

STAFF PROFILES



Name: Cathy Caminiti
Current grade that you teach and what other year levels you have taught? I am the principal, but started at Belle Vue as a Grade 4 teacher, then specialist teacher (Reading Recovery and Italian), Leading

teacher, Assistant Principal and now, Principal. I have worked in many schools around the state and country (5 years in Tennant Creek, Northern Territory) teaching across all year levels (P-12) and specialist areas. I also taught English overseas (Italy) for 5 years.

How long you have been at the school? 13 – going on 14 years!

Family background: I am married to Steve and have two grown up (step) children. I grew up in Mildura which is situated 600km north of Melbourne and come from a very big Italian background. My parents are both in their mid / late 80's and have 6 children, 12 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren! When we all get together it is very loud and noisy!

What you love about working at Belle Vue? The sense of community. Coming from the country and spending the majority of time in country schools where sense of community is strong – I love that we can be in an inner east school in Melbourne and still have that sense of community – collective responsibility for all our students. *Great kids, great parents, fabulous staff 😊

What you like to do in your spare time? Yoga, reading, cooking and eating (see background!), travelling and walking.



Name: Annette Bruce
Current position and what other positions within schools? Business Manager here, as well as at a previous school. I have also worked in the General Office and as an Integration Aide.

How long you have been at the school? 15 years.

Family Background: I grew up in a family of 7 children. My mum was a dance teacher and I have therefore spent most of my life dancing or teaching dance. I have a daughter who is now 32yrs old and a 9month old Pomeranian called Honey.

What you love about working at Belle Vue? The first time I came to this school I immediately felt the strong community feel of the school and felt at home. Over the years as staff, students and parents have come and gone this feeling has not changed. I enjoy watching the students grow and getting to know the parents and staff. The enjoyment of being part of such a welcoming staff and community makes my work day all the more enjoyable.

What you like to do in your spare time? I love summer and can be found at the beach most weekends either walking along the bay trails or enjoying the sun and water. Dance is still part of my life and I am learning Rock n Roll. I also enjoy spending time with my friends whether that be going to dinner, away for a weekend, camping or overseas.



Name: Rachael De Prada
Current grade that you teach and what other year levels you have taught? I have taught grades 1/2, 5/6, Prep at Belle Vue but have taught all year levels throughout the years.

How long you have been at the school? Since Term 4 2012... 8ish years.

Family background: I am the oldest of four children, I have two brothers and a younger sister. No children of my own, but I do have an awesome little dog called Max.

What you love about working at Belle Vue? I've worked at a lot of different schools, both in the state and independent sector, and Belle Vue is by far my favourite. Everyone works together as a team and knows each individual child. It's great to be able to work with most children over the course of their schooling years, and maintain the relationships with them - which are often lost in bigger schools. We are also very fortunate to have beautiful school grounds and LOTS of play space with trees, which is something I really enjoy about Belle Vue Primary School.

What you like to do in your spare time? I enjoy being outside as much as possible. I take my dog on lots of long walks and I love gardening. I enjoy travelling, reading, watching TV, catching up with my friends and family. Most of all, I like to laugh and have a good time!



Name: Gemma Grimmond
Current grade that you teach and what other year levels you have taught? Currently teaching grade 3/4, previously taught prep.

How long you have been at the school? I started at Belle Vue in 2018, teaching Prep G! I have now just completed my third year of teaching at Belle Vue, teaching grade 3/4 for the past two years.

Family background: I grew up in North East Victoria, in Wodonga. When I finished school I moved to Melbourne to complete my teaching degree and turns out I have never left! I have two siblings, who both now also live in Melbourne. I lived the country lifestyle growing up, often helping out on my grandparent's farm and doing lots of family camping trips. Outside of school time, I always kept my parents super busy with sport, playing basketball, netball and tennis.

What you love about working at Belle Vue? I love the sense of community at Belle Vue! It's so lovely to be part of a school where you know each and every student.

What you like to do in your spare time? When I'm not teaching, I love playing netball or going on adventures! Lots of camping, beaches and hiking mountains near home!



Name: Leanne Anstee

Current grade that you teach and what other year levels you have taught? I am currently the Art teacher at Belle Vue. In the past I have taught grade prep to 4.

How long you have been at the school? I have been at Belle Vue for a very long time. I came here around 2000 where I taught the Preps for 9 years. Since having my 2 children, Tom and May I have been so lucky to teach Art to the wonderful kids of Belle Vue. I work part time.

Family background: I grew up in Bendigo and left there to begin my teaching career in West Sunshine many, many years ago....1991 (don't tell anyone how old that would make me!)

What you love about working at Belle Vue? Belle Vue is such a special and unique school. I feel very connected to our school. I have seen lots of changes over the years but one thing that has never changed is the warmth and inclusive nature of everyone who comes here. It is very special.

What you like to do in your spare time? I spend most of my spare time being with my family. We go on lots of walks and bike rides together. We also love going down to Phillip Island and are very excited to be able to go there again, although, now as things are opening up, I will be spending many weekends watching my kids play sport. I also love gardening and catching up with friends.



