

**6<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

DATES FOR THE DIARY

DECEMBER

7<sup>th</sup> Prep Fire Education

7<sup>th</sup> **CHRISTMAS  
(TWILIGHT) MARKET**

11<sup>th</sup> Grade 6 Secondary School  
Orientation (State schools)  
2019 Prep Orientation 9 –  
3pm

Grade 6 Graduation –  
Veneto Club

17<sup>th</sup> Prep – Gr5 Buddy Day

19<sup>th</sup> Christmas Assembly



19<sup>th</sup> Parent Helper Morning Tea

20<sup>th</sup> Class Parties (look out for  
notices!)

21<sup>st</sup> Last Day Term 4  
1:30pm Finish

2019 START DATE TERM ONE

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January

*From the Principal's Desk...*

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe we have two weeks (and one day!) left of the school year – where has the time gone?

The next two weeks will be an emotional roller coaster for some of our students, particularly those in grade 5/6 – with the 6's most excited about moving on to secondary school and yet a little anxious to be leaving the comfort of what they know. The year 5's have been preparing, presenting and anxiously awaiting news regarding student leadership roles for next year. That is not to discount the excitement and nerves for the other year levels – the prep students moving into grade 1, the grade 2's moving into grade 3, and the grade 4's moving into grade 5 – significant 'milestones' for each level move!

**2019 Student Leadership Roles**

One of the more pleasurable, yet challenging tasks that occurs in the last few weeks of the school year is the process of selecting our School Captains, Junior School Council President, Junior School Council Treasurer and Music and Choir Captain for 2019.

This week those vying for the leadership roles conducted their presentations to a panel made up of selected staff and the current school captains – resulting in two students being shortlisted for each of the above categories. The year 5 students themselves were given a brief at the beginning of term on what is expected of our school leaders, as well as made aware that the panel would also be considering their behaviour, attitude to learning, commitment to school events and whether they display the schools values – *particularly this term.*

The Grade 5 students applying for each of these roles were meticulously prepared and presented their speeches in an articulate, confident and enthusiastic manner. We were all very impressed with each and every student who got up to present and they should *all* be very proud of how they presented and the manner in which they carried themselves.

Today, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December, each shortlisted applicant gave their presentations to the student body (grades 3 – 6) who were given the opportunity to vote for the preferred student leader. Students applying for House Captain also presented to their houses today. Again, they should be very proud of how they presented – confident, articulate and passionate. It is unfortunate that not everyone will win a position – but all those who presented should be proud and hold their head up high – well done!

The 2019 School Leaders will be announced at the Christmas Assembly on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

**Grade 6 Graduation**

Good luck to our year six students who are busy preparing for graduation night – next Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Ms Sophia Bubner and Mr Bryce Griesheimer have been working behind the scenes with the students on their speeches, dance, profiles, slide shows etc. Kim McCormick and Heidi Wenk have been collating photo's to create a Grade 6 Year Book for the students to purchase – with photos from each year of their Belle Vue Primary School life. Caroline Downey has been phenomenal in taking over the venue booking and liaising, table arrangements etc – saving Ms Bubner a lot of time.

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Thank you to everyone involved – your efforts to make this night special for our grade 6 students is very much appreciated.

### **2019 Prep Orientation**

Our 2019 Preps have had three 'mini' orientation sessions with Ms Clare Woodhouse – and next Tuesday they will be here for the full day. Please be mindful of the new students and parents in the school on this day and make them feel welcome.

### **Staffing Structure 2019**

We are currently in the process of finalising our 2019 staffing profile. A brief 'newsletter/communication' will be sent out next Thursday confirming the staffing profile in time for our 'level up' day on Friday.

## **CHRISTMAS MARKET NIGHT – TOMORROW!**

One more sleep until our Twilight Christmas Market!

We are looking for helpers to either assist with set up, during the day tomorrow or on the night itself. 30 mins of your time is all we require. If you can help in any way, take a look at the helper list in the front office and put your name down. Thank you!

