

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### FEBRUARY

- 1<sup>st</sup> Grades 1 – 6  
Commence
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017 Preps  
Commence
- 7<sup>th</sup> PFA Morning Tea  
9:15am
- 10<sup>th</sup> School Banking Starts
- 16<sup>th</sup> Promoting Positive  
Partnerships and  
Community Night  
(BBQ) 5 – 7:30pm
- 20 – 24<sup>th</sup> Grade 5/6 Camp to  
Canberra

### MARCH

- 2<sup>nd</sup> YDCI Parent Forum 7  
– 8pm Marg Milne
- 10<sup>th</sup> Curriculum Day  
First Aid Level 2
- 13<sup>th</sup> Labour Day Public  
Holiday
- 17<sup>th</sup> First Aid in School  
Prep - 6
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Multicultural Day
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Cross Country Day  
Koonung Creek  
Reserve  
9 – 11:30am
- 25<sup>th</sup> Movie Night 6pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> Life Education Van  
Prep – 6
- 31<sup>st</sup> Last Day Term 1  
2:30pm Finish

## *From the Principal's Desk...*

Dear Families,

**Welcome back to the 2017 school year. A special welcome to our new school families and to our 2017 Prep children. I hope that all school families have had a fantastic holiday and a happy start to the year.**

It was so exciting to get around to all the classrooms over the last few days and observe how quickly the children have settled and how well they have adapted to the classroom routines with their new teachers. Our Prep children joined us for their first day today – and apart from a few tears this morning (which is totally normal!) they had a great day both in and out of the classroom. I also have to commend our older children for being so inclusive and caring of not only the new little ones in our school but of all new students to Belle Vue. Well done – you make us all so proud.

### Rain...rain..rain...

For those of you with children in the 5/6 classrooms – you will have noticed that the students are not operating out of their normal classrooms this week. 5/6G students are being housed in the Library and 5/6R in the Conference Room until tomorrow afternoon.

Unfortunately we had significant water damage from the rains that Thursday evening before New Year's Eve. We all know that the storm was rather 'freakish' and many homes and schools across Melbourne were affected by the torrential downpour. So the holidays have been busy dealing with contractors and tradesman – via the Department of Education. The first part of the whole process was drying the building out! We had machinery in for close to two weeks blowing lovely warm air through the affected area. Then it was a case of dealing with insurance companies, tradesman and the DET – who had 150 schools all demanding top priority. We are fortunate that the powers that be (sometimes it pays to be extra nice!) made room to come in and work on our school sooner rather than later!

This week new carpet is being laid in the 5/6 classrooms, LOTE Rm and corridor of the senior building. The roof will be patched up and the ceiling will be repaired and painted.

I'd like to thank teachers and students for their positive approach to a somewhat adventurous start to their 2017 school year! Fingers crossed all will be back to normal come Monday ☺

### Professional Learning

Recommendations from our School Review provide us with clear direction for school improvement and staff professional development. During 2017 we will be focussing on implementation of the Victorian Curriculum and continuing with the implementation of the VCOP writing program. We will also continue with a whole school approach to student health and wellbeing – including the 'You Can Do It' program.

This week all staff participated in a number of highly valuable professional learning activities. On Monday morning staff shared an overview of whole school organisation and strategic planning for 2017 – this included reviewing all VRQA (Victorian Registration Quality Assurance) policies and the Child Safe Standards – which are all available on the school website for your perusal. In the afternoon we joined the staff at North Balwyn Primary School and Deepdene Primary School and participated in a professional development workshop facilitated by an external provider – Lisa McInnes-Smith. This workshop focused on the importance and benefits of working in teaching teams and the ‘principles of peak performance’. It also highlighted aspects of helping teams and students to ‘be their best’ and ‘give of their best’.

On Tuesday morning staff continued to work on whole school and DET initiatives including DET Values, establishing protocols for meeting schedules and revisiting the Peer Observation Process. The remainder of the day focussed on team and curriculum planning and classroom preparation. As usual our teachers are meticulously prepared!

### **Voluntary Levies**

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. 2017 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.

