

10th May 2018

DATES FOR THE DIARY

MAY

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

24th Working Bee 3:15 – 5:00pm

JUNE

6th School Council 7:30pm

10th Queen's Birthday Holiday

15th Gr 5/6 Hockey 7's

28th Mid-Year Performance
Karralyka Centre
Ringwood

29th Last Day Term 2
2:30pm Finish



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

30th JUNE – 15th JULY

JULY

16th First Day Term One
26th Student Led Conferences
8:15am – 5pm
(Pupil Free Day)

From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Families,

Happy Mother's Day to all our wonderful mums, grandmother's, carers, aunts and significant women in our children's lives! We hope you have a very special day Sunday and are showered with lots of love.

Mother's Day Stall

Thank you Caroline, Bec D, Toni, Katrina and Allison for their organisation and set up of the Mother's Day stall yesterday. Thank you also to the many, many helpers at the event itself today. Increasingly we are finding more of our parent community are in full time work - so finding volunteers to help source gifts, package them up, set up and then man the stalls can be quite challenging. The flip side is that the students love being able to independently choose/buy a gift for their mum/special friend. So thank you to all for your support - on behalf of the students at Belle Vue. (see photo's on page 7)

Also - a reminder for our wonderful mums there is a **Mother's Day Social Night** (in place of the Mother's Day Breakfast) being held at **Finch and Jane in Balwyn North on Friday May 25th**.

Stay tuned for further details (Team app).

Education Week

Although we see every week as being Education week at Belle Vue – Week 6 (May 21st – 25th) is Education Week across the state. Some of the activities we have scheduled for the week include: -

- **Tuesday 22nd 9 – 10:30 am** Open Morning for families commencing in 2019. Tours of the school on this morning will be hosted by our year six students.
- **Tuesday 22nd 6:30 – 7:30pm** Information Evening for 2019 Prep families – primarily the focus will be on the first year at Belle Vue Primary – but we will also provide a snapshot some of the wonderful programs we run across the school
- **Friday 25th 11:10 – 12:30pm Grandparents/Special Friends Morning**. Students will write letters to their Grandparent/s or Special Friend inviting them to come along and spend some time with them in the classroom. So please keep an eye out for this communication.

District Cross Country

Congratulations to the following 18 students who have qualified for District Cross Country at Macleay Park next Friday 18th May.

Good luck to: Noah, Ajuna, Sam, Jacinta, Ashlee, Dinushi, Lachie H, Esteban, Ari, Taylor, Harriet, Alice, Alex V, Heath, Shlok, Ava, Charli and Chloe M and remember, no matter where you place you have already made us proud.

Go Belle Vue!!

Mid-Year Performance

A big thank you to Leanne Anstee, Andrew Robinson, Brigitte Raymond

and Gemma Grimmond for the work they are doing and have put into the organisation of this year's Mid-Year Performance. The Grade 6 students have already been assigned their individual roles, been given their scripts and rehearsals have begun. Stay tuned for more information regarding this spectacular event!

Buddy Bench (Sports Shed)

Thank you to Emma Davidson (Spencer PW) for her work on creating a wonderful space for the Buddy Bench area. This JSC 'project' has been on the agenda for the last three years but has never quite got off the ground. The money raised last year through the 5c frenzy has gone towards the purchasing of the paints needed to transform the sports shed into the design you can see taking place. Once completed it will look magnificent (it already looks amazing and it is nowhere near finished!).

Emma has used our own (*actual*) students as outlines for the silhouettes you see on the side of the shed (there are three more silhouettes to be added, before the triangles start to be coloured), and some of our students have had a go at painting in the triangles.

Watch that space – it will be transformed over the next few weeks!



Prep 2019 Enrolment

While it feels as though 2018 has barely begun, thoughts are already turning to 2019, with many enquiries in relation to school enrolments for next year.

It is most helpful if sibling enrolments are received early. If you are currently a member of the school community and have a child ready to commence school next year please call into the office and pick up an enrolment form.

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

The NAPLAN tests for Years 3 and 5 will be taken next week on Tuesday May 15, Wednesday May 16 and Thursday May 17. The NAPLAN test results provide diagnostic information for parents about a child's performance in Literacy and Numeracy. This information can be used to support teaching and learning programs and improve student achievement.

If you have any questions about the NAPLAN testing program please speak to your child's classroom teacher or visit the NAPLAN website where you will find answers to frequently asked questions and information regarding past tests and sample questions. www.naplan.edu.au

Staff Professional Learning

First term and the beginning of second term has been very busy for staff in terms of Professional Learning – which all takes place outside of the school teaching and learning day! I feel very fortunate to work with a group of highly dedicated professionals – who are committed to ensuring our students are achieving at their personal best. Some of the Professional Learning

