

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017

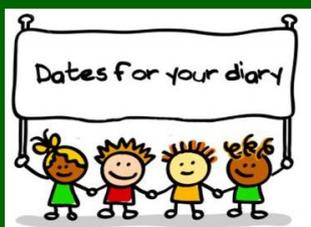
DATES FOR THE DIARY

FEBRUARY

- 1<sup>st</sup> First Day for Preps!
- 6<sup>th</sup> PFA Morning Tea  
9:10am (Staff Room)
- 16<sup>th</sup> Parent  
Reading/Classroom  
Volunteer Information  
Session 9:15 – 10am
- 21<sup>st</sup> School Council  
7:30pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> (Family) Movie Night  
6 – 8pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> District Swimming  
BSC 9:15am – 3pm

MARCH

- 9<sup>th</sup> Curriculum Day  
(Student Free)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Labour Day Public  
Holiday
- 21<sup>st</sup> Multicultural Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> School Council AGM  
7pm
- 29<sup>th</sup> Last Day Term One  
2:30pm Finish
- 30<sup>th</sup> Good Friday  
(Easter Weekend)



*From the Principal's Desk...*

Dear Families,

**Welcome back to the 2018 school year. A special welcome to our new school families and to our 2018 Prep children. I hope that all 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 two days and observe how quickly the children have settled and how well they have adapted to the classroom routines with their new teachers. I also enjoyed hearing all their summer holiday stories! Our Prep children joined us for their first day today – and apart from a few tears this morning (from the parents!) 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.

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**

This year there is a change in routine and rather than have open classrooms we are scheduling 'Getting to Know You Interviews', in order for parents to meet with their child/s classroom teacher and pass on any relevant/important/useful/interesting information regarding your child and their learning or background. We, as a staff, are committed to strengthening our relationships between school and home and these interviews will help build on that. Information regarding interview times were sent home yesterday (today for preps) along with a proforma for you to complete and bring along to your interview.

**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.

**Essential Book Supplies and Voluntary Contributions**

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. 2018 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 school levies. I add a special thank you to those parents who have given with great generosity to the Building and the Library Fund. Your support

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is very much appreciated. Thank you! For those families yet to pay levies, forms were sent home in packs yesterday (today for our new prep families) or can be collected and payment can be made at the office.

### **Important Information for Parents**

The Department of Education and Training 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.*



### **School Council**

Over the next few weeks we will be calling for nominations and electing our School Council members for 2018. 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.

If you would like consider nominating as a Council member, but would like further information or details feel free to have a chat with myself, Annette or one of our current council members.

### **Reading and Classroom Volunteer Information Session**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

**9:15am – 10am (just after reading finishes)**

Clare Woodhouse and Rachael De Prada will conduct an information session for all parents, especially those in the junior area, who would love to stay and help with classroom reading and literacy rotations. This session will give you tips not only regarding how to best help your child with reading, but also give ideas and strategies for when you are helping out in the classroom.

This is also a timely refresher for some of our more 'seasoned families'.



### **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.

### **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.

### **Professional Learning**

Our School Strategic Plan 2017 – 2020 provides us with clear direction for school improvement and staff professional development. During 2018 we will continue to focus on the implementation of the Victorian Curriculum and the VCOP writing program. (Parents new to the school VCOP = Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers, Punctuation – you will see visual displays in classrooms across the school). We will also continue with a whole school approach to student health and wellbeing – including the 'You Can Do It' program, Habits of Mind and a continued focus on Kindness.

This week all staff participated in a number of highly valuable professional learning activities. On Monday staff shared an overview of whole school organisation and strategic planning for 2018 – this included reviewing: DET Initiatives including DET Values; Student Welfare; the Peer Observation

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Process; and VRQA (Victorian Registration Quality Assurance) policies and the Child Safe Standards – which are all available on the school website for your perusal.

This year we have formed a new Community of Practice (CoP) and on Tuesday we joined Greythorn Primary School, Balwyn North Primary School and Deepdene Primary School with all teaching staff participating in professional learning facilitated by Tracey Ezard. Tracey is a dynamic and engaging facilitator, educator, author and presenter and has worked extensively with schools both within our network and beyond. She set the focus for our new CoP – the importance and benefits of working in collaborative teaching teams and in implementing the 'High Impact Teaching Strategies' (HITS) in all classrooms.

