



BELLBRAE BULLETIN

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Issue 11

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THIS WEEK FROM THE PRINCIPAL

CCTV at our school- Bellbrae PS and the School Council has decided to use a closed-circuit television (CCTV) system on the exterior of our school. Our school has an obligation to ensure the school environment is safe and secure, and fulfil our duty of care to students, staff and visitors. The CCTV system will assist our school to fulfil these obligations and to prevent and manage other inappropriate behaviour on school grounds. CCTV will also provide enhanced capability to protect our school's assets against vandalism and theft.

We will follow Department of Education and Training policy requirements for the design, installation, management and use of the CCTV systems. This policy is available at: [CCTV in Schools – Installation and Management](#).

We will also place a CCTV Privacy Notice on our school website with more information about our school's use of CCTV before it is rolled out on 23 August 2025.

If you have any questions or concerns at this stage, please contact: [Bellbrae.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:bellbrae.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

Planning for 2026 – We are currently planning for 2026 and are working with a forecast enrolment of about 500 students. We have 23 learning spaces and although the DET has set our capacity at 600, we do not want to exceed a similar enrolment to what we currently have. Although we have low funding due to the socio-economic status of our parent cohort, we don't want to simply enrol more students to secure more funding, as that would mean even bigger class sizes than we currently have. With our proposed model, the student/teacher ratio will be approximately 'one to 21.8' with some classes obviously lower and some higher. Unfortunately we also don't have any more classrooms available, and do not want to use the STEM, Art or Performing Arts Centre as a classroom.

Specialist Program 2026 – At our last Consultation Committee Meeting, we discussed the possibility of including Digital Technologies as a specialist subject area next year. This would depend on available budgets but would certainly enhance our current STEM Program and address the development of some critical skills that are required for contemporary learning.

Wellbeing supports – We thought it would be pertinent to illuminate some of the wellbeing practices we have in place at our school. The mental health of students is a core focus of our approach, and as such we invest a lot of time and resources into this area. The following programs/supports are in place at Bellbrae PS to complement our holistic approach to education within our school community.

- **School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)**
Weekly whole school focus on an expected behaviour from our matrix (including explicit teaching, providing opportunities to practice the behaviour and teacher feedback and reinforcement). The Wellbeing Team plan the term weekly focus and teaching materials based on behaviour data.
Process for acknowledging demonstrated expected behaviours (gemstones, verbal acknowledgement and well-done awards).
Whole school documented process for managing minor and major behaviours and appropriate consequences.

- **Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships and Building Respectful Relationships-** embedded in the curriculum across Foundation to Grade 6
- **Berry Street Education Model (BSEM) trauma informed practices** including:
 - Zones of regulation: teach emotions and the four zones they are linked to. Use daily as student check in, language to support when a student is dysregulated.
 - Morning Circle
 - Connection between students/staff and students/students
 - Ready To Learn Plans
- **URSTRONG-** whole school friendship skills curriculum implemented in Foundation to Grade 6 (including a common language for resolving conflict and problem solving with peers and friends).
- **Mindfulness Practice-** including Smiling Minds
- **Community Hour:** fortnightly whole school focus on connection and responsibility (including school pride and working with others)
- **Brain Breaks & Positive Primers-** implemented in all classrooms daily
- **Sensory Room/Wellbeing Room-** student regulation and small group support
- **Wellbeing Wagon-** staff supervised activities and play at a set location every recess offering support and connection for students in Foundation to Grade 6.
- **Lunch Clubs:** an alternative activity to outside play offered daily and facilitated by staff.
- **Connected Kids:** small group sessions led by wellbeing staff engaging students in community-based activities, school-based projects and learning outside the classroom.
- **Small group wellbeing sessions:** small group sessions facilitated by wellbeing staff and targeting specific needs in year levels (such as social skills).
- **BATForce:** intervention programs such as Beyond Boxing (Trauma informed program for youth that builds resilience, emotional regulation, and real world connection through movement and mentorship).
- **Wellbeing support:** facilitated by our Wellbeing Officer and Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader.
- **Psychs in Schools:** provisional psychologist supporting students, parents and staff (based upon strict referral process).
- **Happy Families school membership:** parenting support and resources for raising children (including resources and live webinars each term).
- **Student Support Services:** accessing Det social workers, speech pathologists, psychologists
- **Whole school events and activities:** staff and student groups organising incursions, excursions and special events to highlight wellbeing areas of priority.