In terms of what will be on offer, Bec Bennett and Emily Boyle have sourced some amazing stalls in order to meet all your Christmas shopping needs. Here is a taste of some of the items that will be on sale –

- Candles
- Aunty Em's Crafts
- Karli's Clothing – (Women's apparel)
- Belle Vue Christmas Cards
- Flowers and garden needs from Cultivate Nursery
- Sunglasses – Sticks and Sparrows
- Face painting
- Harmony Beads
- Misty Salted Caramel Jars (apparently to die for!)
- Gelati Cart
- Calamari and Fish Taco Food Truck
- Pizza Truck
- Pop up bar – for all your 'light' refreshment needs.

*This is an adult zone only. No children are to enter into the fenced off area.*

- **Education Sports Carnival** will run a tabloid sports programme for the children from 5:30 – 7pm (please ensure children arrive on time so they can be allocated to a group). If you have pre-purchased a wristband – fantastic – if not please ensure you arrive early enough to purchase your wrist band! The wrist band includes entry into the tabloid sports; a sausage and a bottle of water.

Something to be aware of is that as this is a market – many of the stall holders only accept cash (will not have eftpos facility). Please do not be caught out – you may want to call past the ATM on the way here to make a withdrawal!!

Don't forget both our Junior and Senior Choirs will be singing on the night and we are hoping that the big man himself might put in a surprise visit! Fingers crossed! Bring your friends and extended family – the more the merrier!

### **Kooyong Student Prize 2018**

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November two of our school leaders, Oli and Melissa were presented with certificates for the Kooyong Student Prize for 2018. Oli and Melissa were nominated by their teachers as having '*excellence in academic and extracurricular pursuits, leadership amongst peers and a strong commitment to upholding the school's values and strengthening the community at large*'. Oli, Melissa and their families attended a ceremony at Balwyn High School and were presented with certificates and medallions by Josh Frydenberg (MP – Federal member for Kooyong – Deputy Leader Liberal Party).

Congratulations to Oli and Melissa – the nomination was well deserved and as a school community we are very proud of you! (see photo's page...)

### **Basketball Champions!**

Congratulations to all our basketballers, their coaches and team managers on an excellent and very exciting season.



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Five out of five Belle Vue Basketball teams made it to the finals, with four out of five teams going on to play in the grand final.

This sport has grown in our school with each level now having a basketball team, (some levels have two!). The benefits of playing basketball or any team sport are many – including the social, emotional and health benefits. Playing a team sport assists children in learning to take on feedback; to set goals and stick to them; to stay focussed, encourage others and work, as well as train, together for a common goal. It assists children to deal with stress/anxiety – providing a release for emotions; and is a great way to connect with their peers. Most importantly playing a team sport should be fun! This week I have seen three out of the four teams (so far) compete and all of them were having fun, encouraging their team mates and being considerate of the opposition players. Congratulations to all who have played this season – no matter where you placed.

Thank you to the coaches and team managers for your time and commitment (everyone is time poor!) and to Katrina Tuscano for being the driving force behind each team. Go BELLE VUE!

### REPORTS – SENTRAL

Have you signed up to the portal? A reminder that the end of year reports will be made available through the parent portal on Sentral. If you have misplaced your unique log in details with step by step instructions on how to create an access account – please call into the office for another copy so that you are signed up and ready to receive your child's report.

Moving into 2019 we will be utilising this portal more extensively – enabling parents to lodge absences and view the school newsletter.

**Please remember it is not enough just to log in – you need to enter your unique code in order to be allocated to your child's information. Please check that you have done this.**

**\*Reports will be available on line only – on Monday December 17<sup>th</sup>**

### Dates

A reminder to keep your eye on the calendar dates, Team App alerts and classroom notices in the lead up to the many varied, whole school and year level events that are coming up over the course of the next few weeks. Some of which include:

- 2019 Prep Orientation
- Grade 6 Graduation
- Prep – Grade 5 Buddy Incursion
- Twilight Christmas Market
- Christmas Assembly
- Parent Helper Morning Tea

A very busy time, on top of *normal* teaching and learning programs – so we all need to be super organised and mindful of timelines – check the website (and perhaps school bags!) for notices!

