



Belgrave South Primary School Newsletter

From the Principal...

by Stuart Boyle

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER – TUESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful start to the new school year, everyone has returned full of energy ready to embrace another exciting year of learning and the many positive challenges that this brings.

Our staff returned the week before school commenced and we were busy setting up learning spaces and familiarising ourselves with student learning data so that we were ready to hit the ground running. We held our Staff Learning Conference on January 29 focussing on curriculum and assessment design to enrich learning and enhance student achievement. We also explored the importance of student reflection and metacognition.

The start of a new school year also marks the start of the leadership journey for our student leaders. Our School Captains and Vice Captains, House Captains, Vice House Captains and Portfolio Leaders have a year of growth and opportunity ahead of them. They will be called on many times to lead whole school events, represent the school in the wider community and act as our

ambassadors. This will be a very challenging journey but also one that will develop greater responsibility, resilience and confidence in our students. I would like to congratulate all of our student leaders for 2018 and I look forward to sharing this journey with you.

Welcome to Prep for our new families

Last Monday was a very special day as it saw our Foundation (Prep) students officially start school. After our wonderful transition program throughout Term 3 and 4 last year, we can hardly call them new. The courtyard was brimming with excitement from Mums and Dads. Our students were full of confidence and so eager to begin their primary school experience. We look forward to many amazing achievements and a wonderful partnership over the next seven years.

We have had many new students start at our school at the beginning of the year, many of whom have just moved to Belgrave South or Belgrave Heights. I would like to warmly welcome all of our new families and I know that they will make many great connections with others in our local community.

IMPORTANT DATES

February

Thurs 15 th -	Grade 1 & 2 start Drama Toolbox
Tues 20 th -	Foundation Students start Drama Toolbox
Fri 23 rd -	District Swimming
Fri 23 rd -	Prep BBQ
<u>March</u>	
Thurs 1 st -	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Fri 2 nd -	Curriculum Day – no students
Thurs 15 th -	Reach Rookys Gr 5 & 6
Fri 16 th -	Twilight Sports 5:30-7:30pm
Tues 20 th -	School Photos
Sat 24 th -	STAXAFUN FETE!!!!!!!!!!
Thurs 29 th -	End of Term 1 – 2:30pm dismissal

Our student leaders for 2018 are:

<i>School Captains</i>	Emilija Dakic and Sophie Goschnick
<i>Vice School Captains</i>	Liam Flanagan and Jonathon Kok
<i>Literacy Captains</i>	Jen MacDonald and Shelby Buckwell
<i>Numeracy Captains</i>	Felix Reina Henriksen and Xavier Kouris
<i>Art Captains</i>	Hayley Kent and Alana Lepp
<i>Performing Arts Captains</i>	Mia Chandler, Summer Henry and Hannah Smallacombe
<i>Blue House Captains</i>	Kailyn Vellin and Shanyce Eberhardt
<i>Blue House Vice Captains</i>	Shaalev Ryan and Kane Karyannis
<i>Green House Captains</i>	Will Sargood and Emilee McGregor
<i>Green House Vice Captains</i>	Flynn Garrett and Dave Speller
<i>Red House Captains</i>	Jonathon Fisher and Lucy Mullan
<i>Red House Vice Captains</i>	Zoe McGill and Chloe Wiltshire
<i>Yellow House Captains</i>	Emily Rodman and Alana Haynes
<i>Yellow House Vice Captain</i>	Finn Bartlett
<i>Library Assistants</i>	Emily O’Sullivan and Imogen Dubbeld
<i>ICT Leaders</i>	Zane Harrison and Charlotte Dawson
<i>JSC Captains</i>	Jen MacDonald and Fliss Stephenson
<i>Environmental Captains</i>	Emily O’Sullivan and Sophie Goschnick
<i>Office Captains</i>	Belle Mehegan–Roderick and Lilly Koski
<i>Science Captain</i>	Shelby Buckwell
<i>Principal’s Assistants</i>	Jack Mullan, Imogen Dubbeld and Shelby Buckwell

Our Junior School Councilors will be presented at our next assembly on Monday, 26 February at 2:30pm in the Gym.

New Team Members

We have an extra grade this year with straight grades throughout the school and we welcome Mr Leigh Hodgson who will be teaching Grade 4.

