



## BELLEVUE HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter Date  
Term 3 Week 5

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### Celebrating SSOs

We have a team of 12 School Services Officers at Bellevue Heights who are truly the engine room of the school. They make so much happen.

School Support Officers work across every aspect of the school. In summary they:

- Support students emotionally and in their learning
- Provide additional support in classrooms
- Run specific intervention programs for students
- Perform a myriad of organisational and administrative tasks
- Maintain our buildings and grounds
- Support access to technology
- Manage accounts and school budgets
- Ensure resources are well managed
- Give First Aid and manage Health Care
- Provide a Reception service
- Produce the newsletter and school communications

Not only do our SSOs perform these tasks they do them exceptionally well and are a major factor in our school being warm, friendly, caring and efficient.

This week we have celebrated and acknowledged our truly wonderful SSO team. We appreciate you individually and as an amazing team. On behalf of families and staff we thank each of you for all you do for the entire Bellevue Heights Primary School community.

#### Bell Times

8.40am Students can arrive  
9:00am School starts  
10:55am Recess starts  
11:25am Recess ends  
1:05pm Eat lunch in class  
1:15pm Play time starts  
1:50pm Lunch ends  
3:30pm School ends  
Students need to be collected by 3:50pm



#### IMPORTANT DATES

##### Term 3 2021

Monday 23rd August

Book Week

Wednesday 25th August

School Tour 9am

Thursday 26th August

Book Week Parade 9am

Friday 27th August

4 year old Friday

Friday 3rd September

4 year old Friday

Monday 6th September

School Closure—**NO OSHC**

Wednesday 15th September

School Tour 9am

Friday 17th September

4 year old Friday

Thursday 23rd September

SRC Carnival

Friday 24th September

Last day of School

Pizza Lunch



#### Upcoming School Tours

Ring the Office to book

Wednesday 25th Aug 9:00am

Wednesday 15th Sept 9:00am

Dear families,

Can you believe we are now mid-way into term three. The days are getting longer and hopefully we will see warmer weather coming our way over the next month. I am longing for longer days and warmer nights!

This week marks science week and the following week book week. There are lots of events planned so make sure you follow us on our facebook page.

Traditionally we hold a book parade in the school gymnasium and we invite parents to come along and share the fun. This year we are able to hold the parade but to be in line with Covid safe protocols, we intend to hold the parade on the netball court with parents standing around the edge. Parents will need to QR code , wear their masks and socially distance ( why not book parade your mask!! )



You would have received a note regarding your intentions about enrolment at BHPS in 2022. Can you please make sure you return the form by Friday the 27th in order for us to make decisions about classes and staffing arrangements for next year.

All the best Marie-Louise

Our Garden!

Sadly the fruits of our garden are being harvested by the community that uses the school during the week-end. It is disappointing that not one eggplant was harvested by the school. There is nothing we can do.

#### HUGE FAN IN GYMNASIUM

As many of you are aware, the school has been looking at installing an air conditioner in the gymnasium. Parents have, over a number of years, raised \$12,500.00 to put towards the overall cost. The school has been setting aside money over the past four years . The initial quote for the air conditioner was \$70,000.00 . Whilst we felt that was a lot of money it seemed reasonable, however when we approached the company to enter into a contract we were told that the cost of installation would be over \$110,000 .00

The governing Council and I agreed that this was beyond excessive so , it was suggested that we look to install a huge ceiling industrial fan.

A company was found and, at the cost of approx. \$21,000.00, the gymnasium will have good air circulation. Installation will take place before November.



## SCHOOL AWARDS

The school award system recognises and rewards positive social and academic achievement.

There are three levels:

School Awards & Principal Awards

Awards for Excellence (10 School &/or Principal Awards)

School Medal (10 Awards for Excellence)

## Awards for Excellence Recipients

The following students have earned an Award for Excellence certificate:  
Jasper, Mahbir, Liev, Jesse, Ella M, Nypung, Gwen, Samuel J, Evie-Mae, Brook, Mahalia

## Book Week 2021... all going well with covid!

When: Term 3, week 6

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August

Theme: **“Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds”**

Dress-up Parade: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August

Dress-up ideas: 2021 theme, CBCA shortlisted books, other book characters, anything!



# Room 6 Robotics

Yr 2/3 with Ms Debbie & Ms Jenni



The Edison is a small, orange, plastic robot which is expensive and fragile. You make it work by writing a code on the computer using the Edblocks programming language.



