



BELLBRAE BULLETIN

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THIS WEEK FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parent Teacher Interviews – Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the PTIs on Tuesday and Wednesday. These interviews form part of our reporting process and are a good opportunity to have a discussion with your child's teacher about academic progress or other concerns you might have. It was great to see respectful conversations and everyone sticking to the time frames of the individual interviews.

Industrial Action – Once again our parent community dealt with this disruption in a very positive and supportive manner. I totally understand how 'stopwork' can cause a number of logistical issues for many of our families and hopefully the AEU and Victorian Government gain a resolution soon. One of the major sticking points in the negotiations is that Victorian state schools do not receive full funding, which impacts on things such as class sizes, the employment of additional support staff and access to teaching/learning resources. As Bellbrae is already one of the lowest funded schools in the state (and country) due to our SFO/SFOE (socio economic and parent education index), we are in a very precarious position financially. In order for us to run our current specialist programs and employ necessary support staff, we are presently having to run at an operational financial deficit.

Facilities – Over the holidays we had a number of trades people work on different upgrades and maintenance related jobs across the school. These included security lighting in the northern driveway, upgrade to the lighting in the BER/Foundation building, installing a sliding door at the front entrance, plumbing work, 'deep cleaning' to selected areas, signage on all goal/point safety pads, and interior changes to some learning spaces.

Curriculum Day – Just a reminder that **Monday 10th August is a pupil free day.** Teaching staff will be working with representatives from Regional Office on the implementation of the new Victorian Teaching and Learning Model, and ES will have special sessions directed at better understanding the needs of students with additional needs and the strategies that can be used to best support Tier Three students.

School Council – The next SC Meeting will be held at 5pm on Monday 3rd August in the Staff Room.

I hope you are all coping with the cool weather, and for the surfers in our community, I trust you've been capitalising on the great run of swell.

Adrian Waters – Principal

2026 IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST 2026	
Wednesday 5 th	Year 6 Scienceworks Excursion
Thursday 6 th	Grade 1 Town Walk Excursion: 1A & 1B- 11:40. 1C & 1D- 12:40
<i>Thurs 6th & Fri 7th</i>	<i>Year 5 Camp to Sovereign Hill</i>
Friday 7 th	Assembly @ 2.45 in Gymnasium
Monday 10th	Curriculum Day – Pupil Free
Tue 11 th – Fri 14 th	ICAS English Assessment Week
Tues 17 th – Friday 21 st	ICAS Science Assessment Week
Thursday 13 th	P – 3 Meerkat Productions Live Performance – 10am
Mon 17 th – Tues 18 th	Author Incursion – Coral Vass
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
Mon 31 st	Year 4 Bike Ed
SEPTEMBER 2026	
Tues 1 st - Fri 4 th	Year 4 Bike Ed - Continued
Mon 7 th – Fri 11 th	Years P – 4 Swimming Program Week 1
Mon 14 th – Fri 18 th	Years P – 4 Swimming Program Week 2
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
<i>Thurs 22nd– Fri 23rd</i>	<i>Year 4 Urban Camp</i>
NOVEMBER 2026	
Monday 2nd	Curriculum Day – Pupil Free
Tuesday 3rd	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday – No School
DECEMBER 2026	
Wednesday 15 th	Year 6 Graduation
Thursday 17 th	Last Day Term Four – 3.30pm Dismissal
Friday 18 th	Curriculum Day – Pupil Free

Dogs on School Grounds

Just a reminder to all parents and carers that dogs are only allowed on school grounds if they are on a lead. Also please pick up after your dog, there is nothing worse than stepping in dog poo.



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



barnong

ringtail Possum

Pronounced- barnong



go-yin

wallaby

Pronounced- go-yin

2026 BIRTHDAYS 25th JULY – 7th AUG

JULY

25 th	Ben Schnabel
26 th	Zoe Coy
27 th	Beau Tripp, Imogen Page, Aidan Takle & Margot Gibbs
28 th	Kalani Evans & Remi Armstrong-Porter
29 th	Ivy Turnock, Nina Irwin & Elodie Goy
31 st	Sienna Greene, Julian Gibbs & Cass Booth

AUGUST

1 st	Jackson Carty
2 nd	Mia Torney, Tom Ross, Lily Byrne & Bohdi Glennie
3 rd	Oscar Bird, Hazel Drake & Lilly Veenendaal
4 th	Sunny Campbell, Harry Hissey & Kai Miller
5 th	Neve Bird, James Barraclough & Jax Trewin
6 th	Koby Scown & Sonny Noye
7 th	Marlow Cooney

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 1: Our Biggest Resilience Mistake

- [010326 Our Biggest Resilience Mistake](#)

Term 3, Issue 2: What Doping Athletes Can Teach Your Kids About Success

- [020326 What Doping Athletes Can Teach Your Kids About Success](#)

Term 3 Webinar: Girls:

Trading Anxiety & Perfectionism for Authentic Growth Wednesday 19 August, 7pm AEST

Sign up here:

- <https://happyfamiliesfamilyeducation.ac-page.com/awj-girls-hfs-register>

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



Imogen Menogue 2B	Audrey Isaiah 3B	Louis Nutbean 2B	Matilda Dent 4B
Reuben Macdonald 4B	Dusty Cole Performing Arts	Millie Law 1C	Jude Stone 1B
Oscar Ironmonger FB	Lucia Larsen Performing Arts	Thomas Baker 5C	Loki Sincock 5B
Niamh Carter FB	Bodhi Ghys 1A	Tessa Stasiuk 5A	
Alice Curnow 1B	Indie Stone 3C	Cleo Beck 2A	
Mila Perrett 5B	Isaac Tayler 2D	Indio Carr 3A	
Clementine Smith 1C	Jack Collet 2A		
Banjo Dent 5A			
Lexi Ghys 5B			
Carter Ramsey 3B			
Noah Pettifer 1A			
Alby Tripp 3C			
Cass Booth 2D			
Vinnie White 4A			
Neave O'Connor 4A			
Forrest Duncan 3A			
Layla Thompson 3A			

Book Week – Visiting Author Pre Purchase

CORAL VASS IS VISITING OUR SCHOOL!

On 17th–18th August Coral will be visiting our school to talk to students about reading and writing. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn more about the practices of professional authors and how they write the interesting and engaging stories we love.



Students have the opportunity to pre-purchase books for signing on the day!



To order Coral's books please scan the QR CODE or [click here](#)

All orders must be completed by 6th August to receive the books to be signed on the day of Coral's visit.

Please note: Orders after this date will arrive to the school after the visit and will NOT be signed.