We also welcome our new music teacher, Mrs Jodie Davis, and music specialist, Mrs Katarina Mizzi, who will be teaching music and leading bands, choirs and ensemble groups across the school. I am a passionate supporter of the Arts and am proud that we have re-established a strong focus on music in our performing arts program.

Ms. Kylie Gregory, our art therapist, and Ms. Suzi Costello, our pediatric counsellor, will continue to work with our wellbeing team to provide amazing support to our students and families.

Mrs Diana Franklin will be with us again this year to provide high-level support to our students and staff in their use of technology to innovate learning.

FETE – Save the date!

Our fete is locked in for Saturday, 24 March and is shaping up to be amazing again this year. Make sure you put the date on the calendar and let all the members of your extended family and friends know that you would like them to come along. It is a great chance to have some fun and food with friends!

Wonderful events like the fete don't just happen – it takes the support of many volunteers and a huge amount of teamwork and community spirit. It is not too late to be involved. We are still looking for Stall Captains and helpers for the Trash and Treasure stall and the new Scrap Heap Challenge activity. We are also looking for an organised person to oversee the booking of the market stalls and communicate with the market stall holders, all of which can be done from home.

Our next fete meeting is Thursday, 22 February at 7pm in the Staffroom.

The letters for each year level indicating the themes for hamper donations will be coming home this week.

School Council Elections and Timeline

Our next school council meeting will be the final meeting of the current school council. I would like to acknowledge our school council members for the incredible job that they do and the support that they provide to the process of improving the facilities of our school and the learning programs that we provide.

Four of our parent representatives and two DET representatives will reach the end of their two year tenure in March and we will have four positions in the parent category and two DET positions vacant as a result. I would like to thank Peter Hoefler, Sarah Vandoorn, Melissa Jewell, Jonathon Lloyd, Lynn Bok and Meagan Street for their commitment to being on school council and for their service to our school community. Both Peter and Jonathon have served as School Council President during their tenure and I thank them for taking on the great responsibility of leading our council.

TIMELINE FOR 2018 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION:

Notice of election and call for nominations	Thursday, 15 February 2018
Closing date for nominations	Thursday, 22 February 2018 at 4pm
List of candidates and nominators posted	Monday, 26 February 2018
Ballot paper distributed (if required; if more nominations than vacancies are received in either category)	Wednesday, 28 February 2018
Close of ballot	Wednesday, 7 March 2018 at 4.00 pm
Vote count	Thursday, 8 March 2018
Declaration of the poll and announcement to the community	Friday, 9 March 2018
AGM and First Council meeting to elect office bearers	Wednesday, 28 March 2018

Please see the information for parents about school council elections included later in this newsletter.

Nomination forms will be available from the office from Thursday, February 15 2018.

Sunsmart and Hot Weather – especially hats and sunscreen

With the weather being so inconsistent throughout the summer season so far, it is easy to forget about being sunsmart. School hats with a broad brim to protect the face, ears and neck must be worn when going outside, baseball caps are not suitable and should not be brought to school.

It is a great idea to put sunscreen on the children before they leave for school with an easy-to-apply tube or spray in their bags for them to be able to use to reapply before going outside to play. As we are not able to apply it for them, some practice for our junior students would be a great idea. We have some school-supplied sunscreen in each learning area as a back-up but will require consent before students are able to use this so that you can be sure that it will not cause skin irritation or allergy.

School Crossing Supervisors

Yarra Ranges Council have asked us to let parents and friends know that they are looking for casual crossing supervisors in our area to fill in for Elaine and Betty. If you are interested in this opportunity, please see the flyer included in this edition of the newsletter and contact Kelly Prentice on 9325 3200.

Accident Insurance

A reminder for our families that Belgrave South Primary School and the Department of Education and Training do not provide personal accident insurance for students.

Parents and guardians are responsible for the cost of any medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers which cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance.

The School and Department of Education and Training do not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and there is no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. It is advisable that students do not bring valuable items to school.

Have a wonderful week ahead.

Stuart Boyle,

Principal

Curriculum News...