**Cathy Caminiti**  
Principal



### 2018 School Term Dates

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 1:30pm Finish

### 2019 Start Date

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January

“People often  
forget that  
kindness is free”  
–Unknown



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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 at 1.35pm

7/12/2018

PG	Anna	For being a kind classmate and always working hard to do her best work. (Student Nomination)
PG	Jonas	For working hard to improve his resilience. You have really focused on staying calm and talking about your problems or concerns. Keep up the good work! (Staff Nomination)
PW	Hannah	For always being kind and saying nice things to people. (Student Nomination)
PW	Ellie	For being an excellent role model for her classmates, through her work ethic and kindness. (Staff Nomination)
12A	Olivia	For being a great friend who shares and shows respect for her classmates. (Student Nomination)
12A	Alex W	For always doing his best with his work and reading quietly when finished (Staff Nomination)
12B	Carl	For showing respect by listening to his friends when they've talked to him about playing fairly. (Student Nomination)
12B	Liv	For showing responsibility and commitment to her learning in math sessions this week. You have worked really hard to stay focused and achieve your goals! (Staff Nomination)
12D	Quinn-Tessa	For encouraging others to be the best that they can be. (Student Nomination)
12D	Zoe C	For consistently challenging herself in her learning, particularly in maths. (Staff Nomination)
34D	Archie	For being a fair and respectful player in the playground (Student Nomination)
34D	Siena J	For consistently being a responsible role model to her classmates (Staff Nomination)
34W	Caleb	For helping others when they have been upset or injured. (Student Nomination)
34W	Harrison	For his amazing effort this Semester, particularly in Maths. (Staff Nomination)
34W	Jack	For recognising when other students are being kind and acknowledging them. (Student Nomination)
34W	Stanley	For assisting other students to do the right thing. (Staff Nomination)
56B	Amelia	For helping her peers in the classroom and being inclusive in the playground (Student Nomination)
56B	Aidan	For the amazing growth he has shown in public speaking, confidently presenting a debate to his class. (Staff Nomination)
56G	Melissa	For balancing responsibilities well and being an awesome team member. (Student Nomination)
56G	Lauren	For making choices against the crowd in an attempt to help others make better choices. (Staff Nomination)

## Congratulations

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# Thank you lunch....for Staff Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Each year the parents put on lunch for the staff at Belle Vue to say thank you for the work, care and support they provide for our children throughout the year.

It would be fabulous if we could share the load, so if you are able to provide something either sweet or savoury, (or drinks – non-alcoholic of course!!) or assist with the supervision of students – during lunch time – your help would be most appreciated.

Please see the sign-up sheet at the front office and put your name down on the 'helpers' list.

If you have any questions – please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you in advance

Caroline Downey

(Tanna and Lachie's Mum)



## Buddy Bench Seats – ALL COMPLETE

A big thankyou to Emma Davidson (Spencer's mum in PW) for her hard work, commitment and tenacity in completing the Buddy Bench Seat and mural on the shed. This has been a project for the JSC for a couple of years – so to finally have it come to fruition is amazing. The students, staff and wider community are grateful to have had Emma's assistance (and expertise) with this project. ❤️



## CHILDREN NOT RETURNING TO BELLE VUE PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 2019

Please return this note to the office as soon ASAP



Child/Children's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class/es in 2019: \_\_\_\_\_

Transferring to: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Spot the Difference

1/2A conducted an experiment exploring the properties of uncooked pasta as part of the Spot the Difference integrated unit.



Students had to work in teams to build a tower out of uncooked pasta and marshmallows.



We used words like straight, strong, brittle and long to describe the uncooked pasta and we discovered that these were the properties that enables us to build our towers.



# Parent Helper Morning Tea



Dear Belle Vue Families,

We want to say thank-you for all your wonderful help throughout the year. Please come along for a delicious morning tea, held in the staff room after the Christmas Assembly.

Whether you:

- assisted with reading in the morning
- went on an excursion
- helped with school concert costumes
- changed the kids after swimming
- ran a reading rotation group

or any other of the many ways parents help with running the school, it's all very much appreciated!

- **Date** - Wednesday December 19<sup>th</sup>
- **Time** - 10.40am - 11.20am
- **Venue** - Belle Vue Primary Staff Room

Hope to see you there!

The Staff at Belle Vue Primary School

**P.S.** This is open to all helpers, not just parents. Grandparents, carers, nannies etc. are encouraged to attend!

## Enterprise a Big Success!

On Tuesday and Wednesday of week 8, the years 5 and 6 students held their Enterprise Days. This was the culmination of almost two terms worth of learning and hard work as the students organised their own pop-up market on the Belle Vue grounds.



