



Belgrave South Primary School Newsletter

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

From the Principal...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Leading Learning

Staff at our school have been accepted into the Professional Learning Community Initiative for 2019. This program is being facilitated by the Department of Education and Training and presents an exciting opportunity for our teachers to work together to recraft our literacy framework to challenge our students to write with intention as they learn the craft of writing at every grade level. Our team will be taking a focus on teaching language and not just literacy. It is a brilliant opportunity for our school that I look forward to for our students and staff.

Heading Towards 2019

We welcome a new member of staff to our school for 2019, Katherine Dewick. We are very excited that she will be joining us at Belgrave South and she brings a great deal of expertise in the teaching of literacy and language. She has already attended regional learning forums with our leadership team and will be a familiar face at the school over the next few weeks.

Jessica Chamberlain has secured a permanent teaching position at Willandra Rise Primary School in Clyde North and will be transferring there at the end of 2018. We are incredibly pleased that she has been able to obtain a permanent position to support the development of her career although we will most certainly miss her at Belgrave South. We thank Jessica for her commitment to our school and for her wonderful support of our students and their learning in the two years that she has been with us.

December 11th is Jump-Up-Day and students across the school will spend a session with their 2019 Teacher and grade in their new classroom. Our new Foundation (Prep) students will be here with us on this day too and we will also be welcoming nine new students to our school across other grade levels.

This stage of the year can be quite an anxious one with so many 'unknowns' about the following year and the increasing push to get everything finished. It is important for us, as the significant adults in our children's lives, to remember and remind them that there are so many things that are known and that will remain familiar about school. Our desire to know which teacher, which grade, which room and so on, and the discussions that we have around these things within earshot of our young people can inadvertently add to the feelings of uncertainty and insecurity.

I remember my own experience of primary school, we had one class at each year level. There was no guess work about who my classmates would be and we did not find out who our teacher would be until the first day of the following year. Things have most certainly changed.

I heard it captured brilliantly by a child psychologist, 'We have to work with different people and in different places if we are to develop the skills of adaptability and communication. Through this process we learn to negotiate, cooperate and to be flexible in our relationships and in our thinking'. Our children learn greater social skills through the process of working with people that are both familiar and new and develop a greater ability to be tolerant of difference and to better manage differences of opinion. It prepares children greatly for the real world where they must engage with people that are different from themselves. If we all reinforce that this is an exciting time and one that presents many positive challenges and that change can be a positive thing, we will surely assist them to have a positive experience at school.

OSH CLUB Holiday Program

The holiday care program for Belgrave South Primary School will commence on Monday 7th January running through the January period. More details and the program of events will be available from the aftercare room, the General Office and on the OSHClub website. I encourage families to make contact with the OSH Club Coordinator for more details and to book places for their children before the end of term.

Take care and enjoy the time with family over the weekend!

Stuart Boyle

Principal





Bushfire At-Risk Register

Here is an article for you to publish in your newsletter or on your website. It will help you communicate to parents that your school is listed on the Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) and prepared should a Code Red day be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner.

When using the article, you are advised to:

- review the text for relevance to the specific circumstance - noting that red text indicates statements that are optional or that must be reviewed for each use
- copy the required text onto your school's website or into the newsletter

School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children's services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. **Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.**

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- **Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days**
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- **As a bus co-ordinating school all bus routes will be cancelled.**
- **Depending on which Bureau of Meteorology district is impacted bus route cancellations may affect our school.**

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan, **[reprioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters]**

What can parents do?



- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, **[by checking our website and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.**
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.
- You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Training website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

For up-to-date information on this year's fire season see:

- <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook ([facebook.com/cfavic](https://www.facebook.com/cfavic))
- Twitter (twitter.com/CFA_Updates)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)

Curriculum News...



At this week's assembly, I spoke to the students about what it means to be generous and that our focus for the next two weeks is generosity.

It is important to help our students understand the need to give back, provide, share, and act generously. If we (as parents and teachers) act generously in front of students, they will learn how to give more freely. (Author Wendy Sue Swanson, MD, MBE, FAAP)

I spoke to them about how very fortunate they are to be part of a school community, where they witness many examples of adults being generous by giving up their time to support them every day. Such as working at the Fete, helping in Sophie's, hearing reading, cooking with the students, taking other students to sporting events, Kids Hope Mentors just to name a few. On behalf of our students and the staff thank you for giving up the most precious commodity, your time to support our students and for being excellent role models in demonstrating generosity.

Our Buddy programs also provides the opportunity for our students to show generosity and kindness to others.

On Wednesday, our grade one students and their grade 6 buddies were involved in a school visit together. During the school visit, the grade 6 buddy helped their younger buddy to make an item during a Woodwork session.

Today during a transition session our grade 4 buddies enjoyed assisting our 2019 Foundation students with activities around the 'Teddy Bear's Picnic' theme.

