

29th March 2018

DATES FOR THE DIARY

MARCH

29th Last Day Term One
2:30pm Finish

30th Good Friday
(Easter Weekend)

HAPPY EASTER!

TERM HOLIDAYS

(30th March – 15th April)

APRIL

16th Day One Term 2

19th BVPS Cross Country
Whole School Event

20th Grade 3/4 AFL Clinic

25th ANZAC Day
Public Holiday

27th First Aid in Schools
Prep – 6

MAY

2nd School Photos

9th School Council 7:30pm

15th – 17th Gr3 and Gr5 NAPLAN
Testing

16th Prep Science Works
Excursion

18th District Cross Country

21st – 25th Education Week

21st STOMP Dance classes
begin!

22nd Education Week – Open
Morning 9 – 10:30am

22nd 2019 Prep Information
Evening 6:30 - 7:30pm

JUNE

6th School Council 7:30pm

10th Queen's Birthday
Holiday

From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Families,

For a short term we have certainly had lots happening at BVPS!

This is how the term looked at Belle Vue:

- Curriculum Day (one) – Building Collaborative Teams/High Impact Teaching Strategies with the schools in our FISO Community of Practice
- Ric Zalewski began Digital Technology classes P-6 (focus on coding and computer programming)
- Mrs Paterson had baby Zoe
- Running Club recommenced each Monday and Thursday morning
- Belle Vue Basketball Teams commenced training and playing
- Junior School Council Representatives were elected in each class
- Junior Rockers began their Instrumental Music lessons (private tuition)
- Parent Reading and Volunteer Session
- Parent/teacher 'Get to Know You' Meetings
- Prep students began full weeks at school
- Curriculum Day (two) – High Impact Teaching Strategies and Reading
- Yoga classes (introduction ☺)
- Movie Night
- Multicultural Day
- School Council AGM and School Council Meeting
- Interschool Sports (5/6)
- AND a 1:1 Architects began putting together their scope of works for the upgrade of the Hall.

All of these activities/events happen outside of regular classroom teaching programs and also highlights the busy-ness of school!

Preps

Congratulations to our prep students on making it through their first term at primary school!

They have had an amazing start to the year – they are confident, happy and



very well settled. Well done to Clare and Gemma on ensuring our littlest people have had a positive start to their primary school life.



Multicultural Day

Last week we celebrated cultural diversity week with our very own Multicultural Day. This day is always a huge success for our school. The effort the children go to dress in something that represents their cultural background is something to be proud of. Thank you to the parents who

support this. Thank you also to Signorina Piacentini for her organisation of the day and P&F who organised authentic pizza and gelato for lunch! The day was a huge success. Read on for further information and photos of the day.

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ICT/Laptops

In the last newsletter there was a piece on Digital Technologies and the work that Ric Zalewski is doing with all our students on coding and computer programming.– in line with the Victorian Curriculum. (For those of you who have been on the school website you will have seen the work that our prep students have been doing with Ric.)

These lessons can only occur if we have the infrastructure and resources available to our students. Last year the P&F 'Casino Royale' fundraising event raised \$12,600. This money was put towards purchasing a bank of laptops (28) for our students. These laptops *finally* arrived earlier this term. (Our hope had been that these laptops would have been ready to use at the beginning of the year, but with 3 changes in technicians – in the course of three months –the whole process was delayed.☹)

Jane Tran (our new DET Technician) has been instrumental in not only the sourcing and subsequent purchasing of these laptops, but ensuring that all are reimaged and the all correct programs are uploaded. She has also ensured all student log in details are correct and ready for use.

Thank you to the P&F, and the organisers of the Casino Royale Night (in particular Ashleigh Kaehler and Leanne Volk) – the laptops are a valued addition to the schools resources – and the students are loving them!



School Council AGM

The Annual General Meeting of School Council was held last Wednesday evening at 7.00pm. This meeting included the presentation of the Annual School Report and election of office bearers for 2018. The 2018 composition of Council is:

- President: Kim McCormick
- Vice President: Minaxi Dalu - Chandu
- Treasurer: Fiona Iovenitti
- Paulina Priomos, Christian Stewart and Tony Cugnetto
- DET Reps: Carney Kucharski, Brigitte Raymond,
- Executive Officer: Cathy Caminiti
- Minute Secretary: Annette Bruce
- Co-opted Member – Caroline Downey

A big thank you to outgoing members of council Loretta Gallesio and Carl Ward for your work and support of our school community over your time on council.

