



# Belgrave South Primary School Newsletter

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER

## From the Principal...

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Performing Arts Night

Our Performing Arts Night was held on Thursday evening and what a spectacular event it was. A true showcase of the talent that our students possess across the spectrum of the performing arts. It was wonderful to watch our students confidently perform to an audience of their parents and friends and unveil what they have been learning and rehearsing for many months with our music specialists. I would like to thank the staff that helped with front of house and with the snack stall and I would especially like to thank our music specialists for their commitment to our students. I would like to acknowledge the amazing efforts of Kat Mizzi for making the evening happen.

Thank you to all of our families who attended on the evening. It was wonderful to see many grandparents, brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles and Mums and Dads in the audience. With the incredible generosity of our community we raised \$1,000 on the night that will be used to purchase instruments and equipment for our music program. I thank you most sincerely for helping us to invest in the growth of our performing arts program.

### Grade Requests Notice

Our planning for the 2019 school year is well underway and currently we are looking at our timetable structure and specialist program for 2019. We give great thought to this process and prioritise the academic and social needs of our students whilst taking into account the number of students in each grade level, our curriculum programs, staffing profile, our facilities and our allocated budget from the State Government.

Grade placement of students will commence when we have confirmed our structure and staffing for 2019. If your child has any specific academic or wellbeing needs that you would request we consider when forming our grades, please place this in writing and forward this to me through the main office. We cannot accommodate requests for teachers as they have not yet been assigned, however, if there is something you think we should know prior to these arrangements being made please communicate this to me in writing. The final date for these requests to be received will be Friday November 16. Please understand that late communications are not able to be considered given the complexity of the process and the impact of making changes on other aspects of whole school planning.

### **FETE – Save the date!**

Our Fete is locked in for Saturday 30th March 2019 and preparations are already well underway. Please put the date on the calendar and let all your family and friends know what a great day it is and that we would like them to come along. It is a great chance to share 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. We would love you to be involved. We will be sending home a notice early next week outlining the new stalls and activities that we have planned for 2019 and the ways that you can be involved. We will also provide a list of the items that we hope you will consider collecting and donating to the school to make sure that our fete is again a great fundraiser for our school and students.

### **Dress-Up Day**

Our Junior School Council have planned a dress-up day for next Thursday 8th November with the theme of Super Heroes. All donations received will be directed locally and will be used to support one of our families who experienced a terrible and sudden loss last week. We have been working with friends of the family to identify ways that we can provide support during this difficult time and they all felt that the theme of Super Heroes was a particularly fitting one.

We will also be hosting a movie night in the Junior School Centre (BER) on behalf of the Len Jeffrey Memorial Pre-School in the coming weeks. We will publish the date and details of the event on Flexibuzz if you would like to join us.

A Go-Fund-Me Page has also been set-up by some of our current and future parents. We have included the link here if you wish to support the family in this way.

<https://www.gofundme.com/vdw7w-love-hayley>

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

**Stuart Boyle**

**Principal**

## Curriculum News...

### The hidden benefits of reading aloud — even for older kids.

This is part of an article by Connie Matthiessen where she is interviewing Jim Trelease. In the article educator Jim Trelease explains why reading aloud to your child, no matter what their age, is the magic bullet for creating a lifelong reader.

by: Connie Matthiessen | June 21, 2018

#### Why do you think it's important to read to older kids, too?

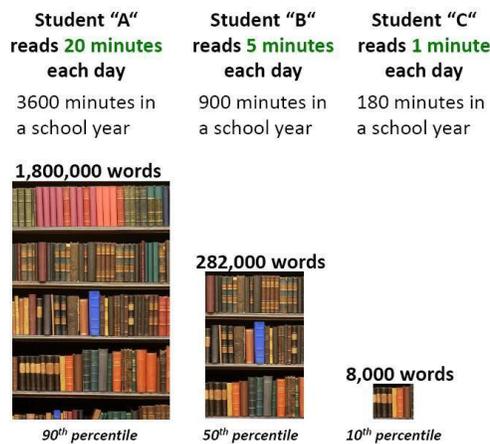
People often say to me, "My child is in fourth grade and he already knows how to read, why should I read to him?" And I reply, "Your child may be reading on a fourth grade level, but what level is he listening at?"

