Dear Families,

Our school newsletter is an important avenue of communication between the school and home. Each fortnight there is significant information that is passed on to families via this publication as well as reports of upcoming events and activities that are happening around the school. It is essential that parents make sure that they read the newsletter and are aware of what is happening around the school and upcoming events.

One such event we are looking forward to is our ‘Open Air Movie Night’. Make sure you have the date in your diary, next Friday 26th February from 6:00pm onwards. It is always a fantastic night so don’t forget to book through the following link: [http://www.trybooking.com/181138](http://www.trybooking.com/181138) (see attached flier for further details)

**Team App**

Have you signed up for Team App? This is another excellent and immediate form of communication that the school uses to keep you up to date on what is happening in and around the school. Read on to find out how to download the app if you haven’t done so already.

**District Swimming**

A BIG congratulations to all those children who, very proudly, represented the school at the District Swimming competition at Boroondara Sports Centre on Monday. We were really lucky with the weather – beautiful blue skies, bright, sunny and warm without being too hot – a great day for a swim meet! A special mention must be made to Carney Kucharski for organising for our students to get there and for helping marshal on the day, and to Kim McCormick for ‘managing’ the Belle Vue team and ensuring they made it to their events on time. I would also like to say a big thank you to all the parents who supported their children, and the school, by coming along and helping supervise on the day. (Thank you!)

Congratulations to Riley (Gr 5/6) and Sean (Grade 3/4) who have both qualified (for two events) at Regionals on Monday 29th February. Good luck to you both!

**JSC Badge Presentation**

Each class has voted for their Junior School Council Class Representatives, who are eagerly awaiting their JSC badges. Our JSC President (Alexia) and Treasurer (Kishan), along with our School Captains Will and Maddison, will present the JSC Class Representative badges at tomorrow’s school assembly (Friday February 19th) at 2:15 p.m.

So please join us.

**Student Leaders**

Yesterday Bryce Griesheimer (Mr G) took our Grade 6 Student Leaders to the Gripp Leadership Conference at the Melbourne Convention Centre. The conference focused on training students for their role as student leaders. The students participated in a range of workshops that covered the following areas: How to Grow as a Leader; Bullying; People to Influence and Traffic Light Leadership. Student reflections on the conference will be published in the March 3rd newsletter. Thank you to MR G for organising and accompanying the students to the conference.
Multicultural Day
This year Belle Vue Primary School will be celebrating Multicultural Day on Wednesday March 16th, during Harmony Week. This is a huge celebration for our community and is something we all look forward to every year.
We are once again calling for volunteers from the wider community (parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and/or friends) to come in and run an activity that represents your cultural background or heritage. Activities can range from art and craft to sporting, or cooking to legendary tales. We would love to have as many cultures as possible represented on this day, so if you are able to volunteer your time, and come in and run an activity (with the support of your classroom teacher), it would be most appreciated – and the children LOVE having you come in and be part of the day!
If you have any questions or would like to run an activity, please have a chat to your child’s classroom teacher. (see below for further information)

Open Evening, Cyber Safety, Welcome BBQ
Last Wednesday, we held our annual Opening Evening and Welcome BBQ, including a Cyber Safety Workshop for parents and students. The night was very well attended – which was fantastic considering how busy peoples schedules are. There was a lot of positive feedback from the parent community on the night – especially from new parents to the school. From our perspective, the aim was to build on that partnership between school and home in ensuring our children are safe when online. Whilst we can assist in teaching children how to be safe at school – most of the issues that (may) arise generally happen outside of school hours. It was fantastic to hear some of the conversations that took place between parents and their children on how to manage ‘strangeness’ when online.

Essential Educational Items and Voluntary Contributions
Many thanks to those school families who have paid their Essential Items. I add a special thank you to those parents who have given to the Building Trust and the Library Trust Fund. Your support is very much appreciated. Thank you! For those families yet to pay levies forms can be collected and payment can be made at the office.

