



Belgrave South Primary School Newsletter

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

From the Principal...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school for 2020. We have had a great start to the new school year which will be another brilliant year of learning and the many positive challenges that this brings.

Our staff returned the week before school commenced and were busy setting up learning spaces and looking at student learning data from previous years so that they were ready to hit the ground running. We held our Staff Learning Conference on January 28 and 29 exploring improving student writing through the writer's workshop model. This will underpin the learning goals that students set in the area of writing and the provision of feedback and feedforward to improve writing performance. Continuing to strengthen student performance in the area of writing is an important focus for us 2020.

Welcome to Prep for our new families

Thursday 30th January was a very special day as our Foundation (Prep) students officially started school. After our wonderful transition program throughout Term 3 and 4 last year, they have made an excellent start. The courtyard was brimming with excitement from Mums and Dads and the students were full of confidence and so eager to begin their primary school experience. A unique start for me as my own daughter started Foundation at Belgrave South this year and I am enjoying living this experience through her eyes.

We look forward to many amazing achievements and a wonderful partnership with our new families 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 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.

FETE – Save the date!

Our Fete is locked in for Saturday 21st March and we are sure that it will be an amazing 'rain-free' event this year. Make sure you put the date on the calendar and let all the 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 some Stall Captains and helpers. Please contact Mrs Ould or Mrs Bok if you are able to be involved.

A separate letter will be sent home outlining the many different ways that you can support the event and the small donations needed for each of the stalls. The hamper theme for each year level is also listed on this letter. Raffle tickets will be distributed to families next week.

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, 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 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 Jonothan Lloyd, Melissa Jewell, Shane Papatolicas, Michael Barrett, Meagan Street and Lynn Bok for their commitment to being on school council and for their service to our school community over the previous two years, they have worked tirelessly to improve our school and its facilities and programs.

TIMELINE FOR 2020 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION:

Notice of election and call for nominations	Monday, 17 February 2020
Closing date for nominations	Monday, 24 February 2020 at 4pm
List of candidates and nominators posted	Tuesday, 25 February 2020
Ballot paper distributed (if required; if more nominations than vacancies are received in either category)	Thursday, 27 February 2020
Close of ballot	Thursday, 5 March 2020 at 4.00 pm
Vote count	Friday, 6 March 2020
Declaration of the poll and announcement to the community	Friday, 6 March 2020
First Council meeting to elect office bearers	Wednesday, 25 March 2020

Nomination forms will be available from the office from Monday, February 17 2020.

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.

New Staff

We warmly welcome Jo Henselwood, our new Science and Japanese teacher who will be working with classes across the school as part of our specialist program. It is great to have Jo become a member of our team, she brings a wealth of expertise to both programs having a strong background in environmental education and having lived in Japan for two years. Please make her feel welcome.

Get to Know You Interviews

The Get To Know You Interviews for Grade 1 – 6 are scheduled for Wednesday 26th February and provide an opportunity to work through the literacy and numeracy learning goals that have been co-constructed with your child. Interview bookings can be made through Compass and it is important that your child attend the interview with you. If you have any questions or need any assistance booking an interview appointment, please see your child's teacher.

Welcome to Foundation BBQ

The Welcome to Foundation BBQ is scheduled for Friday 28th February and invitations have been sent home to all Foundation Families. It is a chance for our new parents to meet and strengthen their friendships while the kids have a sausage in bread and play. We are looking forward to getting to know each of you and welcoming you into our school family.

Have a wonderful fortnight.

Stuart Boyle

Principal

Curriculum Update...

Fundraising for a Farmer



On the first day back to school I had three students visit my office as they wanted to discuss an idea they had for raising much needed funds for our farmers.

After the initial meeting these 3 amazing students Karli, Olivia and Chelsea set about organising a fund raising event to support our farmers and their animals.

They have organised "DRESS-UP AS A FARMER OR FARM ANIMAL DAY" ON THURSDAY 27th FEBRUARY.

Dear Belgrave South School Community,

We are asking the students to support this event by dressing up as a farmer or a farm animal and donate a gold coin on Thursday 27th February.

All money raised will be donated to the Rural Aid's Disaster Relief Appeal.

For every \$20 we can buy a small bale of hay.

A \$100 will buy a big bale of hay and if we raise enough money we might be able to buy a truck load of Water.

BE A FORCE FOR FARMERS IN NEED

Thank you,

Karli, Olivia and Chelsea

Taking care of our school environment

Indi and Juliette have been volunteering to take care of our school environment throughout the week by picking up rubbish during their own lunchtime.

