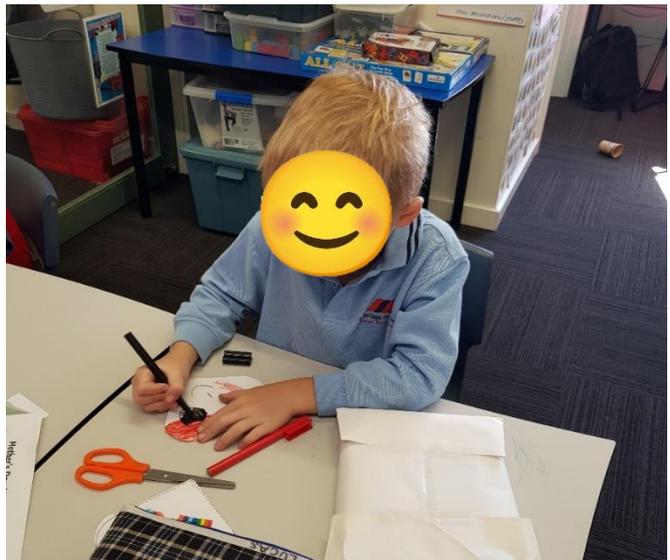
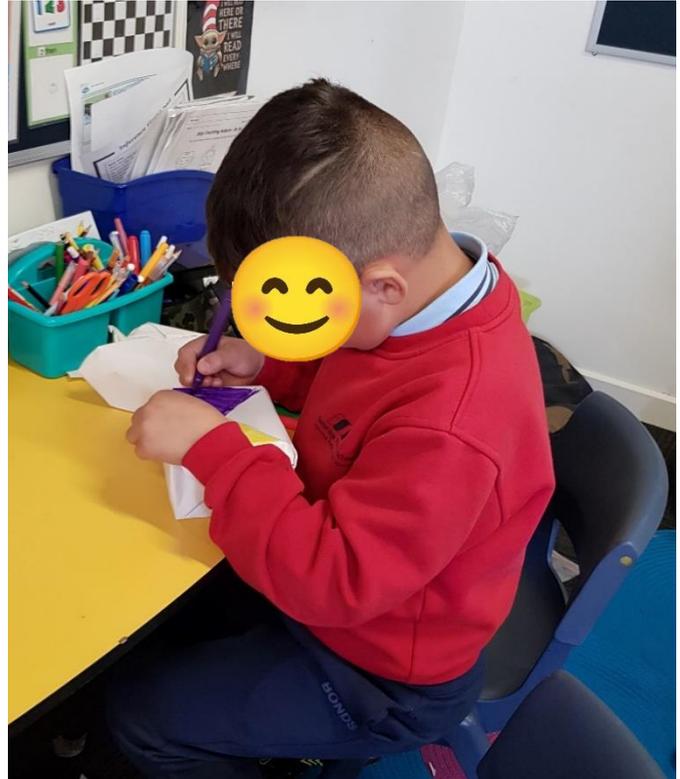


Grade 1 students have been working on their counting skills during Maths lessons. They are learning to count by 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s from various starting points. Students were given a number and got to put that number inside their traced hands. They then practised skip counting by 5s as a class starting from smallest to largest.



GRADE 2 LEARNING

Earlier this term, Grade 2 students were busily making cards and wrapping presents for someone special in their lives. Students discussed what they were grateful for about their special person.



Grade 3 students participated in a First Aid in Schools incursion last week that promoted a sense of safety and with managing incidents.



The Grade 4 team are starting their new Inquiry topic on 'Living and Once Living'. This term we are learning about the life cycle of a chicken and students will get to see the real life hatching of chicks, watching their journey as they turn into adult chickens!



GRADE 5 LEARNING

Grade 5 students have recently started a unit on Chance and Probability. They have been demonstrating their understanding of chance language and making valuable links to fractions, including simplifying fractions and finding equivalent fractions. Many students were also able to explore the connection with percentages and decimals to explain possible outcomes. This week, they greatly enjoyed putting their knowledge into practice by playing a game called Ninny Ninny.



GRADE 6 LEARNING

This term, the Grade 6s are getting ready to create their very own wizarding world in preparation to learn all about how the Australian parliament works. So far, we have been learning all about electorates and will soon create our very own electorates in the wizarding world (name to be confirmed). This week we've made wizarding wands and magical hats in preparation to meet in the Parliament of Wizards.

During Respectful Relationships we have been working in groups to discuss and learn the difference between our 'needs' and 'wants'.



