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NEWSLETTER Issue 1



Hi everyone,

Welcome to the 2024 school year.

Our school year has kicked off to a fantastic start. We have a number of new students and families who have become part of our community so welcome everyone.

A special big welcome to our new **Foundation year students** who have settled in very quickly.

Year	Staff
F/1 W	Joanne W
F/1 P	Sarah P
1/2 H	Ally H
2/3 C	Alyssa C & Sonia A
3/4 H	Liz H
4/5 O	Thomas O
5/6 V	Casey V
5/6 H	Kate H & Renee C

Our teachers have returned well rested and ready for a busy and rewarding term.

New staff have joined us

We welcome the following new members of staff: Ally in yr 1/2; Kate and Renee in yr 5/6; Jay and Lara in yr 5/6 ES. These new staff members will add a refreshing and vibrant energy to our school.

Start Up program

All classes have begun our “**Start Up**” program where class protocols, expectations for learning and behaviours etc. are discussed and developed.

This process gives students greater input into their class processes and helps establish high expectations and a consistent routine which supports a positive and harmonious classroom environment.

This year we are again so fortunate to have Rachele Petrucci and Deidre Granger deliver their amazing **Tutor Program**.

They are both very experienced teachers. Rachele and Deidre’s program is aligned to the classroom structure and based on accurate assessment. They provide further targeted explicit learning in reading, writing and numeracy.



Anaphylaxis Policy ‘NO NUTS or NUT PRODUCTS’ to be brought to school

Our school has a number of students who have Anaphylaxis allergies. We are requesting all families to please **do not include any foods that may contain peanuts/nuts** etc.

This includes Nutella and any chocolate bars that may contain nuts.

After School Hour Care Program



TheirCare From Julian
where kids love to be!

Welcome back to all our families in the service. I hope you had a wonderful and relaxing holiday.

This week we have had a fun and exciting week as we have welcomed familiar friendly faces, as well as some new faces to the service.

Children are doing different arts and craft activities, as well as playing a range of different games, such as Uno, Jenga, the floor is lava and pretend shop.

If you would like to be a part of the TheirCare community, please make a booking.

To register an account, book, edit or cancel a booking for your child(ren) please click the “Register Now” button on the link:

<https://theircare.fullybookedccms.com.au/family/login>

For any queries on bookings and for further information about any of the programs or activities we offer, please do not hesitate to contact us on

0459 555 361 or email us at

bellevuepark@theircare.com.au

TO BOOK PLEASE CALL 0459 555 361

M: 0459 555 361

E: bellevuepark@theircare.com.au

P: 1300 072 410

W: www.theircare.com.au

DIARY DATES

School assembly	Friday 3:00am in the courtyard
Breakfast Club	Tues./ Wed/Thurs 8:30am.
Animation & Documentary making	Wednesdays -Yr 5/6 with Greta & Paul Baks
Labour Day holiday	Monday March 11 th

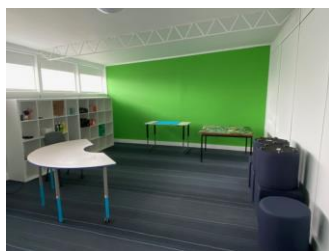


'See Me, Hear Me' media centre

Over the holiday period our Handyman Joe has been doing lots of work to repurpose the old Female toilets. We are close to completing this project which has required new power & data connections,



new carpet and acoustic wall tiles. We will soon add a large screen TV. This week the air conditioning was installed. We already have lots of furniture and have on order new IT resources for the program.



A very exciting and innovative curriculum strategy that has won a National ATOM award and also played an important role in Paul Baks' Victorian Teacher Excellence award last year capturing the story of the Panthers netball team. Our students love our media strategy.



Scientists in Schools partnership

We are very excited to announce that our school is partnering with the CSIRO in the 'Scientists in Schools' program. We are matched with Ben who is an ITC systems expert. Ben will be working with Paul Baks in term 2. Pretty cool hey.

Free Adult English Language classes

The sessions begin on Monday 19th February and finish March 25th. All sessions are held on a Monday in the Library from 9:15-11:15am .

Hina will be the teacher again this year. She is a lovely lady and a great teacher.

Come along, meet new people, and learn more English.

Thank you to Sussex Neighbourhood House.

Foundation Students schedule

Our foundation year students have every Wednesday off for the rest of February. They are at school full time starting Monday February 26th

Meet and Greet

We are offering Teacher/Parent/Carers 'meet and greet' sessions later this term. All sessions run from 3:30pm to 4:00pm. Please put it in your diary. Our staff will be talking about their teaching strategies and how the classes operate. These sessions are always informative and help clarify many things. We look forward to welcoming you to the school.

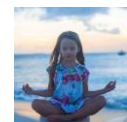
The dates are:

Building B Monday 19 th Feb	F/1 W F/1P 1/2 H 2/3 C
Building A Tuesday Feb 20 th	3/4 H & 4/5 O
Building A Wednesday 21 st	5/6 V & 5/6 H/C

Please return your attendance slip by Tues 13th February.