Sustainability
All of you will have received your child’s classroom newsletter. In it you will have noticed that Belle Vue Primary School is trying to become more sustainable and, as part of the process to becoming a 5 star sustainable school, we encourage you to include food that does not contain packaging (nude food) in your children’s lunch boxes. We do compost - but any packaging that comes into the school, will be brought home (‘carry in, carry out’ policy), so please be mindful of this when packing lunches. Our sustainability focus for this term is energy.

School Uniform = School Pride
The Belle Vue Primary School uniform, when worn correctly, gives a clear message of pride to our local community. Feel free to come in and check out the uniform display in the front office if you are unsure of what the correct uniform is. Don’t forget that good shoes are also really important for the development of your child’s feet. If your child wears runners rather than black school shoes – make sure they are appropriate for sport and support growing feet. Leave the ‘flashy shoes’, or converse high tops for free dress days.

Cathy Caminiti
Acting Principal

Term One: You Can Do It Organisation

2016 School Term Dates
Term 1: 28th January to 24th March
Term 2: 11th April to 24th June
Term 3: 11th July to 16th September
Term 4: 3rd October to 20th December
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Multicultural Day at Belle Vue Primary School will be celebrated on Wednesday 16th March 2016, during Harmony Week.

Every year we ask for parent volunteers (or grandparents!) to come in and run an activity that represents your cultural background/heritage.

In the past we have had representation from a wide variety of cultures/backgrounds that reflect our school community. Some of these include: Czechoslovakia, Italy, Austria, India, Canada, Germany, South Africa, Belgium, Greece, Persia, Spain and Australia – just to name a few!

So, if you can afford the time and have a great idea, please come and see your classroom teacher so we can add you to the list of parent volunteers.

*For parents new to our school who would like more information, please contact your child’s classroom teacher.

To conclude our Multicultural Day celebrations, we ask children to bring in a small plate of food to share with their class for lunch – something from their culture. This is always a huge success and students love being able to sample food that they perhaps have never tried before (teachers love it too!). Just remember to list all ingredients so we are mindful of children who are anaphylactic.

Do not forget that the day will be kick started with a Multicultural Day Parade. We encourage each child (teacher and parent!) to come dressed representing something or someone from their cultural background.

Grazie e buona giornata!

Cathy Caminiti

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ROLL OF HONOUR

The following students were entered into the Roll of Honour:

PS  Quinn-Tessa: Always listening to instructions and doing what she’s asked.
PS  Gurrikk: Trying his hardest to use a pencil.
PW  Alex P T: Her excellent start to school and enthusiasm towards all activities.
PW  Giles: Being a fantastic class role model for all the new members of Prep W!
12D  Archie: Always trying to improve his work, particularly when writing. Keep up the good work.
12D  Noah: Always helping others and being a friendly member of our class.
12P  Everyone: Making a fabulous start to the school year.
34S  Bethany: Her beautiful work all week and her excellent attitude to her learning.
34S  Bobby: Being extra persistent and making a great start to his learning.
34W  Abi & Sean: Making a great start at their new school. Welcome!
34W  Reghav: Thinking of amazing vocabulary when completing a writing activity about adjectives.
34W  Andrew: Selecting an excellent “Just Right” book and reading it accurately.
56G  Amber: Settling smoothly into her time at Belle Vue and displaying confidence to contribute to class discussions.
56G  Kenneth: Being an exemplary role model of our classes expectations.
56R  Mia, Riley & Jake: Having a smooth start to their year at Belle Vue and trying hard to demonstrate our class expectations and values.
56R  James P: Having a fantastic start to the year, showing enthusiasm for everything he does, and being kind and considerate to his peers.
In 5/6G we have been taking part in activities to help better understand each other and ourselves. One of these has been looking at a theory devised by Howard Gardener called the Multiple Intelligences. In simplistic terms, he has suggested that we have 8 different intelligences (illustrated in the above diagram) and that we each learn best in different ones. For example for some of us it is relatively easy to understand how a flower grows but it is immensely difficult for us to understand and use a musical instrument. For others music might be easy but playing football is difficult.