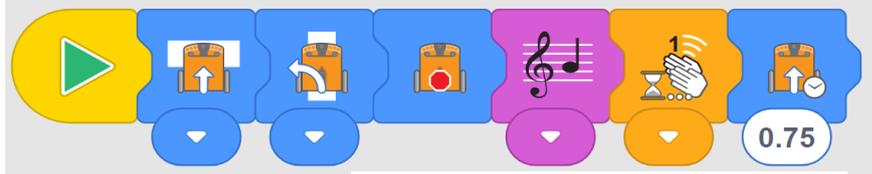
## What skills do you need to program an Edison successfully?



You need to listen carefully and follow the instructions in the right order.

You need to collaborate with your partner and share your ideas to solve problems together.

You need to be persistent and be prepared to try things out over and over again by trial and error.



You need to be a good troubleshooter.

You need to check and check again that you have followed all the steps properly.



Don't "rage quit": be prepared to get frustrated and keep trying to figure it out. Have a break and come back to it another time if you need to.

Be patient.





## 3,2,1 Reflection

At the end of our Robotics lessons we reflected on our learning using the **3,2,1 Thinking Routine**. These are our collated responses.



## 3 Things I have learnt

- How to program an Edison using a barcode on the mat
- How to program Edison to make a quarter and half turn
- How to drive forward a set distance
- How to code the Edison to follow the track
- How to treat the Edison carefully
- How to use Clap Control to start an Edison
- How to stop an Edison at an obstacle

## 2 Questions I still have

- When will we do more robotics?
- What's inside the Edison?
- What happens if we do three claps using clap control?
- How does the Edison detect the barcode on the mat?
- Why doesn't the program always download from the computer to the Edison?
- What is EdScratch?



## 1 Challenge I faced

- Coding is tricky because it is hard to keep Edison on the track
- Tech problems!
- It was hard to make the right adjustments to the Edblocks program to keep Edison on track.

# Room 6 Robotics

# Old Tailern Town



At the end of Term 2, Room 3 and Room 5 went to Old Tailern Town. It was a fabulous day where we experienced a snapshot of life as it was! The students were able to experience a lesson in a classroom and then we wandered through the shops, houses and other facilities. The students loved reflecting on their experiences and how different life is today.





# BHPS National Park News



## The Park Rangers and the Garden Patch are hosting a bake and plant sale!

The prices range from 50c- \$2.00 per item. It will be held on Friday September 10th (Week 8) outside of the North Wing.

We will have things such as baked goods (cupcakes, brownies etc.) and plants (seedlings).

We are holding it to raise money for a new entrance sign for our National Park and Garden Patch plants.

**From the Park Rangers and the Garden Patch.**



## Garden Patch



The Garden Patch leaders, Ryder, Cohen, Joy, Blinky, Taurin, Jake, Ava and Nyssa are well and truly into the swing of things so far this term. Quite a lot of work has already happened in the Garden Patch over the past few weeks including planting seedlings, weeding, germinating more seedlings, “weeding”, cleaning out the chickens, “weeding”, planting sunflower seeds, “weeding”, relocating snails and you guessed it, more weeding!

But the weather and the seasons are starting to change - there is a little bit more sunshine and a little less rain. Spring is really starting to sneak it’s way back into our outdoor learning area. Can you spot the first signs of Spring in the photos?

We would like to thank Anastasia and Apollo Michailov who came out to help do some weeding during the last session in term 2. Apollo did an amazing job of pulling out so many weeds! Thank you also to Stacey Mawson for all of your help with many Friday afternoon sessions of weeding as well. It is great to have your help. If you would like to join in with the Garden Patch group on Friday between 240pm-330pm please let us know by emailing Tash Howard [tashjoyhoward@gmail.com](mailto:tashjoyhoward@gmail.com) for further details.





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### TERM 3 YOGA

*'offering simple solutions to support learning'*

Book your child in and join the fun for the rest of term 3! Relaxing active bodies and calm busy minds through yoga and mindfulness, is a great way to support learning, increase emotional regulation skills and build positive self-esteem. For bookings and details, please contact [amanda@litttlelightsyoga.com.au](mailto:amanda@litttlelightsyoga.com.au) or collect a flyer from the front office.

little lights yoga classes are delivered in a fun, creative all-inclusive environment and are specifically designed to spark your child's imagination, boost confidence and improve attention, by teaching them easy to use life skills that nurture their overall wellbeing.

When: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August – 20<sup>th</sup> September @ 3.45pm – 4.30pm in the gym

## OUR SCHOOL HAS PROUDLY JOINED THE #KNOWYOURCOUNTRY CAMPAIGN



HELP GET A FIRST NATIONS CULTURAL EDUCATOR AT OUR SCHOOL, SIGN THE PETITION AT [KNOWYOURCOUNTRY.COM.AU](http://KNOWYOURCOUNTRY.COM.AU)



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