At the Annual General Meeting (AGM) the Annual Report for 2017 was presented. The data in this report is outstanding and as a school community we should be celebrating our successes. The student learning outcomes highlighted in this report are due to the exceptional work teachers do in understanding and planning for their students at their point of need; their commitment to professional learning and ensuring every child is achieving. This of course, could not happen without the support of our parent community – the partnerships between school and home are important in ensuring that each child is able to achieve success. The Annual Report, once endorsed by DET, will go up on the schools website. [A copy of the Principals Report and School Council President Report can be accessed via this link.](#)

Cross Country

Is happening first Thursday back next term! We will all be walking down to Koonung Creek Reserve at 9am to run around the track. Please ensure you have read all notifications from Mr K. (see page 7) Be sure to dress in your house colours!!!



Happy Easter everyone – we hope you have a lovely time with family and friends. Have a safe, restful and happy holiday (and don't eat too many eggs) and remember that term 2 commences on Monday 16th April at 9am.

Cathy Caminiti
Principal

2018 School Term Dates

Term 2: 16th April – 29th June
Term 3: 16th July – 21st September
Term 4: 8th October – 21st December

Term 2
You Can Do It
Persistence

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Roll of Honour

The following students were entered into the Roll of Honour:

16/3/2018

PG	Rubani	For being committed to your learning and always doing your best work. You always take on new tasks with confidence. Keep up the good work Rubani!
PG	Jonas	For his enthusiastic attitude towards helping others. You are always endeavouring to fill all your class mates kindness buckets, it is lovely to see! Great work Jonas!
PW	Scarlett	For being an excellent class role model, completing all activities with enthusiasm and treating others with kindness
PW	Spencer	For his kind and caring attitude towards his classmates, complimenting them on their work and offering to help with organising bags at the end of the day.
12A	Sam	For his excellent attitude towards learning and his whole hearted participation in class discussions.
12A	Jonathan	For making good decisions in class and during play time. Keep it up Jonathan.
12B	Mary-Grace	For trying hard to complete her work in learning time and being focused when sitting on the floor.
12B	Jayden	For being a kind and thoughtful person to his classmates and teachers.
12D	Jade	Jade works hard and focuses during class so that she can make the most of their learning opportunities. Well done Jade!
12D	Austin	For always giving 100% to his learning and working hard to improve his organisation. Keep up the great work!
34W	Anita	For her detailed answers to questions following her class presentation. You seemed to welcome each question and provided interesting responses. Well done!
34W	Adi	For making a successful start to his time at the school. Welcome to Bell evue!
56G	Maeve	For showing great pride and determination to always do her best in al tasks.
56G	Ashlee	For demonstrating great confidence by always wanting to share her work and contribute to class conversations.
56J	Alice	For her ongoing dedication, persistence and positive attitude towards her learning. You are a fantastic role model. Well done!
56J	Amelia	For being a kind, caring and helpful classmate. You are always willing to help others. Fantastic work Amelia!

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Multicultural Day 2018



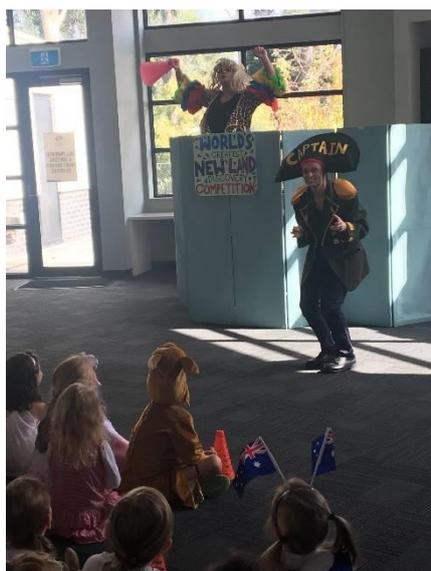
Last Wednesday, 21 March, 2018 the whole school celebrated 'Harmony week' with our annual 'Multicultural Day'. The day started with a parade, students came in wonderful costumes representative of their cultures. It was evident that a lot of thought and effort went into the costumes which was fantastic to see.

The parade was followed by a learning rotation. The kids participated in activities such as origami making, learning how to play the European sport;

'fist ball', making Chinese dragon masks, learning how to play French boules referred to as 'Petanque' and making pasta necklaces (just to name a few).

After recess the junior school had the pleasure of watching 'Around the World and Back again' by Two Friends Productions whilst the middle and senior school engaged in a second learning rotation. After the first show, the middle and senior school students watched the performance whilst the junior school engaged in a second learning rotation. The presentation was an engaging and fun filled story about a Captain and his sailor assistant who travel the world making amazing discoveries.

