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**THURSDAY March 21<sup>st</sup> 2024**

**NEWSLETTER                      Issue 4**



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.

Thank you to our parents and community for your ongoing support of our school. Term one has been very busy and we have achieved a lot already.

Next **Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup>** is the last day of term 1. Students will be **dismissed at 1:30pm** following our final assembly.

It will be a busy and fun day as we also have several items for our final assembly including our Bike Restoration raffle and our big Easter egg raffle.

**Well done to our Foundation students**

Our Foundation students have just about completed their first term at school. They have settled into their routines now and are use to the daily pace and rhythm of the classroom. Our staff have done an amazing job settling them in.

**School Council report**

Our new School Council met on Tuesday for the first time. It was a busy meeting with reports, updates and sharing of information.



Our office bearers for this year are President - Bron White, Secretary - Natalie Wise, Treasurer - David Side, Paul Kenna - Executive Officer. Other School Council Representatives are Zenab Saad, Darlene Wedd, Ross Wedd & Dannii Blundo.

**DIARY DATES**

School assembly	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> 11:30am in the courtyard
Breakfast Club	Tues/Wed/Thurs 8:30am.
Animation & Doco making	Wednesdays -Yr 5/6 with Greta & Paul Baks
Food Bank food fight	March 28th from 12:00pm
Last day of Term 1:30pm dismissal	Thursday March 28th
First day Term 2	Monday April 15th
Pupil Free Day - no school	Monday April 29th
Education week STEM focus	May 13th -17th
F-3 Celebration of Learning	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2:45pm – 3:25pm

**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.

**Easter Raffle**

We are holding our annual Easter raffle. There are 6 major prizes to be won.



Tickets are available from Helen and Jo in the office. Students will receive a random ticket



generated by the office computer and the person’s name will be attached to the ticket. You won’t get an individual ticket. Good luck everyone. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term.

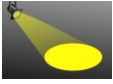
**NAPLAN tests**

The NAPLAN National Assessment program has been administered in our year 3 and year 5 classes and concludes this week. We are hopeful that schools will receive individual and cohort results late in term 2 or term 3.



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

Our school has several students who have Anaphylaxis allergies. We are requesting families do not send **foods that may contain peanuts/nuts** etc. to school.



### Students in the spotlight

Last week students in year 5/6 had a couple of fantastic sessions with Jason Holmes from 'Soul Sonic'. Students used professional recording equipment to create their own beats and sounds. They learned



how to create their own sounds and how to time and edit. They also recorded different sounds from the playground and then created new beats.



Jason will do some edits and send these back to our school. This is an incursion is another example of how we seek to offer our students a variety of contemporary learning experiences across the curriculum to develop their curiosity, creativity and thinking skills.



**Here are some comments from Georgia M, Kaedyn R. and Jacinta J.**



'Everyone enjoyed the sessions. It was fun to make and record our own beats. We used mics and professional DJ equipment

to do the sessions. We experimented with high, medium and low notes. We would love Jason to come back to do another gig!



### Urban Camp

This year our year 4-6 students will 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.

Students will enjoy ice-skating at O'Brien's Arena, visit the Old Melbourne Goal for a guided tour, have a movie and games night, Tour the Shrine of Remembrance and the Botanical Gardens, enjoy a tour of the MCG, the Members and the Australian Sports Museum, as well as a session at the Australian Academy of Moving Images and finish off with a fun session at 'Go Climb'. ... now that's action packed!

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.

### Bike Restoration Program



We are fortunate to have Marty and Euan working alongside Sue S teaching skills in bike mechanics this term.

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

### Soft drinks at school

Did you know that one 355 ml can of Coca-Cola contains 39 grams of sugar (**10 teaspoons**).



A 2-litre bottle of coke or other fizzy drink contains about 218g of sugar. That is **44 teaspoons**, or 66 cubes of sugar in the bottle.

Just a reminder to our families that soft drinks of any kind are not to be sent to school They are full of sugar and hype children up. Water or a fruit juice is the best option. If your child brings a fizzy drink to school, it will be taken and they can take it home with them at the end of the day.

Also please try to include some fruit and a sandwich for your child. It is not OK to have packets of chips, biscuits, lollies etc. for recess and lunch breaks.

### 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 from the brochure which was sent home. 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.

## After School Hour Care Program



From Julian

this week - breathing

*This week we focused on our 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**

We have a new lolly-Pop crossing co-ordinator Carol who does a great job keeping our students safe and slowing the traffic. Drop by and say 'hi' to Carol.



### 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](http://1800RESPECT)

### 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 and hospitals in Canada.



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.

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.**



### 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.



### Social media profile



(formally 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)

### Ramadan and Eide

Over the holidays many families will complete Ramadan and then celebrate Eid al-Fitr which will fall on either April 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>. We hope those families have a fantastic celebration with their families and friends.

Have a great week everyone and enjoy the Easter holiday break.

Cheers,



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Principal

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Assistant Principal