Packs have gone home to all families with information on paying Essential Items, Voluntary Levies and donations to the Building and Library Funds. Your contributions are very much appreciated and we thank you for your support. Please contact Annette at the office if you require a payment plan for Essential Items.

### **Anaphylaxis and Asthma Management**

Please read the flier which has been sent home in the pack and look for any messages from classroom teachers in their class newsletters regarding students with anaphylaxis. If your child has either of these conditions, please complete the forms at the front office and/or supply the school with an updated ASCIA Plan. School community support in the management of this is appreciated.

### **Staffing Profile for 2017**

**Prep W** – Ms Clare Woodhouse

**1/2B** – Ms Sophie Brown

**1/2D** – Ms Rachael DePrada

**1/2P** – Mrs Stacey Paterson

**3/4H** – Mrs Laura Hodges

**3/4W** – Mr Carl Ward

**5/6G** – Mr Bryce Griesheimer (Mr G)

**5/6R** – Ms Brigitte Raymond

**Art** – Ms Leanne Anstee

**Phys Ed** – Mr Carney Kucharski

**LOTE (Italian)** – Signorina Andria Piacentini

**Music** – Mr Andrew Robinson

**Education Support Staff** – Mrs Deidre Timms and Mrs Loree Spong

**Business Manager** – Ms Annette Bruce

**Principal** – Ms Cathy Caminiti

### **Information for Parents**

The Department of Education and Development advises the following:

- *the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property;*
- *parents/guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs; and*
- *parents/guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers.*

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### Catch Up with Our Teachers

We are continuing the school's after-school duty arrangements, with all teachers available to chat with parents in the playground from 3:15 pm each day. This initiative recognises the importance of home-school communication, so please take advantage of this arrangement. Children who have not been collected 3:35pm, when supervision ceases, will attend the Out of School Hours Care program.

### Sun Smart

The hot weather brings an important reminder about the need for children to have their school hats and drink bottles at school every day. Please ensure that these items are included with each day's packing of the school bag. The school hat is compulsory in terms one and four of each school year.

**\*No hat, No play!** ☹. Each classroom has a supply of sunscreen – but it might also be prudent to 'slap' on some sunscreen before heading to school each day.

### School Council

Over the next few weeks we will be calling for nominations and electing our School Council members for 2017. Council members meet twice a term to consider issues involving school policies, operations and accountability. It is another way in which parents can be involved in the school and have a meaningful input into the effectiveness and positive culture of our school.

*Cathy Caminiti*  
Principal

### 2017 School Term Dates

Term 1: 31<sup>st</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> March

Term 2: 18<sup>th</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> June

Term 3: 17<sup>th</sup> July – 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Term 4: 9<sup>th</sup> October – 22<sup>nd</sup> December  
1:30pm Finish

Term 1  
You Can Do It  
Getting Along

A reminder that in Term 1...



## School Leaders

Our leaders were introduced to everyone at the end of 2016 – but for those of you who are new to the school; these are our 2017 School Leaders.



School Captain – **Zac V**

School Captain – **Kyra**

JSC President – **Carla**

JSC Treasurer – **Kenneth**

Music Captain – **James P**

Monash House Captains –  
**James R and Chloe**

Chisolm House Captains –  
**Sebastian and Josh**

Macarthur House Captains  
– **Ethan B and Jacob G**

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## Promoting Positive Partnerships Welcome BBQ

When? Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017  
Time? 5 – 8pm  
RSVP? **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017** (for catering –  
BBQ – purposes)

*Dear Families,*

We would like to invite you to our Promoting Positive Partnerships and Welcome BBQ. In order to promote a positive and harmonious relationship between school and home, each level will open their rooms for 20 minutes to discuss classroom expectations, routines, learning outcomes and how you can help with your child's learning.

So parents of children in multiple levels are able to attend all (relevant) classroom discussions – each level will have a scheduled 20 mins in which to present. For those of you who only have one child – you are more than welcome to stay on and ask any questions you may have of your child's classroom teacher.