The story explored various continents, countries and their cultures. The incursion was fantastic, it provided lots of learning and laughs and was thoroughly enjoyed by students and staff!



The students then had a special pizza lunch that was organised with the help of our wonderful PFA that consisted of authentic Italian pizzas from 'Via Condotti'. This was followed by gelato from the 'Something Sweet' gelato cart. Students enjoyed either vaniglia (vanilla) or fragola (strawberry). Both the pizza and gelato were delicious! After lunch, students discussed and reflected on the day's events as well as developed their

understanding of the significance of Harmony week.

Below you will see some of the reflections from various classes.

Multicultural Day 2018 was a fantastic success. It demonstrated the wonderfully diverse yet collaborative community we have at Belle Vue Primary School. As a community we were able to lead by example what it means to live in harmoniously in a multicultural community. Students, staff and parents should be proud of the successful day it was. Thank you to everyone for their contributions, Multicultural Day 2018 is certainly one we will not forget!



Signorina Piacentini

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“My favourite part was the incursion because we got to watch a really funny play. I learnt that some of my friends were from different cultures.” (Mila, 1/2)

“I enjoyed the pizza because it was really yummy and the show because it was funny! I learnt that Coca-Cola was first made in America and how to make pasta necklaces” (Austin, 1/2)



“Wow! What a day of excitement. I felt as if I was just travelling the world, looking at everyone’s cultural outfits. The activities and food were a blast at Belle Vue’s Multicultural Day. Every moment created ever-lasting smiles for the school.

From today, I’ve learned about the history of Australia’s flag. Its history and how it was formed blew my mind. As well as that, I’ve learned about my fellow schoolmates’ cultures. I was also intrigued when Mr G. said that fist-ball turned into volleyball. So volleyball originated from fist-ball!

Conclusively, I have had the best day! From games to mouth-watering food, this all created what I call a very successful and fun Multicultural Day! This day brought us together and the true meaning of Multicultural Day shone bright! (Dinushi, 5/6)

I enjoyed learning about everyone’s cultures because it’s fun to know more about your classmates. If you know more about the people you learn with it’s easier to make friends. I also learned why it’s important to know what’s going on in the world but also in your school. I enjoyed having a blast with the parade and seeing where people come from. (Jemima, 3/4)



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The thing I enjoyed most was watching the multicultural day play. It was extremely entertaining, fun and easily laughable. The play was about a Captain and his assistant and their adventure of trying to find a new land but every place they visited had already been discovered. It was their destiny to find a new land and win the competition. They didn't know until later that another Captain was following them and trying to claim victory. Next, they tricked the Captain and the Captain got disqualified. Today, I learnt about what all the symbols and colour mean on the flags throughout the world. It was quite interesting and surprising because I didn't know that the flags had such in depth meaning. An example is the colour red means love, care and friendship. To me, to live in harmony means to have peace. It means we care for each other and avoid hatred. Respecting everything and everyone for their difference, not criticising or insulting them. Overall, today was an amazing day! (Oli, 5/6)



"I loved multicultural day because I got to make a Chinese dragon mask, harmony paper chains and most of all, I loved the ice-cream!" (Derek, Prep)
 "My favourite part of multicultural day was the delicious pizza!" (Rubani, Prep)



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2018 CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Thursday 19th April
(First Thursday of Term 2)



On the first Thursday of Term 2 (19th April), all Belle Vue students will participate in our annual cross country carnival. Students will walk under teacher supervision to Koonung Creek Reserve where they will assemble at the track in their house groups.

There will be events for everyone, from a 500m Fun Run for the Prep students to a 3km race for the 11-13yr olds. This is a whole school event, commencing at 9.15am and concluding by 11:30am. Students are to arrive and depart from school like any other day.

Students will be competing in their house groups and are asked to wear their house sports tops or house colours and comfortable running clothes and shoes (runners).

Parents are definitely encouraged to attend and cheer on the runners (no dogs please). A coffee van will be onsite throughout the event for those who can't go without their morning latte.

Any volunteers able to help out on the day would be most appreciated - please let Mr Kucharski or Ms Bruce know prior to the day so you can be assigned a role.

Thank you,
Carney Kucharski
PE and Sports Coordinator

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2018 School Council and Information for Parents

Last Wednesday was the School Council Annual General Meeting. Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the Principal's and School Council President's report to the AGM for your information. (please see link on page 1)

I will proudly be serving my second year as School Council President and welcome any parents who have any questions about the function or operations of School Council to contact me.