The First 2 Weeks

by Carol Ould

BUILDING A LEARNING COMMUNITY IN 2018



Belgrave South is committed to ensuring that improved student learning is the highest priority. This is achieved by providing a comprehensive curriculum based on Government Curriculum Framework and guidelines with a focus on personalised learning. By identifying and focusing on the aptitude and interests of each individual student, the school provides a learning environment that ensures students have every opportunity to reach their potential.

To enable students to be the best they can requires a teaching and learning culture that helps students to become independent thinkers who can take risks and believe in their own abilities.

Around this mindset on Monday January 29th the staff was involved in professional development that was reflecting on our teaching practices.

In the area of professional learning, the staff is constantly building their own capacity, drawing on research and ideas about better ways to teach.

To ensure we have a shared commitment to work together to create an effective learning environment. Using consistent teaching approaches to cater for differing student needs. The educational focus is to provide an inclusive teaching and learning program, with the collaborative teaching approach to best meet the needs of all students.

An effective learning environment starts with building a caring classroom.

Curriculum News Continued...

The staff at Belgrave South use the first two weeks to build the learning and caring community environment throughout the whole school. The time spent establishing the learning environment for the year is crucial as the grade becomes a team and develops its sense of purpose.

Building caring classroom relationships is the key to creating a successful learning community.

Research has shown that students thrive in classroom communities that meet their basic psychological needs for autonomy, belonging, and competence. When such classrooms emphasize the importance of cooperation, collaboration, kindness, and personal responsibility, students are more likely to treat one another with respect. As a result, they feel safer and more secure in school and are more willing to take risks to share their thinking. They are better able to stand up for what they believe and to be sensitive to others' feelings and opinions. Students are more likely to be motivated to learn for the sake of learning, rather than for good grades or other extrinsic rewards.

They can work out problems, and they are more likely to take responsibility for their behavior and their learning.

Some of the areas the whole school will focus on will include the following:

Establishing class rules and routines

Developing criteria for classroom tasks

Identifying learning styles

Learning how to work co-operatively in groups and friendship skills

The importance of healthy foods, water and rest

Establishing Rules and expectations of Respect for Self, Others and the Environment



Learning together at Wilson's Prom



Community Notices

Piano Lessons at Belgrave South

Parent funded program



Learning a musical instrument has many benefits for a child's development. We offer one on one lessons or shared group of 2 for students of all ages. Performances are held during the year. Lessons are held during school time or after school times are also available. Please contact Shelley on 0417 390 489 or email: keyboardkids@bigpond.com

Music Lessons

**IN SCHOOL TIME
START IMMEDIATELY**

Drums
Recorder
Flute
Clarinet
Saxophone
Trumpet
Trombone
Bass Guitar

Contact Andrew McAlister
In Schools Music
ismusic@bigpond.com
0408 467 147

Private lessons
\$29 half hour

We are looking for casual
School Crossing Supervisors in
your area now!

If this would interest you,
and you have the time—and
passion to be a part of this
program, please contact
Kelly Prentice on 9325 3200
Hoban Recruitment School Crossing
Division
Email: kellyp@hoban.com.au



Safe parking makes the school run easier for everyone

For the first two weeks of the school year, Council officers want to help new and returning families settle into their new routine. We run a grace period, where officers help educate parents about parking regulations and the right place to pick up and drop off kids.

This year's grace period finishes on 16 February.

Remember that parking appropriately and using pick up and drop off zones makes the school run safer for motorists and children.

For more information, visit yarraranges.vic.gov.au



KARATE

ENROL NOW

MARTIAL ARTS THAT ALL THE BOXES
BELGRAVE SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL
EVERY TUESDAY

5.30-6.30pm – Specialised Children's Class

- FIRST Lesson FREE
- ESTABLISHED OVER 35 YEARS
- ANTI BULLYING TECHNIQUES
- INSPIRE CONFIDENCE & SELF DISCIPLINE
- FULLY QUALIFIED INSTRUCTORS
- ANNUAL TOURNAMENTS & CAMP
- CROSS TRAINING WELCOMED
- OUR MASTER - Kancho Terry Lim - Inaugurated into the Australian Martial Arts HALL OF FAME
- THE ORIGINAL & THE BEST MARTIAL ARTS

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Contact SEMPAL Melinda 0409 147 187 or
KANCHO Terry Lim 0418 809 808

COME AND TRY JOEY, CUBS, SCOUTS

1st Belgrave South Scout Group

We need enthusiastic kids from 5 years old

Where: 1st Belgrave South Scout Hall,
Gilmore Court, Belgrave South

Free 'Come and Try' info session:
Monday Nights

Call Keith on 0401 714 777 to register your interest

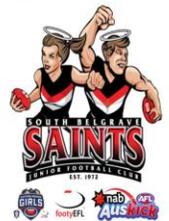


FOOTY IS BACK !!!