Coding at Bellbridge – ‘Rebooting the World’

As part of the S.T.E.M. program at Bellbridge, ALL students in Grade 5 and 6 get an introductory course in coding. They complete coding modules and then try to apply these in creating short animations and making their own games.



CODING CLUB

Every Thursday lunchtime we also run an optional Coding Club (again just for Grade 5 and 6 students), where students can collaborate with one another and look at more advanced coding.



R.E.A.L. Robotics – FIRST Lego League

Bellbridge has taken part in the FIRST Lego League R.E.A.L. Robotics program for the last 5 years. This is an opportunity to pit our wits in coding against the best students across the whole country. Last year our fabulous team, The Bellbridge EV3 Bees, reached the National finals. 🤖



We have now selected the 2022 team (our Bellbridge Bots). This was an incredibly tough decision. We can only take 10 students to the competitions, and we had over 50 expressions of interest!

Our successful candidates:

From Grade 6 we have Ethan N, Oscar, Elias K, Aashi & Priyaashi - PLUS our 2 reserves, Ruby & Caleb. From Grade 5 we have Max, Elena, Aiden, Kaashvi and Sarayu - PLUS our 2 reserves, Slavko & Ruyah.

Congratulations to the successful applicants who will receive an additional ‘Robotics’ extension hour each week and we wish them the very best in this year’s contest – **3-2-1 LE-GO Bellbridge Bots!**



PHYSICAL EDUCATION LEARNING

In Physical Education, the Grade 5 cohort have a four-week Hot Shot Tennis clinic coming every Monday. They will be learning and refining all of their tennis skills throughout this program.



The Grade 3-6's have got their Athletics Carnival coming up on Friday 3rd June and are working towards performing all the events correctly. It looks like this year will be the first athletics carnival to be completed since 2019! Very exciting stuff.



The Grade Prep-2's are working on their kicking and dribbling skills with a soccer ball. They also have mini athletics coming up on Thursday 2nd June.

NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

National Walk Safely to School Day is coming up on Friday 20th May. Please try to travel actively to school on this day. We will have teachers out on our four active travel paths (Red, Green, Blue and Purple) and even a special guest, SUPERBEE, will be handing out bee tokens and stickers. If you live too far to walk to school, drive part of the way and park at our new PARK and WALK signs and walk from there. We look forward to seeing you out on the paths. 😊



Wyndham Volunteer Expo!

Would you like to 'help out' in your local community?

Research shows that volunteering can help reduce social isolation, improve health and wellbeing and lead to you feeling more connected to your community. Whether it's 1 hour a month or 6 hours a week, there is something for everyone!

Come along to the Wyndham Volunteer Expo and meet your local community groups and not-for-profit organisations who need your help and see what they have to offer. You never know, it might be life changing! To learn more, visit www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/wyndham-volunteer-expo.

Date: Saturday 14th May 2022
Time: Anytime between 10am and 2pm!
Location: Encore Events Centre, 80 Derrimut Road, Hoppers Crossing
Contact: volunteers@wyndham.vic.gov.au or phone 9742 8138
Cost: Free (no pre-booking or ticket required)

Website: <https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/wyndham-volunteer-expo>.

Facebook event: <https://fb.me/e/4fXS1qPVr>



The poster features a dark blue background with the text 'WYNDHAM VOLUNTEER Expo' in large, white and teal letters. Below the title, it says 'SATURDAY 14 MAY, 2022' and 'ANYTIME BETWEEN 10AM – 2PM'. The location is 'Encore Event Centre, 80 Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing'. There are four circular photo cutouts: two showing people working together, and two showing smiling women. The poster is decorated with stylized leaves and wavy patterns in teal, orange, and pink. Logos for 'wyndhamcity city coast country' and 'Wyndham Volunteers' are in the bottom right corner.

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VIC PARENT/CARER ONLINE WORKSHOP



Join us for an online workshop where you will have the opportunity to listen, share and learn with parents and carers who support young people on the autism spectrum, from across Victoria.

This online workshop is 4 short sessions spread over 4 days. We encourage you to attend all 4 valuable sessions. It is for parents, full-time carers and grandparents.

During the online workshops, we will cover four topics:

- diversity of autism
- understanding sensory processing
- understanding behaviour
- working together with your child's school.



