



BELLBRAE BULLETIN

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THIS WEEK FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Bus travel – In the wake of the recent Christian College bus tragedy, the topic of seat belts in school buses has become central in discussions regarding student safety. We have two different bus companies that service our school; Coles, who do the country route, and McHarry's who do the T8/9 routes. All Coles buses have seat belts and are mandated to do so. McHarry's service is an extension of a public bus service and falls under different regulations. As such there is no seat belt mandate on existing buses, but all new buses are required to have seat belts fitted. As such, our School Council will advocate for McHarry's to utilise newer buses for the T8/9 routes so that our bus travellers can travel in secured seats. If your children use the bus services, please encourage them to remain seated whilst travelling, and also to be very vigilant when boarding and disembarking buses.

Basketball/Netball – Thanks to Tony we have now managed to renovate our Basketball and Netball goals on the outdoor court. The posts can now swivel again, allowing for joint use, depending on who is hiring the court. (Enquiries relating to court hire can be directed to the front office.) We have also installed new padding on all posts and made the Netball goal shooting practice ring a permanent structure, also with a new ring and padding. Please do not allow your kids to climb on the new pads, as this severely impacts on their effectiveness and life spans.



Planning for 2026 – We are currently in the depths of planning for 2026. We are working on a projected enrolment of 505 students and 23 classes, which gives us an average class size of 22:1. In order to maintain this average, we have had to reject a large number of provisional enrolments and as a result can only accept any new enrolments from families residing within our neighbourhood zone.

Art Show – All parents and families are invited to come and view our Art Display, which will be exhibited in the Gymnasium over lunch and during Assembly next Friday. For families unable to make it on Friday, we are hoping to leave the display up for viewing on the Monday morning. Thanks to Clare for the fantastic Art Program she runs.

Extra-curricular Programs – A big thank you to staff and parents who assist us in being able to provide such a broad and diverse extra-curricular program at Bellbrae. The last few weeks of term has seen opportunities for our students to participate in camps, swimming, debating, Book Week, excursions to Geelong, Bike Education, author visits and dress up days. Although we acknowledge the importance of learning in core academic areas, there is far much more to primary education, and as Principal of the school I will continue to promote as many opportunities as possible for our students to engage in fun, challenging and interesting real-life learning experiences.


School Council – Our next meeting will be on Monday 8th September. Agenda items include reports from various sub-committees, grounds, playgrounds and facilities updates, recent financial reports, OHS, staffing and the 2026 School Review.

Happy Father's Day to all the dads in our community for this coming Sunday. Paternal bonds are important in the social development of all children, and although some of our students might not always be fortunate enough to have regular access to both parents, Father's Day is an opportunity to acknowledge and appreciate fathers and father figures in our community.



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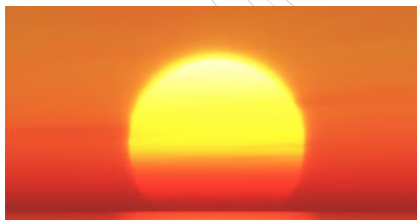
WADAWURRUNG LANGUAGE

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.



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2025 IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER 2025

Tue 2 nd – Fri 5 th	Year 4 Bike Ed
Thursday 4 th	Wider Smiles Dental Visit - Preps & Year 1 Students
Tuesday 9 th	Bellarine Division Athletics Carnival – Selected Students
Friday 12 th	Assembly @ 2.45
Mon 8 th – Fri 19 th	Prep – Year 4 Intensive Swimming Program
Mon 8 th – Fri 18 th	Year 6 Two Week Bike Program – Week 1 Theory & Week 2 Practical
Monday 15 th	Year 6 Bike Safety Check
Tuesday 16 th	Whole School Sausage Sizzle
Wednesday 17 th	Year 5 Bio Lab Excursion
Thursday 18 th	Year 6 Community Bike Ride to Torquay
Friday 19th	Term 3 Ends – 2.30pm Dismissal

OCTOBER 2025

Monday 6th	Term 4 Begins
Friday 10 th	Assembly @ 2.45
Mon 20 th – Fri 24 th	Year 3 Bike Ed
Friday 24 th	Assembly @ 2.45
Mon 27 th – Fri 31 st	Year 5 Bike Ed
Wed 29 th – Fri 31 st	Year 4 Urban Camp

NOVEMBER 2025

Monday 3rd	Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 4th	Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday – No School
Fri Nov 28 th – Wed Dec 3 rd	5/6 Aquatic Survivor 4-day Program

DECEMBER 2025

Fri Nov 28 th – Wed Dec 3 rd	5/6 Aquatic Survivor 4-day Program
Wednesday 17 th	Year 6 Graduation
Thursday 18 th	Year 6 Excursion to Adventure Park
Friday 19th	Last Day Term 4 – 1.30 Dismissal

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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS 30TH Aug – 12th Sept**AUGUST 2025**

30 th	Alby Bradshaw
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SEPTEMBER 2025

2 nd	Martha-Rose Padgett
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3 rd	Isabella Hennessy
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4 th	Kayden Glennie & Giles Abbot
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5 th	Ashley Murphy & Sunny O'Brien
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6 th	Henry Christian
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7 th	Charles Woodford & Remy Irvine
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10 th	Clara Tobin, Jack Hissey & Jessica Brackin
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12 th	Lucy Bastian
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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)

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