Dear Families,

**Multicultural Day**

What a magnificent display of pride and colour! It always amazes me at the number of children who come dressed in something that represents their cultural background – from national dress to colours depicted in the flag...all efforts great or small show how proud each of us are of where we come from. We celebrate Multicultural Day during ‘Harmony Week’, as a way of celebrating Australia’s, and on a smaller scale, Belle Vue’s, cultural diversity. The central message for Multicultural Day is that everyone belongs, reinforcing the importance of inclusiveness and respect for everyone.

I would like to thank all the parent volunteers, who ran an activity on the day. Loretta, Sally, Lisa, Angie, Paulina, Bec, Caroline, Emma, Anna, Audrey, and Meg, your input made the day the fantastic success that it was – and the children love having you come into the school and work alongside their teachers. I cannot think of a more positive way to strengthen the links between school and home – and the wider community. The activities each year are all unique and all engaging – the kids had a fantastic day!

It would be remiss of me not to mention the delicious food that made its way into classrooms for the shared lunch – an array of sweet and savoury delicacies – depicting many different cultures and backgrounds. It was pleasing to see the number of students willing to sample things that they would not normally get to eat and I was fortunate in that I was able to visit classrooms and try a sample in each – a definite highlight! (Thank you!)

Please read on for student reflections and photos of the day.

**Prep S**

Next week will be Mrs Sangani’s last week at Belle Vue Primary School. Priya will be spending the school holidays and the first two weeks of next term preparing to move country with her family.

Although we will miss both Priya and Kiran and will be sad to see them go – we also wish them well in their new adventure.

We are excited to welcome Ms Melissa Mabilia as Priya’s replacement. Melissa will work alongside Priya and Clare for the last week of term in getting to know the children and classroom routines – ensuring a smooth transition for all the students in Prep S. Melissa and Clare will continue to work together in planning the prep curriculum.

Parents and carers of children in Prep S (soon to be Prep M!) don’t forget that you are invited to a ‘Meet and Greet’ with Melissa on Monday afternoon at 3pm.

I know we will all make Melissa feel part of the Belle Vue community.

**Walkathon**

Don’t forget that tomorrow JSC have organised the now ‘annual’ Walkathon. Please ensure children come to school with the appropriate footwear ready to lap the school in order to raise funds for the school. We in turn will ensure that they stay hydrated – and encourage them to drink lots of water. The Walkathon will ‘step off’ at 12pm.
Bikes / Scooters / Dogs
Congratulations and well done to all those fit and healthy people who walk, ride bikes and scooters and walk dogs to school! This is certainly something to be encouraged and enjoyed, particularly during the fine weather. However, a safety reminder that bikes and scooters are to be walked once inside the school yard, and dogs are not allowed inside the school grounds. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Essential Educational Items
We are approaching the end of Term 1, and as I have previously highlighted; funding challenges for all schools continue to be at the forefront of budget planning, all school operations, program delivery and allocation of both teaching and physical resources. 2016 is shaping as a year where we are being asked to operate and manage our school in an environment of greater fiscal restraint, significant cuts to funding and revenue and greater levels of local decision making and autonomy. We are currently well resourced but are only able to provide the programs and facilities we offer as a result of the ongoing local contributions from school families. The government provides the funds for basic school operations but we rely on generous parent support to continue to provide the variety of programs, and the quality of facilities at Belle Vue. Many thanks to those school families who have paid their essential educational items – these funds go towards providing books, paper, pens, pencils, glue sticks, rulers etc the much needed stationary that the children use on a daily basis all year round. I add a special thank you to those parents who have given with great generosity to the Building and the Library Fund. Your support is very much appreciated. Thank you! For those families yet to pay their essential educational items, forms can be collected and payment can be made at the office. Thank you.

End of Term One
Please remember that children will be dismissed at 2.30pm next Thursday, March 24th as it is the last day of term. I will take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy Easter and a safe and happy holiday.

Term 2 commences on Monday, April 13th.

Cathy Caminiti
Acting Principal

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

2017 Prep Enrolments
Yes, we are now taking enrolments for 2017 Prep, following significant interest. A number of keen families have already enrolled their children to ensure they secure a place. School tours are available this term and there is a planned Information Evening on Wednesday 18th May at 6:30 p.m.

Please help us spread the word to anyone you know who has a child starting school in 2017. We’d love these prospective students to be able to take full advantage of our year-long Kinder-Prep transition program.

Call our office for school tour dates, or to register for the October 30th Information Evening: 9859 6123
Or email your registration for the evening to belle.vue.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

BOOK YOUR TOUR NOW 9859 6123

PRIDE RESPONSIBILITY RESPECT INTEGRITY COMMITMENT
The following students were entered into the Roll of Honour:

PS Lachlan For always doing his best to complete his work with beautiful handwriting at all times

PS Mishka For being a great helper to other students and always doing work to the best of her Ability

PW Tanna For her enthusiasm towards all school tasks, keep it up!

PW Oliver For his improved organisation remembering to push in his chair and keep his bag tidy!

12D Xavier For being super organised for Big Write by brainstorming lots of words. Great job!

12D Pari For working hard during all tasks

12P Everyone For being excellent students while Mrs Paterson was away. Well done!

34S Jordan For his help around the classroom and his excellent attitude

34S Alice For always doing her very best work and her excellent presentation across all her subjects

56G Adam For taking greater ownership over his choices in learning and leadership

56G Jimmy For his initiative in taking extra work home to improve in his maths

56R Carla For improving greatly in her speaking and playing of the ball in volley ball for interschool Sports

56R Liam For constantly demonstrating the school values and having a great attitude towards his Learning

AFL Victoria Holiday Programs

Be quick and don’t miss out!

