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**WEDNESDAY April 24<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**NEWSLETTER      Issue 5**

**No School next Monday April 29<sup>th</sup>**



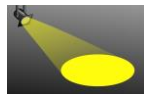
Hi everyone,

We hope you are all doing well and that the Easter holidays and Eide celebrations were enjoyable and that you were able to catch up with family and friends.

Term two promises to be a very busy term. In the last week of term one our teaching teams completed their term assessments and also did lots of planning and preparation for term two learning.

We will be celebrating Education Week during the term May 13th -17th with a STEM focus (science, technology, engineering, maths)

**Students in the spotlight -**  
**Easter Raffle winners**



Thank you to everyone for your support of our Easter raffle. The winners were all students and they were very, very happy taking home their eggs. Congratulations to Hadia, Jade, Elizabeth, Charlie, Sireen, Aydin and Jeyda.



**Glenroy Dad's Group at Belle Vue Park**



In partnership with Merri-bek Health, our Maternal Child Health nurse Catie Bortolot and 'Dad's Group' we are establishing a local 'Dad's Group' at the school in our Community Hub.

The sessions will be facilitated by Tom Fagernes an Antenatal expert from the 'Dad's Group'

We have planned a 'Meet and Greet Dads' session in April. The sessions will have different topics of interest to dad's and it is also an opportunity to meet new people from our school and local community.

Time: 10.am-12.00pm.

Dates: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month



Scan this QR code to register.

Monday April 29

[www.dadsgroup.org](http://www.dadsgroup.org)



DIARY DATES	
School assembly	Fridays 3:00pm in the courtyard
Breakfast Club	Tues/Wed/Thurs 8:30am.
Animation & Doco 'See me, Hear me'	Wednesdays -Yr 5/6 with Greta & Paul Baks
Bike Restoration strategy	Wednesday 11:30 - 1:20pm
ANZAC Day	Thursday April 25 <b>(no school today)</b>
Numeracy focus Pupil Free Day	Monday April 29 <b>(no School today)</b>
School Council meeting	Tuesday April 30 4:00pm onsite/online
Mother's Day	Sunday May 12
Education week STEM focus	May 13-17
Teacher Professional Learning day	Friday May 17

**Student classroom I.T. news**

For the past few years our School Council has been discussing upgrading some of our classroom technology that is used by students as part of their everyday leaning.



Working with our Specialist Technician we sought quotes from recommended D.E. suppliers. We have purchased 20 x apple iPads and 20 x Lenovo laptops for use in our classrooms.

These devices come with their own charging stations and other hardware. Our technicians will take a few weeks to prepare these devices which will be available for all classes early in term 2. Pretty exciting.



### A.N.Z.A.C. day

With the A.N.Z.A.C. day public holiday tomorrow we held our Commemorative Service today. It was a lovely ceremony led by our school leaders and Shazz. Many thanks Shazz for an incredible job.



### Federal Grant

We spent quite a deal of time and effort applying for Federal funding for a number of projects including upgrading our electrical supply, remove and replace external cladding & adding new aluminium windows. Unfortunately, we were not successful on this occasion. We will continue to seek funding for these projects as opportunities arise.

### Staff Professional Learning day - Friday May 17<sup>th</sup>

Our school is devoting time reviewing our classroom management strategies to ensure that all our teachers and staff use consistent, school-wide evidence-based processes and language for classroom management.

We will be reviewing our 'Respectful Classroom Behaviours' processes.

It is really important that students understand that the process is consistent and it doesn't matter what teacher they have or what class they are in - our expectations are always the same.

By doing this we ensure that there are no grey areas or inconsistencies when students are in lessons.

Our Inclusion and Wellbeing team are leading this process.

We will have an initial staff PL after school on Tuesday April 23<sup>rd</sup> with Fiona Berry our Child Psychologist. This will be followed by a whole school Professional Learning Day on Friday May 17<sup>th</sup>.

We have already gathered numerous evidence-based processes and the philosophies behind them for consideration. All these align with our school values. By revisiting our 'Respectful Classroom Behaviours' processes all students and staff will know exactly what the expectations are. We will post updates in our newsletter.

### Foodbank Food fight report

See the back page for info and photos. We raised over \$7,000 dollars for FoodBank. What an effort!



### 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.

### 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.

### After School Hour Care Program



this week - 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](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. 😊

### 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.

### Riding/Scooting to School



It is the parent/carer that is responsible for ensuring their child wears a helmet when they are riding, or scooting to school. Please ensure you enforce the concept of 'No helmet - No ride'

### 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 this term.



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

**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.**

### 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.



Our student leaders then consider these ideas and take it from there. Some of the ideas that our students have put forward through the Student Voice Box include Kids' Hangout and hobbies club, some different playground activities, P.E. games, more art activities and P.E. clinics. All great ideas 😊

Our School Captains and Vice Captains meet with Nat and I to read through these ideas and explore the possibilities.

**Student Advisory update** from Hadia, Jade, Issac and Luke



WE have partnered with Merri-bek Council to trial the 'TAG ON' strategy (Inspiring Active Travel To School). Every child will receive their own 'Tag On' fob and can register at the 'Tag On' Kiosk when they arrive at school

before the bell (The Kiosk is located at the end of the main corridor near the 5/6 classes).



The fob registers reach student's name, house team, and how they got to school... walk/ride/skate/rollerblade/car/bus etc. You get points for your house team for being more active. Teachers will check the points each child earns each week.

The team that scores the most 'active' points gets a special activity at the end of the term.

### **Recycle bottles and cans**

Ken Gauci, Operations Manager of (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)

Have a great week everyone.

Cheers,

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Principal

Natalie Wise  
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