Preseason training schedule for all SAINTS teams in 2018:
<https://sbjfc.teamapp.com/articles/2123213-2018-preseason-training-schedule-for-all-teams>

- Register now:
- South Belgrave Junior Football Club here http://websites.sportspg.com/club_info.cgi?c=1-722-168349-0-08-00-371282
 - South Belgrave Auskick here http://websites.sportspg.com/club_info.cgi?c=1-722-168349-0-08-00-371579

- Training starts:
- Auskick boys & girls (born 2011 to 2014): Weekly from Friday 16th March
 - Under 8 & 9 boys & girls (born 2009, 2010 and Jan, Feb or March 2011): Weekly from Sunday 4th March
 - Under 10 boys (born 2008): Weekly from Sunday 4th March
 - Under 11 boys (born 2007): Weekly from Sunday 11th February
 - Under 10 girls (born 2008 & 2009): Weekly from Sunday 4th February
 - Under 12 girls (born 2006 & 2007): Weekly from Sunday 4th February
 - Under 14 girls (born 2004 & 2005): Weekly from Sunday 4th February



- For more information visit the SAINTS:
- TeamApp: sbjfc.teamapp.com
 - Website: sbjfc.sportingpulse.net
 - Facebook: facebook.com/SBJFC.com.au
 - Or contact Rick Ryan (M) 0410 187 948 (E) president.southbelgravejfc@gmail.com

APPENDIX A: SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS WHAT IS A SCHOOL COUNCIL AND WHAT DOES IT DO?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state-wide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

WHO IS ON THE SCHOOL COUNCIL?

For most primary school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school

- A mandated elected DET employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members

- An optional Community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

For all schools with a year 7 and above cohort, there is a fourth category of membership.

- A mandated elected Student category.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

WHY IS PARENT MEMBERSHIP SO IMPORTANT?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help inform and shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

DO I NEED SPECIAL EXPERIENCE TO BE ON SCHOOL COUNCIL?

Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role, councillors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

HOW CAN YOU BECOME INVOLVED?

The most obvious way is to vote in the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO TO STAND FOR ELECTION?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt via post or email following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

REMEMBER

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do.
 - Consider standing for election to school council this year.
 - Be sure to vote in the elections.
- Contact the principal for further information.



Belgrave South
 FRIDAY 30 MARCH - FRIDAY 13 APRIL 2018
 Operating Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00am - 6:00pm
 175 Colby Drive
 Belgrave South VIC 3160
 Ph: 0437 388 256
 1300 395 735
 Daily Price \$56.00*

Public Holiday 30 Mar
 Public Holiday - Service Closed

02 Apr **Public Holiday**
 Public Holiday - Service Closed

Tuesday 03 Apr
 ANIMAL CRACKERS | Can you swing like a Monkey or run like a Zebra?

04 Apr **\$15.00 EX** Wednesday
 EXCURSION - HEALESVILLE SANCTUARY - Arrive by 8.30am | Go on an adventure with us as we get up close and personal with the native animals.

Thursday 05 Apr
 GREEN MACHINE | Go Green today! Dress, eat and think Green all day.

Friday 06 Apr **\$14.00 IN**

TALENT SHOW! | Practice your talent as we have a talent show here today!
 INCURSION - FUN FIT CIRCUS WORKSHOP

09 Apr **\$14.00 IN** Monday

HAPPY HEART DAY! | Come dressed in the colours of your favourite sports team for an active day of heart-pumping challenges and fun team games!
 INCURSION - GOING FOR GOLD!

Tuesday 10 Apr

THE COLOURS OF THE RAINBOW! | Get set for a day of messy fun activities, as we go 'hands-on' to explore all the colours of the rainbow (and maybe a few more!).

