



BELLBRAE BULLETIN

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THIS WEEK FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As another busy and rewarding term comes to a close, we would like to take a moment to say a very big **thank you** to our wonderful Bellbrae Primary School community.

It has been another fantastic term filled with learning, sporting success, friendship and many memorable moments. We are incredibly proud of the way our students have continued to grow, challenge themselves and support one another throughout the term.

Some of the activities our students have been involved in this term include Book Week, Bike Education, Snow Sports, Debating, the Swimming Program, Division Athletics, Jump Rope for Heart, as well as participating in 'traditional' sports such as footy and netball. Our staff have also organised many excursions and incursions that have been enjoyed by all.

We would also like to thank our families for your ongoing support. Your encouragement at home, your involvement in school life and the positive relationships you build with our staff make such a difference to our students and our school community. We truly value the partnership we share with you and your assistance with school activities such as camps and excursions.

A special thank you goes to our dedicated staff, who work tirelessly each day to create engaging learning experiences and ensure every child feels supported, valued and encouraged to do their best. We are fortunate to have ES welcoming students at the gate every morning, as well as a committed and supportive wellbeing team of Kerry, Bree and Sarah.

As we head into the break, we hope your family enjoys a well-deserved opportunity to relax, recharge and spend quality time together. If you visit the campus over the holidays, feel free to enjoy our playgrounds, but please remember to respect our property and to pick up after your dogs if they accompany you. Thanks to Tony and Travis for installing new 'monkey bars' in the senior playground, which have already been a 'hit' with some of the older students. We have been trying to provide alternatives to tree climbing, as we have become increasingly concerned with the safety of students climbing trees over hard surfaces.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting Term 4.

Adrian Waters – **Principal**

2026 IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER 2026	
Thursday 10th	R U OK Day – Wear a touch of YELLOW
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 18th	Last Day Term Three – 2.30pm Dismissal
OCTOBER 2026	
Monday 5th	First Day Term Four
Tuesday 6 th	Indonesian Day – More information to come
Thursday 15 th	Year 6 tree planting with TDLG (Spring Creek)
Mon 19 th – Fri 23 rd	Years 5 & 6 Preparation for Puberty
<i>Thurs 22nd– Fri 23rd</i>	<i>Year 4 Urban Camp</i>
Thursday 29 th	2027 Foundation Students Family Visit 9.30am – 10.30am
NOVEMBER 2026	
Monday 2nd	Curriculum Day – Pupil Free
Tuesday 3rd	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday – No School
Wednesday 4 th	Year 1 – Werribee Zoo Excursion
Tuesday 10th	1st Transition Day – Whole School @ 9am – 11am
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
Friday 20 th	Year 2 Incursion - RACV Safety Squad
Wednesday 25th	2nd Transition Day – Whole School @ 9am – 11am
DECEMBER 2026	
Tuesday 8th	3rd Transition Day (Statewide) 9.30am – 1.45pm
Wed 9 th – Fri 11 th	Year 5 & 6 Aquatic Survivor Program – More info to come
Tuesday 15 th	Year 6 Graduation
Wednesday 16 th	Adventure Park Year 6 Celebration
Thursday 17th	Last Day Term Four – 3.30pm Dismissal
Friday 18th	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



waanawal
Southern boobook owl

Pronounced- wanawal

bardangal
Pelican



Pronounced - *bah-dang-al*

2026 BIRTHDAYS 12th – 25th SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER

12 th	Lucy Bastian
13 th	Clementine Byrnes
14 th	Arlo Aquilina & Poppy Gorman
17 th	Maeve Hastings
18 th	Fleur Hastings
19 th	Hendrix Bucklund-Marshall, Phoebe Thornton & Charlee Herreen
20 th	Luciano Passuello & Astin Martin
21 st	Flynn Prowse & Eddie Rau
22 nd	Everly Backhouse & Isaac Cannavan
23 rd	Hendrix Hazle & Maggie Williams
25 th	Juniper Steele, Indi Sinclair & Anoush Hazle

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 7: Talking to Kids About Sexual Assault in the News

- [070326 Talking to Kids About Sexual Assault in the News](#)

Term 3, Issue 8: Three Questions to Ask Your Son

- [080326 Three questions to ask your son](#)

Term 3, Issue 9: The Screen Time Problem Doesn't End When Kids Start School

- [090326 Screen Time](#)

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**

Charlie Herreen 2B	Joey Vetrone 1A	Sonny Carracher 4A	James Lloyd 6A
Rory Duncan 2B	Layne Ramsey 1A	Zara Madeley 5B	Finn Twycross 4B
Matilda Spindler FD		Ethan Earle 2C	
Hazel Phillips 1B		Mitchell Hammond 2D	
Millie Gatter 1B		Maya Reynolds 2C	
Lola Mugavin 6A			
Jack Hissey 2B			
Lola Glen 2B			
Tessa Stasiuk 5A			
Amelia Lister 5A			
Orla Turner 4B			
Milo Baker 4A			
Keli'i Le Nevez 5B			
Felix Martin 5B			
Ben Schnabel 2A			
Finn Martin 2A			
Sari Crowe 2D			

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-COLLAGES

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?

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