AFL Victoria’s holiday programs are back in 2016!

Programs run from 9am to 3pm - $73

Term 1 holiday locations include:

Wednesday 30th March - Brunswick – Gillon Oval, Brunswick

Thursday 31st March - Moorabbin – Moorabbin Oval

Monday 4th April - Box Hill – Whitehorse Reserve, Box Hill

PLUS MANY MORE!!

To register visit – aflholidayprograms.com.au
Multicultural Day - Student Reflections

I learnt that fist ball is a combined game of volleyball and tennis. My favourite activity was fist ball because it was very competitive.

Alex E 1/2P

My favourite Multicultural Day activity was making flowers in the art room.

Luca Prep S

My favourite activity was the Polish art because it was fun to fold and cut. I learned that the flags colours are red and white. I also liked helping Emily.

Simrin 1/2P

Today we had Multicultural Day. Firstly I went to art with Ms Anstee and Paulina, we made wreaths. Next, on the basketball court we did this dice game with Mr Ward and Audrey. It was my favourite activity of the day. The aim was to knock down a dice tower and beat the other team; the other team needed all their players out. Multicultural day was fantastic!

Zach R 3/4S

During Multicultural Day I learned how to make a snowflake in Poland; that some things can confuse you in Canada: how to play fistball in Germany and how to play heads and tails in Australia. My favourite culture was Canada because you actually got to eat pancakes! My favourite person was Aidan H because of all his gold and blue. I’m really looking forward to 2017 MULTICULTURAL DAY!

Dante 3/4W

My favourite Multicultural Day activity was making windmills with my buddy.

Quinn-Tessa Prep S

My favourite activity today was making pasta because it was so fun and we got to eat some!

Nick Prep W

My favourite activity was the Henna in 1/2D. I got to do a henna on a sheet of paper, then Paul’s mum, Meg, kindly did a henna on our hands. I also learnt that when girls have a wedding they have to have 4 circles to represent their mother and father and the mother-in-law and father-in-law.

Kyra 5/6R

I loved my day – it was fun. We had Multicultural Day. At Mr G’s room we were making a puzzle. It was a map of Canada and I liked it.

Anita 1/2D

During Multicultural Day I learnt that Aboriginal Australians don’t always do dot paintings, they do much more such as zig zag and x-ray. I also learnt that Justin Bieber is from Canada!

I enjoyed making pancakes in Mr G’s room. I look forward to Multicultural Day in 2017.

Marcello 3/4W

I enjoyed making pasta in Italy, because it reminded me of when I was young and how I used to make pasta with my nonna. I learnt that in Holland they have more cars than bikes.

Raph 5/6R

Multicultural Day

Today I learnt that New Zealand uses scary tattoos in war to scare the enemy away. I really enjoyed the dress ups. My favourite activity was making the New Zealand tattoo but the mask version.

Declan 1/2D

This Multicultural Day was one of my favourites.

First we did the “Canadian Room” where we did trivia about what was Canadian and what wasn’t – then we had pancakes with Canadian maple syrup.

Afterwards, we went to the “Irish Room”, where we watched a short clip about Ireland’s history, and I got 55 words right from one boggle.

Our third activity was in the “Greek Room” in which we made lovely flowers out of tissue paper to stick on a wreath. Our last activity was in the “Persian Room” in which we did a very fun game including knocking over dice (or rocks), which is normally played in Persia and is called Seven Stones. My favourite activity was in the “Irish Room” because I got the highest score for boggle.

To me Multicultural Day is important since it is a time to respect and discover cultural activities. It is important at Belle Vue because it creates a great community feel – an awesome learning experience and a collaborative feel!

Jasmine 5/6G

PRIDE RESPONSIBILITY RESPECT INTEGRITY COMMITMENT
Multicultural Day 2016
PIANO ASSEMBLY
Friday 18th February at 1.35pm
(Belle Vue Primary School Hall)

Parí - Mary had a little lamb
Ava - Bugle call
Lana - A special waltz
Ethan Bennett - James bond theme
Ethan Broad - Mal/a/gay/nah
Dinushí - Groovy movie
Alexia - Garage sale
Bethany - Ghost
Anísha - Excalibur
Giacomo - Cossack ride
Sunny - Ballade pour Adeline
Kidung - Tarantella

Piano Lessons – Term 2

If anyone is interested in Piano or Theory lessons for Term 2 please contact
Janet Reynolds on 9853 6900 or 0401 996 635

PRIDE RESPONSIBILITY RESPECT INTEGRITY COMMITMENT
University of New South Wales Competitions- 2016

For over 30 years ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments) has provided a variety of academic competitions at levels from Grades 2 to Year 12 throughout Australia. The competitions are assessed by the University of New South Wales. All students entering receive an individual report and a certificate; they are also eligible for any appropriate awards. There is a non-refundable cost for each of the competitions and as it is an external competition, the sitting dates are unable to be changed.

We would like to offer interested students the opportunity to participate in the following competitions: - Computer Skills, Science, Writing, Spelling, English and Mathematics. The competitions will be supervised at Belle Vue. Please note that Grade 2 students are not eligible for all the competitions (please check the table below).

If you are interested you will need to indicate on the form below and send the money to Belle Vue before the given dates.

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*Important – ICAS enforces a minimum charge equivalent to the price of 3 students sitting the exam. If we receive less than 3 candidates for a subject we will be unable to hold the competition for that subject.

I would like my child to participate in the University of NSW competitions.

Name: ___________________________________________ Grade: ________

Competitions: __________________________________________________________

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