- Collaborative Teams and the High Impact Teaching Strategies (HITS) professional development facilitated by Tracey Ezard with Balwyn North, Belle Vue and Greythorn Primary Schools
- Literacy leaders workshop
- Reading – Data Analysis with Isobel McLennan (Education Improvement Leader)
- Revisiting our PLT proforma and developing an Instructional Teaching Model for Reading (incorporating the HITS) – facilitated by Isobel McLennan (*ongoing)
- Performance and Development Plans – all staff
- Social and Emotional Learning – including YCDI, Mindfulness and Kindness
- Anaphylaxis training; and CPR update
- High Impact Teaching Strategies (FISO – Community of Practice Leaders – Bryce and Carl) at Belle Vue Primary School
- High Impact Teaching Strategies (FISO – Community of Practice)- shared professional learning sessions with Balwyn North, Deepdene and Greythorn Primary Schools.
- FISO Convenors Meeting – Region (Cathy)
- Bricks and Mortar PD – (Cathy and Carl) as part of the OHS checklist

Two members of staff are also undertaking their VIT Registration (Victorian Institute of Teaching). Both Tanya Donaldson and Andrew Robinson are working with Rachael DePrada (mentor) on their VIT 'project'. This will be a yearlong process.

Mobile Phones

We live in an ever increasing time where mobile phones have become a part of our everyday lives. Whilst we appreciate that we want to keep our children safe and ensure we know where they are at all times – we also need to ensure that our (older) children are being responsible with their devices.

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A child who brings a mobile phone to school because they catch the bus or walk home is perfectly understandable, but for matters such as a late pick up, or forgotten lunch, students are encouraged to use the school phone (parents can also call the office and have messages passed on). Students who do bring their phones to school do so at their own risk, so must ensure they are switched off and put in their bags for safe keeping during the day. They are not to be brought out to play games, take photos or get onto social media – before, during or after school
If your child is fortunate enough to own an Apple watch – please keep these at home, as they have become a source distraction in the classroom.
Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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

2019 Prep Enrolments

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If you are currently a member of the school community and have a child ready to commence school next year please call into the office to collect an enrolment pack.

Please help us spread the word to anyone you know who has a child starting school in 2019. We'd love these prospective students to be able to take full advantage Kinder-Prep Orientation program.

School tours are available this term and there is a planned **Information Evening** on **Tuesday 22nd May at 6:30 p.m.**

Call our office for school tour dates, or to register for the **Information Evening**:

9859 6123

or email your registration to
belle.vue.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au



**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 are being entered into the Roll of Honour and will be presented with their certificates at tomorrow's assembly:

11/5/2018

PG	Lucie	For always demonstrating a great attitude towards tasks! You always strive to do your best work. Great job Lucie! (Student Nomination)
PG	Fletch	For demonstrating a positive and resilient attitude whilst completing your weekend recount writing. Keep it up Fletch! (Staff Nomination)
PW	Aryan	For always checking on his classmates, making sure they are ok, and being a caring and considerate friend – (Staff Nomination Twice) (Ms Woodhouse & Mr K!)
PW	Ellie	For always helping to pack up, even without being asked, and helping pack up things that she wasn't even playing with! (Student Nomination)
1/2A	Angela	For staying focused and completing all her work in every subject. (Staff Nomination)
1/2A	Olivia	For being resilient, flexible and inclusive when playing games in the playground. (Student Nomination)
1/2B	Hazel	For always letting people play with her. (Student Nomination)
12B	Alex G	For working very hard in writing and reading sessions so that he completes all of his learning tasks. (Staff Nomination)
1/2 D	Zander	For challenging himself during writing activities and always persisting. (Staff Nomination)
1/2 D	Laycee	For always encouraging others to do their best (Student Nomination)
3/4D	Ethan	For settling in well at Belle Vue and for his persistence with his maths strategies, demonstrating his listening skills with the task at hand. (Staff Nomination)
34D	Mickey	For demonstrating the YCDI! and school values at all times (Student Nomination)
34W	David & Anita	For listening to other people and demonstrating respect during team work. (Staff Nomination)
34W	Audrey	For demonstrating the character strength of kindness to a range of other students in the class. (Student Nomination)
56G	Sarah	For approaching new tasks with a growth mindset and always giving her best effort. (Student Nomination)
56G	Emma	For taking great pride in her learning; always contributing to discussions and giving 100% to all tasks. (Staff Nomination)
56J	Niran	For adopting a mature approach to his personal learning and daily organisation. (Staff Nomination)
56J	Ishaan	For helping everyone and trying his best while also being responsible and respectful towards others. (Student Nomination)

Congratulations!

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What's been happening in Prep G...



We have had a very fun-filled start to term 2!

Last week we learnt all about Capacity in Maths. We explored the different capacities of various containers and practiced measuring with water, pasta, sand and rice!



Prep G students have been loving literacy rotations which we commenced at the start of this term! We've been doing lots of different word building and reading activities!



In week 2 we learnt all about 3D shapes! Our year 5 Buddies then helped us create our very own 3D shapes!

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JSC's Water Saving Tip #1

This year, Belle Vue is focusing on reducing the amount of water we use (and waste).

We can use less water at home, as well as at school. Keep an eye out for the Junior School Council's water saving tips, brought to you by Melissa and Oli!





