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



the more you read the smarter you get!



**THURSDAY March 7<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**NEWSLETTER      Issue 3**



Hi everyone,

We hope you are all doing well. We have a lot of information in this newsletter including some important dates coming up so please check the Diary Dates.

Don't forget that... **there is no school this Monday. It is the Labour day holiday.**

**School Council for 2024**



Our School Council election process is now complete. Thank you to the following parents who have volunteered to be a member of our School Council for 2024.

Parents Representatives: Bron White, Zenab Saad, Darlene Wedd, David Side, Ross Wedd  
Staff representatives: Natalie Wise, Dannii Blundo, Paul Kenna

School Council is always a rewarding team to be a part of because we have parents and staff working together to make our school the best it can possibly be. Gotta like that. 😊

Our first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. We have a hybrid arrangement where members can attend onsite or participate online.

**Sun Smart at Belle Vue Park**

‘No hat, No sun, No play, No fun’

If a student is not wearing a school hat, they are required to sit under the front pergola in the shade. When it is really hot our students stay inside in the cool and out of the sun which we have done a number of times this year already.

All classes have large tubs of sunscreen. We encourage children to Slip, Slop, Slap, wear a hat and keep in the shade.

**Student Leaders for 2024**

Our School Captains and Vice Captains this year are:

	Girls	Boys
Captain	Hadia Khan	Issac Abou-eid
Vice Captain	Jade Chappel	Luke Wright

Our House Captains for this year are:

<b>BLUE</b>	<b>GOLD</b>	<b>RED</b>	<b>GREEN</b>
Mosera Masroor	Israa Baksmaty	Layal Najar - Kassir	Fatima Taleb
Lauren Tennant	Zavier Saraya	Jacoby Brown	Janah Hamdache

Congratulations to these students who were voted into these positions by their peers and their teachers.

**NAPLAN tests**

The NAPLAN National Assessment program is administered in every school across Australia in March.

Our year 3 and year 5 students sit the tests which focus on Reading, Writing, Punctuation & Grammar as well as numeracy. The test window is 13<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> March.

Schools are able to administer the test according to their own schedule during this time.

Our school implements our own schedule of assessments during the year and NAPLAN provides another source of individual and cohort data to inform our teaching.



**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.

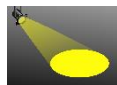
**Urban Camp**

This year our year 4-6 students will have the opportunity to attend Urban Camp in Parkville, next to the Melbourne Zoo. It is a fantastic camp which provides great access to many activities in and around the city.

We are very pleased to say that we have had a very positive response and the camp is now fully booked. There may be some cancellations so Mr. V will accept late applications which will be placed on a waiting list.

**Students in the spotlight**

This week we celebrate some fantastic pieces of art created by Stiaan and Adam using pastels and paint scrapping techniques.



‘My piece is about a tree on a cloudy day with waters falls.’- by Stiaan

‘Mine is about eyes and the veins that connect to the eyes.’ - by Adam

**DIARY DATES**

School assembly	Friday 3:00pm in the courtyard
Breakfast Club	Tues./ Wed/Thurs 8:30am.
Animation & Doco making	Wednesdays -Yr 5/6 with Greta & Paul Baks
International Women’s Day	March 8th
Labour Day holiday	Monday 11th March
School Photos	Tuesday March 19 <sup>th</sup>
Food Bank food fight	March 28th from 12:00pm
Last day of Term 1	Thursday March 28th
First day Term 2	Monday April 15th
Pupil Free Day	Monday April 29th

**Bike Restoration Program**

We are fortunate to have Marty and Euan working alongside Sue S teaching skills in bike mechanics this term. Students who are participating in the Bike Restoration Program are:

Muhammad Al-Achker -5/6H; Abdul El-Hawli - 5/6V; David Fiti - 5/6V; Zavier Saraya - 5/6V

Declan Kane - 5/6V; Josh Chappel - 3/4H; Stian Gons - 3/4H, Jacinta Jenkins - 5/6H, Lauren Tennant - 5/6H

This activity will be conducted over 10 weeks each Wednesdays between 11:30am - 1:20pm on the following dates from 14<sup>th</sup> February - 15<sup>th</sup> May.

**International Women’s Day**

International Women’s Day (IWD) is celebrated tomorrow 8<sup>th</sup> March.



It is an opportunity to celebrate women’s achievements, reflect on the struggles and achievements.

This year, the United Nations theme for the day is ‘Count her in: accelerating gender equality through economic empowerment’.

We recognise and celebrate all women and offer our thanks for everything you do.

We are fortunate to have amazing women on our staff who are nurturing, kind and thoughtful role models for the young girls in our school.

