



**Belle Vue**  
Primary School

## BELLE VUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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1<sup>st</sup> March 2017

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

#### MARCH

- 2<sup>nd</sup> JSC Badge  
Presentation  
Assembly 1:35pm  
(TOMORROW)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Last Prep Testing Day
- 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 BREAK

#### APRIL

- 16<sup>th</sup> Day One Term 2
- 19<sup>th</sup> BVPS Cross Country
- 25<sup>th</sup> ANZAC Day  
Public Holiday
- 27<sup>th</sup> First Aid in Schools  
Prep – 6

#### MAY

- 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Gr3 and Gr5  
NAPLAN Testing
- 18<sup>th</sup> District Cross Country

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

Dear Families,

#### Movie Night

What a fantastic success our movie night was! Thank you to Rachael and her team who took time to coordinate this event. I will not attempt to name each person as I am sure I will do someone a disservice, but thank you to all of you.

The night was very well attended and a great community event. The children had an absolute ball and the year 5/6's tried their hand at not only manning the stalls but running activities to entertain the children pre – movie! Well done to everyone for your efforts – no matter how big or small – that is what makes us a great school community! After expenses the total amount raised on the night was \$2762.00 (thank you everyone!).

The money raised through P&F helps support our school learning programs – and it is only through their fundraising efforts that we can continue to run the many varied programs we do. Community effort in supporting the running of significant events such as the movie night – or even to what may see like insignificant events like lunch orders, (which is by no means insignificant!), go a long way to ensure that we can offer many of the extracurricular programs we do.

So thank you – for all your support! (Photo's to come – next newsletter!)

#### District Swimming

Congratulations to all those children who represented the school at the District Swimming competition at Boroondara Sports Centre last Monday – Tom, Pari, Montayah, Jemima, Alex E, Jun, Joban, Esteban, Dinushi and Marcello. Well done on your efforts to represent our school – you made us all very proud.

Thank you to Mr K for all the behind the scenes work; to the parents who assisted in transporting and supporting the students throughout the event and an even **bigger thankyou** to Nathan Park (Jemima's dad) for taking on the team coordinator role! We are very appreciative.

Congratulations and good luck to Jemima who has made it through to the Boroondara Division Carnival on Tuesday March 6<sup>th</sup> at the Monash Aquatic and Recreation Centre. Well done! (see photo's page 6)

#### Building Works

At the end of last year I received communication from Minister James Merlino, stating that through the Planned Maintenance Program Belle Vue Primary School has been allocated \$290,000 to be used for priority

works listed in the Conditions Assessment Report. Going through our list of priorities, in conjunction with the Victorian Schools Building Authority (VSBA) – the money will be put towards upgrading the Hall! We are very excited about this - even if we thought we might have had our fill of building works for a while! (At least there will not be a portaloos in sight!)

I am currently working with the architect who has been employed by the VSBA to work out what works can be carried out, as DET sets out many 'preconditions' as to how the funding is to be spent. (E.g. cannot be spent on air conditioning, loose fixtures, rebuilds etc.)

However - the Hall is getting a (long over due) makeover!

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At this stage I do not have many more details to give – other than it will happen this year and the works will most likely commence around the beginning of term two. So watch this space!

### **Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) 2018**

As a school we need to continue to plan and work strategically – with clear direction through our Strategic Plan and Annual Implementation Plan (AIP). 2018 is Year 2 of our Strategic Plan, which determines clear direction for whole school improvement – with the focus continuing on enhancing student learning – particularly in the area of reading and social skills. The Key Improvement Strategies in our 2018 AIP are as follows:

- Build the capacity of teachers to work in purposeful collaborative teaching teams, both within the school and across the FISO Communities of Practice.
- Build the capacity of teachers to incorporate Visible Learning - including the High Impact Teaching Strategies (HITS) into their classroom practice and across the FISO Communities of Practice.
- Build the capacity of teachers to effectively analyse reading data in order to develop a consistent and coherent approach (to teaching reading) across the school.
- Promote and continue to implement a whole school approach to student health and wellbeing (social and emotional learning).
- Create opportunities for students to work collaboratively, to be involved in decision making and to embrace leadership opportunities.

