

15<sup>th</sup> February 2017

## DATES FOR THE DIARY FEBRUARY

- 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)

## TERM 2 START DATE

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April



## From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Families,

For those families new to our community, and existing families, the newsletter is a very important avenue of communication between the school and home. There is a significant amount of information that is conveyed to families via this publication as well as reports of upcoming events and activities that are happening around the school (this includes classroom activities). It is essential that parents access the website and make sure that they read the newsletter in order to stay abreast of what is happening around the school and of any upcoming events.

## FAMILY (OPEN AIR) MOVIE NIGHT (Have you booked your tickets yet?)



The Belle Vue Primary School PFA proudly present:

**'The Pirates!' Friday February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6pm**

Bring your picnic basket, rug/blankets, bean bags, buy a snag (vegetarian option available), soft drink or fairy floss! A great night for all the family (extended family and friends more than welcome!). A fantastic way to meet new families or catch up with 'old friends' - a fun night for everyone.

There will be activities for the kids from 6 - 7:30pm. Movie starts at 8pm (or when it's

dark...whichever comes first!)

The PFA work tirelessly to raise valuable funds for our school, which in turn help support our teaching and learning programs. Your support at the events they hold, in turn help support us – so please **mark this date in your diary** and go online to book your tickets through the following link: <http://www.trybooking.com/tyqs> (see attached flier for further details)

\*A reminder that all children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

## It's Not Great to Be Late! (Are you on time?)

Please note our arrangements for the commencement of the school day. When the music starts to play at 8.55am we ask students to get a

drink, go to the toilet and line up – before the bell goes at 9.00am.

Also a reminder of the importance of students arriving at school *on time*. Unfortunately, we are encountering a larger number of students who appear at the classroom after nine o'clock. It proves to be particularly daunting for the child if the class group is not in the classroom since the school day has started and the students may already be engaged in another learning activity in another part of the school. It is also disruptive for the rest of the class – who have settled into the mornings learning activities.

If your child arrives after 9.00am, please remember to come past the office and sign in - an important student security and safety action step.

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### **REMINDER Reading and Classroom Volunteer Session**

Just a reminder for all parents, especially in the junior area, who would love to stay and help to with classroom reading and literacy rotations that there is an information session being conducted tomorrow morning at 9:15am – 10am (just after reading finishes). 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 refresher for perhaps some of our more 'seasoned families'.



### **Sustainability**



All of you will have received your child's classroom newsletter. In it you will have noticed that, as a whole school, our focus for this year is **water**. We will be focussing on reducing the amount of water that we use and waste in the school and investigating ways that we can be more resourceful with our water usage.

In line with being a sustainable school, we encourage you to include food that does not contain packaging (nude food) in your children's lunch boxes. Schools are not able to access recycling bins through the council (like we all have at home) so therefore any packaging that comes into the school will be sent home ('Carry In, Carry Out Policy') so that you can dispose of accordingly – so please be mindful of this when preparing your child's lunch.

### **Getting to Know You Interviews**

The feedback from the interview process so far has been very positive from both a parent and teacher perspective. These interviews have given parents the opportunity to provide valuable background information pertaining to their students' social, emotional and academic background, as well as an ideal starting point for the communication of expectations and goals for the learning and teaching year. It is also important for our students to know that we all work in partnership with each other. If you have not yet made a time to meet your child's classroom teacher – please do so as soon as possible.

### **NORTH EAST LINK AUTHORITY - COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS**

North East Link is inviting the school community to take part in upcoming workshops on Tuesday 27 February, 6pm-8.30pm.

You can choose between three topics: urban design, walking and cycling or your environment. This is our opportunity to get involved in meaningful discussions and to contribute to making the design for North East Link as good as it can be. North East Link are encouraging families to apply so they can tell them what matters to you.

To allow people to work in small groups, places are limited to 40 participants per session. If places fill up quickly, the authority will add you to a waiting list and run further sessions the following week.

For more information, go to [northeastlink.vic.gov.au/community](http://northeastlink.vic.gov.au/community)

Registrations close 4pm on 27 February 2018.

### **2018 Belle Vue Primary School Council Elections**

The Department of Education and Training provides the following general information to assist parents who may be considering School Council membership.

#### **What is a school council and what does it do?**

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines.