In 5/6G we have been learning that not one area is better than another, they are all equally valuable. We saw very quickly that we all have different strengths and we need to value these. We can now also understand and be supportive with people who find a certain type of intelligence/learning difficult. These areas are ones in which we can improve in with effort.

Having this knowledge allows us to utilise each others strengths when working in teams and it also helps the individual learner. Identifying our own strengths and weaknesses allows us to stretch and continue lifelong learning by developing our own intelligences.
**** URGENT ****

MOVIE NIGHT – PARENT HELPERS NEEDED

In order to make the night a success we need parents to help with some of the activities on the night. The Grade 5/6’s will be handling most activities however we will need one parent in each activity to assist them.

Time slots are for half hour duration and therefore you won’t miss out on spending the night with your family but your assistance will help to make the night a success for everyone.

If you are able to help out, please put your name beside a time slot and activity on the volunteer signup sheet located in the office entrance.

Note – all activities will cease when the movie starts to enable everyone to enjoy the evening with their family and friends!!

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REMINDER – FAMILY OPEN AIR MOVIE NIGHT
TICKETS ON SALE NOW AT http://www.trybooking.com/181138

FRIDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2016 on
Belle Vue School Oval
Gates open 6pm - Movie commences at 7.45pm (or when dark)

Ticket prices:

Via TryBooking before event:
- Family (2 adults & up to 3 children) - $50
- Adults - $20
- Children - $10 (Pre-school aged children free)

Tickets on sale online until Thursday 25 Feb

At the gate:
- Family (2 adults & up to 3 children) - $60
- Adults - $25
- Children - $15 (Pre-school aged children free)

Get in early to save $$$$$$$$$$$$$$

ALL WELCOME (family, friends & neighbours)

BYO Chairs, rugs, bean bags etc.
Wood fired oven pizzas, popcorn, fairy floss and soft drinks also being sold

PRIDE RESPONSIBILITY RESPECT INTEGRITY COMMITMENT
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 and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be 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.

HOW TO APPLY
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION
For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
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Follow these steps:
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2. Sign up to Team App. You will be sent an email to confirm your registration.
3. Log into the App and search for "Belle Vue Primary School".
4. Choose your applicable access group(s).
5. If you don’t have a smartphone go to bellevueprimaryschool.teamapp.com to sign up and view this App online.

Need help?
Contact: Bryce Griesheimer
Email: griesheimer.bryce.b@edumail.vic.gov.au
Phone: 0398596123
Welcome to Belle Vue Primary School OSHC!

Next week’s theme is: Animals in the Jungle

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This week’s theme was dedicated to animals. We have been researching the Serbian tiger and the gorilla. We have also made a collage of fish, so please come in and check it out – there is a lot of creativity and an excellent display of favourite colours and styles.

We have been working hard to help decorate the room. We want the space to be child friendly but have student ownership - showing our parents what we have been up to throughout the day.

The Test match that has stopped the nation of Belle Vue goes into the 3rd day.
Zach aims to continue his bowling prowess after taking 4 wickets in the first innings.
Sam, with a point to prove after Robson caught him of a “Ricky Ponting” like catch!
Hannah who has often been compared to Adam Gilchrist for her left hand and her ability to hook the ball from off stump will be hard to beat when she gets her eye in.

Sam, Hannah, Alexander: All out 59
James, Zach and Robson: All out 79

James Gray Coordinator
Belle Vue Primary School

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Please supply separate orders per child, however they can be handed in one envelope for ease of payment.
PLEASE REMEMBER CHILD’S NAME & NO LATE ORDERS.

Any assistance for counting on Wednesday morning is greatly appreciated.
If you are available to help food preparation and distribution on Friday, please contact Lisa Perry on 0414 298 883 or Emma Pringle on 0419 518 780 to confirm.

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