### **Pupil Free Day**

Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> has been designated as a curriculum (pupil free) day. All staff will be undertaking a full day of professional development on the use of the High Impact teaching Strategies and Visible Learning, facilitated by both Clayton Sturzaker and Isobel McLennan.

Isobel will work with staff using the High Impact Teaching Strategies with a focus on Reading. Clayton will continue his work with staff on Visible Learning – Explicit Teaching/Success Criteria.

This – along with the work completed with Tracey Ezard at the beginning of the school year – ties in with our School Strategic Plan focus 2017 – 2020 and our Annual Implementation Plan 2018.

### **Child Safety – Working With Children Check**

Thank you to those parents who have already followed up on obtaining a Working With Children's Check (WWCC). Please note it can take up to 8 weeks to obtain your WWCC.

As a result of its 2013 inquiry into the handling of child abuse, the Victorian Government has mandated that organisations working with children adhere to a series of standards to promote child safety, prevent child abuse and respond to allegations.

At Belle Vue Primary School we embed an organisational culture of child safety.

To ensure we are consistent and fully compliant with the Child Safety Guidelines we need to ensure:

1. **Parents/adults do not access the student toilet blocks.** Toilets are available to parents in the main building if required.

2. **All parent volunteers at Belle Vue Primary must have a current WWCC. Only parents who have a WWCC can help/volunteer their services e.g. Classroom Reading, Friday Lunches, School Banking, incursions, excursions, classroom/school assistance etc.** The school will maintain a file of all parents/volunteers that hold these checks. Parents can obtain a WWCC by following the link:

[www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au)

Please note there is no charge to get a Working With Children's Check 'volunteer' card.

Parent support is a huge asset and greatly appreciated at Belle Vue Primary, as is promoting an organisational culture of child safety.

If you have a current Working with Children Check or Criminal Record Check can you please send a copy to the office?

### **School Drop Off – 8:45am**

It appears that the last newsletter article on being at school *on time* has certainly hit the mark! Perhaps a little too well, with a number of children arriving at school from 8:20am.

A reminder that children should not arrive before 8:45am *unless* they are accompanied by an adult until 8.45 am. As teachers are planning for the days activities please refrain from entering classrooms before 8.45am unless meetings have been scheduled.

A member of staff is on duty every day from 8:45am – prior to this students are not supervised. Any child who arrives prior to 8:45am unaccompanied will be directed to Before School Care. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

### **Essential Items & 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. 2018 is shaping

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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 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 can be collected and payment can be made at the office or online.

## Baby News!



Congratulations to Stacey (Mrs Paterson), Steven and Archer on the safe arrive of little **Zoe Elizabeth!**

Zoe was born on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February weighing a healthy 3.2kg.

Both mum and little Zoe are doing well. xx



*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....



**HIP, HIP HOORAY! IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!**  
**WE HOPE YOU HAD A GREAT DAY**  
**FROM ALL OF YOUR FRIENDS AT BELLE VUE!**



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## ROLL OF HONOUR

### The following students were entered into the Roll of Honour:

- PG Dante For being a kind classmate! You are always willing to help others out, keep up the good work Dante!
- PG Anna For a great start to prep at Belle Vue! You are always trying your best and doing your neatest work. Awesome work Anna!
- PW Jonah For always helping others, pushing in their chairs, and assisting around the classroom! What a wonderful display of kindness.
- PW Ellie For listening beautifully to all instructions and ensuring she puts in her best effort to all tasks.
- 12A Owen For showing great resilience when giving his JSC speech
- 12A Ella For being an excellent role model in all aspects of school life from classroom to playground
- 12B Ariel & Angela For giving everything a go and trying their best to be confident.
- 12D Alex W For always trying his best and being kind to others.
- 12D Tahlia For being a great role model to others. You are kind, organised and respectful – keep up the good work.
- 34D Noelle For settling into BVPS quickly and happily, learning the school values and routines.
- 34D David For an excellent start to the year, always being ready to help others.
- 34W Jingyi For making a great start to her time at Belle Vue. Welcome!
- 34W Jia Bao For using amazing vocabulary when describing how she was feeling during her recount writing.
- 56G Sarah, Liya & Anastasia For a positive and productive start to their time at Belle Vue
- 56J Zach For being an enthusiastic member of our classroom community and for taking risks with your learning. Well done, Zach!
- 56J Ishaan For consistently displaying our school values and being a role model to others. Congratulations on a fantastic start to Grade 6!

