Welcome to the final newsletter for 2015! There is only fifteen days until Christmas!

Monday night was our Graduation Dinner for the class of 2015. What a fabulous night this was. An opportunity to reflect and celebrate the achievements of our students. It was nice to see our students dressed up and looking smart as they presented their speeches. It was also nice to see last year’s Captains, Alek and Leyla, who returned to speak to our graduates about their first year at High School and what to expect in 2016.

Mr. Ward will be taking long service leave for the last week of term. He is travelling to Europe with his family.

Next Tuesday is our Swimming Carnival at Xavier College. Wednesday is the day for our Christmas assembly and we will be announcing our School Captains for 2016. On Thursday students will move up a grade to see who their teacher will be as well as who will be their classmates for the year ahead. Class parties will be on Thursday and then we dismiss students at 1.30pm on Friday.

I must say it has been an extremely productive year, one we all should be proud of. Teachers at Belle Vue are committed and focussed professionals who work hard to do the best they can for our students. Student achievement has been high once again and we can be proud of our achievements when compared to other schools because we are performing at or above schools like ours in all areas. Teachers spend a lot of time working in teams to develop the curriculum. They use a lot of data to inform planning and to guide the direction of the curriculum. We do aim to cater for, and develop the whole child. We promote academic rigour, a strong
understanding of assessment and reporting strategies in an effort to really understand where each child is at in their learning journey.
As well as developing core subjects like Literacy and Numeracy we also include a range of other activities to support the development of students including the Arts and sports including swimming, performances, dance, choir, Life Education, camps, Junior School Council, walk or wheel Wednesday and bike education, to name a few.

We are fortunate to enjoy the support of a very active Parents and Friends Association who work tirelessly throughout the year. This is a merry band of parents who organise events and activities that raise valuable funds as well as events that are more social for families at Belle Vue. They also do weekly banking and Friday lunches and I would like to acknowledge, and thank them for their efforts.

School councillors are also a committed group who continue to support the school while helping staff to guide the overall direction of curriculum and other aspects of the school. Thankyou to all members of school council. Finally I would like to acknowledge our students. We are very lucky to have such good kids to work with which is also due to the support they and we receive from their parents and extended families. Our students arrive at school ready to learn and this makes our job so much easier and enjoyable because we can actually focus on teaching and learning thanks to the absence of student management issues. We have great kids at Belle Vue.

December 18th will be my last day at Belle Vue Primary School. I recently applied for the Principal position at Doncaster Primary School and as I was the successful applicant I have accepted this position. I came to Belle Vue in 2008 and I have enjoyed my time here. Belle Vue has a fantastic school community and I will miss being part of that. But, the next challenge lies ahead for me which I am looking forward to. Yesterday expressions of interest for ‘Acting Principal’ for Term 1 at Belle Vue was advertised. The process is now underway and the successful applicant will be announced before the end of term. In term one 2016 the selection process for a substantive Principal will take place.

Thankyou to everyone for your good wishes and thankyou for making the past eight years so enjoyable. Belle Vue really is a great school and I will miss being here. I am happy to say that I am leaving the school in a much better place than it was eight years ago. This is thanks to the entire community.

Jim Hill
PRINCIPAL

BIKE SAFETY
We have had reports about students riding to school without helmets on. There have also been reports of students riding on the footpath near the shops. Please encourage your children to be aware of road safety, this is particularly important as we commence the long summer holiday period when they’re likely to be on their bikes.

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At Belle Vue we believe children learn best when:  
They are actively involved in their learning  
They take responsibility for their own learning  
There is clear demonstration and expectation  
They have a positive self esteem  
There are positive links between home and school  
The learning fulfils their own needs, purpose and interests

PRIDE RESPONSIBILITY RESPECT INTEGRITY COMMITMENT
Thank you to Jim Hill

As we come to the end of 2015 – we need to say a very heartfelt farewell and thank you to Jim Hill for his 8 years of leadership at Belle Vue Primary School.

Jim is moving on to the next exciting chapter in his professional career, so it is timely for us to reflect on what he has brought to Belle Vue Primary as principal/leader of our school.

Jim’s main priority in any given scenario is student learning. Whatever challenges cross his desk, his first words are “How does that affect student learning?”

In Jim’s time at Belle Vue, we have slowly taken this school from being a good school on its path to being a great school, and while that is testament to the hard work and dedication of all the staff at the school, it is also a testament to the leadership Jim has provided, and the opportunities he has given staff to ‘grow’ both personally and professionally. It is also a testament to the hands on instructional leadership style Jim has always prided himself on.

Student welfare has also been high on his priority list. With Jim’s appointment in 2008, also saw the introduction of the You Can Do It program. We know we are very fortunate to live/work and attend school in Balwyn North. Our students come to school ready to learn – but that doesn’t mean our students come automatically equipped with the social and emotional competencies that will help them become organised, confident, resilient and persistent adults who know how to get along with each other even when faced with tough situations. This program - school wide has provided not only a common language throughout the school but assisted in giving children a voice to be heard, and feel a part of the community. Assemblies are a prime example of how confident our students are and how far they have grown socially/emotionally.

Availability! Jim has always made himself available to students, staff and the wider parent community. At any given time of day there are always people in his office! He loves a chat, is a good listener (well…better than most males 😊) and no problem too great it can’t be solved.

We will certainly miss him here at Belle Vue. I, personally, will miss him. Jim and I have worked together for 13 years – and he has become a good friend as well as a great colleague. I will certainly miss not having him around to share the everyday challenges and events that occur in the school, but he will only be a phone call away – and he is not rid of us yet!

So good luck Jim – Doncaster are lucky to have you!