11 Apr **Wednesday**

DRESS TO IMPRESS | Whether your style is casual, crazy, fancy or formal, today's the day to dress to impress!

Thursday 12 Apr **\$23.00 EX**

EXCURSION - INFLATABLE WORLD KNOX - Arrive by 8.30am | Bounce and climb high and low at Inflatable World in Knox with us today! Don't forget to wear or pack a pair of socks.

book now at oshclub.com.au **Belgrave South**
 FRIDAY 30 MARCH - FRIDAY 13 APRIL 2018

Friday 13-Apr
 BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY! | Let's wind up the school holidays with a party! Food, games and a whole lot of fun!

Everyday Choices Include:

- > Special theme (see specific days)
- > Fully stocked art and craft supplies
- > Sports games and equipment
- > Toys and games.

Our team are fun, friendly, have relevant qualifications and background checks. Bookings are now open, but be quick as places are limited.



WHAT DOES MY CHILD BRING?
 Please bring Breakfast, Morning Tea, Lunch, Afternoon Tea and a refillable drink bottle. If bringing food please make sure that you don't bring any items that need to be heated or cooked and remember not to bring anything that contains nuts. Don't forget your hat, sunscreen, comfortable clothes and closed shoes. We would hate for you to lose something valuable, so please leave your money and electronic toys (including tablets and smart phones) at home.

ACTIVITY CHANGES
 If an excursion or incursion (if applicable) is cancelled, the activity will either be postponed or an alternative activity of equal value will be provided where possible.

BEFORE MAKING YOUR BOOKING & CANCELLATIONS:
 All children must be enrolled with OSHClub prior to booking via <http://oshclub.com.au>. Bookings made within 5 days for a Vacation Care session will incur an extra charge of \$4.00 per day per child. 7 day's notice is required for cancellation of a Vacation Care booking to ensure you will not incur out of pocket costs. Further enrollment, booking and cancellation information can be found by calling us on 1300 395 735.

CCB/CCR:
 If you wish to claim Child Care Benefit (CCB) and the 50% Child Care Rebate (CCR) you must be registered with the Family Assistance Office. Please phone 13 61 50 for more information.

CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS
 We support all children including children with additional needs but please call us 4 weeks prior to program commencement on 0437 388 256 for staffing purposes if your child has special needs.

Our Vacation Care Programs are jam packed with exciting activities and awesome excursions in a safe and friendly environment.

Vacation Care
 IN CURSION EX CURSION

OSHClub
 Before & After School Care

*Excursions and incursions are an additional cost to the daily fee \$56.00 and are charged for each child that attends whether they choose to participate or not.

OSHClub News
 Before School / After School Care Program

OSHClub
 Before & After School Care

Program Update
 Dear Parents of Belgrave South OSH Club,

Hope everyone has been doing well. We hope everyone had a good holiday! Welcome back to Term 1. We have lots in store for the kids this term. We have stocked up on new games, activities and supplies and we are hoping together with your support and the tremendous enthusiasm of the kids, we are able to make this an eventful term!

The following are a few service updates for you...

- Our Holiday Program was a huge success and we received some great feedback and valuable suggestions for the next holiday period which we will keep in mind!
- Start of the year means tons of paperwork! We request all new and old enrolments to get in touch with the service coordinator about submitting / renewing medical documentation with regards to Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Allergies, other medical conditions, dietary requirements or additional needs. It is vital that we have these up to date and in record in line with compliance policies.
- Our service number is **0437388256** and head office can now be contacted on **1300 395 735** for bookings and CCB related queries.
- Hats and sunscreen are mandatory during Term 1. We would really appreciate parents sending the kids with wide brim hats and sunscreen to give kids an added sense of responsibility.

Some of Next Fortnight's Activities

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before Care Activities	Colouring ins	New term activity ideas	Foosball	White board creativity	Tennis
After Care Activities	Draw your holiday!	ROLE PLAY	Dance Competition	Stress balls	Nature Walk

Parent Information
 OSHC program phone: 0437388256
 Coordinator: Swella
 Assistants: Linda, Annalise
 OSHClub Head Office: 1300 395 735

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.

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