As part of the Enterprise unit, students explored the issue of children's rights around the world. They investigated and compared the lives of children in different countries, living in vastly different circumstances to themselves and researched charities that focused on returning children's rights as determined by the UN. Students examined how charities raised money and resources, before taking the opportunity to raise a little money themselves.



Using the design process the students developed products, games and food to sell to the younger Belle Vue students. They engaged in market research and sought feedback from peers and teachers to improve their ideas. The result was two excellent days of business and an amazing \$1330.10 raised for various charities.



Well done to all the year 5 and 6 students! And thank you to everyone who participated, donated or contributed to the Enterprise Market. Your business was much appreciated!

## Kooyong Student Prize

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November two of our year 6 students - Melissa and Oli - attended the Kooyong Student Prize award ceremony at Balwyn High School, hosted by Josh Frydenberg, MP. The Kooyong Student Prize is awarded to exceptional Year 6 students at schools throughout the Kooyong area. Students who are nominated display many admirable qualities, including academic excellence, extra curricula involvement and leadership skills.



Melissa and Oli were recognised for their many excellent qualities. Both hold leadership positions and are regularly involved in organising events for the school through the JSC. They both held lead roles in our mid-year performance, 'Under The Big Top' and are involved in sport outside of school. Additionally, they are both persistent and motivated students who maintain impressive academic records.

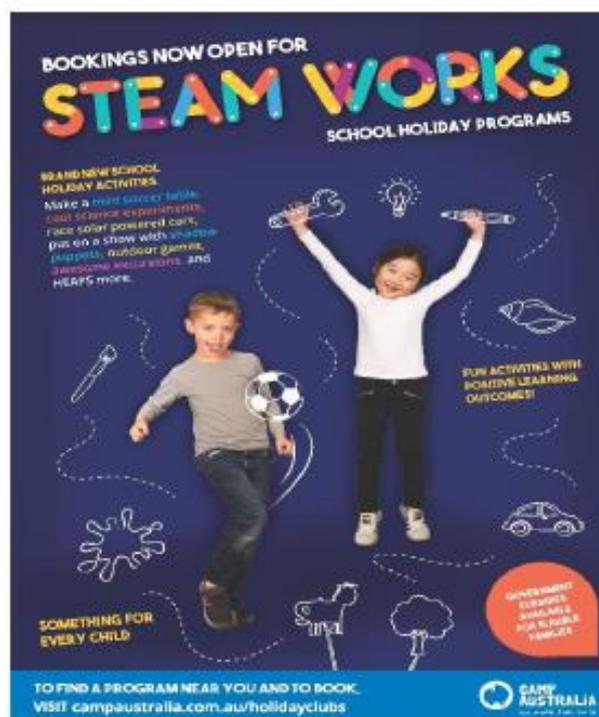
Finally, (and maybe most importantly) Melissa and Oli consistently display our school values of pride, integrity, responsibility, respect and commitment. It was these qualities that Josh Frydenberg praised most highly and their teachers and families could not have been prouder.

Well done Oli and Melissa! A truly well-deserved recognition for you both.



Bookings are now open for Camp Australia's latest school holiday programs – **STEAM Works**. Based on STEAM learning – Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math – it will be full of activities that have fun learning outcomes.

Some of our brand new activities include making a mini soccer table, cool science experiments, solar powered cars, putting on a show with shadow puppets, excursions, and heaps more.



Book now. To find out when these activities are on during the school holidays and join in the fun, visit: [www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs](http://www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs). Or you can call our friendly Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343 - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

We look forward to seeing you and your family during the school holidays.

#### Program Details

Coordinator: Jasnarinder Kaur

Contact Phone Number: 0401 006 48

To find out more about our program, view fees, and to register visit [www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au)

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# Christmas MARKET

Friday 7th December

**5-8PM** BELLE VUE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
20 HIGHVIEW ROAD, BALWYN NORTH

*Gold coin donation on entry*

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WE HOPE YOU HAVE OR HAD A GREAT DAY

FROM ALL OF YOUR FRIENDS AT BELLE VUE!

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**This notice was sent home as a hard copy today.**

**Re: START OF DAY BEGINNING 2019**

Dear Parents/Carers,

In 2019 we have decided we will begin the start of the school day a little differently.