A child's reading level doesn't catch up to his listening level until eighth grade. You can and should be reading seventh grade books to fifth grade kids. They'll get excited about the plot and this will be a motivation to keep reading. A fifth grader can enjoy a more complicated plot than she can read herself, and reading aloud is really going to hook her, because when you get to chapter books, you're getting into the real meat of print — there is really complicated, serious stuff going on that kids are ready to hear and understand, even if they can't read at that level yet.

Reading aloud to your kids is also a good way to grapple with difficult issues. For example, you can tell your child, "I don't want you to hang out with so and so," but that's a lecture that will probably go in one ear and out the other. But if you read a book about a kid who gets in trouble by hanging out with the wrong crowd, your child is going to experience that directly, and she's going to experience it with you at her side, and you can talk about it together. You can ask questions like: "Do you think the boy made the right choice?" "Do you think that girl was really her friend?" When you talk about a book together, it's not a lecture, it's more like a coach looking at a film with his players, going over the plays to find out what went right and what went wrong.

Connie Matthiessen is a writer and editor from San Francisco whose work has appeared in the Washington Post, the San Francisco Chronicle, Mother Jones, Health, San Francisco, WebMD, and other publications.

#### Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?



By the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

## NEW Questions to Ask Kids About Books

### What you should ask kids instead of "Did you like it?"

Here are five questions to ask your child the next time he or she finishes a book: (Ideas from SCHOLASTIC)

1. If you could give the book another title, what would it be?
2. Which characters would you like to meet in real life?
3. What do you wish was different about the ending?
4. Would the book make a cool movie, Video game, TV show?
5. What is one thing you could ask the author if you could talk to him or her?

What do you think the author wants readers to remember most from this book? Or . . .

Was there one big lesson you took away from this book?

Any way that we can get kids thinking in new ways about their reading is worth our time.

BY AMY MASCOTT

Over the next two weeks, our focus is 'Thoughtfulness' and what that means. Perhaps you could spend some time talking with your child/children about how we can show kindness and thoughtfulness and why it is important.

Being kind and thoughtful means making ourselves aware of the needs and feelings of others and then taking action to help them. It means taking the time to stop thinking about ourselves, to put the spotlight on somebody else's needs and to think, "What can I do to make that person's life a little better or easier?"

Caring and being thoughtful means letting things matter to us; not just for people that we know but also people that we have never met before. It means that we also value the needs and well-being of animals and the environment. Caring means that we have concern when we see problems and unhappiness and wanting to help; from very simple gestures like buddying with a new pupil at school right through to spending your free time as a volunteer to help a good cause.

(from the website Free For Kids)

“ Kindness is a silent smile, a friendly word, a nod of encouragement. Kindness is the single most powerful thing we can teach children. ”