Name: Tanya Donaldson

Current grade that you teach and what other year levels you have taught? Currently teaching grade 5/6, but have also taught 3/4 at Belle Vue.

How long you have been at the school? I started working at Belle Vue in Term 3, 2017 in grade 3/4.

Family background: I am the middle of 3 children, I have a younger brother and an older brother

What you love about working at Belle Vue? Being a small school, it is so great to know each and every one of the students here. The community feel brings warmth and connectedness which makes you feel at home. The grounds we work are open and spacious with plenty of fresh air around for all to enjoy

What you like to do in your spare time? I love the outdoors and water. If I'm not walking, running and swimming in my spare time, its Pilates and yoga...oh and being social.



Name: Stacey Paterson

Current grade that you teach and what other year levels you have taught? Currently teaching grade 1/2, but have also taught Prep, grade 3 and 5/6, plus Music at Belle Vue.

How long you have been at the school? I started working at Belle Vue I in Term 1, 2010 in grade 2/3.

Family background: I am the eldest of 2 children, I have a younger brother. I have two children myself, Archer who is 6 years old and Zoe who is 2 years old and I have been married for 9 years.

What you love about working at Belle Vue? I really love the community feeling that has been built at Belle Vue between the parents, students and staff. I enjoy being able to connect to the students across all year levels and love that we all know each other. The school grounds are also fantastic, we have so much space to play and explore.

What you like to do in your spare time? I enjoy spending time with my children and family in my spare time. I also enjoy spending time gardening, reading and cooking yummy treats



Name: Brigitte Raymond

Current grade that you teach and what other year levels you have taught? I'm currently teaching grade 3/4 and I have also taught grades 5/6 and 1/2 at Belle Vue.

How long you have been at the school? I've been at Belle Vue for 6 amazing years!

Family background: My mum grew up in Tasmania, and my dad was born on another small island - Mauritius. I grew up in Hobart near the beach with my parents, older sister, older brother and my identical twin sister.

What you love about working at Belle Vue? I love the fact that all teachers, students and families know one another at Belle Vue. I love that teachers work together here to make sure every student is happy and learning. I love that I have had lots of opportunities to grow as a teacher at Belle Vue.

What you like to do in your spare time? This year I've really missed travelling to and exploring new countries, playing soccer and seeing live music! I also love to read, spend time at the beach, hang out with my family and friends and play the guitar (badly) and sing (also quite badly) with my twin sister.



Name: Jollene Chen

Current grade that you teach and what other year levels you have taught?: Teacher's Assistant all year levels.

How long you have been at the school? I joined Belle Vue at the start of 2020.

Family background: My family is in Brunei, where I was born and raised. I'm the youngest of three children, with both an older sister and an older brother.

What you love about working at Belle Vue? I love the community feeling at Belle Vue, the students and staffs are all friendly and respectful to each other.

What you like to do in your spare time? I like to have my downtime, but also hang out with my friends for brunch or shopping. I also enjoy going to the gym and long walks/run.



Name: Emma Pringle

Current Position and what other positions within schools? I work in the office and in the library.

How long you have been at the school? I have been a staff member since 2018 and was a parent from 2005 to 2017.

Family background: Our family has lived in Bulleen ever since I was a baby! We have had a long association with Belle Vue, with both of my children and my brother attending over the years.

What you love about working at Belle Vue? I love seeing the kids with happy smiles on their faces every day! I love the helpful and supportive staff and all the wonderful families who make Belle Vue such a fantastic community to be a part of.

What you like to do in your spare time? I enjoy yoga, bike riding, spending time with my family and friends, scuba diving, and any activity by the beach.



Name: Carl Ward

Current grade that you teach and what other year levels you have taught? I currently teach Grade 3/4 and have also taught Grade 5/6, PE and Library.

How long you have been at the school? I've been at Belle Vue since 2007

Family background: I'm the eldest of two children and grew up in the North West of England. Before becoming a teacher I immigrated to Australia with my wife who is also from the same area of England. Our daughter was born in Australia and is currently in high school.

What you love about working at Belle Vue? It's great working at a small school because you get to know all of the students and their families. It is also good to be working with an amazing team of staff.

What you like to do in your spare time? I enjoy spending time with my family including our two dogs who love to go on long walks. I also enjoy listening to music and am an avid collector of vinyl records.



Name: Clare Woodhouse

Current grade that you teach and what other year levels you have taught? I've been in Prep at Belle Vue since 2012, but I've also taught 1/2 and 3/4. In 2011, I taught overseas, and taught in a school between the

Grade 6, Nursery (Kindergarten) and EAL classes.

How long you have been at the school?: I've been at Belle Vue since 2008, so 13 years now!

Family background: I grew up not far from here, in Mont Albert. I'm the eldest of 3, with a younger brother and sister.

What you love about working at Belle Vue? I love getting to know all the students and their families, and seeing them grow as they move through Belle Vue. It's a wonderful community. Our staff also know each other and work together really well, and I love working with them.