This Professional Learning opportunity was a perfect way to begin the school year – and provided all schools the opportunity to begin their work together as an effective Community of Practice.

### **Staffing Profile for 2018**

- Prep W** – Ms Clare Woodhouse
- Prep G** – Miss Gemma Grimmond
- 1/2A** – Mr Andrew Robinson
- 1/2B** – Ms Brigitte Raymond
- 1/2D** – Ms Rachael De Prada
- 3/4D** – Ms Tanya Donaldson
- 3/4W** – Mr Carl Ward
- 5/6G** – Mr Bryce Griesheimer (Mr G)
- 5/6J** – Miss Claire Jackson
- Art** – Ms Leanne Anstee
- Phys Ed** – Mr Carney Kucharski
- LOTE (Italian)** – Signorina Andria Piacentini
- Computer (ICT)** – Mr Ric Zalewski
- Education Support Staff** – Mrs Deidre Timms and Mrs Loree Spong
- Groundsman** – Mr Leo Cooper
- Out of Hours School Care Coordinator** – Jasnarinder Kaur (Camp Australia)
- Business Manager** – Ms Annette Bruce
- Principal** – Ms Cathy Caminiti

### **Grade 6 Student Leaders**



*Cathy Caminiti*  
*Principal*

### **2018 School Term Dates**

- Term 1: 31<sup>st</sup> January – 29<sup>th</sup> March
- Term 2: 16<sup>th</sup> April – 29<sup>th</sup> June
- Term 3: 16<sup>th</sup> July – 21<sup>st</sup> September
- Term 4: 8<sup>th</sup> October – 21<sup>st</sup> December

**Term 1**  
**You Can Do It**  
***Getting Along***

A reminder that in Term 1....



**Congratulations** to Harrison (3/4W) and Austin (1/2A) on the arrival of your new baby sister!

**Kingsley Rose was born 23<sup>rd</sup> January, weighing a healthy 3.325kg.**

**Mum (Ashleigh) and Kingsley are well - as is proud dad, Damian!**

**We can't wait for a peek and a cuddle!**

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## HOUSE SPORTS TOPS

Prepare for 2018 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 \$20 each.

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



### PFA NOTICE

Next Tuesday 7 February, there will be a welcome morning tea in the staffroom for all parents new and old. Apart from getting to meet new people, there will be a brief information session regarding the PFA, lunch orders and how you can get involved should you wish to.

Come along and have a coffee from 9.15. Looking forward to seeing as many parents as possible.

## UNIFORM SHOP – OPEN DAYS

We now have a new uniform shop coordinator – Annie Roten (Felicity – 34W)

The uniform shop will now be open for orders on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays each week.

Please leave your orders at the office and Annie will fill them and hand the uniform to your child through their classroom teacher.

Please note that Annette will not be handling/filling uniform orders any more.

Thank you

Annie Roten & Annette Bruce



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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)



## 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!

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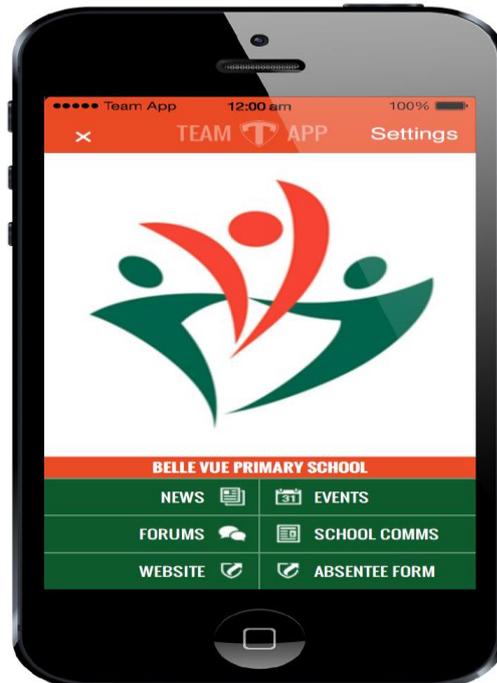
Install the Belle Vue Primary School App on your smartphone or tablet now!

### Follow these steps:

1. Download Team App from the Apple or Google Play app store.



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 [bellevueprimarieschool.teamapp.com](http://bellevueprimarieschool.teamapp.com) to sign up and view this App online.



### Need help?

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