



Literacy.....



**READ with your child
EVERY DAY ...**

the more you read the smarter you get!



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Hi everyone,

What has happened to term 3? The term has flown by quickly and we have had lots of great things happening right across the school.

Our classrooms are humming with lots of fantastic teaching and learning, our new building is rising up from the ground, we have new laptops and iPads available in our classrooms to support student learning, our swimming program was a great success, Book Week and Science Week were all fantastic events.



Natalie Wise wins National Education award

The big, big, big news is that our amazing Assistant Principal Natalie Wise has been awarded a 'Schools Plus' Fellowship for her exceptional leadership over many years.



This very prestigious and highly sought after National award involved a lengthy selection process which ran over 4 months.

The award was presented to Natalie earlier this week at Parliament House in Canberra by the Federal Minister for Education Jason Clare and Mr. David Gonskie A.C. The evening was compered by Jessica Rowe.



Part of the award was for Natalie's work leading our talented F-2 team to address foundational literacy skills using a multi-tiered strategy, with a focus on oral language skills and explicit phonics teaching.

Schools Plus

A major component of this was leading the school in a two-year 'Getting it Right from the Start' literacy action-research project collaborating with the Murdoch Institute, the Education Department, Melbourne University and other major universities.

This initiative is reducing the number of 'at risk' students and has laid critical literacy foundational skills. Natalie also facilitated the successful S.O.L.A.R. strategy in Years 3 to 6.

Natalie has also played a key role in the development of new instructional models in reading, writing and numeracy.

Her leadership of our Inclusion & Wellbeing team includes co-ordinating RelateWell Counselling, demonstrating her commitment to student wellbeing.



Her support for neurodiverse students ensures appropriate adjustments, curriculum access and fosters a sense of belonging for these children.

Natalie's leadership, commitment to whole school improvement and passion for inclusive processes is changing the lives of students and families at Belle Vue Park Primary.

Nat we are all so proud of your amazing achievement. Congratulations Nat.

Book Week celebrations

Our Book Week theme for this year was...

'READING IS MAGIC'.

Our teachers organised lots of events including a whole school incursion with the Perform Education which was called 'May be a Miracle'. The show incorporated the book week theme and featured the Book Week shortlisted books.



There is a great report about Book Week later in the newsletter



School Spelling Bee

Our whole school Spelling Bee grand final was a great event. Congratulations to all our students who learned their words and participated. The final results for each year level were:

Foundation	-Ali Alganahi
Grade 1	-Sawyer Beninato
Grade 2	-Ali Saoud
Grade 3	-Anaya Ali
Grade 4	-Adam Saad
Grade 5	-Humeirah Shaikh
Grade 6	-Hadia Khan

Also, a huge congratulations to our runners up: Elsie Duncan, Salman Zafar, Imaan Fatima, Ibrahim Zafar, Nida Moustafa, Adam Yousef and Jade Chappel

Parent/Carer/Guardian annual survey

We want our parents, caregivers and guardians to tell us what they think about our school!

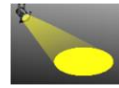
The Education Department along with Orima Research has an annual survey closes soon. The survey is online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in different languages.



The office admin system randomly selects families to participate and has sent those selected an email. So, if you are invited, please participate.

We use this information to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

'See me. Hear me' animation update



Our 2023 animation piece '**BLINK**' written and directed by year 6 student Hadia Khan, has won the Noe Valley Girls Film Festival award. This is a world-wide competition based in San Francisco in the U.S.

If you would like to watch BLINK it is on BelleVueTube. Just got to YouTube and search for 'Blink' and BelleVueTube.



You will be blown away with this piece. There is also a 'Behind the scenes' doco that explains how the animation was produced and the ideas behind it. We collaborated with students from Doveton College who did all the sound track.

IT IS AMAZING 😊

Have a look and tell us what you think.

F-2/3 sleepover

The annual F-2 sleep over will be held next week on Thursday 19th September. An information note will be sent home to families. This is another example of how dedicated and generous our staff are to provide such a fun, experience for our students.

DIARY DATES	
School assembly	Friday 3:00pm - courtyard
Breakfast Club	Tues/Wed/Thurs 8:30am
Animation & Doco 'See me, Hear me'	Wednesdays - Yr 5/6 with Greta & Paul Baks
Just Brass band	Thurs 9:00am -1:00pm
School Council	Tuesday Sept 17 th
F-2 Sleepover	Thursday Sept 19 th
Last day of term	Friday Sept 20 th
Final assembly 1:15pm	Dismissal 1:30pm
First day of term 4	Monday 7 th October

Out of School Hours program



Did you know that our co-ordinator Juliaian is a very talented musician and producer? Over the next few weeks Julian is focusing on music and various aspects of singing including breathing.

