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Dear Parents and Carers

World Teachers' Day is celebrated internationally on the first Friday in October. As this is usually during Australian school holidays, Australia celebrates the day on the last Friday in October of each year. Therefore, today the 29th of October is World Teachers' Day! I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the incredible staff that I feel privileged to lead and work with.

At Bellevue Heights Primary School, we are indeed blessed to have teachers that are passionate, dedicated, enthusiastic and committed to improving the learning outcomes for each student. They are also incredibly generous with their time and energy. Thank you to all the staff for helping to make Bellevue Heights Primary School the wonderful community it is.

Planning for 2022

There are a number of processes that are undertaken in order to plan for 2022. Staff are involved at all levels of the review and analysis of data. This Monday coming, we are having a pupil free day when staff will work collaboratively on our future directions in light of current data. The School Council will be asked to provide feedback as well. Specifically, we will review our current achievements against the goals of the 2021 Site Improvement Plan and use data from other sources to inform our priorities for 2022. The Department has provided specific direction with regards to our improvement planning.

Class Structures: Due to both year 6 and 7 students leaving for high school along with the loss of our Intensive English Language Program (a result of international travel restrictions) our enrolments have declined significantly. This means we are only able to offer seven classes in 2022. Notwithstanding, we are quite excited about the prospect of having a few less students in most classes and having more space to work in.

BUSHFIRE ACTION PLAN

As summer approaches the bushfire season comes into consideration. Our

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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

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

danger; however, we have a Bushfire Action Plan that details our actions on fire ban days and extreme fire danger days. Part of that plan is about families ensuring their children are kept safe at school, and not out on the roads. Earlier this week we practised how we evacuate from our classrooms to the school gymnasium. I am pleased to report that we all quickly and safely assembled in the gym!

Assembly:

This morning we were able to be part of a delightful assembly hosted by our Year R/1 (Ms Petrovic's class) and Year 6/7 students (Mr Goodes' class) It was heart warming to see how confident our Reception and Year 1 students were as they took to the stage. Moreover how responsible and kind were our year 6/7 students, as they guided their buddy class. Furthermore it was lovely to see some of our parents attend the event. Social distancing, masking and QR codes for parents are still the order of the day but it is so refreshing to have the opportunity to showcase your children's work with you in situ.

Until next newsletter, kind regards

Marie-Louise.



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: Olivia, Omera, Liu Liu

> Assembly Monday 25th October





Thank you to everyone who donated to the Daniel Morcombe fund today. We raised \$161.

School Concert A Merry Bellevue Christmas

Friday 26th November

Advance notice

Put this date in your diary

At 1pm on this day, students will be able to go home early, providing there is parental permission.

Please let the teacher or front office staff know if you will be taking your children early.

Ticket Information \$5 per family

Please pre-purchase your ticket before the concert.

Please pay Jen in front office or online via the school website BPoint option

We will send you a program once you have purchased your ticket.



Last chance to order tea towels and aprons

All students have drawn pictures to go on tea towels.

Tea towels can be ordered from the school office for \$15.00 each.

Aprons cost \$25.00 each.

IT WILL MAKE AN EXCELLENT CHRISTMAS

If you want one please send money and order to the school office.





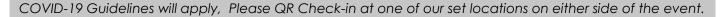




WEEK 7 FRIDAY 26TH NOVEMBER
MANSON OVAL
PICNIC FROM 5PM,

CONCERT 6PM - 8PM

TICKETS - \$5 PER FAMILY



Please sit socially distanced from other families and follow our Covid Marshall's instructions.

Please bring a picnic dinner for your family to share before the concert. Food trucks will be available for coffee, toasties and icecreams.

BYO chairs and blankets. For concert viewing, please be considerate and place chairs towards the back of the area. Blankets can be placed closer to the stage area.

In the event of extremely hot, windy or wet weather the event will be cancelled. We will let you know prior.

Materials & Services Charge 2022 - On-Line Polling



For the 2022 school year, the Governing Council has approved a proposed Materials and Services charge amount of \$370, which is the same as 2021. As the charge is greater than the legislated prescribed amount, as referenced in the Education & Children's Act, the Governing Council is required to undertake a poll to gain majority support from the school community for this proposed charge to be approved by the Department for Education.

This year, along with other schools in the area, Bellevue Heights will be introducing on-line polling in respect of the 2022 Materials & Services charge. This will ensure that all parents/caregivers are given the opportunity to vote. Each family is entitled to one vote per student per poll. An email will be sent out to parents/caregivers today Friday 29 October advising that the Poll is open and the Poll will close at 11.59pm on Friday 12 November.

The Governing Council seeks your support for the proposed 2022 Materials and Services charge of \$370 to be approved.





We are pleased to report that a very large and powerful ceiling fan has been installed in the gym, which will make a huge difference when the weather starts warming up. This has been funded by the school and the \$12,400 raised by parent fundraising/donations over the last few years.



We were very lucky to receive a truck load of mulch earlier this week and just want to say a big "thank you" to Jodie Hopkins, the Year 6/7s and the four wonderful parents – Andrew, Marcus, Sonia and Yasmine – who responded to the 'we need help' email. The photograph was right at the beginning ... there is still a bit that needs to be moved around to beds that need it, but it was a wonderful effort by all.







Garden Patch



The Garden Patch leaders, Ryder, Cohen, Joy, Blinky, Taurin, Jake, Ava and Nyssa have been working hard together with Jodie and Tash in the Garden Patch over the past few weeks of the start of Term 4. The patch is buzzing with new life and we are watching our seedlings grow. There are blueberries starting to form on the donated blueberries bushes and there are salad leaf seedlings that appear to have doubled in size in just a week. Our butterfly garden is growing quickly too. Many of the plants in the butterfly garden are flowering and attracting all kinds of insects and pollinators.

Our outdoor learning area will continue to be a hive of activity for the remainder of this term with plenty of weeding and watering. Please check out our photos. If you would like to join in with the Garden Patch group on Friday between 2:40pm-3:30pm please let us know by emailing Tash Howard tashjoyhoward@gmail.com for further details.









BHPS National Park News

Call for Family Support



Shout out to the community for a team of National Park and Garden Patch helpers - in your own time and/or for the Summer holidays.

We are in desperate need of some community helpers to weed the National Park and to help water both the National Park and Garden Patch. These tasks do not have to be done during school hours and can be done in your own time when it works for you. We welcome anyone who would like to sign up and lend a hand. We are especially keen to create a roster for the school holidays so that the National Park, Garden Patch and chickens are all looked after properly when it is the long Summer break. If you are interested in lending a hand please get in touch with the school and let them know. Thank you!



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parcels to those in need in the

Blackwood community

BEACON Emergency Relief Service