Head Lice – Thank you to our School Council for their support in trying to control head lice at our school. Last week they sent out some important information to assist families in dealing with ‘nits.’ Please have a read and act accordingly.

Book Week – Thanks to Fran for all her hard work in providing a range of opportunities for our students to appreciate books and to further their love of reading. Please join us for our Book Week Parade on Friday.

Have a great week and enjoy this beautiful weather whilst it lasts.
Principal - Adrian Waters

2025 IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST 2025	
Friday 22 nd	Book Week Dress Up Day / Parade @ 9.15am
Friday 29 th	Assembly @ 2.45
Monday 25 th – Fri 29 th	ICAS Maths Sitting Dates – Year 3-6 Enrolled Students
Wed 27 th – Fri 29 th	Year 3 to Camp Wyuna
Wed 27 th – Fri 29 th	Year 5 Camp to Sovereign Hill
SEPTEMBER 2025	
Thursday 4 th	Wider Smiles Dental Visit - Preps & Year 1 Students
Tuesday 9 th	Bellarine Division Athletics Carnival – Selected Students
Friday 12 th	Assembly @ 2.45
Mon 8 th – Fri 19 th	Prep – Year 4 Intensive Swimming Program
Mon 8 th – Fri 18 th	Year 6 Two Week Bike Program – Week 1 Theory & Week 2 Practical
Monday 15 th	Year 6 Bike Safety Check
Wednesday 17 th	Year 5 Bio Lab Excursion
Thursday 18 th	Year 6 Community Bike Ride to Torquay
Friday 19 th	Term 3 Ends – 2.30pm Dismissal
OCTOBER 2025	
Monday 6 th	Term 4 Begins
NOVEMBER 2025	
Monday 3 rd	Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 4 th	Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday – No School
DECEMBER	
Friday 19 th	Last Day Term 4 – 1.30 Dismissal

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

Walert
Winchlesea



Pronounced-
wal-ert

Pronounced-
quaka- dorla



Kuarka-dorla
Anglesea

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR



Josh Manderfeld 4A	Harla Perry 4C	Riley Carter 1C	Ryder Edwards 5A
Pippa Clyne 3A	Charlie Herreen 1D	Jay Hogan 4C	Archer Drury 4D
Finn Hart 3A	Will Duncan 4B	Charlotte Seiffert 5A	Isaac Cannavan 4D
Murphy Winkler 6B	Milly Law FA	Finley Gorman 6C	Addis Lucas 6A
Adeline Dyson 1D	Bowie Brennan-Fawcett FA	Layla Thompson 2B	
Sadie Hammond 4C	Sadie Warner 2C	Indie-Rose Nutbean 3C	
Jack Tabak 4B	Matilda Hilbert 3B	Sam Crowe 6A	
Isla O'Brien 2A	Ivy Turnock 3B	Beatrix Sawyer FD	
Jude Ryan 2A	India Osborne 2B		
Olive Infield 2C	Maya Reynolds 1B		
Margo Gibbs 3A	Elodie Goy 5B		
Addis Heane 3A			
Jack Collet 1A			
Cleo Elderfield 1A			
Isaac Tayler 1C			
Reuben MacDonald 3A			
Henry Christian 1B			
Joshua Manderfeld 4A			
Jude Stone FD			

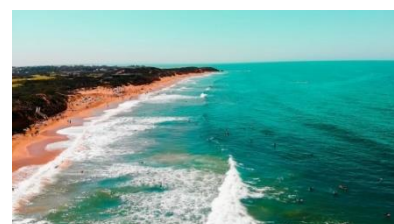
BELLBRAE PS BUSINESS DIRECTORY

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.



BIRTHDAYS Celebrations 16th – 29th August**AUGUST 2025**

16 th	James Lloyd
17 th	Layne Ramsey, Mitchell Hammond & Owen Molloy
18 th	Eli Anastasiu
20 th	Gus Thompson & Digby Byrnes
21 st	Ernesto Thevenon & Charlie Hamilton
22 nd	Ocean Edmunds
23 rd	Scout Keyte, Pippa Clyne & Alby Cations
26 th	Monte Kruse

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.

Please Click on Link below (new one each newsletter)

[Insights040325_BullyingAGuideForParents_DrJustinCoulson](#)

[Insights050325_ConversationsForFamilies_DrJustinCoulson](#)