Cathy Caminiti

Viel Glück, Alles Gute!, Καλή τύχη, Buona Fortuna,
Shubhamasthu, Zhu ni hao yun, Veel geluk, Onnea, Bedrud,
Semoga beruntung, Bonne chance, Udachi, Haeng un, In bocca al lupo.
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The Great Victorian Bike Ride

Last week we had a team of 24 riders in the Great Victorian Bike Ride. Each day we rode between 73 and 103 kilometres each day and what an adventure it was. In our distinctive Belle Vue jerseys we quickly became known on the ride with many people calling out “hello Belle Vue” throughout the ride. We received endless compliments about our students. The ride started in Ballarat and ended up in Bendigo. As the crow flies this isn’t that far, but the ride took us along back roads, so it’s fair to say we went the long way around. Most towns we stayed in had a swimming pool and once our camp was set up each day, we made a bee line for the pool to cool down. I would like to thank the terrific parents who supported this ride. John Archer was our leader as he has done the ride before and is a keen cyclist with many years’ experience in the saddle. It was great to have his foresight and knowledge.

It was a fantastic experience and I am proud of our students who put the You Can Do It keys into action – Persistence, Resilience, Organisation, Getting Along and Confidence.

CONGRATULATIONS to our team of students and parents;

Anita, Jasmine, Kalevi, Aurora, Vera, Will, David P, Dante, Walter, Kishan, Rajinda, Faz, Andre, Max, Nathan, Robson, John, Hamish, Natasha, Jack, Adam, Mitch, Jim Hill & Barry Beechey,
ROLL OF HONOUR

The following students were entered into the Roll of Honour for:

FW Audrey Her persistence with her magic words and reading!
FW Toby His great team work and getting along skills!
12D Kiran Taking great pride in his work during maths activities
12D Felicity Persisting during speedy writing activities, even though her hand was aching
12S George Persisting in completing his spelling works despite the words he had, and the fact they weren’t in the dictionary
12S Shlok & Dante Always trying their very best in all that they do.
34S Bowie His enthusiasm towards his studies and his improved handwriting
34S Lachie Trying really hard to improve his handwriting and being persistent
34W Ethan All the progress he has made this year and his thoughtful attitude. Well done
34W Andrew Amazing openers and description when working on his openers for a ghost story
56G Jasmine & Hayley Always working quietly and productively in class
56P Ariana Taking on extra responsibilities in our Earn & Learn community
56P Jack Demonstrating an increased commitment across all of his schoolwork and extra tasks
56R Mark, Shyam, Kidung, Evangelina Having fantastic organisation skills, never forgetting their homework this term and Ismene & Amelie always working hard to get their work done

BASKETBALL UNIFORM RETURNS

A friendly reminder to those students who played basketball this year that all uniforms need to be returned to the office no later than Wednesday 16th December.

Please return in a big with your name on it

Thank you
Kim McCormick & Annette Bruce

Special Christmas Twilight Market

Tuesday 22 December: 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Craft - Food - Produce - Face Painting

Come along and buy some presents and/or produce for Christmas

Hot food available Santa arrives from 6:00pm to 6:30pm

Location: The Manningham Sports Bar Car Park, 1 Thompsons Road, Bulleen.
Entry is from either Thompsons Road or Bulleen Road, close to the Eastern Freeway. A gold coin entry donation from adults assists Rotary in financing community projects. Sit down and relax over a cup of freshly brewed coffee or tea and enjoy something to eat from the food stalls.

Meals also available from The Manningham Sports Bar and Restaurant
Rotary Club of Templestowe Tel: 0412 558 066 email: keith.an@bigpond.com

PRIDE RESPONSIBILITY RESPECT INTEGRITY COMMITMENT
Grade 6 Graduation
Welcome to Belle Vue Primary School OSHC!

Last week at after care, we learnt about Endangered Animals from all over the world including our home, Australia. Throughout the week the children learnt about various animals including elephants, rhinos, other mammals, bugs, insects, and Australian endangered wildlife. Last week’s topic on endangered animals encouraged the children to learn about animals that may not be around forever, but to also reflect on their own unique lives as individuals and that we as individuals are one of a kind!

This week, the children had a fun time making cars out of recycled boxes at the service! Have a look at the photos of the fun 😊

Next Week’s theme is Christmas

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A special mention to Josh Ellades who supported and helped out with first aid at the school. Josh was awarded a nomination in the star of the year awards at Camp Australia.

We’re here to make after school care visits the best experience possible – for you and your child. If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to drop by, meet the team and see what happens in after school care first hand.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Program Details

Coordinator: James Gray

Contact Phone Number: 0401 006 48

To find out more about our program, view fees, and to register visit www.campaustralia.com.au
Guitar, Bass and Drum Lessons in 2016

Guitar, Bass and Drum lessons have been very popular at Belle Vue and I am now taking enrolments for 2016. I offer private lessons and shared lessons and each lesson is half an hour once a week.

1. Private lesson: $32.00
2. Shared lesson: $22.00 per student (two students only)

Invoices are sent out once a term and payments can be made in cash, cheque or via Internet banking. If students are unable to attend a lesson a catch up lesson can be arranged provided 24 hours’ notice of absence is given.

If you would like to enrol your child in guitar, bass or drum lessons please fill out the form below. Once I receive this information I will contact you to organize a day and time.

If you would like any more information please feel free to contact me on 0402 889 251.

Andrew Robinson
Email: ajrobbo67@gmail.com

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PIANO LESSONS IN 2016

If you are interested in Piano Lessons for 2016 please contact Janet Reynolds
9853 6900 or 0401 996 635

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Acrobatic Circus Academy

Jacek and Daniel, former *Cirque du Soleil* acrobats and *European Champions*, are operating an *Acrobatic-Circus Academy* in *Belle Vue Primary School’s* hall.

email: acrobatic-circus@outlook.com