As a staff we have been researching and engaging in discussions around *how* we can maximise prime learning time. Theory tells us that children learn best *earlier* in the morning – when they are fresh and ready to be engaged. For this reason we try not to schedule specialist classes from the hours of 9am – 10:40am for the Prep to Grade 2 students. This allows us to make the most of the literacy block when students are most receptive to learning. Ideally we would do this for all students in all year levels – but given the restrictions around hours and days that specialist classes are scheduled – this is not a viable option.

At Belle Vue we divide our learning time into 50 min cycles.

- First session runs from 9 – 10:40 (2 x 50 min sessions)
- Middle session runs from 11:10 – 12:50 (2 x 50 min sessions)
- The last runs from 1:35 – 3:15 (2 x 50 min sessions)

Current practice sees the bell ring at 9am, students come in and get their readers out and read with parents until 9:15am. Unfortunately, many students arrive late and don't feel the need to rush into class because 'it's only reading time' they are missing out on. This then sets the trend for a general 'tardiness' across the school.

We are seeking to redress this situation and take full advantage of the prime learning time we have available to us.

From 2019, the start of the day will look significantly different.

- **8:45am** – students can arrive at school from this time on – no earlier unless they are supervised by a parent/carer or here to take part in running club or basketball training (this has not changed).
- **8:50am** - The first bell of the day will ring. When this bell rings, all students will be expected to enter their classrooms and prepare for the start of the day. They will not line up outside prior to 9 o'clock anymore.
- **8:51am – 8:59am** – Music will play after the first bell, signalling to any students, who arrive after the bell, that they need to make their way into their classroom.

*We would like to see the students entering the classrooms independently, ensuring that all students can organise their bags, readers, notices, books and any other requirements for the day so that teaching can commence at 9am.*

- **9am** the second bell of the day will ring. This signifies that learning time has begun.

After much deliberation, we have also decided that we will no longer be utilising our parent helpers from 9 – 9:15am for morning reading. Whilst we have valued your support, we also see the importance of maximising the full 50 min learning cycles to implement our Reading and Writing Instructional Model – across the school. We strongly encourage you continue to read with your child/ren, one on one, at home.

To ensure consistency in setting up our morning learning protocols, we will also reschedule Monday morning Assembly. These Assemblies will take place on Monday afternoon at 3pm – to allow for parent attendance (closer to the pickup time of 3:15pm).

These changes will be implemented as of day one in 2019. We do acknowledge that this will be a change for some families – especially in regards to morning reading – but we also realise that we cannot ignore what our data is telling us. We are very confident that this will be a change for the better. Being able to begin instruction *on time* means we will be making the most of that prime learning time – and engaging our students *when they learn best*.

We would still love the support of our parent helpers – and will still be seeking assistance for literacy and numeracy rotations as well as volunteers for excursions, swimming, sporting activities etc.

Please feel free to discuss with the teachers or myself if you have any questions.

We thank you for your support on our new start to the school day.

Yours sincerely,

Cathy Caminiti and the Belle Vue Teaching Staff

# Registration

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places still  
available for  
3 year old  
2019

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Bulleen VIC 3105

3 and 4 Year Old  
Kindergarten

## Information and tours

For more information, or to book a tour, contact us on:

Tel: (03) 9850 8486  
Email: [yarraleen.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au](mailto:yarraleen.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au)  
Website: [www.bestchance.org.au/yarraleen](http://www.bestchance.org.au/yarraleen)

## Enrolment enquiries

Email: [enrolments@bestchance.org.au](mailto:enrolments@bestchance.org.au)  
Tel: 1300 224 644  
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# 2019 Prep Enrolments

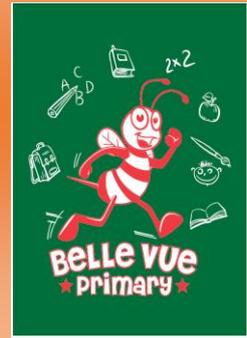
If you are currently a member of the school community and have a child ready to commence school next year please call into the office to collect an enrolment pack.

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.

Call our office to register for a school tour:

**9859 6123**

or email your registration to  
[belle.vue.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:belle.vue.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)



## School Fundraising Program



Did you know that Buxton Real Estate Group will make a donation to Belle Vue Primary School if you sell your home through us?

