



BELLEVUE HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter Date

Term 4 Week 1

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Dear parents and community members,

Welcome back! We are now in our last school term for 2021 and Christmas is simply getting closer and closer. Teachers are beginning to write their final year student reports; our year 6 and 7's are preparing their graduation speeches; class structures are in the throes of ratification and the concert, which will be very different again, is on top of our staff meeting agenda.

COVID UPDATE

I am simply astounded that we have been so very fortunate that home schooling has not featured significantly in 2021. Despite a brief hiatus when students were required to stay home early last term, we have, unlike our eastern state cousins, continued to provide face to face learning. Notwithstanding, we are all keenly aware that at any time our situation may change. As borders begin to open it is quite possible that our circumstances will change. I do ask you therefore, to remember that we are still under directions to adhere to our Health Department's Health advice so please minimise your presence on school grounds; QR Code when coming into the office and remember parents are not allowed in classrooms unless specifically invited. Social distancing etc. is likewise a requirement.

NAPLAN 2021

Individual NAPLAN student reports were sent home in week ten for all Year 3, 5 and 7 students who sat the tests early term two. These reports provide an overview of your child's progress against both the school and national standards. NAPLAN tests are just one source of evidence that we use to evaluate and record student growth and progress across the year. If you require any assistance in interpreting the report or would like to discuss the results, please see your child's teacher in the first instance.

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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 4 2021

Friday 22nd October

Four Year Old Friday

Friday 29th October

Four Year Old Friday

Monday 1st November

Pupil Free Day- oshc open

Friday 5th November

Four Year Old Friday

Friday 26th November

School concert

(Covid pending)

A Merry Bellevue Christmas

Family picnic and concert on
Manson Oval

5-8pm

Thursday 2nd December

Yr 6 High school transition

Friday 3rd December

Yr 7 High school transition

Monday 6th December

Year 6 Graduation

Wednesday 8th December

Year 7 Graduation

Friday 10th December

Last day of School

Upcoming School Tours

Ring the Office to book

Wednesday 3rd November 9am

Overall students at our school performed to a very high standard and showed excellent growth across all domains. Our writing results were simply phenomenal with outstanding achievement across the year levels, with particular reference to our year 3 cohort. Incidentally, our school's performance is one of the highest in the Mitcham Hills. This is the result of our dedication to ongoing improvement, relentless commitment to working on what matters, our amazing staff and of course your children who continue to delight us with their interest and engagement in their classroom investigations and learning programs. We have been commended by the Partnership's Director and have achieved a place in the top 20 fastest growing and high achieving schools in the State. So spread the word, this is a great school that does its utmost to engage the whole child in all of his or her endeavours. Academic success is however, but one element of growth - I could write paragraphs detailing how our students develop intercultural understandings, ecological awareness, appreciation for the Arts as well as inclusivity. We are of course not perfect but we are proud of our achievements.

Class Structures in 2022.

We are now in the process of determining class placements and configurations for 2022. If your children (unless they are moving to Highschool) will not be attending Bellevue Heights next year please let us know as a matter of urgency. It is imperative that we have the correct numbers for staffing and budgeting purposes. We respect everyone's decisions so please do not delay in letting us know should you have made other arrangements for your child/ children.

If you have specific requests for your child's placement in 2022 please send us an email or letter by close of business 29th October. We cannot guarantee a student placement in a specific class but we will try to meet requests where possible and where appropriate. Please be aware that all students are in the process of nominating up to 3 friends they would like to have in their class next year. We will do our best to accommodate their requests. Look at the Student Class Placement Policy on the school website for more information. Here is the link: <http://www.bellevueps.sa.edu.au/policies.htm>

We will have 7 classes in 2022 as our enrolments have decreased significantly since the beginning of Covid in 2020. We are however, still receiving enrolments and conducting tours of the school. Finally, if you know of anyone who is still undecided as to where they wish their children to attend school encourage them to give us a call.

Students early to school

Warmer mornings often result in children getting to school earlier and earlier. Supervision starts at 8:40am so children here before then are unsupervised. Ideally **OSHC** is the best answer if you need to get your children to school early. If your child is at school before 8:40am they will be directed to the school office area. We cannot guarantee supervision before 8.40 am.