What you like to do in your spare time? I spend lots of time with friends, I'm still trying to run around on a footy field (nearly time for retirement!), have tried/will try my hand at most sports, and I love exploring new places - restaurants, cafes, cities, countries, continents etc.



Name: Andrew Robinson

Current grade that you teach and what other year levels you have taught? Grade 1/2, I have also taught Art, Music, covered teachers from all year levels during their release and worked as a CRT.

How long you have been at the school: I have been at the school for approx 8 years.

Family background: I am the youngest of six children and grew up in Bathurst NSW. I am married with two sons who are 24 and 20 and we have a miniature sausage dog called Smudge (she is the best!).

What you love about working at Belle Vue? I love that Belle Vue is a small school which means it is possible to know every student's name. The school has a very positive culture both amongst the students and staff and the school grounds are beautiful.

What you like to do in your spare time? I play futsal, take trapeze lessons, ride my bike, play guitar (and sometimes do gigs on the weekends) and take my dog to the dog park to watch her play with her friends.



Name: Bryce Griesheimer

Current grade that you teach and what other year levels you have taught? I've been in 5/6 at Belle Vue since 2012, but I've also taught 1/2. In 2011, I taught in London.

How long you have been at the school? I've been at Belle Vue since 2009.

Family background: I was born in Queensland but went to school in the Latrobe Valley. I am the older of 2 siblings.

What you love about working at Belle Vue? I love the strong community feel that exists at Belle Vue and working in a supportive, collaborative environment. The students are engaged and eager to learn, which makes working with them so rewarding.

What you like to do in your spare time? I spend lots of my time with my family. Whether it be exploring places or going to activities with my young kids, or enjoying opportunities to see my family from Queensland. I also love playing Fistball and watching Melbourne Storm.



Name: Stephanie Pomponio
Current grade that you teach and what other year levels you have taught: Italian at BVPS, Music and all primary years as a CRT at other schools

How long you have been at the school? I joined Belle Vue in Term 3 this year.

Family background: I have a younger brother and a beautiful German Shepard called Laika. I was very involved in dance (ballet) and music growing up and I now teach for the choir that I grew up singing in.

What you love about working at Belle Vue? I love that the close-knit community feel at Belle Vue is so strong. The wonderful grounds and fantastic staff team and student cohort makes everyday a great day!

What you like to do in your spare time? I love taking my dog Laika for big runs in the park and watching her play. I also enjoy spending time with my friends and going for long walks, but most of my spare time is spent in the kitchen cooking...and eating!!



Name: Samineh (Sami) Masoudi
Current grade that you teach and what other year levels you have taught? I have been supporting students at grades one, four and five during the last few months.

How long you have been at the school? I have been working as a teacher aide at Belle Vue Primary school since the start of term four.

Family background: I'm originally from Iran and I migrated to Australia 6 years ago with my family. I am mother of 10 year old twins.

What you love about working at Belle Vue? I really enjoy working at Belle Vue Primary School as the teachers and principal are genuinely caring and kids are really well behaved.

What you like to do in your spare time? In my free time I love to read, draw/paint (specifically watercolour painting), and go out jogging. Also, I really enjoy cooking, baking and trying new recipes. Actually, I am a bit of a chef myself 😊.



Name: Carney Kucharski
Current grade that you teach and what other year levels you have taught: : I currently teach PE and have previously taught Grade 5/6 at Belle Vue and at another primary school.

How long you have been at the school? This my 7th year at Belle Vue.

Family background: I grew up in a family with two kids and both my parents were teachers. Mum was a primary school teacher for many years and my dad was a lecturer at Tafe in architectural drafting and building design

What you love about working at Belle Vue? We have a great school staff and parent community and the kids are a pleasure to teach. I honestly feel lucky and privileged to be teaching the cohort of students we currently have, and often catch myself having fun at work and thinking - geez I love my job.

What you like to do in your spare time? Matilda my 7 year old daughter and Oscar my 5 year old son, plus my beautiful wife Katherine fill most of my time outside of work. If I find some spare time for myself I love to hit the Great Ocean Road for a surf, swim, and cycle or go for a bush walk.



Name: Ric Zalewski
Your position in the school and grade/levels you work with: I teach Digital Technologies/Robotics to all year levels, except in Prep! I help Clare teach ICT in prep. 😊

How long you have been at the school? I have been at Belle Vue Primary School for 6 years.

Family background: I was born in Argentina but I have been in Melbourne for the past 30 years. I have one son he is a scientist currently working on the Covid 19 vaccine. His name is Anton and he is 28 years old. I am married to a teacher and Learning Specialist and I have the most spoilt cat in the world, his name is Oliverio.

What you love about working at Belle Vue? There is genuine respect amongst the staff and they all value the work I do (or at least it seems so :) The students are happy and they have excellent manners, and my boss is the best!

What you like to do in your spare time? I work on acoustic stringed instruments, I make classical guitars. I also play guitar.