One lunchtime when they were cleaning up they found \$5.00. They immediately handed the money in and when it wasn't claimed they decided to donate the money to our Farmers Relief fundraiser. Thank you for being exceptional role models by demonstrating honesty and generosity. Karli, Olivia, Chelsea, Juliette and Indi you are all a credit to the school and your family.



Welcome Back

We are pleased to welcome Alan Wright back to the Belgrave South in January. Alan Wright once again worked with all staff on our Curriculum Day. It was a wonderful way to begin 2020.

Alan Wright is an experienced educator, administrator, writer and consultant. Alan has worked extensively in Australia and the United States, promoting best practice in literacy. In 1990 Alan received a national award for his contribution to community literacy as the co-founder of the Tooradin Writer's Week. Alan passionately promotes the craft of writing to students and teachers across Australia. Working with Alan, the staff continued to build their knowledge and capacity focusing on delivering effective literacy programs with an emphasis on the Writers Workshop.



We are very fortunate to have secured the expertise of someone of Alan's caliber.

He will continue to work with the teachers and students throughout the year.

Congratulations New Author



I was very excited when our Foundation teachers Lynn and Sherrin told me that their students were not only learning to write but were creating their own story books.

On Monday one of our Foundation students Violette Clair shared her story about Cats.

We are very proud of you Violette.

We look forward to sharing many pieces of writing from all our students throughout the year as we become Community of Writers at Belgrave South.



Kindness is showing concern about the well-being and feelings of others.

"A little consideration, a little thought for others, makes all the difference." Eeyore (Winnie the Pooh)

We all want our children to be kind. However, childhood is a series of growth lessons and learning to be kind is one such milestone.



We all assume our children know what being kind means, however it is important to define it for them and discuss it just as you would any other value that's important to you.

Congratulations to these students who received the Achievement Award for 'Kindness'

We are very proud of your achievement.

Carol Ould

Assistant Principal

A message from Mandy...

Introducing the chaplaincy program

My name is Mandy Stevens and I have been the chaplain at Belgrave South Primary for 5 years now. I thought it might be a good opportunity to provide a bit of information about me personally for those who don't know me and to let new parents know a bit more about the chaplaincy program.

I am a qualified primary teacher who has also worked in a range of welfare and community programs. I have worked with children, adolescents, families and adults. Currently my other part time job involves training teachers and other professionals in the area of respectful relationships and preventing gender based violence



The role of chaplain is to support the emotional wellbeing of students by providing pastoral care services. It is a wellbeing role rather than a religious role (unless a family requests that I support their child in this way). As a chaplain I am concerned about the wellbeing of the whole school community which includes students, families and staff. I might provide educational programs to students dealing with topics such as friendships, improving self-esteem and resilience or ways to deal with anxiety or grief and loss issues. I see children individually if parents feel there is a need and this would usually involve spending time with the child doing an activity they like (craft, games etc) whilst getting to know them and allowing them a trusted space to discuss any issues they have. I love working with children to support them in achieving their best and in being as healthy and happy as they can be.

Please feel free to come and speak with me about any issue or just to introduce yourself. I work on Wednesdays and Thursdays although I occasionally swap days. My office is in the BER near the prep classrooms. I am available to speak with parents about any issue – big or small and can be contacted via Robyn or Shelley in the office. If you would like me to support your child there is a permission form that needs to be signed by parents/carers and this is available in the office or from your child's teacher.

I'm looking forward to working in your community again this year and supporting your lovely children.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Financial Assistance...

Please find below information regarding the CSEF for parents who hold an eligible Health Care Card or Pensioners Concession Card.



CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two.

a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR

b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;

c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (28 January 2020) or term two (14 April 2020).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section. Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school. If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2020 closes on 26 June, 2020.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.
Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

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TERM 1 ASSEMBLY AWARDS!!!



KINDNESS

Grade	Name	Reason
FB	Takeru B	Takeru always looks after his friends when they are sad and consistently thinks of others before himself. He is an exceptionally kind and caring little boy.
FD	Renae O	Renae, you have shown kindness in our classroom through gentleness and patience, and by always accepting others in your play.
1B	Kaylin M	Kaylin is always showing kindness to her classmates and teachers, bringing a smile to their face each day.
1C	Henry L	Henry has shown how to be a kind friend when others are upset in the classroom.
2M	Shayla M	Shayla is a kind and considerate member of our class. Shayla is always the first person to offer help and she contributes positively to our classroom environment daily.
2P	Isabelle K	Isabelle always speaks with kindness and gentleness to others. She makes them feel valued by listening to them and working cooperatively with them.
3G	Bailey S	Bailey shows kindness to help others when they are faced with emotional challenges in the classroom and the yard.
3S	Quinn S	Quinn has shown lovely manners and a helpful attitude toward her peers so far this term.
4BN	Olivia M	Olivia shows kindness to her classmates by being friendly, caring and helpful. She shares her belongings and works happily with others.
4H	Max I	Max is a student who always looks out for his friends. He has shown that he is a patient and caring member of 4H
5F	Alexis A	Alexis has been an advocate for kindness in this first week. Her enthusiasm towards discussions on respect for others and her support for friends who are in need set great examples for others.
5K	Milleah S	Milleah demonstrates kindness every day. She is very kind hearted and caring towards her peers and teachers. Milleah has extremely beautiful manners and is always considerate of others feelings.
6B	Perrin V	Perrin has shown kindness during his time at camp, supporting others particularly when setting up tents at the beginning of the week.
6P	Oshen G	Oshen shows kindness in her own actions and encourages those around her to be inclusive, ensuring everyone feels like they are a part of the class.