Just register with the school first, and we will pledge 5% of the sale proceeds to the school. This opportunity is open to anyone affiliated with the school network, so tell all your family and friends, and raise your hands to help fast track the school's fundraising goals.

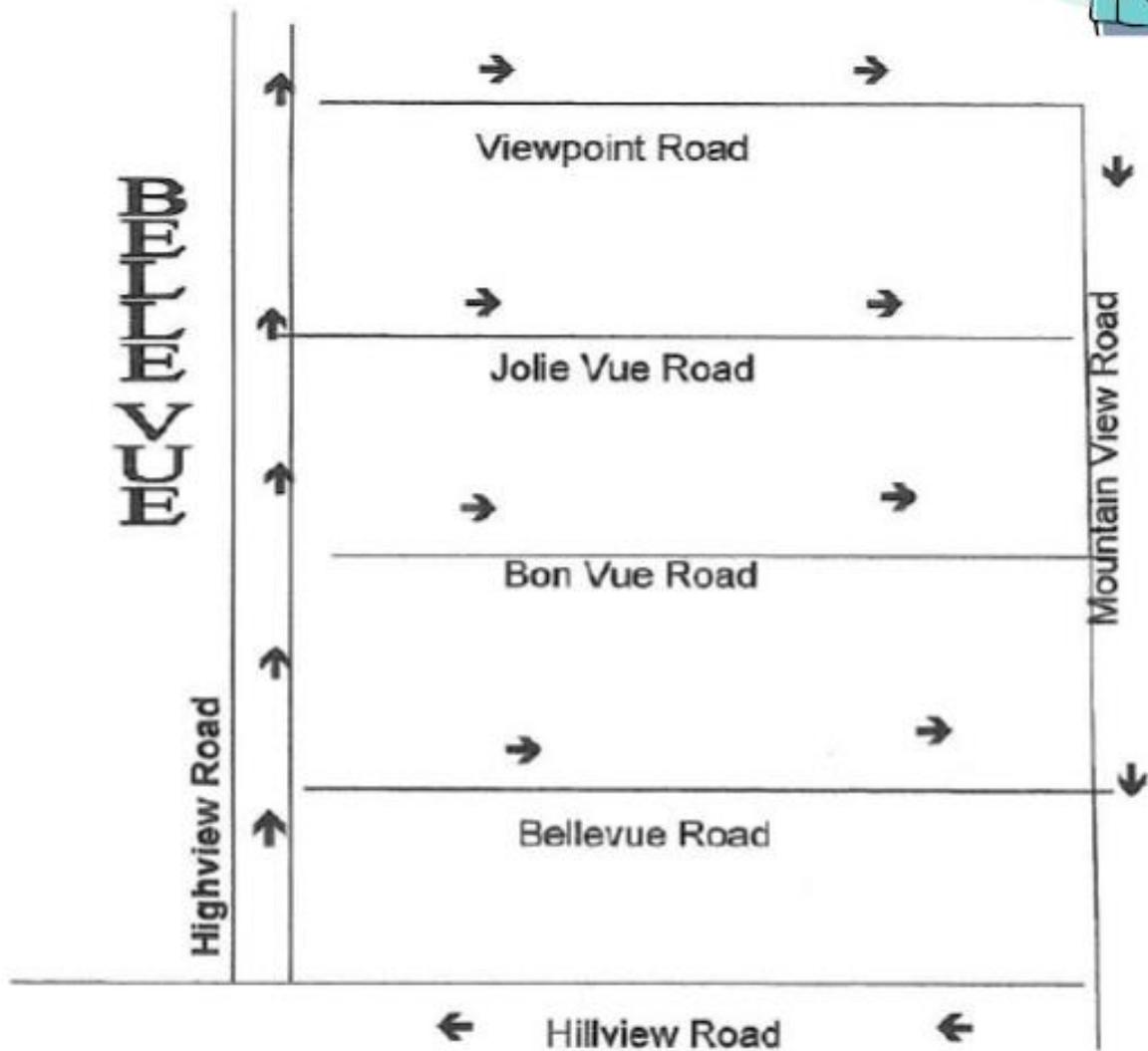
For more information, please contact Kim Bui on 0402 160 168



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# 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