Location:

via zoom online

Dates & Times (AEST):

Diversity of Autism

Monday 9 May 2022
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Sensory Processing

Monday 16 May, 2022
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Understanding Behaviour

Monday 23 May, 2022
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

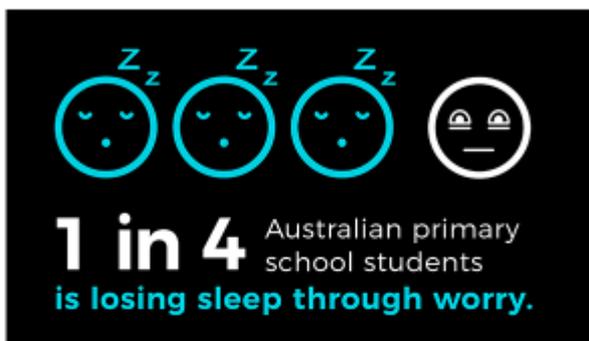
Working Together

Monday 30 May, 2022
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM



For more information and to register, visit www.positivepartnerships.com.au or contact Jessica Feary jfeary@positivepartnerships.com.au

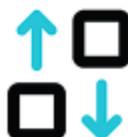
SLEEP AND DEVICES



WHAT CAN WE DO?



Kids should have **ALL notifications turned OFF**



Rearrange the home screen to remove social media apps from view



Schedule time for phone use instead of scheduling time off your phone

OTHER TOOLS FOR PARENTS

- **Limit technology** and re-connect with your kids emotionally through play and other activities they are interested in.
- **Role model** the behaviour you would like to see.
- Limit your own time on your device to enable you to **have special time with your kids** that is not interrupted by a work email.
- **Don't be afraid to set limits!** Turning off the Wifi and leaving your devices on the kitchen bench are great ways to help your child/children get quality sleep

For further information and resources, please following this link - [Schools Newsletter - Devices & Sleep](#)

Education Week 2022

22 - 28 May



Years of Public Education



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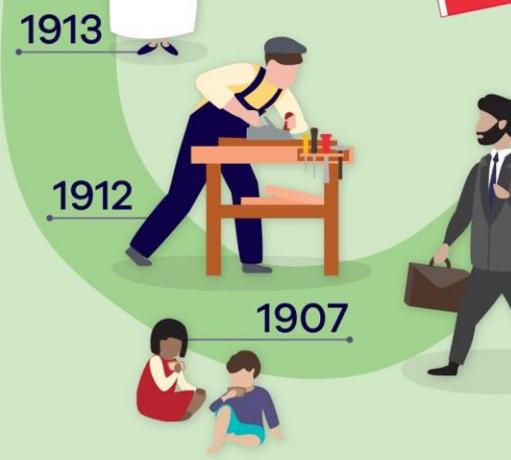


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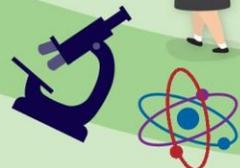


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Find out more about Education Week 2022 at www.education.vic.gov.au/educationweek



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

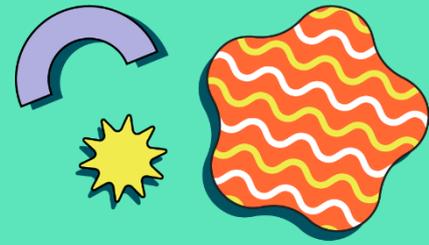
You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



Newsletter



Hi everyone! Here at Camp Australia, we're settling into Term 2 really well! We hope all families had a great Mother's Day, celebrating someone special to them.

Term 2 still has so much to offer, including our Handball championships which will be taking place very soon! Please see the Camp Australia website for more information, or pop into the OSHC room where we have some posters up about it!

The children at before and after school care have been thoroughly enjoying going outside onto the play equipment, kicking balls around in the gym, and making creations with the Hama Beads in the OSHC room!

Just a friendly reminder, many enrolled families need to re-sign their children's enrolment forms through the educator's tablet in the service! You're more than welcome to do so when you pick your children up, just come find Kristen or one of the other educators and we can help you!



Virtual information sessions

Join us for a free virtual information session to find out how Outside School Hours Care can help your family, and how our team can guide your child's growth. These virtual, informative, and interactive sessions will provide insight into how Your OSHC by Camp Australia operates.

[Book now](#)

It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campastralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



COVID safe activities

All activities are COVID safe, adhere to all health guidelines and follow COVID-19 cleaning practices.



Positive Transitions program

Whether it's your child's first day of school, they're joining us at OSHC for the first time or they just need a little encouragement after the summer holidays, our Transitions program will help your child feel safe, valued and included.



Save on OSHC fees with the CCS

Did you know you can reduce the cost of care with a Government subsidy? We strongly recommend you apply for the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) to determine what you're eligible for. For more info, visit Mygov.com.au



Boost your child's sense of belonging

When children feel that all-important sense of belonging, they can thrive. Read our full blog on helping to boost your child's sense of belonging in primary school.

[Visit our blog](#)