**Food Bank**

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March (the last day of term) we are running an event to raise some money for FoodBank. FoodBank supports our school with lots of food donations for our Breakfast Club and for some of our families.

Children will raise money through a QR code which is on a brochure which will be sent home to families soon. Our students will do different activities on stations e.g. colour foam splash, jelly station, water blaster etc. The event will be held on the oval

**It will be fun, crazy, wet and messy.**

There are prizes for different levels of funds raised by individual students.

**Pupil Free Day**

A Pupil Free Day will be held on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April**. The event will be focused on our new Numeracy Instructional model. We are doing a combined event with three other local schools.



### After School Hour Care Program



From Julian

this week - breathing

*This week we focused on our breathing.*  
Nasal, quiet, slow, belly breathing. How it calms us, can help us sleep better and connect us to mindfulness and better decision making.

*Next week - teaching is learning*  
We can all be teachers and teaching is one of the best ways to solidify your understanding of something.

This week the aim will be to help the kids show off their unique skills, break into pairs/groups each day and take turns teaching each-other different skills.

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](mailto:bellevuepark@theircare.com.au)

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### 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

English language classes here at the school will be offered in term 2. We are again partnering with Sussex Neighbourhood House who do a brilliant job. 😊

### Voluntary Contributions

Parents are asked to pay their \$120 to the front office before the end of term. 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**

### 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](http://www.relatewell.org.au) These services will begin at the start of term 2.



Staff from RelateWell deliver one-to-one counselling services for identified students. They can also offer support to parents and families. 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](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](https://www.1800respect.org.au)

### Effects of screens on young children

A new study has added to a growing body of research showing that **screen time is slowing child development.** The



study, by researchers from the University of Waterloo, the University of Calgary and Alberta Children's Hospital Research Institute, was published in the journal *Jama Paediatrics*.

The researchers looked at the screen time and development of more than 2,400 children between the ages of two and five. **They found that Children who spent more time with screens at two years of age did worse on tests of development at age three than children who had spent little time with devices.**

A similar result was found when children's screen time at three years old was compared with their development at five years.

“What is new in this study is that we are studying really young children, so aged 2-5, when brain development is really rapidly progressing and also child development is unfolding so rapidly.

The team say a clear trend emerged: the more time children were reported to be spending in front of screens, the worse they did on development tests which means the harder learning is for them at school.

Those who spent longer with screens at 24 months showed worse performance on tests at 36 months, and a similar trend was seen for screen time at 36 months and test performance at five years.

“When young children are observing screens, they may be missing important opportunities to practice and master interpersonal, motor, and communication skills,” the authors wrote.

Good sleep, reading to the child, and positive communication are also very important. Our advice is for families to spend time interacting as a family, **that screens are not allowed to interfere with sleep,**

**and that screen-based interaction is no substitute for in-person contact.**

### Reading with your child

Making time to read regularly with your children is an important part of literacy development. Reading, as well as listening, speaking and writing are fundamental to the development of literacy skills, including vocabulary and language development. The key is to have a regular routine for reading together that suits you both. Spending 10 minutes a day reading together has been shown to make a difference.

If you can manage more time, that's great - as long as it's a positive experience. It helps to have books that match your children's interest, whether they are purchased, borrowed from friends, the local library or from school.

Children often take their cues from their parents. For this reason, it's important for adults to display a positive attitude towards reading - simply expressed by spending time enjoying reading.

Just read a few pages and ask your child questions, get them to predict what might happen next, talk about how characters might feel etc. All helps to advance reading skills and comprehension doing with a love of reading.



### Student Voice Box

We encourage our students to have a say in what goes on at their school.

We do this in many ways -

School and House captains, various monitor roles and classroom responsibilities, Student Congress and also Student Advisory teams.

You might have noticed in the front foyer we have a letter box for students to have a say or offer a suggestion. Our student leaders then consider these ideas and take it from there.



### 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.

**Pink Panthers**

The Pink Panthers (students in the F-2 classes) received their own netball at our assembly last week. These Pink Panthers have been joining in with our Big Panther mentors for games, skills and fun activities at recess and lunch breaks.



**Burst Water main**

This morning there was a little bit of drama when the water main under Sadie Street burst in a number of places resulting in lots of water and areas of broken asphalt.



A crew from Yarra Water came to the rescue as well as a number of local residents.

Thank you to everyone for your support.

**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](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](http://soleaustralia.com)

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

[@PaulKenna@SOLEAust](https://twitter.com/PaulKenna)

Have a great week everyone.

Cheers,

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Principal

Natalie Wise  
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