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

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Road Safety

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.



Students need to wear a helmet if riding, pedalling or scooting to school.

Food Allergies

Like every school we do have children who have severe nut allergies and reactions.

Although the Department of Education policy does not ban nuts at school the safety of our students is important.

We do ask parents and carers that where possible to substitute nuts or items that contain nuts with other options and food choices.

How are video games affecting children?



Studies show playing video games can contribute to poor sleep and impact attention, academic performance, mood, and wellbeing.

Exposure to violent video games can contribute to aggressive behaviours in children. Playing video games for long periods of time has also been linked

Tools Students will learn:

- Breath work - to help students self-regulate
- Movement - to help support growing bodies and teach body positivity
- Relaxation - to help students to relieve stress in the body and improve sleep
- Group activities - to encourage teamwork and learn how to foster positive relationships
- Mindfulness take home activity to encourage self-reflection

with developing obesity.

Spending excessive time playing these games can lead to:

- Less time socializing with friends and family.
- Poor social skills.
- Time away from family time, school work, and other hobbies.
- Lower learning rates.
- Reduced daily reading and enjoyment.
- Less exercise and becoming overweight.
- Decreased sleep and poor quality sleep.
- Aggressive thoughts and behaviours.

Parents and carers need to limit the time a child has on games and screens. Parents should ensure children do any set homework tasks and some reading at home before any screen time.

Recommended screen time

5-7 years - 30-40 minutes

8-9 years old - 60 minutes

10-12 years old - 90 minutes

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





We have two staff from RelateWell here on Tuesday and Thursday who deliver free one-to-one counselling services for identified students. They can offer support to parents and families as well.

The sessions are free and are provided 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.

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](https://www.safe.steps.gov.au) 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

Research shows that it is always best to leave when domestic abuse and violence is an issue. Children are safer and they recover from trauma faster.

Social media profile



(formally Twitter)
Our school now has several 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](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/>

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



A different view of our school

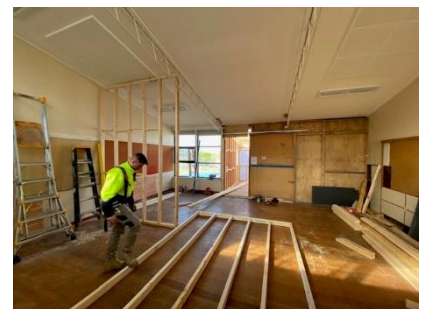


'KidsZone' Inclusion & Wellbeing centre update

Our builders have been really busy over the past few weeks making good use of the dry days.



These photos show the main teaching space and the large deck outdoor learning area. The photo below is next to the Maternal child Health and the Kindergarten rooms. Where we are building 2 offices.



School Savings Bonus

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus. The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks.

The School Saving Bonus is not available for full-fee international students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Actions for parents and carers

Before 18 October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to:

- **Complete enrolment:** If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025. For more information, read about [Enrolling in School](#).
- **Check your contact information:** Ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with us. You can check this information by contacting us directly.

We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you twice:

- in October, to verify your email address
- in November, with your \$400 School Saving Bonus.

Please check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss an important email.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, download the [School Saving Bonus Information sheet for government school parents and carers](#) or visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus.

Get your child ready for Biketober in Term 4!

Our School has signed up to compete in this year's Biketober Competition!

Biketober is a month-long campaign in October to encourage students to ride, scoot, and travel actively to school. We will be competing against 11 other local Merri-bek schools, so we need your help to top the leaderboard!

Over October, our students will be participating in weekly competitions every Wednesday – there are prizes for the best new rider, most creative rider, best family rider, and a bling your bike day! Something for everyone, even if you can't ride to school often.

The first Wednesday back, the 7th of October, is 'Back on your Bike' day.

We'll be awarding a prize to a student who hasn't ridden in a while (or ever), but is getting back on their bike for Biketober!

We will keep you updated on the weekly challenges throughout the month, so for now – pump up your kid's tyres, get a practice ride in over the holidays if you'd like, and get ready for some fun!

PS. Biketober is for everyone – if you want to go in the draw to win a \$4000 holiday and a heap of other prizes, adults can sign up as an individual or with your workplace here - www.lovetoride.net/merribek



This is our final newsletter for the term. Thankyou to our community for your great support of our school.

Have a great week everyone.

Cheers,

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