After each level has presented we would like to invite you all to a sausage sizzle. Whilst socialising with other families/friends from the school it also provides the perfect opportunity to meet and introduce yourselves to the newest members of our school community. In order for us to cater accordingly for everyone on the night – please let us know, via the return slip below, of your attendance on the night.

The program for the evening will be as follows:

### **Presentations for parents/carers**

5:00 – 5:20pm Clare Woodhouse **in Prep W Classroom**

5:20 – 5:40pm Rachael DePrada, Stacey Paterson and Sophie Brown **in 1/2P Classroom**

\*Please note that Prep, Grade 1/2 children and toddlers will be supervised in 1/2B by Ms Anstee and Mr Kucharski.

5:40pm – 6:00pm Carl Ward and Laura Hodges **in Grade 3/4 W Classroom**

6:00 – 6:20pm Bryce Griesheimer and Brigitte Raymond **in 5/6B Classroom**

\*Please note that students in grades 3 – 6 are expected to stay with their parents/carers as they need to be part of setting the classroom culture.

### **6:20 – 8pm Welcome to Belle Vue BBQ**

Once the classroom discussions are over, please make your way out to the front of the school and enjoy a sausage whilst meeting new or catching up with 'old' families/friends from the school. Feel free to bring a rug and/or a salad and enjoy a fun evening catching up with others from the school community.

We hope to see as many families on the night as possible so don't forget to rsvp so we know how many people to cater for!

Thank you

*Cathy Caminiti*

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**RSVP Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

..... (Family name) will be attending the Promoting Positive Partnerships and Welcome BBQ.

There will be ..... (number of people) attending on the night.

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# A Special Event...

## Volunteering in the Classroom and Reading with Children Parent Information Session



Dear Parents/Carers,

On **Friday February 17<sup>th</sup>** we will be holding an information session about helping in the classroom at school and strategies when assisting children with their reading skills. We will be sharing techniques for:

- o reading with your child at home, and
- o helping out in the classroom.

We will also discuss the importance of privacy and confidentiality when assisting in the classroom.

An effective partnership between teachers and parents is paramount in supporting your child to achieve their best. We will cover ways in which you can work together with the classroom teacher to ensure your child feels supported and sees continuity between learning at home and at school.

The information session will be held in the large open space of the new building from **9:15am – 10am** and all are welcome.

We look forward to seeing you there.



### HOUSE SPORTS TOPS

**Prepare for 2017 House Carnivals by ordering a house sports top now!**

*No more running around the night before trying to find the 'right' coloured top' for sports carnival days.*

Call into the office and your order sports top, complete with house name on the front and BVPS logo on the back – for the incredibly low price of \$12 each.

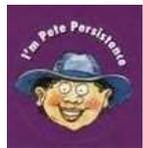
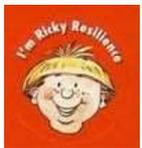
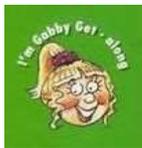
Swing by the office and check them out (on display) – they are proper sports tops (breathable material)!!!

Annette is taking orders – so come on in and place your order asap! (Cross Country day is 23rd March!)

Go Chisholm! Go Macarthur! Go Monash!



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As part of Belle Vue Primary School's continuing commitment to develop a strong school/home partnership, we would like to invite you to the:

# You Can Do It! Parent Program

When	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 7 - 8pm
Where	5/6R Classroom
Cost	\$10 (per family)

- Do you worry about the stresses and challenges that your children may face in their lives?
- Would you like to help your children build up the skills to deal with these stresses and challenges?
- Would you like to learn how to 'bully-proof' your children?

Marg Milne can give you some practical strategies to help develop resilience in your children in just one session! This session will provide an opportunity for parents of students in all year levels to get together and talk about your favourite subject...your kids!

You will learn about "The 5 keys to Success and Happiness" – **Confidence, Persistence, Organisation, Getting Along** and **Resilience** (as well as the **Habits of Mind** that work alongside these keys).

You will learn the language of the program and be empowered to use it at home (for your own benefit as well as your children!).

Marg is a fantastic presenter and You Can Do It! facilitator. She is inspiring and motivating. She will be working with staff in the afternoon and then staying on to run this parent forum – giving you the opportunity to support the work that is happening at school with your children.