#### **Who is on the school council?**

There are three possible categories of membership:

- **A mandated elected parent category.** More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be parent members at their child's school.
- **A mandated elected DET employee category.** Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- **An optional community member category.** Its members are coopted by a decision of the

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council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be community members.

The term of office for members is two years. Half the members must retire each year and this creates vacancies for the annual school council elections.

#### Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Belle Vue Primary School Council conducts eight evening meetings each year (*Approximately two meetings each term*).

#### What do I need to do to stand for Belle Vue Primary School Council membership?

A Notice of Election and Call for Nominations notice is displayed at the front office. If you are interested in gaining nomination you will need to arrange for someone to nominate and second you as a candidate. Nomination forms are now available from the Office. Once the nomination form is completed, please return it to the Office

#### Nominations close on Thursday, 23rd February

#### 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 is very much appreciated. Thank you! For those families yet to pay levies, forms were sent home in packs were sent home on the first day of school or can be collected and payment can be made at the office.

#### Green Thumbs (up)!

A very heartfelt **thank you** to Rachael (Stanley 3/4W) and Susan (Giles 1/2D and Aidan 1/2A) for all the work they have done in maintaining, planting, watering, picking and caring for the vegetable garden throughout the school holidays. I know many hands make light work – but the effort you have put in whilst we were all away is very much appreciated. It looks fantastic – and hopefully we will begin to see (more) fruits of your labour.



*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**  
**Confidence**

A reminder that in Term 1....



"When words are both  
true and kind, they can  
change the world."

*Buddha*



“ When you are kind to  
others, it not only  
changes you, it changes  
the world. ”

*- Harold Kushner*



“ When we feel  
love and kindness toward  
others, it not only makes  
others feel loved and cared  
for, but it helps us also to  
develop inner happiness  
and peace. ”

*- The 14th Dalai Lama*

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# First Days of Prep!

Students in both Prep G and Prep W have had a fantastic start to the school year!  
We have been getting used to school and trying lots of new things!

We had a blast doing PMP (Perceptual Motor Program)!!



We loved play-based learning time all together!



We had a fabulous time reading and playing with our Year 5 Buddies!



Miss Grimmond and Ms Woodhouse are so proud of how all the preps have settled in to school at Belle Vue! We are very excited for the year ahead! ☺

# 5/6G

## Responsibility

- Take Ownership Over Own Actions
- Prioritise
- Reliable
- Small Steps to Big Goals
- Organised

In 5/6G we have begun the year developing a positive and supportive environment for us to thrive in. Being the senior students of the school, we also inherit the extra responsibility of being positive role models for the rest of the school. This means upholding the school values in our everyday actions. But what exactly does each of our school values look like? Here is a summary of 5/6G's thoughts on this...

## Commitment

- Takes Action
- Focused On Goal
- Dedicated
- Perseveres Through Challenges
- Continually Practises

## Pride

- Cares
- Sets High Standards
- Values Effort
- Attention to Detail
- Reflects and Takes Steps to Improve

## Respect

- Values Others Differences
- Thinking Before You Say
- Self-Respect
- Kindness
- Treat Others How You Would Like To Be Treated

## Integrity

- Knows the Right Thing, Says the Right Thing and Does the Right Thing
- Honesty
- Admits Mistakes
- Does What Is Right Even If Others Are Not.



## 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)!!!



## UNIFORM SHOP – OPEN DAYS

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

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



## Junior Rockers

primary music  
education specialists



APPLY FOR MUSIC  
LESSONS NOW!

Junior Rockers runs instrumental music lessons right here at school.

To find out all about our music lessons, head to our website. From there you can check which instruments are available at your school, get up to date pricing and apply for lessons online.

[www.juniorrockers.com](http://www.juniorrockers.com)

Rather chat in person?  
We'd love to speak to you.

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(1300 46 76 25)



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# Head Lice

While children are at school, many families will have contact with head lice. **We would like to remind the whole school community to take the time to check their children's hair regularly.**

The information here will help you treat and control head lice.

## Finding head lice

Many lice do not cause an itch, so you have to **look carefully to find** them.

Head lice are found on hair itself and move to the scalp to feed. They have six legs which end in a claw and they rarely fall from the head. Louse eggs (also called nits) are laid within 1.5cm of the scalp and are firmly attached to the hair. They resemble dandruff but can't be brushed off.

