Welcome to Prep! (and welcome to Belle Vue for some families 😊)

We hope that you all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break. We are very excited to be working with your children and we are looking forward to a wonderful year.

Please find some items of interest for this term in this newsletter. If you have any queries or comments regarding your child’s education please don’t hesitate to come and speak to us.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- Wednesday February 10th - Open Classrooms (5.00 - 5.15pm), Cyber Safety (5.30 - 6.30pm) & BBQ (6.30pm - 8.00pm)
- Friday February 12th - Parent Helper & Reading Information Session 9.15 am - 10am
- Friday February 26th - Open Air Movie Night @ School
- Wednesday March 2nd - ‘Making Friends’ Incursion
- Monday March 14th - Labour Day Public Holiday (No students)
- Wednesday March 16th - Multicultural Day
- **Thursday** March 24th - Last Day of Term 1 - 2.30pm Finish

**Important Items For School**

Could all students please bring in:

- A Take Home Folder (available from the uniform shop)
- An art smock
- A broad brimmed hat (to be worn every day)
- A Library bag
- Runners suitable for P.E. & PMP
- **Please ensure that all of your child’s belongings are named.**

**Term 1 Sustainability focus**

In Term 1 the Sustainability focus for the school will be Energy. The whole school will be considering how energy is currently used and how we can continue to use it more efficiently.

**Food at Belle Vue!**

There are many children with moderate to severe food allergies at our school. We ask parents not to send any nut products to school at any time. If you are bringing in special food for your child’s birthday or whole school food sharing events (Multicultural day, class parties etc.), the ingredients need to be clearly labelled.

All students are encouraged to use re-usable containers (http://www.reusablesetc.com.au/) to reduce waste and bring nude food to school. We have a Carry In, Carry Out policy which means that any rubbish that students bring in their lunches will be taken home and not thrown in the bins at school.

Students need to have a drink bottle (water only) and a selection of fruits and healthy foods to support their learning at school.
Testing Days

Please remember to bring in your child for their Literacy & Numeracy testing times on Wednesdays. You should have already received your letter with your times. These tests are essential to help us cater for your child’s individual needs.

From March onwards, all Prep students will attend the full school week as normal.

Show & Tell

Show & Tell is themed around a letter of the week. Your child has been assigned a day of the week and should bring in something starting with that letter, to share and talk about with the class. Please try to bring show & tell on the assigned day, as it really helps with developing children’s confidence in addition to their speaking and listening skills.

My Family

Our Integrated topic for Term 1 is Me & My Family. During this unit we will be discussing what makes you who you are, the structure of different families, how things are celebrated, and how stories are communicated in families.

You Can Do It

Our You Can Do It! focus this term is Organisation! During this term we will be discussing how to be organised for school and developing habits of mind such as ‘Planning My Time’ and ‘Setting Goals’. Please encourage your child at home by praising them for organising their own school bag, carrying it into school and remembering to hand over notes given out at school.

Parent Helper Information Session

A parent helper and reading information session will be held on Friday 12th February at 9.15am. This session is valuable for parents as it gives you strategies for how to support your child and others within the classroom.

For current information on events, please refer to TeamApp or the school website http://www.bellevueps.vic.edu.au

Open Classrooms, Cyber Safety & BBQ!

The open classrooms evening will occur on Wednesday February 10th. Please join us in the Prep W classroom from 5-5.15pm to find out more about learning in Prep. From 5.30 – 6.30pm there will be an important cyber-safety talk for parents and students. Then a free barbecue will be provided from 6.30 - 8.00pm. *A note with more information has already gone home.

The first year of school is a really special one, so please do not hesitate to come up and have a chat with us if you are unsure about anything to do with your child’s schooling 😊

Ms. Clare Woodhouse & Mrs Priya Sangani

Your dedicated Prep teachers for 2016!