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THURSDAY 17th September 2026

NEWSLETTER Issue 15

Hi everyone,

What a busy and successful term we have had. Lots of great learning, engaged students, dedicated staff and supportive community. Thank you to everyone for your support during the term. 😊

Our final assembly is tomorrow Friday September 18th at 1:15pm and students will be dismissed at 1:30 pm

The first day of term 4 is Monday October 5th

School Council report

Some items of note from our September School Council meeting:

STEM/Science centre - Council endorsed the creation of a dedicated STEM/Science centre. We are converting the old canteen area into a comfortable and vibrant space for our students to learn about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

STEM acts as an umbrella term that groups these four closely related fields together. Rather than teaching the four subjects in isolation, STEM uses an interdisciplinary approach

Classroom Cuisine - In term 4 Council will trial Classroom Cuisine who provide fresh, interesting and affordable lunches for children. You simply order online in minutes and the lunch is delivered to school, labelled and ready to enjoy. Parents pay the company direct when they order the meal.

OOSH care in 2027 - Our application for a grant to continue our OOSH care program was successful so TheirCare will continue to operate our program. School Council has agreed to cover the shortfall in wages.

DIARY DATES	
Breakfast Club	Tues/Wed/Thurs 8:30am
Animation & Documentary making	Wednesdays -Yr 5/6 with Greta & Paul Baks
ACO instrumental music	Daily
Song Play in Foundation	Each fortnight
Final day of term Final assembly 1:15pm	Friday 18th September Dismissal 1:30pm
First day of term 4	Monday Oct 5th
School Camp Wed -Fri	14th Oct - 16th Oct

Student Attitudes to School Survey

All schools across Victoria participate in the annual SATSS. The survey asks students from years 4-6 a range of questions including how they feel about school, their learning, their relationships with teachers and other students, safety and the learning environments. It is a very comprehensive survey.

Again, our results this year were amazing. Our student's opinion of their school is above 'like' schools, Hume/Merribek schools and statewide data in every category.

That's says a lot about the skills of our staff, their teaching, our Instructional models, the relationships we nuture with students, and our inclusive wellbeing processes.

'Lift the Lid' studios

If you haven't had time to watch some of our new pieces you can check them out on YouTube.

One you will enjoy is the SongRoom piece called 'Primary Production'.

It showcases our year 5/6 students collaborating, being creative and showing their musical ability.

Check it out on 'BelleVueTube'

https://youtu.be/rvWdkVCZTWA

We also have some new pieces from our "Kids in the Kitchen' series which have also been completed and are now on BelleVueTube.

The links are on the next page.

Yara shares her family Tabouli recipe with friends

https://youtu.be/cC6Lg1h6FK0

Eva and friends - ChatPlate

https://youtu.be/PMVaXNMHVZA

Mobile phones at school

Our school policy discourages the use of mobile phones at school.

If a student has to have a mobile phone (for example, if they travel alone on a bus) the phone needs to be handed in to the office each morning and picked up at the end of the day.

NO STUDENTS ARE TO HAVE A MOBILE PHONE IN THEIR CLASS OR BAG.

Father's Day stall

Our recent Father's Day/Significant male in your life Stall was a big success with lots of excited students purchasing a gift or two. Thank you to Shaz and Josie for their organisation.

Footy & Sports Day

Everyone had a great day dressing up in their footy/sports gear. Thank you to Mr Baks and Miss Hayley for organising a fun day of activities.

Australian Chamber Orchestra update

We are so lucky to have our partnership with the A.C.O. and are the only school in Victoria and the second in Australia to be involved in the Foundations program. Our little musicians are flying. We look forward to our whole school concert on November 23rd at the Recital Centre, South Bank. 😊

Before and After School Care Update

TheirCare
Where Kids love to be!

The numbers in our program have increased in the past few months which is great.

Children in TheirCare have continued to enjoy before school and after school activities.

A reminder to parents/carers - We consider the OOSH as an extension of school. Our expectation is that student behaviour and attitude at OOSH care should reflect the standards and behaviours we expect at school.

Our core values are Honesty, Respect and Tolerance. - our behaviour mantra says it all … 'is it kind, is it safe, is it fair?'

This is what we expect of our students at our OOSH care.

TO BOOK PLEASE CALL 0459 555 361

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E: bellevuepark@theircare.com.au
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Road Safety On time to school

Road Safety is so important. Please talk to your children about keeping themselves safe in the car by always wearing a seatbelt and crossing the road at the crossing. Please use the Pedestrian gate where Rob our crossing officer is located.

School Camp

School Camp is in the second week of term 4 from Wednesday October 14th to Friday 16th.

Permission and medical forms should have been return. If you need new forms please ask at the office.

Learning Environment improvements

Our School Council is funding 10 split system air conditioning units in various classrooms and offices around the school. Thank you to School Council.

Domestic Violence

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTORIA YOUR VOICE AGAINST 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 on **1800 015 188**1 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

Leave

I will be taking some leave for term 4 and our amazing Assistant Principal Natalie Wise will be Acting Principal in that time. Sarah Papal will step into the acting Assistant Principal role for the term.

Mr Vanderpol is continuing his leave in term 4 and Campbell Messer who has been doing an amazing job in 5/6V will continue in the grade next term.

Have a great few weeks everyone and look after yourself.

Cheers everyone,

Paul, Natalie & all the Belle Vue Park crew