



# Belgrave South Primary School

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### DECEMBER

Thurs 21st— Grade 6 Graduation

Fri 22nd— Final Assembly 1pm

End of Term 4—  
1:30pm dismissal

### 2018

### JANUARY

Tues 30th — First Day of School

### FEBRUARY

Mon 5th— Preps First Day of School

Mon 5th—  
Fri 9th— Grade 6 Wilsons Prom Camp

Mon 5th— First 2018 Assembly

Tues 6th— Year 3 & 4 Chess Starts

Wed 7th— Preps No School

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thursday 21st December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

My first year at Belgrave South Primary School has been truly magnificent. Every week has been full of fantastic learning, exciting events and amazing achievements from camps to Science expos, Maths Club to interschool sport, school production to the Foundation orientation program.

I have developed so many wonderful relationships and partnerships with parents and community groups. We are a lucky school to be surrounded by a community of exceptionally committed and supportive parents. I would like to thank each of you for your ongoing support and for embracing me as part of the Belgrave South Primary School family. I would also like to acknowledge our students for making me feel so welcome each and every day.

I would like to thank my brilliant team of teachers and support staff for their relentless efforts to make our school the best that it can be. I love our school and am very excited to continue working on our many projects over the term break and into the new year.

Thank you to our school council and members of our Parents and Friends Association for their enthusiasm and dedication to the process of creating opportunities that not only benefit our students but also help to enrich our community.

I hope that your celebrations with family and holidays with the children are full of joy. Please be careful and stay safe. I wish you all the warmest of seasons greetings and a happy and prosperous New Year. I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on January 30<sup>th</sup> next year.

### Jump-Up Day

It was wonderful to see our students positively embracing the spirit of jump-up day. Many new connections were made on this day and I was impressed with the enthusiasm of our students to the process of forming new connections, welcoming new students, impressing their new teacher and embarking on a new learning challenge.

**Goodbye and Good Luck to  
all of the Grade 6 students  
for the class of 2017!!**



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**Getting ready for 2018 – Staying hydrated and being sun-aware**

We are expecting that we will come back to very hot weather at the start of the 2018 school year. It is a great idea to snap-up insulated lunch bags at the post-Christmas sales. The packs that come with removable ice-blocks to keep food and drinks cold are ideal.

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

**Instrumental Music Program 2018**

I am pleased to announce that our music program is expanding in 2018 to include voice and violin as two additional areas of instrumental music for both individual and ensemble sessions. We will also be forming school bands and choirs. More information will be distributed very early in the new year – stay tuned (pardon the pun!)

**Christmas Concert**

I hope you enjoyed the Christmas Concert last week. It was a fantastic evening and I would like to congratulate all of our students for their amazing performances. Many hours of practice were put into each item and I am sure the evening was a highlight for our students as well. I would like to thank the teachers and many parents that helped choreograph and rehearse the items over the last few weeks. I would also like to thank Meredith Pocklington for putting the staff through their paces and teaching us the choreography for the staff item. It is certainly proof that the right teacher can teach anyone, anything! Thank you Meredith, we had an amazing time.

**Have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.**

**Stuart Boyle**

**Principal**



A little treat from my writers notebook to finish of the year:

***T'was the last week of term!***

***(based on 'T'was the Night before Christmas' by Clement Clarke Moore)***

T'was the last week of term, and all through the school,  
So much excitement, learning is cool.

Each day bags are placed in bag nooks with care,  
With hopes that our teachers all soon would be there.

The children were seated all settled in chairs,  
With reading and writing and science in pairs.

Working in my office, computer on lap,  
I had almost settled my brain for a long summer nap.

When out in the yard there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang from my desk to see what was the matter.

Away to the door I went like a flash,  
I flew into the wall with a bang and a crash.

The heat of the sun on the heads of the kids,  
Lucky for hats on their heads like bottle top lids.

When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
But our wonderful Assistant Principal , giving much cheer.

So lively and quick, with a big friendly smile,  
She ran to the oval, a four minute mile.

More rapid than eagles her helpers they came,  
And she whistled, and shouted, and called them by name!

To the edge of the oval! To the top of the wall!

Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!"

As grass clippings that before the wild winds do fly,  
When it met the shipping container wall, it headed to the sky.

