BELLBRAE BULLETIN

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Principal – Dr. Adrian Waters

Assistant Principal – Mr. Brad Venn

THIS WEEK FROM THE PRINCIPAL

School Concerts – Well done to all our students for their fantastic performances last week. It was amazing to see all our Grade 3-6 kids having the opportunity to be part of a drama production in front of a sizeable audience. The concerts required a lot of preparation and practice, which would not have been possible without the passion and commitment of Mrs Erasmus. A big thank you to her and for all the parents who came along to enjoy the productions.

Grade P-2 Athletics - Last Friday we were fortunate to have good weather for our Junior Athletics Day. Once again, the Grade Six students did a fantastic job in assisting with the running of all the events. Well done to all our students who seemed to really enjoy being part of a fun filled morning, which was essentially an introduction to Athletics. Also, a big thanks to Miss O'Donoghue for organising the day.

Shelter In Place - All the work to convert our Gymnasium into a formal 'Shelter In Place' (in the event of a bushfire), has now been completed. Once the audit has been formalised, we will be allowed to paint over some of the grey fire-retardant paint and add some colour to the surrounding areas. Fortunately, the VSBA has covered all the costs of the upgrade, which was really expensive, as it included changes to doors, vents, landscaping, grills, paint, drainage points, gutters, down pipes, roofing and shutters – to mention but a few! We will be holding a 'practice drill' for all students in the coming weeks.

Transition Days – Staff have been working really hard on organising classes for next year. Please note that we cannot accept any further requests for pairings/separations of students. We put a lot of time and effort into this complex task, including working closely with our Wellbeing Team, so please trust our professional judgement. Our next Transition Day is on Wednesday 25th from 9-11am, but students will only know who they have been placed with, and meet their teacher for next year, on the final Transition Day in December.

NITS – Some parents have raised concerns about head lice. This is an unfortunate reality for most schools. Please ensure you treat your child properly if they have nits, with a simple procedure like using wet combing with hair conditioner, or a silicone-based treatment (like dimethicone), paired with thorough removal using a fine-toothed metal nit comb.

Enjoy the upcoming warm weather!

Principal - Adrian Waters

2026 IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER 2026	
Friday 20th	Year 2 Incursion - RACV Safety Squad @ 9am – 1.40pm
Monday 23rd	Year 2 Billycarts and Team Building 9.30am – 1.10pm
Wednesday 25th	2nd Transition Day – Whole School @ 9am – 11am
Thursday 26th	Year 5 & 6 Boys Man Cave Excursion
Friday 27th	Year 5 – Charity Expo from 8.45 – 11.00am
Friday 27th	Year 3 Scienceworks Excursion
Mon 30th Nov – Fri 4th Dec	Year 3 Bike Ed
DECEMBER 2026	
Mon 30th Nov – Fri 4th Dec	Year 3 Bike Ed
Monday 7th	Year 5 & 6 Aquatic Survivor 3day Program
Tuesday 8th	3rd Transition Day (Statewide) 9.30am – 1.45pm
Wed 9th – Fri 11th	Year 5 & 6 Aquatic Survivor 3day Program
Friday 11th	Foundation Fairy Park Excursion
Tuesday 15th	**Year 6 Graduation**
Wednesday 16th	**Adventure Park Year 6 Celebration**
Thursday 17th	Whole School Christmas Carols & Last Assembly @ 9.15am
Thursday 17th	**Last Day Term Four – 3.30pm Dismissal**
Friday 18th	**Curriculum Day – Pupil Free**
JANUARY 2027	
Wednesday 27th	Bellbrae Staff Return to Work – Pupil Free
Thursday 28th	**Curriculum Day – Pupil Free**
Friday 29th	All Students First Day – Term 1, 2027

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.



WADAWURRUNG LANGUAGE



djirnap
Cockatoo

Pronounced- jirnap

kawirr
Emu



Pronounced – *kaweer*

WELFARE NEWS

Our school is now subscribed to the Happy Families School Membership! Owned and run by Dr Justin Coulson, one of Australia's leading parenting experts, the membership offers a wealth of parenting education and resources. We will regularly share resources available through our membership with you, including Insight Articles and Live Webinars.