Mother's Day Stall 2018



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SAME-DAY NOTIFICATION OF UNEXPLAINED STUDENT ABSENCES

Fact sheet for parents/carers

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify their school as soon as possible **on the day of absence** using one of the following methods:

1. **Online:** log the absence directly using your school's IT platform – Team App.
2. **Telephone:** the school office 9859 6123 and let the staff know your child's name, class, date of absences and reason.
3. **Email:** the school belle.vue.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au and provide the staff with your child's name, class, date of absences and reason.

Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

Why do I need to notify the school if my child is absent?

Schools need to know when and why a child is absent and you need to know if your child isn't at school.

From the end of Term 2 2018, all Victorian government schools are required to contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence. If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as unexplained.

This system also promotes daily school attendance. Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education, they learn new things every day – missing school puts them behind.

What is your responsibility?

You are legally required to ensure your child attends school every day or you must provide an explanation for their absence. You should let the school know in advance of any upcoming absences or let them know in the morning if your child won't be at school. In order for schools to implement the same day notification requirement, it's essential that you provide the school with your most up-to-date contact details.

Generally one notification will be sent per family. Should there be circumstances that require both parents and carers to be notified, please contact the school to make the necessary arrangements.

What is the school's responsibility?

The school must notify you of an unexplained absence in relation to your child as soon as practicable on the same day.

Schools will let you know either by your school's online communications app, phone call or email. If you can't be reached because the school does not have your correct contact details (i.e. changed phone number, SMS/email failure notification received etc.), the school will attempt to make contact with any emergency contact/s nominated on your child's file held by the school. Where possible, this contact will be made on the same day of the unexplained absence.

Where can I learn more about the process for managing student absences?

Ask your school for a copy of the *Attendance Policy* which outlines the school's processes and procedures for monitoring, recording and following-up of student absences.





So what is going on at Belle Vue?

We have a number of P & F events going on at Belle Vue.

Mother's Day Stall

Today we held the Mother's Day Stall. This was a new experience for both the new Preps and the Grade One's. They really enjoyed purchasing their gifts for their mum's and/or 'Special Person' in their lives.

Thank you to Bec, Katrina, Allison and Toni for helping with the set up yesterday and to Bec, Fiona, Katrina, Angie, Stephanie and Hannah for helping out this morning, it was really appreciated. . Thank you to Cultivate Nursery for the gorgeous pots.



Lunch orders

Thank you to everyone who is assisting with lunch orders, especially the new helpers Dani, Jo and Catherine, it is really appreciated and nice to see some new faces.

If you can help with money counting on a Wednesday (around half an hour) or delivery on a Friday (around 45 minutes), please contact Allison (0438 195 615) or myself (0422 062 309).

Mother's Day Cocktail Party

We are holding a Mother's Day Cocktail Party at Finch and Jane in Balwyn on Friday May 25 at 7pm. All are welcome and it would be great to see as many people as possible. Try Booking details will go out shortly.

Entertainment Book

This year as part of our fundraising activities, we are selling the Entertainment Book. The books are \$70 each with \$14 of that going to the school. Many restaurants this year are in the Kew, Doncaster, Balwyn, Templestowe areas and there are also a great variety of kid's activities that are great for school holidays. It really doesn't take too long to recoup your money via the discounts. There is a book available for viewing outside the office and they can also make great gifts.

I think that is it from the P & F and remember please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any fundraising/event ideas.

Caroline Downey

P & F Rep

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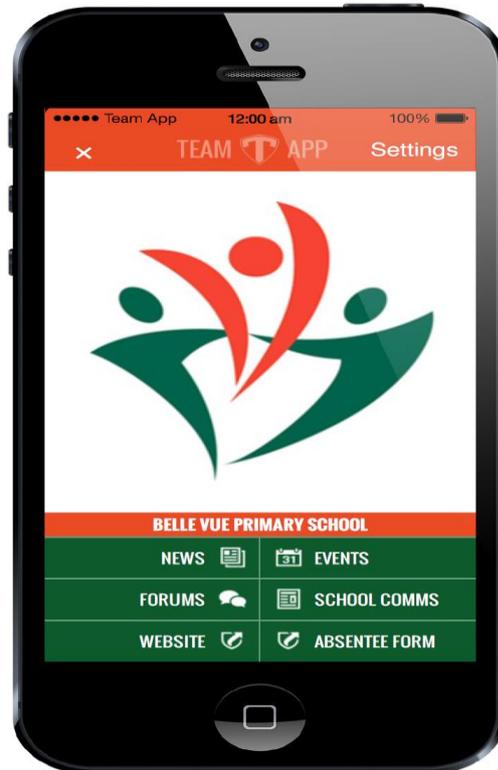
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2. Sign up to Team App. You will be sent an email to confirm your registration.
3. Log into the App and search for "Belle Vue Primary School".
4. Choose your applicable access group(s).
5. If you don't have a smartphone go to bellevueprimaryschool.teamapp.com to sign up and view this App online.



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BELLE VUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Education Week May 21st – 25th

OPEN MORNING

Tuesday May 22nd

9:00am – 10:30am



INFORMATION EVENING

Tuesday May 22nd

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Please call and register your interest on

98596123

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