We would love for you to make the most of this fantastic opportunity and come along to hear Marg present. So please complete the RSVP slip below to confirm your attendance.

Cathy Caminiti

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You Can Do It Parent Program

I/We \_\_\_\_\_ will be attending the YCDI!  
 Parent Information Forum

### Payment Options

Direct debit details: Commonwealth Bank, Belle Vue Primary School Official account. BSB: 063155 Account Number: 10042733

Please tick the method of payment used and return this note.

Cash

Cheque

Direct Debit

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## 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](http://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](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)



# BELLE VUE PFA 2017

Belle Vue PFA (Parents & Friends Association) welcomes all new & returning families to the new school year. The PFA supports our school community by organising a number of social & fundraising activities & events throughout the year.

Becoming involved with the PFA, either by assisting with organisation or simply attending events is a great way to support your child's school.

We are always looking for new faces to join in any PFA activities as helpers or co-ordinators. Following are some of the upcoming events for 2017. Information for the remainder of the year can be found in the Event Calendar on the school website shortly, in the bi-weekly newsletter and on the Team App events. Please let your class reps or email to [pfa.bvps@gmail.com](mailto:pfa.bvps@gmail.com) to let us know if you are interested in helping with any events otherwise look out in the newsletters – we always need help!

Please consider how you can contribute by either becoming a member of the PFA or simply putting ALL dates on your Calendar and attending events.

## PFA CLASS REPS 2017

Below are the PFA Class Reps for this year:

PW – Emily (Olivia's mum)

1/2B – Leanne (Tom's mum)

1/2P – Caroline (Tanna's mum)

3/4H – Audrey (Lana's mum)

5/6G – Emma (James P's mum)

1/2D - Bec (Ella's mum)

3/4W - Angie (George's mum)

5/6R – Kim (Zach R's mum)

### **Class rep roles:**

- Organise parent get togethers for class so parents can meet
- Distribution of class contact lists
- Pass on PFA reminders regarding upcoming events
- Organise informal introduction/welcome for new families to Belle Vue during the year
- Any other matters as agreed with class room teacher from time to time
- Feel free to contact them if you are unsure about any upcoming events

*NOTE – you will shortly receive an email from your class reps with your class parent contact list*

## UPCOMING EVENTS 2017

*Save the date for the following upcoming events*

Welcome morning tea	Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb at 9.15am
Open Air Family Movie Night - ZOOTOPIA	Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> March

### **MOVIE NIGHT – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

We are currently getting organised for one of our major family and fundraising events for the start of the year – the Open Air Movie Night on the school oval. This year we will be viewing Zootopia in which will be a great social event for the whole family for the year. Watch out for more information in coming weeks. We would like to establish a working group to allocate many tasks over a few people. If you are interested in helping out in any way please contact Kim M on 0416 295 520 or email at [pfa.bvps@gmail.com](mailto:pfa.bvps@gmail.com)

### **FUNDRAISER EVENT**

We will shortly provide all parents with the PFA calendar for the year. One of the events on our annual calendar is a major fundraising event to be held in Term 3. We are always looking for new ideas – feel free to be involved or email us at [pfa.bvps@gmail.com](mailto:pfa.bvps@gmail.com)

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# BELLE VUE PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION (PFA)



Many activities at the school are run by parents and the PFA and to ensure that we continue to get new ideas and active involvement we have a number of roles which we are seeking interested people to co-ordinate. If you are interested and can provide assistance in anyway or require further information for any of the following please contact the office or email [pfa.bvps@gmail.com](mailto:pfa.bvps@gmail.com)

- Mother's and father's day stall
- Mother's and father's day breakfasts/events
- Friday lunch orders
- Fundraising events/ideas



The Hi 5 basketball program has been created to introduce the skills and concepts of basketball to primary school aged children through fun based activities.

