



BELLBRAE BULLETIN

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Principal – Dr. Adrian Waters

Assistant Principal – Mr. Brad Venn

THIS WEEK FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Playground update – Last week students were invited to provide input into the colour selections for the new playground. The collated results were revealed in the renders that were displayed at our last Assembly. Although the installation will take place over the next holidays, there is a lot of preparatory work that still needs to be done, which is why it was necessary to remove the old equipment over the September holidays. Upcoming work prior to installation includes landscaping, retainer walls, fencing, gates and OHS considerations. A big thank you to the School Council Sub-Committee who has been leading the project, particularly Tim Birnie, who has been using his creative architectural skills to benefit our school.

Staffing News – Congratulations to Kim, our Business Manager, who has been offered a position in a big secondary school. We would like to thank Kim for her contributions to Bellbrae and we wish her well in her new venture.

Student Safety – At Bellbrae we are committed to providing an environment where students are safe and always feel safe. Our child safety framework includes policies, codes and procedures that explain how we support and maintain the safety and wellbeing of our students and protect them from harm. These documents are available on our website: <https://www.bellbraeps.vic.edu.au> We are also committed to continuous improvement of our child safety framework. We are currently reviewing our child safety policies and practices to ensure they are up-to-date and effective. Our students and families are important partners in this process. We welcome your feedback or ideas on ways we can improve our approach to child safety and wellbeing. If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact Bellbrae Primary School on 03 5261 2660 or at bellbrae.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

Class requests for 2026 – As mentioned in a previous Newsletter, we will be using a Google Form for any parents who might have special considerations they would like to be taken into account when deciding on class placements for next year. (Please do not e mail individual requests and take note that we do not consider any requests for specific teachers.) A significant amount of time and data analysis is invested in ensuring an even balance of gender, intellect, interests, friendship groups and the emotional/wellbeing needs of students when we construct classes, so please trust the judgement of our staff in this complex task. If you have very specific academic or wellbeing grounds to warrant a placement request, then please respond to the Google Form that will be sent out early next week.

Tree removal – Unfortunately we have had to remove the substantial bulk of one of the most iconic trees on our campus outside the Foundation classrooms. On Tuesday an experienced crew of tree fellers took on the challenging job after arborist inspections had identified it as a significant risk to the safety of students, staff and families. We managed to retain a portion of the trunk, which we hope will evoke fond memories of the old Eucalypt. We are committed to retaining as much natural vegetation as possible, and we always plant a number of new trees whenever any are removed.

World Teacher's Day – On Friday we will celebrate this special day with a morning tea provided by the School Council. We are very fortunate to have a passionate and committed staff who give their best to provide quality educational programs for our students. I'm incredibly proud of, and grateful for the exceptional job they do, and I'm certain staff will appreciate the acknowledgement by our wonderful School Council.

Enjoy the warmer weather and thanks for being part of a positive and supportive school community.
Principal - Adrian Waters

2025 IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER 2025	
Wed 29 th – Fri 31 st	Year 4 Urban Camp
Thursday 30 th	Foundation & Year 1 Incursion - Illustrator Michell Conn (Rescheduled)
Friday 31 st	Years 2 & 3 Incursion - Illustrator Michell Conn (Rescheduled)
NOVEMBER 2025	
Monday 3 rd	Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 4 th	Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday – No School
Thursday 6 th	Whole School Transition Day No.1 including 2026 Foundation Students 9.15 – 11.00 am
Friday 7 th	Year 2 Billycarts and Team Building Incursion
Friday 7 th	Assembly @ 2.45pm
Tuesday 11 th	Pre Prep Screening School Readiness Sessions - 2026 Foundation Students
Wednesday 12 th	Year 5 Charity Expo
Friday 21 st	Assembly @ 2.45pm
Wednesday 26 th	Whole School Transition Day No. 2 including 2026 Foundation Students 9.15 – 11.00 am
Fri Nov 28 th – Wed Dec 3rd	5/6 Aquatic Survivor 4-day Program
DECEMBER 2025	
Friday 5 th	Assembly @ 2.45pm
Tuesday 9 th	Whole School Transition Day No. 3 (Statewide) 9am – 1.40pm.
Tuesday 9 th	Transition Day for our 2026 Foundation Students 9.15am – 12.30pm followed by a BBQ for them, their buddies and their families.
Fri Nov 28 th – Wed Dec 3rd	5/6 Aquatic Survivor 4-day Program
Wednesday 17 th	Year 6 Graduation
Thursday 18 th	Year 6 Excursion to Adventure Park
Friday 19 th	Last Assembly 2025 / Class Christmas Carols @ 9.15
Friday 19 th	Last Day Term 4 – 1.30 Dismissal
JANUARY 2026	
Tuesday 27 th	Curriculum Day - Staff Return, Student Free
Wednesday 28 th	Curriculum Day – Student Free
Thursday 29 th	First day for ALL students - Foundation – Year 6

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](#)



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS 25th Oct – 7th Nov**OCTOBER 2025**

25 th	Sophia Moore
26 th	Sailor Joy Knapton, Lenni Schnabel & Charlotte Hebbard
27 th	Beau Bitmead
28 th	Vincent Fairbanks & Leila Ugrin
29 th	Asher D'Agostino, Maelyse Goy, Henry Stanley & Zara Madeley
30 th	Jimmy Shugg, Lily Tayler & Lola Bullen

NOVEMBER 2025

1 st	Remi Gadd
2 nd	Willow Tabak
3 rd	Claire Leggett & Finn Martin
4 th	Riley Bennett
5 th	Jack Collet
6 th	Willow Morrish & Theo Irvine

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)

Term 4 Issue 2: Supporting Autonomy Without Losing Authority

- [Insights020425-Supporting Autonomy Without Losing Authority- Dr Justin Coulson](#)

Term 4 Issue 3: Structure (not rigidity) the key to Success

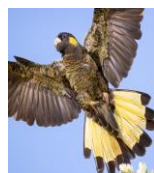
- [Insights030425-Structure The Key To Success – Dr Justin Coulson](#)

SCHOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Ruby McVerry 3C	Sailor Weidner 4D	Noa Barry 3B	Oliver Maule 5B
Iggy Adams 3B	Addis Odgen 4C	Kai Wakefield 4C	Bobby O'Brien 2B
Marceline Seraiocco 4C	Issy Crawford FC	Eden Coy 6C	Dustin Hobson 6B
Ted Betts 2A	Juniper Steele 2C	Hendrix Hazle FC	Lily Byrne 3A
Harriet Madeley 2A	Alice Tarik 5B	Phoebe Thornton FD	Maggie McLaren 3A
Charlie Brand FC	Eli Anastasiu 1A	Bel Myers FA	Lenny Perry 6A
Jasper Jones 2B	Gus Thompson FB	Hugh Garvey FA	
Tatum Verlaat 6B	Arlie Cole 6A	Coco Clyne 5A	
Mitchell Hammond 1B			
Daisy Carr 1B			
Jaxon Pacconi FD			
Heidi Hayton 2C			
Isla O'Connor 5B			
Lola Glen 1A			
Tully Lewis FB			
Eddie Rees 5A			

WADAWURRUNG LANGUAGE

Pronounced- we-run



wirran
Yellow-tailed black cockatoo

Pronounced- wir-mal