Well done Jemima!  
Through to zone!



**CONGRATULATIONS to all  
our District Swimmers!**



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# Place Value in 3/4W

At the beginning of Term 1, students in Grade 3 and 4 have been working on their understanding of place value.

In particular they have been using expanded notation to express large numbers in different ways.



The number 25,482 can be expressed in the following ways:

- 2 ten thousands
- 25 thousands
- 254 hundreds
- 2,548 tens
- 25,482 ones

Expressing numbers in this way allows students to recognize, represent and order large numbers.



Students were encouraged to extend their understanding to numbers in the millions as well as decimal numbers to thousandths.

Following whole class discussions the students consolidated their understanding by practising their knowledge using Maths games with their peers.





Hi everyone,

I hope you have all had a great start to 2018. Welcome back to our existing families and a huge welcome to our new. I am sure you will find our school community welcoming.

For those of you who are new to Belle Vue, we have a Parents and Friends group at our school. We have recently had a name change from 'PFA' to 'P & F', as we want it to be an informal and inclusive group where parents, carers, grandparents and friends can get involved with various activities within the school.

I recently read that 'parents and care givers are automatically a part of the P & F; it is just dependent upon how much you would like to contribute or get involved'. This is very true. Whether it be 45 minutes on a Friday to help with lunch orders or a larger commitment such as Mothers/Father's Day stalls or the major fundraiser, every little bit of help is very much appreciated. We have a number of events throughout the year, some class based, some including the children and others where it is child free. More on upcoming events at a later date.

### So what is going on at Belle Vue?

#### **Lunch orders**

Lunch orders are a great part of our school, the kids love it and frankly it is nice to have a day off from making lunch! This year, we would like to implement a roster type system for lunch orders. It would be great if we could have a core group of 8 to 12 people that are available once every four weeks on a rotating basis to help with packing and distributing lunch orders on a Friday. Why not come along and see how it works? It takes 45 minutes from 12.15 every Friday. If you are able to help or would like to see how it works, please contact Allison (Sam, Hannah and Sophie's mum) on 0438 195 615 or me on 0422 062 309. We will be there this Friday (tomorrow) from 12.15.

#### **Hot Cross Bun Drive**

Bakers Delight at the Village is offering a Hot Cross Bun Drive for our school. Envelopes will go home tomorrow and for every half dozen buns ordered (traditional, choc chip and fruit free), for \$7, our school will get \$2. It is a great initiative and very generous of them. They are very kind to our school and are always willing to help. Money and envelopes will be due Friday March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

I would also like to thank them for their generous contribution to our movie night last Friday where they donated ALL of the bread for the sausage sizzle plus around 100 hot cross buns as a teaser for the hot cross bun drive. I would also at this time like to thank Kim Stumpo, (Dante and Jade's mum) for organising the bread donations and to Nicole Appleby (Liv's mum) for organising the sausages. Thank you, it is really appreciated.

#### **Movie Night 2018**

Last Friday we held our annual Belle Vue movie night. As always it was a great success, the weather was perfect and everyone had a great time. Thank you to Rachael Wightman who did a fabulous job of organising a seamless event. Looking forward to 2019!

I think that is it from the 'P & F' but please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any fundraising/event ideas, I would love to hear from you and don't forget about Friday lunch order helping, you know you want to!