So up to the Prep playground the teacher group flew,  
With a contingent of children, and Mrs Ould too.

And then, in a twinkling, in the breeze-way,  
With dancing and skipping, I heard Mrs Ould say...

"Our school, by far, is the best around,"  
Down the corridor Mrs Ould came with a bound.

She was dressed in a suit, from her head to her foot,  
Her clothes were neat and shoes polished to boot.

A bundle of books Mrs James carried in hand,  
"Reading is crucial" Mrs Ould said to her band.

She headed to her office, back to work she did go,  
And signed the report cards with pen held just so.

And laying her finger to the side of her nose,  
And giving a nod, out of her chair she rose!

At 1:30pm Friday, she gave me a whistle,  
I rang the bell, all flew away like the down of a thistle.

But I exclaimed, as all headed out of sight,  
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"

## Curriculum News

People Helping People



### ***Celebrating Relationships***

This year we celebrate 11 years that the Kids Hope program has been operating at BSPS. Kids Hope is a mentoring program. The mentor works with a child each week for an hour. The mentor builds a caring relationship with their mentored child. Mentor enhances the learning capacity and help build resilience for their child.

This year Kids Hope mentors organised a magician and a party to celebrate the end of the year.

On behalf of our school community I would like to say a sincere Thank You to our Kids Hope mentors for their kindness, generosity and support they give to our students. The students think very highly of their mentors and working with their mentor is a highlight in their school week. We look forward to the continuation of this very successful program next year.

### ***Ensuring a good start***

We understand the importance of a positive start to school and our Transition Program is where this begins.

Our new preps for next year attended their last session on Tuesday December 12th. They met their teacher and classmates for next year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the grade four students for being wonderful buddies. I believe that our Buddy Program underpins the success of our Transition Program. I would also like to acknowledge a number of people who have supported this very important program. Mrs Dwyer, Mrs James, grade 4 teachers, our specialists teachers Mrs Williams and Mr Anderson. Mrs Bok is our Transition Coordinator and she needs to be congratulated for a very successful program.

We look forward to sharing your Child's educational journey at BSPS for many years to come.

### ***Thank you Helpers Afternoon Tea***

On behalf of our students, their families and a very grateful staff a sincere and warm thankyou to all our helpers for all that you do.

You enrich our programs and your support directly helps all our students.

However, you are also a role model for our school community. You demonstrate the importance of giving back, building relationships, kindness and generosity. We are very appreciative of you giving up your time to support our students and staff to enhance our learning environment. However you celebrate the Christmas holidays have a very safe, fun and peaceful time.



**Carol Ould**

**Assistant Principal**

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# OSHClub News

## Program Update



Dear Parents of Belgrave South OSH Club,

Hope everyone's been doing well and gearing up for Christmas! OSHClub Before and After

School Care is almost completing a year of its association with Belgrave South Primary School and we are thankful to every one of you for your continued support and patience.

The following are a few service updates for you :

We have a new service email address for any queries, bookings or cancellations –

[belgravesouth@oshclub.com.au](mailto:belgravesouth@oshclub.com.au)

- **We ARE finally running a Holiday Program In January 2018 !! Our Christmas Closure period will be between 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017 to 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Exact dates, activities and fees for the Holiday Program at Belgrave South are now available for viewing on the OSHClub website – [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au) or you could pick up a copy of our program flyer at the school office. All enrolled families will also additional receive an email outlining all of the above so you can better plan your holidays!**
- **DO SPREAD THE WORD about our Holiday Program to neighbouring families and friends who you think will need Holiday care these upcoming holidays as this is NOT just restricted to students of Belgrave South. The more, the merrier!!**
- 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 4. We would really appreciate parents sending the kids with wide brim hats and sunscreen to give kids an added sense of responsibility.

### Parent Information

OSHC program phone: **0437 388 256**

Coordinator: Swella

Assistants: Amanda, 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](http://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.*

### 2018 SCHOOL TERM DATES

- Term 1, 2018** 29th Jan (Staff)  
30th Jan (students)  
1st Feb (students)  
5th Feb (Preps) - 29th March
- Term 2, 2018** 16th April—29th June
- Term 3, 2018** 16th July—21st September
- Term 4, 2018** 8th October— 21st Dec

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Kerry Fellowes



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