



BELLBRAE BULLETIN

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THIS WEEK FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Book Week – This year Australian Children's Book Week 2026 runs from Saturday, 22 August to Friday, 28 August 2026, featuring the theme "Symphony of Stories". We will be holding our parade in the Gymnasium on Friday from about 9.15 – 10.45 am. Parents are welcome to come and join in the celebration. A big thank you to Fran for all her hard work in coordinating the displays, visiting authors and drama productions leading up to Book Week, as well as continually promoting the love of reading across our entire school.

Swimming Program – The junior classes will be having their formal swimming lessons over the last couple weeks of term. This year we will be using a different facility, which will reduce both travel time and the amount of time out of school. Thanks to Miss O'Donoghue for organising the program.

Influenza – Unfortunately we have had a number of students and staff succumb to flu this year. If your child is not well, or displaying symptoms, please do not send them to school. It's really important that we practise good hygiene and also limit the potential spread of the virus.

Bus Travel – Just a reminder to reinforce the message of 'doing the right thing' whilst travelling on the bus. Essentially the students are unsupervised once they are on the bus, and we rely on them to behave responsibly. We cannot expect our Bus Captains to monitor unruly behaviour, and as we have students of all ages travelling together, we want them all to feel safe and to enjoy their trip. There will also be some minor changes for our 'Country Bus' travellers from next term and the Admin Team will contact affected families.

Industrial Action - Thanks to all the parents who supported our school during the recent Industrial Action. Fortunately, the AEU has now accepted an 'in principle Agreement,' which saw the immediate suspension of all planned 'stop work.' All DET members will now have the opportunity to vote whether to accept the proposed Agreement or not. Once this has been completed, it is anticipated that new work and pay conditions will be implemented towards the end of the year. We will keep you updated on how this might impact on the operation of our school.

Enjoy the last few days of winter and I'm certain we are all looking forward to the warmer and longer days of spring that lie ahead.

Adrian Waters – Principal

2026 IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST 2026	
Mon 24 th – Fri 28 th	CBCA Book Week 2026 – Symphony of Stories
Tuesday 24 th – Fri 28 th	ICAS Maths Assessment Week
Friday 28 th	Book Week Dress Up Day Parade @ 9.15am
Mon 31 st	Year 4 Bike Ed
SEPTEMBER 2026	
Tues 1 st - Fri 4 th	Year 4 Bike Ed - Continued
Tuesday 1 st	Division Athletics – Selected Students
Tuesday 8 th	Year 3 ‘Farm My School’ Excursion to Bellarine SC
Mon 7 th – Fri 11 th	Years P – 4 Swimming Program Week 1 – Preps & Year 1
Mon 7 th – Fri 11 th	Year 6 Bike Ed Program culminating in a community ride to Torquay on Friday 11 th – Hot Chips/Potato Cakes for lunch
Thursday 10 th	Year 4 Werribee Zoo Excursion
Mon 14 th – Fri 18 th	Years P – 4 Swimming Program Week 2 – Years 2, 3 & 4
Friday 18 th	Last Day Term Three – 2.30pm Dismissal
OCTOBER 2026	
Monday 5 th	First Day Term Four
Tuesday 6 th	Indonesian Day – More information to come
Thurs 22 nd – Fri 23 rd	Year 4 Urban Camp
NOVEMBER 2026	
Monday 2 nd	Curriculum Day – Pupil Free
Tuesday 3 rd	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday – No School
Wednesday 4 th	Year 1 – Werribee Zoo Excursion
Tuesday 10 th	Year 3 Concert – 2.30pm – 3.30pm
Wednesday 11 th	Year 4 Concert – 2.30pm – 3.30pm
Thursday 12 th	Year 5 Concert – 2.30pm – 3.30pm
Friday 13 th	Year 6 Concert – 2.30pm – 3.30pm
DECEMBER 2026	
Tuesday 8 th	Statewide Transition Day
Tuesday 15 th	Year 6 Graduation
Wednesday 16 th	Adventure Park Year 6 Celebration
Thursday 17 th	Last Day Term Four – 3.30pm Dismissal
Friday 18 th	Curriculum Day – Pupil Free

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



Kuarka-dorla

Anglesea

Pronounced- quaka- dorla

Walert
Winchelsea



Pronounced- wa/l/ert

2026 BIRTHDAYS 22nd AUGUST – 11th SEPTEMBER

AUGUST

22 nd	Ocean Edmunds
23 rd	Scout Keyte, Pippa Clyne & Alby Cations
26 th	Monte Kruse

SEPTEMBER

2 nd	Martha-Rose Padgett
3 rd	Isabella Hennessy
5 th	Ash Murphy & Sunny O'Brien
6 th	Knox Edwards & Henry Christian
7 th	Charlie Woodford & Remy Irvine
9 th	Charlie Hissey & Harris Reynolds
10 th	Clara Tobin, Jack Hissey Jessica Brackin
11 th	Edith Feery, Vinni Foster & Minnie Mannix

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 3, Issue 5: Timing is Everything

- [050326 Timing is Everything](#)

Term 3, Issue 6: Don't Cry Over Spilled Smoothie

- [Don't Cry Over Spilled Smoothie 060326](#)

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](#)



SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR**VALUE AWARDS**

Lily Byrne Performing Arts	Boni Grigg Performing Arts	Gracie Beel 5C	Indi Sinclair 3B
Hendrix Hazle 1C	Sam Bean 6A	Bobby O'Brien 3B	Lyla Hammond 2D
Adela Wilson 6A	Holiday Weidner 6B	Laken Knite 6B	Soma Kress FD
Jack Mugavin 6B	Bastian Bain 4B	Clara Tobin 1D	Moni Alam FC
Bohdi Glennie 5A	Ella Wood 1B	Lucia Gadd 3A	Belle Kelly 2C
Freddie Vivian-Taylor 5A		Roman Fairbanks 3C	Hutch Foster 2A
Jay Hogan 5C		Finley Carran 2C	
Ned Steele-Lanyon 5B			
Lenni Schnabel 5B			
Remy Irvine 2D			
Dusty Knite 4C			
Carys Morzinek 4C			
Rocky Otero Clark 4A			
Bel Myers 1D			
Ace Hogan 4B			
William McIntyre 1B			
Leo Fuedoloff FC			
Neve Herreen FC			
Tyler Glennie 3C			
Aria Nutt FA			

NUDE FOOD IS BACK!

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!

WEAR A TOUCH OF YELLOW

JUST ASK SOMEONE RU OK? TO MAKE THEIR DAY

MADE BY **James Lloyd** SEP 10TH

R u ok any day?

Wear a touch of yellow 10th of September!

OK

RIC-COLLA

Saying R u ok doesn't take a degree or much effort to say

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH PLEASE WEAR A TOUCH OF YELLOW

You don't need to be an expert to ask R U OK?

RU OK?

Here's how you can support someone

RU OK?

Ryder