## 6 WEEK PROGRAM STARTING 14TH FEB 2017

- > \$20 per session
- > Mondays – Grades 1/2 (4.00pm - 4.40pm or 4.40pm - 5.20pm)  
– Grades 3/4 (5.20pm - 6.00pm)
- > Thursdays – Grades 5/8 (4.00pm - 4.40pm)
- > Venue: Templestowe College (Cypress Ave, Templestowe Lower)

To Register visit: [allstarcoaching.com.au](http://allstarcoaching.com.au)

Payments made via website using PayPal or bank transfer

High 5 Hoops is an initiative of  
Basketball Accredited Master Coach Ian Stacker

For more information please contact:  
**ian Stacker** - 0448 899 664  
e. [ian@allstarcoaching.com.au](mailto:ian@allstarcoaching.com.au)  
or visit [allstarcoaching.com.au](http://allstarcoaching.com.au)



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## Australian National Anthem and Belle Vue School Song Lyrics

Each Monday morning at 9 am we have a whole school assembly out by the flag pole. A short assembly to sing the National Anthem, celebrate birthdays, reminders for the week and finish with the school song. Here are the lyrics for the National Anthem and School Song. Please practise/learn the lyrics with your child/ren. I will continue to invite parents to sing the national anthem with us. 😊

### Australian Nation Anthem

Australians all let us rejoice,  
For we are young and free;  
We've golden soil and wealth for toil,  
Our home is girt by sea;  
Our land abounds in Nature's gifts  
Of beauty rich and rare;  
In history's page, let every stage  
Advance Australia fair!  
In joyful strains then let us sing,  
"Advance Australia fair!"

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross,  
We'll toil with hearts and hands;  
To make this Commonwealth of ours  
Renowned of all the lands;  
For those who've come across the seas  
We've boundless plains to share;  
With courage let us all combine  
To advance Australia fair.  
In joyful strains then let us sing  
"Advance Australia fair!"



### Belle Vue School Song

It's a wonderful week day morning,  
And I'd really like to say,  
That I'm proud of the school I'm  
taught in,  
(clap, clap - or click fingers twice)  
Belle Vue's looking ok.

There's friends and work and games  
to play.  
And life here makes a great day.  
We always help each other  
(clap, clap - or click fingers twice)  
Belle Vue's looking ok!

## TENNIS COACHING

7 days a week. All levels / ages 4+ including Hot Shots, Squads, Development Programs

Individual and Adult Group / Private Sessions

At Bulleen Tennis Club, Ted Ajani Reserve, Thompsons Road Bulleen

Please call Russell on 8508 9086



## PIANO LESSONS IN 2017

Are you interested in your child learning Piano next year?

Please contact Janet Reynolds on  
0401 996 635 or 9853 6900



## The Dollarmites are bringing the future to your school.

Since 1931, Commbank's School Banking program has been offering engaging ways for Australian children to learn the value of saving and develop lifelong money skills.

For our 2017 theme, a futuristic adventure is in store. Students will join the new-look Dollarmites as Future Savers, making their way towards the Savings Hover Park – a fantastic playground up in the clouds of a hi-tech metropolis.

Encouraging savings habits with great rewards  
School Banking will continue to reward children who demonstrate regular savings behaviour, and this year we're introducing an exciting new range of reward items. Two are released every term, and available in Term 1 are the Cyber Handball and Colour Change Markers. Your child can redeem one of these reward items, while stocks last, after making 10 School Banking deposits.

Visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) to download and print this year's Rewards Card. On our website you'll also find a fun activity sheet and a Savings Tracker your child can use to keep track of their School Banking deposits throughout the year.

Dedicated savers get a chance to win a trip to Tokyo Disneyland  
The Future Savers Grand Prize competition will take one lucky student on a family trip to Tokyo, Japan. Up to two adults and three children will get tickets to explore Tokyo Disneyland and Tokyo DisneySea, including the futuristic Tomorrowland attractions. This prize includes:

- Return economy airfares from the winner's nearest capital city to Tokyo, Japan
- Five nights' accommodation at the Sheraton Grande Tokyo Bay Hotel
- Three-day Magic Pass to Tokyo Disneyland and Tokyo DisneySea
- AUS\$1,000 spending money

To enter, your child simply has to make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3, 2017. This will automatically enter them into the competition for a chance to win.

For more information, visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)



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