The Buddy program benefits the older students just as much as it does the younger students. Participation of the older student in the program increases their levels of self-esteem, confidence and positive feelings as they learn to be generous by helping some else feel safe and happy.



FORTNIGHTLY STUDENT AWARDS!!!

THOUGHTFULNESS



Grade	Name	Reason
FD	Carley H	Carley is a very caring and thoughtful member of our classroom. She is patient and considerate when interacting with others. Carley provides support to her peers when they need it during both learning times and play times. Keep up the great work Carley.
FB	Siena H	Siena is an extremely thoughtful student. She is kind and caring towards others and is extremely considerate of how her peers are feeling, always ready to support them when they are hurt or upset. Siena always includes others in work and play situations. Well Done Siena!
1B	Logan S	Logan is a very thoughtful member of our classroom. He is very considerate of others and their feelings, always thinking of how his actions will affect others. He is respectful and inclusive and should be commended on this.
1K	Jack C	Jack is an extremely thoughtful student. He always shows kindness and consideration towards his peers. Jack is very sensitive and in tune to the emotions of everyone around him. He creates a welcoming environment within the classroom. It's a pleasure having you in the class Jack!

2G	Jack Z	Jack's kindness and consideration of others allows him to be aware of the needs and feelings of his peers and this is shown when we helps our class members when they aren't feeling well. Well done, Jack for being such a gentle and thoughtful member of our class.
3C	Rylan F	Rylan shows thoughtfulness both inside and outside the classroom. He is passionate about all people in our community being treated equally and always keeps an eye out for those in need. He is helpful and kind in challenging situations and often puts the needs of others above his own. Well done Rylan!
3S	Chase C	Chase is considerate and kind student who shows concern for others when they have a challenge. He is thoughtful and empathetic. He knows when another needs a hand and shows respect for the feelings of others. Well done Chase!
4H	Patience H	Patience is an extremely thoughtful member of our class. She is always kind and respectful to others and respects their ideas and opinions. She is also a great friend to her peers and is aware of how her actions may affects others feelings.
4S	Aston P	Aston is a very thoughtful member of our class. His daily morning greeting lights up the classroom as he wishes me a lovely day. Aston is mindful of those around him and is thoughtful in his approach of speaking to his peers in a kind and respectful manner.
5B	Max S	Max is one of the most thoughtful students in our class. He is kind to his peers and helps them out whenever they are in need. Max always considers the feelings of others and treats everyone with respect.
5S	Blake E	Blake is a very thoughtful person who exemplifies a hard working attitude and respects others around him. Blake is inclusive, a great sharer and is kind to everyone in class.
6B	Finn B	Finn has been thoughtful during Market Day preparations. He has organised several working bees at his home and ensured everyone in his group has been included. Finn also brings the group's Hairy Harrys into school and carefully ensures they have water and are looking ready for Market Day.
6P	Emily R	Emily is the most thoughtful person. She is intuitive and can tell if someone needs extra TLC. She is thoughtful when others are speaking, listening intently, making others feel valued. Emily knows what to do if others are worried or having a tough day, she brings a bit of sunshine in her own thoughtful way to those in need.

Important Dates...

November

Mon 19th – Fri 30th Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 Swimming Program

December

Thurs 6th Grade 5 – VIS Excursion

Fri 7th Grade 5 and 6 - Reach Rookies

Tues 11th Prep 2019 Orientation Day and Whole School Jump Up day - 9:30am-12pm

Wed 12th Junior School Athletics – 9:15am – 12:30pm

Thurs 13th Christmas Concert

Friday 14th Christmas Stall

Foundation and Grade 5 EOY Prep Buddy Celebration

Tues 18th School Swimming

Thurs 20th Grade 6 Graduation

Fri 21st LAST DAY OF TERM 4!! 1:30PM DISMISSAL

2019

January

Wed 30th First Day of Term 1

February

Mon 4th – Fri 8th Grade 6 Wilson's Prom Camp

March

Tues 19th School Photos

Sat 30th STAXAFUN Fete!!!!!!

July

Mon 15th- Fri 19th Grade 5 Coonawarra Camp

September

Mon 2nd – Wed 4th Grade 3 and 4 Waratah Beach Camp

10% OFF DURING HAPPY HOUR!



Unwrapped Pantry

The Groovy Fruit Shop and Unwrapped Pantry are offering 10% off all fresh food on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between 3pm and 4pm. Get what you need for dinner, pick up the kids and support local business. Now that's multitasking!

JOIN THE FUN

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MEMORIAL
PRESCHOOL**

BELGRAVE SOUTH

Taking enrolments for 2019

- in both 3 year old and 4 year old kinder groups

Rainbows (4 year olds)

- Four year olds currently attend 3 sessions per week 8.45am – 1.45pm.
- A total of 15 hours of preschool.

Stars (3 year olds)

- Three year olds currently attend 1 or 2 sessions per week 9am – 12pm.

We run an indoor/outdoor program where the children are able to choose where they play according to their own interests.



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Parent funded program



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