





BELLBRAE BULLETIN

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THIS WEEK FROM THE PRINCIPAL

NAPLAN – Every year students across the country who are in Years 3,5,7 and 9 participate in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy. NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students learn at school and provides authorities and educators with information to help improve educational outcomes. At Bellbrae we encourage all students in the relevant year levels to sit the tests. We use the results in conjunction with other data sets to ensure we are accurately assessing student progress. Although NAPLAN has its merits, it does not allow for the assessment of aspects such as creativity, global knowledge or real-life problem solving, nor does it take into consideration ethnic and cultural backgrounds of students. However, it does give schools an overall indication of student's literacy and numeracy skills. If you would like to find out more about NAPLAN, please access: NAPLAN 2025 information for parents and carers (online), or speak to your child's teacher.

Grade Six Camp – Last week our Grade Six students and teachers spent four fantastic days at an adventure camp near Dunkeld, at the southern end of the Grampians National Park. They were blessed with fantastic weather, and everyone had a great time. Thank you to the staff and parents who assisted with the camp. Many of our teachers have young children of their own, but still commit time to provide extra mural activities, such as camps and excursions, for our students.

Connected Kids – Over the years some of our Grade 5 students have participated in a community-based 'Connected Kids' program. This year some of our boys have been working with Tony and Kerry to paint some of the seating around the oval. This has provided the group with some real-life skills and has encouraged teamwork and collaboration. They have also been learning some artistic skills like blending and mixing colours and have further developed their understanding of different types of paints and brushes.

School Pride – We encourage our students to take ownership of our school and to take pride in the fantastic facilities we have on offer. An emphasis on looking after buildings and grounds is propitious, given that we are fortunate to have an amazing learning environment after all the recent capital works. We also stress the importance of looking after personal property. However, every day there are still heaps of clothing items and personal possessions that end up in 'lost property.' Please ensure all clothing has a clearly marked name that is legible to other students and also stress to your children the need to check they have their jumpers/hats etc. with them before returning to class after specialist classes and breaks. This is the same message we are stressing at school, and it would be great if it could be reinforced at home.

Enjoy this hot autumnal weather and brace yourself for some cooler days next week.

Adrian Waters - Principal

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	IMPORTANT DATES		

MARCH 2025			
Thursday 20 th	Whole School Photos		
Friday 21st	Assembly @ 2.45		
APRIL 2025			
Wednesday 2 nd	5/6 Students - Summer City to Surf Lightning Premiership		
Friday 4 th	Last day Term 1 - 2.30pm dismissal – No Assembly		
Friday 18 th	Assembly @ 2.45		
Monday 21st	Easter Monday Public Holiday – No School		
Tuesday 22nd	Curriculum Day – No Students		
Wednesday 23 rd	First day return for students for Term 2		
Friday 25 th	Anzac Day Public Holiday – No School		
MAY 2025			
Friday 2 nd	Assembly @ 2.45		
Sunday 4 th	MAYFAIR		
Friday 16 th	Assembly @ 2.45		
Friday 30 th	Assembly @ 2.45		
JUNE 2025			
Monday 2 nd	Years 4-6 - Fun with Maths Incursion		
Monday 9 th	Kings Birthday Public Holiday – No School		
Friday 13 th	Assembly @ 2.45		
Friday 27 th	Assembly @ 2.45		
JULY 2025			
Friday 4 th	Last Day Term 2 – 2.30 Dismissal		
Monday 21st	First day of Term 3		

BIRTHDAYS this fortnight

MARCH 2025		
12 th	Stevie Elsden & Jimmy Duff	
13 th	Billy Dullard & Indi Holding	
14 th	Izzy Greene	
15 th	Priya Buggy	
17 th	Olive Infield	
18 th	Ella Wood & Charlie Buckley	
20 th	Scarlet Morrish	
21 st	Linkin Jones, Dusty Knite & Beau Cannavan	
22 nd	Sol Ellis & Brooklyn Samuel	
23 rd	Meya Reynolds	
24 th	Willow Nutt	
25 th	Matilda Hilbert, Jude Martin, Gracie Beel & Sophia Phillips	

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WADAWURRUNG LANGUAGE

Acknowledgement of Countr Bellbrae PS



Our school sits in beautiful forest and coastal country, and is the traditional home of the Wadawurrung people. Today we acknowledge the care they have given to this land for thousands of years, and the care they continue to give. We always remember that our community learns and grows or Wadawurrung land and we acknowledge and pay our respects to Wadawurrung Elder past, present and emerging.







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Kurrkart
Summer

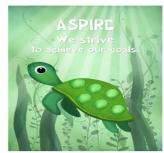
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WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOS - Thursday 20th March

- Annual school photos including sibling photos will be taken by Arthur Reed Photos on Thursday 20th March 2025.
- There is no need to return any forms or money to school.
- Unique image codes will be issued to all students on/after photo day so families can register online to view images when they become available in the webshop.
- Registration is simple, just follow the 3 simple steps on your child's personalised flyer once you receive it and remember to add the codes for all your children attending this school.
- Even if you registered last year, it's important that you do again this year using your child's 2025 image code to link their images for the current year with your contact details.
- When images are ready to view and in the webshop, all parents who have registered will be notified by SMS and email.
- Once registered, please wait for notification that 2025 images are online to view before making your purchase.

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SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR Value Awards









Imogen Page	Quinn Cannavan	Ash Murphy	Daisy Hart
2B	3C	2C	2C
Reymi Morgan	Orla Turner	Eliza Thornton	Isaac Cannavan
1A	3C	2B	4D
Tahlia Young	Sunny O'Brien	Hutch Foster	Banjo Dent
6C	6C	1A	4D
Penny Isaiah	Mitchell Hammond	Mia Wilson	Teddy Cole
FA	1B	4B	4B
Indi Giddins	Wilson Barraclough	Loxy Pec	Mila Kemp
6B	4A	4C	FA
Sonny Johnson		Eden Coy	Hugh Garvey FA
2A		6C	
Mia Molloy 2A		Harriet Adams	Oliver Earle
		5B	6B
Axel Wilson		Isal O'Connor	Lottie Janes
3 B		5B	4A
Addis Heane		Jarrah Young	
3A		3B	
Finn Martin		Coco Mann	
1B		3A	
Beatrix Sawyer		Jaxon Pacconi	
FD		FD	
Layla Hammond		Tom Ross	
1C		1C	
Angus Bound FB			