Have a great week. We all look forward to sharing with you the many events that mark term four at Bellevue Heights.

Kind regards, Marie-Louise

Library News

We are most fortunate in the library to be totally redesigning the library space with all new shelving and furniture. This is taking place in term 4! The space will become open, light, flexible and modern allowing for varied student and teaching uses.

The new shelving will allow for better shelf access by all height students, have dedicated fiction and non-fiction areas for different ages and ultimately (next year), be sorted by genre to facilitate students widening their reading choices.

With clear labelling and a catalogue that reflects accurately where books are housed, students will be able to access searched items on their own.

Meanwhile, please be patient as our organised chaos begins! I'm asking that students borrowing is adjusted for this term to facilitate the process please. There will also be limited choice for this term as many books will be boxed up. They may come and borrow as frequently as they wish though.

- R-1... 1 book
- 2-7.... 2 books

Diana Jeffery

Library shelving for sale

- Suitable for sheds or whatever you need
- Adjustable shelves
- Metal, strong
- Some scratches due to normal wear and tear
- Different lengths/heights available
- Prices vary according to size... \$50-\$150 per unit
- Freestanding shelving is double sided and pin board ends are included
- Books not included

Comes with bonus removable Dewey labels! 😊

Buyers to dismantle and collect. Sign in through front office first please.

See Diana Jeffery in the library (Tuesdays- Thursdays) for more information or to secure your shelving.

***Unsold shelving will be advertised via marketplace from end of week 2, so get in quick if interested!



Fantastic French

During Term Three, the Reception/Year 1 students enjoyed playing the game 'buzz' with me to practice numbers in French. I observed many laughs and smiles!

This term I enjoyed assisting Miss Yvette to teach Ms. Dana/Aitken's class how to make a Lego stop-animation of their dream playground on an island which is accompanied with a written description.

As part of my first-year placement, I led a group of students to use the Bee Bots as Santa's helpers. We navigated the French numbers and colours to deliver Christmas presents under the Christmas Tree in France.

Miss Yvette assisted Reception/Year 1 classes to create artwork in the style of the French artist, Matisse.

What an exciting time to be learning French!

Angelika Blackman

Pre-service Teacher at the University of Adelaide



Carnival Update

Carnival was a huge success with \$947 raised. A huge thank you to all of the families, students and teachers who made it such a success!

During our SRC meeting we voted on our 3 charities to support, the local charity is the CFS, the national charity is the Australia Koala Foundation and the international charity is the Support Association for the Women of Afghanistan.



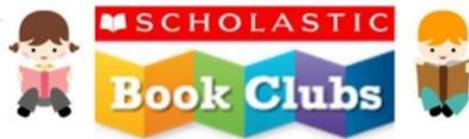


Our School has a knitting club in the library on Wednesday lunches.

Two retired Bellevue staff come and help out.

It's very fun and a good skill to learn.

Lily



Issue #7, 2021 Due

Date: Wednesday 20th Oct

Parent Ordering:

- Scholastic LOOP (online) or
- form & money to front office



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:
Dodo, Oliver x 2, Mara, Chase P, Seb H, Felix, Isabelle P, Sophie A, Sasmita

TERM 4 YOGA

'offering simple solutions to support learning'

Little lights yoga is excited to be returning in term 4! Classes begin in week 1

Monday 18th October – 6th December @ 3.45pm – 4.30pm in the gym.

The focus for term 4 yoga is, ***cycles, change and adaptability***. Each week reinforces that change is a natural part of life and aims to help children gain a greater understanding of how to manage and cope with change as they prepare to transition into a new school year. We will be exploring life cycles, nature, culture and making new friends. Each yoga class is delivered in a fun, creative all-inclusive environment specifically designed to spark your child's imagination, boost their confidence, build strength, improve concentration and cultivate a sense of peaceful wellbeing. For bookings, please contact amanda@littleglightsyoga.com.au or collect a flyer from the front office for more details. I am looking forward to sharing another fun term of yoga at BHPS.