Lice can crawl and hide. The easiest and most effective way to find them is to follow these steps:

1. Comb any type of hair conditioner on dry, brushed hair.  
This stuns the lice and makes it difficult for them to grip the hair or run around.
2. Now comb sections of the hair with a fine tooth head lice comb.
3. Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.
4. Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.
5. Repeat the combing on every part of the head at least 4 or 5 times.

## Preventing head lice

- ✓ There is no product available to prevent head lice.
- ✓ Using the **conditioner and comb method once a week** will help you detect any head lice early and minimise the problem.
- ✓ Washing the child's pillow case in hot water and drying in the clothes dryer is advisable.
- ✓ **Head lice do not discriminate** – whether male or female; we are now asking that you please **tie back long hair** in order to prevent the spread of head lice!

## Further information

See website: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice>





FROM THE CREATORS OF 'CHICKEN RUN'  
**LAUGH YOUR BOOTY OFF**



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# BOOK NOW

*picnic & movie on the oval*

FRI 23 FEB 6PM

MOVIE AT 8PM

KIDS ACTIVITIES AND GOURMET BBQ

BYO: NIBBLES AND DRINKS

BLANKETS AND BEANBAGS

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

*bookings essential*

trybooking/TYGS

*Q&A: 0406333236 and to help on the night*

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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!

# BELLE VUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NOW HAS ITS OWN APP



Your Team. Your App.

Download our awesome new app now and stay up to date with all the latest information!

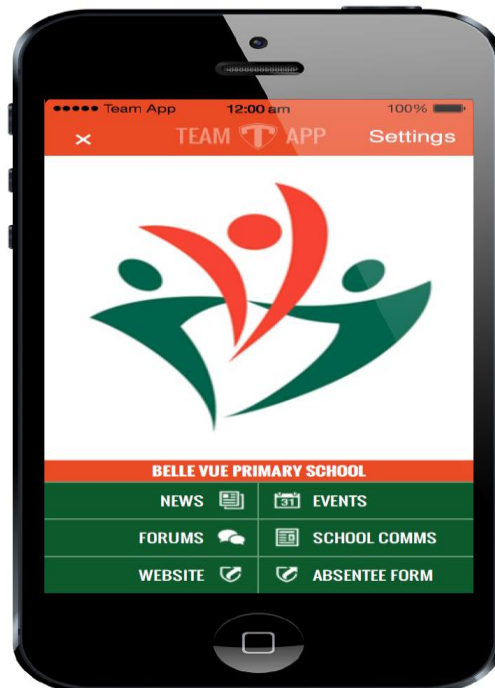
Install the Belle Vue Primary School App on your smartphone or tablet now!

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



### Need help?

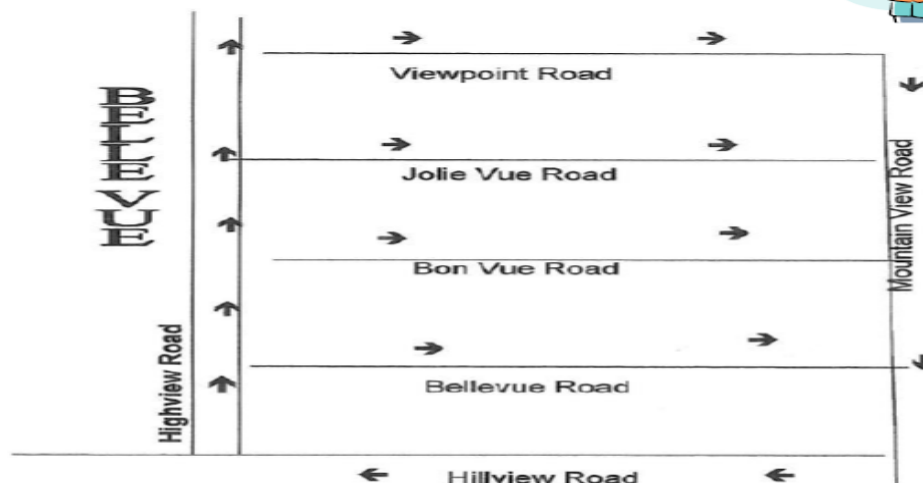
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Phone: 0398596123

[teamapp.com](http://teamapp.com)

## Belle Vue Traffic



The Belle Vue School Council recommends the above car route for all student drop-offs and pick-ups.

**Please do not "U" turn in Highview Road**

Thankyou for helping keep our school environment safe