- RAKtivist



## FORTNIGHTLY STUDENT AWARDS!!!

### CITIZENSHIP COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS



Grade	Name	Reason
<b>FD</b>	<b>Kirra H</b>	Kirra is an extremely helpful member of our learning community. She is always quick to tidy up our classroom and she supports students and teachers in a variety of ways. A wonderful contributor to our community.
<b>FB</b>	<b>Milly M</b>	Milly is an eager and helpful student who is always quick to lend a hand in the classroom and in the learning space. Milly is one of the first to clean up and ensure that our environment is tidy and organised. She is a fantastic special helper and is always prepared to help others. A great community minded student.
<b>1B</b>	<b>Eli P</b>	Eli is an enthusiastic member of our classroom and community. He is a great role model, volunteers and works well with others, helping contribute to any school event or special occasion.
<b>1K</b>	<b>Quinn D</b>	Quinn is always keen and eager to help in the classroom and around the school. He supports the school by always contributing to special challenges and events. Quinn is an enthusiastic student in all areas of his schooling and B.S.P.S is very lucky to have him!
<b>2G</b>	<b>Cassius R</b>	Cassius is always keen to help out in our classroom. He is always one of the first people cleaning up, making sure our classroom is ready for learning. Cass is a community minded student. Well done!
<b>2P</b>	<b>Gustavs K</b>	Gustavs is a great community-minded person. He is always thinking about what he can do to help in the classroom and out in the school ground. As a techno whizz, he is ready and able to lend assistance to prepare the technology for use or to fix a problem. He also loves to be part of the gardening club if there are jobs to do. Thank you for all that you do, Gustav's, to make our school a better place.
<b>3C</b>	<b>Ben D</b>	Ben is an exceptional member of the Belgrave South school community. He is always on the look out for ways to help others and the environment. Ben shows that he cares about our community through volunteering his own time to assist anyone in need. Well done Ben!
<b>3S</b>	<b>Chelsea L</b>	Chelsea is keen to assist with jobs in the classroom and other areas in the school. This regard for contribution to our learning community sees her consistently putting her hand up to stay in and sort handouts or do cleaning. She loves having responsibilities and is a terrific role model in this regard. Well done Chelsea, keep up the good work.
<b>4H</b>	<b>Ava E</b>	Ava is always eager to help at any given opportunity. No task given is too hard, even if it means giving up her own time. She gives back to our classroom community in both Sophie's and helping around the classroom. She is a great asset to B.S.P.S. Well done Ava.
<b>4S</b>	<b>Ashley K</b>	Ashley is a global thinker, she consistently makes connections to the wider world with her learning. I am always eager to hear her unique perspectives on topics in class, she often lifts our

		discussions to a new height. She is most certainly a positive member of society.
5B	Louise R	Louise is a wonderful member of our school community. She keeps a tidy workspace and assists to keep our classroom looking neat too. When working in pairs or small groups, Louise always helps her peers by being an active team member, as well as helping those in need. With such a beautiful smile and warm nature, Louise is able to cheer up her friends and make them laugh.
5S	Darcy R	Darcy has shown a solid work ethic to aspects of school outside the classroom such as frenetic cooking and cleaning in Sophie's, as well as embellishing our grounds through shoveling and transporting mulch by wheelbarrow.
6B	Belle M-R	Belle consistently seeks out opportunities to help and complete extra tasks around the school. She is often seen taking calls in the office during her breaks, stays after school to tidy or organise iPads, and gives up breaks to co-ordinate extra projects such as the Colgate Recycling Drive.
6P	Emilie O'S	Em is always keen to help out in the classroom, library and Sophie's. Em has a strong sense of community. In our learning community, she is a supportive peer and an inclusive friend. In Sophie's she will roll her sleeves up and be a great help in any area. Em has done a great job supporting our school community by being a reliable and innovative library monitor. We are glad to have you in our BPS community Em.

## Important Dates...

### November

<b>Tues 6th</b>	<b>Melbourne Cup Day – Public Holiday</b>
<b>Wed 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Remembrance Day Service – held by Grade 6</b>
<b>Fri 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Prep – 2 – Coach Approach</b> <b>2019 Preps Transition – 2:15-3:15pm – Classroom Activities</b>
<b>Wed 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Grade 1 and 6 – Buddy Program – “Learning By Doing” Incursion</b> <b>2019 Preps Transition – Information Night 7:00-9:00pm</b>
<b>Thurs 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Emerald Secondary College Band performance 10:30am</b>
<b>Fri 16th</b>	<b>2019 Preps Transition – 9:15– 10:45am Teddy Bear’s Picnic with Buddies</b> <b>Grade 6 Market Day</b> <b>WORKING BEE – 4PM – 6PM</b>
<b>Mon 19<sup>th</sup> – Fri 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 Swimming Program</b>

December

Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 5 – VIS Excursion
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	Reach Rookies
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	Prep 2019 Orientation Day and Whole School Jump Up day - 9:30am-12pm
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	Junior School Athletics – 9:15am – 12:30pm
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Concert
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Stall
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	School Swimming
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 6 Graduation
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	LAST DAY OF TERM 4!! 1:30PM DISMISSAL

2019January

Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of Term 1
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February

Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 6 Wilson's Prom Camp
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March

Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	School Photos
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	STAXAFUN Fete!!!!

July

Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 5 Coonawarra Camp
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**10% OFF DURING HAPPY HOUR!**



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!




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## 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.



### CONTACT US:

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# Community Notices

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### 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](mailto:keyboardkids@bigpond.com)




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