Caroline Downey (Lachie 5/6G and Tanna 1/2A)  
P & F Rep

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# North East Link Community Workshops

(This was communicated via Team App last week)



As the workshops on 27 February were full – NELA sent communication stating that they would be hosting an extra event on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Registrations are open now.

If you would like to learn more about how major infrastructure projects are planned and help shape North East Link – register your attendance!

The workshops on 6 March will be the same as the 27 February. You can register to attend one of three conversation streams in person, or get involved in all of them online afterwards.

Topics include:

- Urban Design – Help NELA better understand how you travel around your local area, how you use community spaces like parks and what you like about the look and feel of where you live.
- Walking and Cycling – Help NELA plan a better walking and cycling network for all kinds of walkers and cyclists.
- Your Environment – Let NELA know more about the environment you live in, including traffic, noise, air quality, landscape, flora and fauna. What do you value, what are your concerns, or what could be improved.

As these three sessions will be held at the same time, it will only be possible for you to attend one. Attend in person (registrations are essential)

**When:** Tuesday 6 March 2018, 6.00 – 8.30pm

**Where:** The Manningham Hotel & Club, 1 Thompsons Road, Bulleen [map]

**Register online** at NELA's Eventbrite page.

To allow people to work in small groups, places are limited to 40 people for each conversation stream.

## Join the conversation online.

If you can't attend in person, or want to join more than one conversation stream, you can get involved online after the event.

You'll be able to see a snapshot of feedback and ideas from the participants, let NELA know if your views were represented and add anything you think was missed.

For more information visit NELA's community workshops page.

## Upcoming workshops

NELA be hosting more community workshops throughout the year. The next series, after Easter will have more in-depth conversations with communities about specific design challenges and opportunities.

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# Do you want to play netball?

Koonung Heights Netball Club is forming new teams for year 4, 5 and 6 girls and boys to play netball in 2017. Beginners and experienced players are equally welcome.

Year 4 teams train at Balwyn High School 4-5pm Tuesdays and play games on Fridays 4-6pm at the Boroondara Netball Centre, Macleay Park.

Year 5 & 6 teams train at Balwyn High School 5-6pm Tuesdays and play games on Saturdays 8-10am at the Boroondara Netball Centre, Macleay Park.

You can find more information about the club and register on the club website [www.khnc.org.au](http://www.khnc.org.au).

If you have any questions, please email us at [khnc@khnc.org.au](mailto:khnc@khnc.org.au)

Thankyou

Brendan Clennett

President-Koonung Heights Netball Club



## 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)



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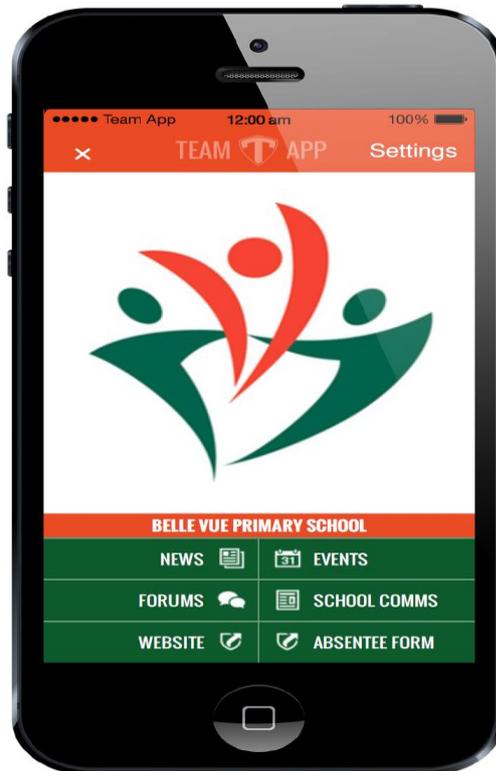
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### Need help?

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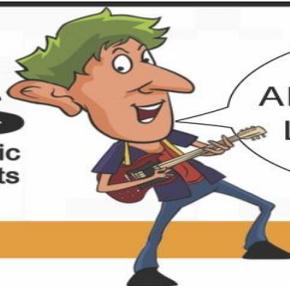
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