



# BELLBRAE BULLETIN

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## THIS WEEK FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**Traffic** – Thank you to all the parents who drive your children to school for the improvement in safe traffic behaviour out the front of the school. The drop off and pickup area is flowing well, and the parking restrictions are being observed. Shortly we will be installing new banners to remind drivers of time limits, because as the weather gets colder and wetter, people tend to try and get their cars as close to the front gate as possible. The reduced speed limit and ‘speed bumps’ have had a positive effect and have also reduced the number of vehicles using School Road as a ‘short cut’ between Anglesea Rd and the Great Ocean Road. Also, please encourage your kids to only use the supervised crossing, as it is really difficult for drivers to see small children who run across the road or dart out between cars.

**Attitudes to School Survey** – Over the coming weeks students in Grades Four, Five and Six will participate in the annual student survey. This gives your children the opportunity to express their views on a variety of topics including their learning environment, safety, engagement and connection to school, perspectives on bullying and student voice and agency. All responses are anonymous, and students are encouraged to be open and honest in the way they respond to the questions. Once we get the results, we will share them with our school community and the data helps inform our staff as to how we can improve the learning experience for your children.

**School Council** – At our last meeting we spent a considerable amount of time discussing the way forward with the proposed new playground that will in part be funded from fundraising events such as the Mayfair. Although we are only in the initial phase of planning, the intention is to repurpose the existing equipment at the front of the school and add it to the play area in the southwestern part of the campus. This will then make space for an entirely new playground at the front with a range of diverse equipment, a rubber base for safety and easier ongoing maintenance, as well as softer colour tones to blend in with the front of the school. As the installation of play equipment is an expensive exercise, the School Council has agreed to access some money from the school’s official bank account to supplement the money that has been accumulated through fundraising.

**Lost property** – Moving into winter we tend to have more and more items of clothing turn up in our ‘lost property.’ Please label all your children’s clothing and ask them to check that they have their hoody/jacket/jumper with them before they leave school.

**Prep Incursion** – Today our prep students all enjoyed an interesting incursion from ‘Coastal Nectar.’ It was a fantastic learning opportunity for our young students to learn about bees and their importance to humans in the global food supply chain. Bees not only provide us with delicious honey but also play a crucial role in food production and the broader environment. As such, we need to protect their habitat and promote their pollination of crops. *Bee fact: There are over 20000 species of bees that exist globally and over 2000 native bee species are in Australia!*

**Enjoy the weekend and we hope everyone is coping with the sudden drop in temperature!**

**Adrian Waters – Principal**

**IMPORTANT DATES****MAY 2025**

Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Life Ed Van Incursion for FC, 5A & 5B
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Life Ed Van Incursion for FD, 4A & 4B
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Pt Addis Excursion
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Victorian Parliament Excursion
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Years 5 & 6 City to Surf Lightning Premiership
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly @ 2.45

**JUNE 2025**

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Years 4-6 - Fun with Maths Incursion
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Life Ed Van Incursion for 2B, 3B & 4C
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Life Ed Van Incursion for 1A & 1B
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival @ Landy Field, South Geelong
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Kings Birthday Public Holiday – No School</b>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Years 1 & 2 Science Incursion
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly @ 2.45
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Life Ed Van Incursion for 1C, 1D & 2A
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Life Ed Van Incursion for 2C, 3A & 4D
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Biolab Excursion
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly @ 2.45

**JULY 2025**

Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Prep Concert
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 1 & 2 Concert
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day Term 2 – 2.30 Dismissal
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	First day of Term 3

**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 Elder past, present and emerging.



**WADAWURRUNG**  
LANGUAGE

**Wiyn**  
Fire

Pronounced-  
bert



**Burt**  
Smoke

Pronounced-  
*win*

**BIRTHDAYS Celebrations 17<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May****MAY 2025**

17 <sup>th</sup>	Bels Betts
19 <sup>th</sup>	Malu Maia-Rau
20 <sup>th</sup>	Laken Knite
21 <sup>st</sup>	Maggie Birchall, Morrison Lala, Reymi Morgan & Max Cook
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Indi Barraclough
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Otto Mazyliis
24 <sup>th</sup>	Maeaea Lumsden, Mackie Hamilton & Quinn O'Loughlin
25 <sup>th</sup>	Alby Hastings, Indie Christian & Harriet Denness
26 <sup>th</sup>	Coco Leggett
29 <sup>th</sup>	June Phillips & Alex Cook
30 <sup>th</sup>	Archie Wilkinson, Zeb Ackland & Louie Wilson

**SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR**

Ernesto Thevenon 3C	Billy Dullard 1D	Dustin Hobson 6B	Winter Barry 3C
Lucy Myers 3B	Pippa Andrews FB	Isaac Bartlett 5A	Sailor Weidner 4D
Alice Palmieri 6B	Clover Buckley 2C	Isabel Hazle 6C	Coco Leggett 4D
Gus Thompson 5B	Zadie Fox FA	Jessica Brackin 4C	Jack Mugavin 5A
Winter Lowdon 6C	Arabella Cole 1A	Thomas Baker 4C	Vincent White 3B
Louie Wilson 5B	Sebastian Fox 3C	Hunter Menogue 3A	Harper Molloy 4A
Isabel Turnock 5B		Frida Long 1B	Tessa Stasiuk 4A
Hudson Jones 4B		Indio Carr 2A	Sienna Di Felice 3A
Goldie Carracher 1B		Jack Lock 1A	Lucinda Marceau 3B
Bowie Bird 1C			Olive Adams 1C
Heidi Hayton 2C			Austin Pike FA
Taj Pettifer 2A			Jayton Erasmus 6A
James Mummery 3C			
Mirabelle Buxey 6A			