Important Dates...

2020

February

Tues 18th	Prep – Curriculum Information Night 7pm
Wed 19th	No School for Preps
Thurs 20th	Prep – Drama Toolbox Incursion starts
Fri 21st	District Swimming Championship
Wed 26th	No School for Preps
	Grade 1 and 2 – Drama Toolbox incursion starts
	Grades 1 – 6 – PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Thurs 27th	Whole School - Dress like a Farmer Free Dress Day
Fri 28th	Prep – Welcome to Prep BBQ 5:30 – 7:30pm

March

Wed 4th	No School for Preps
Mon 9th	Labour Day Public Holiday – No school
Wed 11th	Preps start full time
Tues 17th	School Photos
Sun 15th	Working Bee – Grades 5 and 6
Sat 21st	STAXAFUN FETE!!!!
Wed 25th	Grades 3 – 6 - Cross Country
Fri 27th	Prep – 2 – Easter Bonnet Parade
	Prep – 2 – Fun Run
	End Term 1 – 2:30pm dismissal

April

Mon 13th	Easter Monday – No school
Tues 14th	Start Term 2
Wed 15th	Grades 3 – 6 – House Athletics
Thurs 16th	Prep – Reading and Writing Information Night 7pm
Wed 22nd	Grade 6 – ANZAC service at 1000 steps

May**Sun 10th Working Bee – Grades Prep, 1 and 2****Fri 22nd District Cross Country****Wed 27th Grades 5 and 6 – Winter Sports****June****Tues 2nd Division Cross Country****Mon 8th Queen's Birthday Public Holiday – No school****Fri 26th End Term 2 – 2:30pm dismissal****July****Mon 13th Start Term 3****Mon 13th – Fri 17th Grade 5 – Coonawarra Camp****Wed 29th OLYMPICS DAY!!!****September****Mon 7th Grade 6 Production – BUMP IN DAY****Tues 8th – Wed 9th Grade 6 Production!!!!****Fri 18th End Term 3 – 2:30pm dismissal**

Community Notices

Kids Club 2020

Monday afterschool to 6:00

Grade's 4-6

Middle 6 weeks of each term

Term 1 (Feb 10, 17, 24, Mar 2, 16, 23)

\$30 for the term.

Dinner and afternoon tea provided

Located in the KidZone building at Belgrave South Baptist Church

Program includes; Games, food, skills session, resilience and character building activities and a simple introduction to bible stories and themes.

To register your child please email kidsclub@bsbc.org.au or contact

Hannah Denny on 0438684727



KARATE

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KANCHO Terry Lim 0418 809 808



Selby Netball Club is now taking enrolments for all age groups from NetSetGO to Opens for the Winer 2020 Season starting February 22nd 2020.

Selby is a small and friendly club established in 1993. Our aim is to provide the opportunity for players of all abilities to participate and have fun playing netball.

Please register your interest via our Registration page www.selby.vic.netball.com.au or contact Leanne on 0409 778 824 for more information.

Netball saved my girls. From youtube

Several years ago I was concerned that my two girls were missing a sport that they would enjoy for all the positives that come with playing a team sport. We found netball. The twins have been at Selby netball for four seasons now (2 years) and in that time they have gained the confidence to try other sports, their latest being karate.

*Benefits of Netball – Exercise, team spirit, ball skills, Strategy planning and social skills. All in a **no contact sport**. The twins were sold on the game as they loved the non-intrusive rules that left them confident to concentrate on the game. That made the game all about talent skill and fitness, without the bumping, score!*

What I enjoy about the sport is the under 11s train after school Friday 500m from BSPS opposite the Belgrave South Football Club. As well as that the game is in the same place in Ferntree Gully Saturday morning every week. The fees are very reasonable for a sport that contributes so much to girl's wellbeing and confidence I would recommend it to all.

Mike Barrett – Dad to Madeline and Olivia.