



BELLBRAE BULLETIN

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Issue 7

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THIS WEEK FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Education Support Day – On Monday we celebrated ES Day to acknowledge and appreciate all our non-teaching staff. ES are integral members of the school and include administrative, maintenance, integration aides, canteen and health/wellbeing staff members. Essentially, without ES, schools could not operate. To acknowledge both the hard work they do and the complexity of their roles, we held a special morning tea. The School Council provided them with a small gift and the teaching staff covered some of their additional duties as a sign of gratitude.

School Strategic Plan - After the completion of the School Review, the Leadership Team has been working on setting the Strategic Plan, which will guide the direction of the school for the next four years. This includes targets, goals and key improvement strategies in the areas of learning (particularly literacy and numeracy), as well as in engagement and wellbeing. Various data sets inform the plan, where performance data (such as NAPLAN and other formal assessments) and attitudinal data (such as parent/staff/student surveys) are taken into consideration. Once the plan has been set, it has to be endorsed by the Education Department and our School Council.

Industrial Action – As an ‘in principle’ agreement has been made between the Education Department and the AEU, all industrial action has been suspended, with the exception of restrictions on written reports for this semester. As such, students in classes where the action is applicable, will only receive reports that show progression points. There will be no individual commentary on any other aspects. Parents will have the opportunity to discuss their child’s progress in the parent/teacher interviews next term.

Bushfire Shelter In Place (SIP) – The VSBA has agreed to fund structural changes to our gymnasium in order to make it compliant as a safe shelter in the event of a bushfire. (Our current SIP is the BER where the Foundation students are housed.) The project, which is worth over half a million dollars, will be managed by the VSBA and will cause minimal disruption to school and extra-mural activities.

I trust you are all enjoying the cooler weather, and please ensure that student jumpers, jackets and hoodies are well-marked, as we still have a large number turning up in ‘lost property.’

Adrian Waters – Principal

2026 IMPORTANT DATES


| MAY 2026 | |
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| Thursday 21 st | Year 6 Parliament House Excursion |
| Friday 29 th | Reconciliation Week Celebration – Wear a touch of Yellow |
| Friday 29 th | Assembly @ 2.45 in Gymnasium |
| JUNE 2026 | |
| Mon 1 st & Tue 2 nd | P – 3 Fun with Maths Incursion |
| <i>Thurs 4th – Fri 5th</i> | <i>Grade 3 Overnight Camp – Camp Wyuna</i> |
| Monday 8th | Kings Birthday Public Holiday – No School |
| Friday 12 th | Assembly @ 2.45 in Gymnasium |
| Friday 19 th | Year 4 Geelong Gaol & Bollards |
| Friday 26 th | Last Day Term Two – 2.30pm Dismissal |
| JULY 2026 | |
| Monday 13 th | First Day Term Three |
| Friday 24 th | Assembly @ 2.45 in Gymnasium |
| AUGUST 2026 | |
| <i>Thurs 6th & Fri 7th</i> | <i>Year 5 Camp to Sovereign Hill</i> |
| Friday 7 th | Assembly @ 2.45 in Gymnasium |
| Monday 10 th | Curriculum Day – Pupil Free |
| SEPTEMBER 2026 | |
| Friday 18 th | Last Day Term Three – 2.30pm Dismissal |
| OCTOBER 2026 | |
| Monday 5 th | First Day Term Four |
| NOVEMBER 2026 | |
| Monday 2 nd | Curriculum Day – Pupil Free |
| Tuesday 3 rd | Melbourne Cup Public Holiday – No School |
| DECEMBER 2026 | |
| Friday 18 th | Last Day Term Four – 1.30pm Dismissal |

2026 BIRTHDAYS 16th – 29th MAY


| MAY | |
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| 16 th | Angus Bound |
| 18 th | Nina Turnock |
| 19 th | Malu Maia-Rau |
| 20 th | Laken Knite |
| 21 st | Frankie Pacconi, Maggie Birchall, Morrison Lala, Reymi Morgan & Max Cook |
| 23 rd | Felix Taylor |
| 24 th | Kaia Lyon, Maeaea Lumsden, Mackie Hamilton & Quinn O ‘Loughlin |
| 25 th | Alby Hasings, Harriet Denness & Indie Christian |
| 26 th | Coco Leggett |
| 29 th | June 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.



WADAWURRUNG
LANGUAGE



ngardang
mother

Pronounced- nar/dang

gurrau
Father



Pronounced – goo/ray/ou

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 – No articles this fortnight 😊

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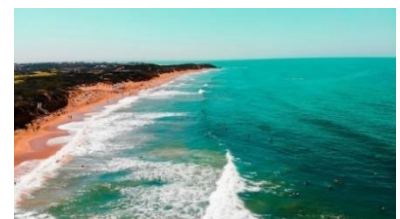
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SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR VALUE AWARDS



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| Whole Class FC | Goldie Carracher 2B | Joshua Manderfield 5C | Vincent Fairbanks 1C |
| Whole Class FD | Francisco Birnie 3C | Lauren Warlond 1D | Zoe Wilson 3C |
| Julian Gibb 2C | Beatrix Sawyer 1A | Ruby McVerry 4A | Noah Duncan 4A |
| Banks Bowen 2B | Sonny Noye 1A | Wyatt Hope 5A | Heidi Hayton 3B |
| Theo Irvine 5B | Hendrix Sinclair FA | James Rogers 5A | Issy Hennessy 2D |
| Kai Wakefield 5B | | Mac Law 2D | |
| Luciano Passuello 2A | | Billy Dullard 2C | |
| Harriet Denness 2A | | | |
| Nikolai Betz 1D | | | |
| Beau Tripp 1C | | | |
| Zeb Ackland 6B | | | |
| Ollie Karfut 6B | | | |
| William McIntyre 1B | | | |
| Clara Maia-Rau 1B | | | |
| Harris Reynolds FD | | | |
| Kaia Lyon FD | | | |
| Harriet Thompson FB | | | |
| Myles Hall FB | | | |
| Finn Hope 3B | | | |
| Isaac Bartlett 6A | | | |
| Zoe Leggett 2C | | | |
| Lois Osborne FA | | | |
| Bonnie Grigg 4B | | | |
| Jude Martin 4B | | | |