Mindfulness @ Belle Vue Park

This program will be delivered by our school welfare officer Sue. It helps students calm and settle their minds which helps them to learn better.



Voluntary Contributions

Parents are asked to pay their \$120 to the front office before the end of February. The contributions are for many of the resources and equipment that your child uses throughout the year.

Road Safety On time to school

Road Safety is so important, and it starts with parents talking to their children about safety in the car and on the footpaths. Please ensure that you talk to your children about keeping themselves safe and how to be aware when they are near the footpath.



Drivers need to set an example and there are still one or two drivers who wear their seat belt but do not bother to ensure their passengers are safely in a seatbelt.

BELT THEM UP PLEASE

Inter-school Sports

Our students from years 4-6 participate in our interschool sports teams. Year 6 students have first chance to be in a team, followed by year 5 and then year 4 students if required. Teams for term one will be cricket, softball and bat tennis.

Students have signed up for a team and we will try to ensure all students participate. Thank you to Casey, Stuart and other staff for coaching our teams. Term one sports are held on Friday mornings from 9:30am-11:00am.

Our students have already started practising at recess and lunch time.

Parents and family of participating students are welcome to attend and provide support and encouragement. We will have 4 games in term one against other schools.

Student Welfare

We are very fortunate to be able to continue our student welfare support with the services of RelateWell - Family Relationships Institute Inc. (Suite 102, 398 Sydney Road Coburg) www.relatewell.org.au These services will begin by the end of February.



Staff from RelateWell will deliver various programs and strategies for individuals and small groups as well as families here at the school.

Please contact the office if you would like further information. These sessions are all confidential. More information will be available soon.

Class structures

Our school is still growing. We are still able to offer smaller than average class sizes right across the school. This allows for maximal learning opportunities for our students.

Teachers and ES staff create flexible learning groups using student data to ensure all students get what they need. This allows teachers to extend students who are doing really well in a curriculum area and also provides flexibility to cater for those students who require longer to consolidate a concept...the best of both worlds.

Specialist Classes

Our specialist classes will include a combination of the following areas:

- Visual Arts - Paul B
- Science/STEM investigations - Paul B.
- P.E./Interschool sports - Stuart
- L.O.T.E. Italian - Michele H & Dean B
- 'See me, Hear me' media studies - Paul B & Greta T

Each area of the school will have extra support for the core subjects of mathematics and reading to assist targeted learning and providing greater student/teacher time.

Our strategy is to provide time for student/teacher discussions on learning goals and student data will continue this year.

School Council news

We are calling for nominations for one School Council vacancy for this year. Nominations forms are available at the office. The role is for 2 years, and Council is required to have 8 meetings a year.

We meet on a Tuesday at 4:00pm on site or online. Further details will be provided in our next newsletter.

Domestic Violence

If you or a member of your family requires confidential crisis support, information and accommodation please contact the 24/7 state-wide Family Violence response service [safe steps](http://safe.steps) on **1800 015 1881** or visit the website at <http://dvvic.org.au/on>. They will assist you.



If you feel unsafe or are concerned for someone's safety, please call 000.

For confidential phone help and referral in Australia, please contact 1800RESPECT

Panther news

This year we have new Panther merchandise with t-shirts and caps



Recycle bottles and cans

Ken Gauci, Operations Manager of iDump (iKon) Waste Management Services will provide us with a NEW 240L black bin with a red lid and hole cut out on the lid for 10c refund bottles/cans. Thank you to Ken for his generosity.



Donations in term one will go towards the Panther's netball team. Thank you to our Wellbeing Officer Sue Sandy for co-ordinating this.

On time to school

A reminder to our families that school classes begin at 9:00am. It is wise to have students arrive at school at around 8:45am which gives them time to play, catch up with friends and get organised for the day ahead.



We ask families to make the effort of ensuring that their child/ren arrive at school on time. Late comers miss out on the start of the lesson and interrupt the class.


Softfall top up

All our undercover playground areas have had a large top-up of Softfall to ensure safe and soft landings for our kids as they have fun on the ropes course and other play equipment. This was funded by a grant from Active Schools.

New LED lighting

Over the holiday period we had new LED lighting installed across the school. More energy efficient and saves us money as well.

Social media profile

Twitter  Our school now has a number of social media platforms to keep our community up to date with what's going on at school.

To follow our school's Tweets, go to the following:

[*BelleVueParkPS@BelleVueParkPS*](https://twitter.com/BelleVueParkPS)

Belle Vue Park Primary Website

Our school, kindergarten and Community Hub website address is located at:

[*http://www.bellevueparkps.vic.edu.au/*](http://www.bellevueparkps.vic.edu.au/)

S.O.L.E. Australia website & Twitter



Have you checked out the Self Organising Learning Environments website yet? S.O.L.E. The address is: [*soleaustralia.com*](http://soleaustralia.com)

The website has been developed by our school and our partner school Aberfeldie Primary School.

[*PaulKenna@SOLEAust*](mailto:PaulKenna@SOLEAust)

It's great to be back.
Have a great week everyone.

Cheers,

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Principal

Natalie Wise
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