

31st January 2019

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the 2019 school year. A special welcome to our new school families and to our 2019 Prep students. I hope that all school families have had a fantastic holiday and a happy start to the year. This is a brief communication not only to welcome everyone back, but also to provide some information about what has been happening around the school over the break. The fortnightly newsletter cycle will begin next week.

The Hall Renovation

Whilst we were all hoping that the Hall would be finished before the end of the holidays – it seems the hot weather held up works, so unfortunately the work is behind schedule. The Project Manager tells me they should be finished, inside, within the next few weeks. Then they will move onto painting the outside of the hall and reworking the space between the Library and Hall. Once they move into this area – we will be able to access the Hall. Patience – is a virtue!

North East Link Authority

During the break Kim McCormick (School Council President) and I met with representatives from NELA. Over the coming weeks, students may notice the installation of air monitoring equipment in the far north-west corner of the school grounds (near the cricket nets).

The temporary air monitoring station, which was School Council approved, is being installed to inform the planning for the North East Link project. Installation is expected to take five days to complete with most work being completed outside recess and lunchtime breaks.

Air quality monitoring is currently being undertaken across the project area to understand the current air quality conditions and specialists will collect data from the Belle Vue Primary School site over a 12 to 18 month period.

About the project

North East Link project will finally connect M80 Ring Road in Greensborough to the Eastern Freeway in Bulleen and upgrade the Eastern Freeway with additional lanes.

To learn more about the North East Link project and the EES process, please visit northeastlink.vic.gov.au/project.

Ready to Learn – Morning Bell Times

A reminder that this year has seen the introduction of a new morning bell time. The first bell of the day now rings at 8:50am. When this bell rings, all students are expected to independently enter their classrooms and prepare for the start of the day. They do not line up outside prior to 9 o'clock anymore. Music will play after this first bell, indicating to any students arriving after the 8:50am bell to make their way into their classrooms. This procedure ensures that all students can organise their bags, books and any other requirements for the day so that teaching can commence at 9am.

Information Packs

Today everyone will receive a pack of communication from the office. Make yourselves a cup of tea, take a seat and read through all the information – all pertaining to your children's learning.

Once you have read through all the information, please ensure you return all *signed* notices in a timely manner (don't forget to log on to Sentral and book a Getting to Know You Interview!).

Summer

The warmer weather brings an important reminder about the need for students to have their school hats and drink bottles at school every day. Please make sure that these items are included with each day's packing of the school bag. The school hat is compulsory in terms one and four of each school year and although the school provides sunscreen – it is advisable that you 'slap' some on in the morning before leaving for school.

Cathy Caminiti
Principal



A reminder in terms 1 & 4

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