Your School Councillors for 2018 are:

Kim McCormick – President
Minaxi Dalu-Chandu – Vice President
Fiona Iovenitti – Treasurer
Cathy Caminiti – Executive Officer
Tony Cugnetto
Paulina Karagiannis
Christian Stewart
Carney Kusharski – Staff representative
Brigitte Raymond – Staff representative
Caroline Downey – P&F Co-opted member
Annette Bruce – minute secretary

This year we are hoping to continue the success of previous years and to provide an overall governance framework which enables our Principal, staff and teachers to focus on students and teaching programs of the school, whilst ensuring that the School continues to prosper in all aspects of school operations.

In recognising the large amount of work that our staff undertake, Council has recommended that we streamline avenues of communication so that any matters are dealt with by the right people. I would ask parents to make a note of the following contacts and protocols for school communication. Of course as always the teachers are available for 20 minutes at the end of every day for any informal discussions:

All emails to the School and teachers: belle.vue.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

We ask that you do not email teachers directly, if you would like to arrange a time to meet with a teacher outside of the availability after school, please email the above address and the message will be passed onto your classroom teacher.

School Council matters – Kim McCormick (s_k_mccormick@bigpond.com)

Including queries about the Charter of School Council, its operations and any issues.

Parents & Friends matters – Caroline Downey (pfa.bvps@gmail.com) – this includes any fundraising or social activity ideas. These may also be directed to Caroline (who is the P&F representative on School Council) via your class reps. Again this allows our teachers and staff to focus on their areas of priority and Caroline is able to work with the P&F to act as a funnel for ideas. The School Council is updated on P&F activities at every meeting and encourages as much involvement by all parents subject to their time constraints.

Thank you to all our Councillors both continuing and new and I look forward to a great year ahead.

Kim McCormick
School Council President

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So what is going on at Belle Vue?

Hot Cross Bun Drive

Thank you to everyone who participated in the hot cross bun drive, we raised \$83 for the school, which is a great effort. Thank you to Kim Bui (Dante and Jade's mum) who organised the drive.

Class Lists

By now you should have received your class lists, please let your class rep know if any changes need to be made.

Lunch orders

Lunch order helpers are a little light on so unfortunately last Wednesday may have been the last lunch order day for the children for the year. This is a shame as the kids really enjoy 'lunch order Fridays'. We really need a consistent group of helpers to help once a month on a rotating basis to help with money counting on a Wednesday (around half an hour) or delivery on a Friday (around 45 minutes). If you can help please contact Allison (0438 195 615) or myself (0422 062 309).

Mother's Day Event and Stall

Early next term I will be asking for helpers for the Mother's Day stall and the Mother's Day function. The stall will be on Thursday May 10, the Mother's Day function date is yet to be decided. I would be more than happy to hear any suggestions from people on a possible venue.

Have a great Easter everyone and remember please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any fundraising/event ideas.

Caroline Downey
P & F Rep

**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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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

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef



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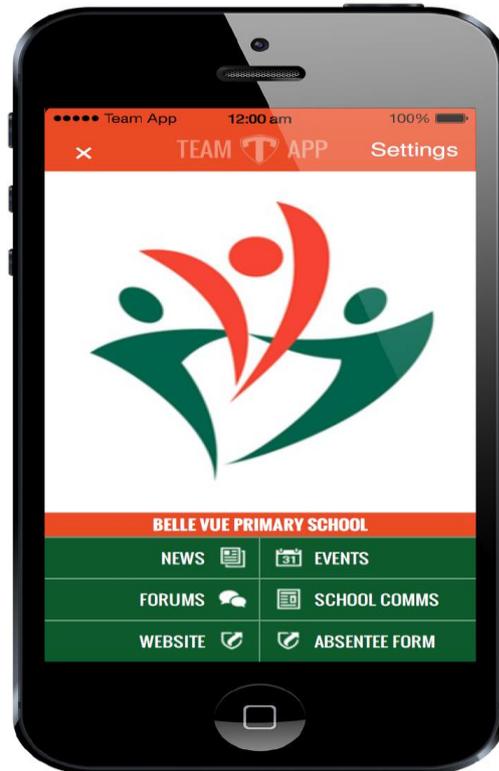
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3. Log into the App and search for "Belle Vue Primary School".
4. Choose your applicable access group(s).
5. If you don't have a smartphone go to bellevueprimaryschool.teamapp.com to sign up and view this App online.



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