Insights Articles - A new Insights article is released weekly during the term, and we will include these with the school newsletter. Insights articles are written by Dr Justin Coulson and provide parenting education and support for a wide variety of traditional and contemporary parenting challenges.

Live Webinars - ANSWERS with Dr JUSTIN COULSON is a live webinar series for all schools across Australia. Each term, Dr Justin will tackle a hot button parenting issue, providing your parent and teacher community with timely and relevant support. We will announce upcoming webinar details in our school newsletter and/or Compass. New issues each newsletter edition.

Term 4, Issue 5: *The Quitting Point*

- **050426 The Quitting Point**

Term 4, Issue 6 : *Attention is the Currency of Relationships*

- **060426 Attention is the Currency of Relationships**

2026 BIRTHDAYS 14th OCT – 27th NOV

NOVEMBER	
15th	Roman F
16th	Jack G, Sebastian B & Madeleine B
17th	Zali SH & Hazel C
18th	Jimmie H & Lana S
19th	Alexander T & Zoe W
21st	Betsy O
23rd	Bonnie W, Lucia J & Lucy T
24th	Georgia M
27th	Millie L & Jack P

BELLBRAE PS BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Proudly supporting Bellbrae Primary School

The Bellbrae Primary School Business Directory highlights some of our amazing local businesses from trades to healthcare professionals.

Please support the businesses that support us!

[CLICK HERE] **to view the directory.**

If you'd like to list your business, please complete the registration form found on the Contact Us page of the directory website or click on the link below.

Bellbrae Business Directory Registration Form



Bellbrae Primary School

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

VALUE AWARDS









Charlie W 1D	**Audrey B 6B**	**Hunter M 4A**	**Astin M 2C**
Francesca L 1D	**Daisy B 6A**	**Maelyse G 4A**	
Juniper S 3A	**Theo I Performing Arts**	**Finn Hart 4A**	
Alfie G 5C	**Amelia L Performing Arts**	**Coco C 6B**	
Alexander T 2D	**Clara MR 1B**	**Jude R 3A**	
Asher D 1B	**Lottie H 5B**	**Hudson J 5B**	
Quinn B FB	**Tully W FA**	**Frankie S 4B**	
Summer W FB	**Rose C 2B**	**Eli A 2A**	
Sienna G FB	**Adele M 2A**		
James D FA			
Olivia H 2C			

NUDE FOOD IS BACK!

NUDE FOOD CHAMPION

BELLBRAE PRIMARY IS GOING GREENER!

LESS RUBBISH. | MORE REUSABLE NAMED LUNCHBOXES. | A CLEANER, GREENER SCHOOL!

FROM MONDAY AUGUST 17TH, CLASSES CAN EARN POINTS AND WIN PRIZES FOR HAVING NUDE FOOD!

YOU DON'T NEED TO BUY ANYTHING NEW!

Look around at home for things you already have.

- Reusable lunchbox
- Lunchbox compartments
- Reusable containers
- Silicone cups
- Reusable snack bags
- Reusable drink bottle



USE IT. WASH IT. REUSE IT!



MAKE SURE ALL OF YOUR BELONGINGS ARE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR NAME.

BEING A NUDE FOOD CHAMPION ISN'T JUST ABOUT YOUR OWN LUNCHBOX.

- Encourage your friends
- Help your classmates
- Celebrate good choices
- Pick up rubbish when you see it
- Take pride in our school

WE CAN DO MORE WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER!

TEAM BELLBRAE!

WE WANT BELLBRAE TO BE:

BRIGHTER | CLEANER | GREENER | RUBBISH-FREE

And it starts with small choices we can all make every day.

Thank you for supporting our Nude Food program and helping us care for our school, our community and our environment.

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE BELLBRAE BRIGHTER, CLEANER & GREENER!