



# 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**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

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

**BIRTHDAYS this fortnight**

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

## WADAWURRUNG LANGUAGE

Acknowledgement of Country  
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 on Wadawurrung land and we acknowledge and pay our respects to Wadawurrung Elders past, present and emerging.



Pronounced- warawan



Pronounced- kercart

## WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOS – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March

- Annual school photos including sibling photos will be taken by Arthur Reed Photos on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

# Value Awards



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