



BELL PARK NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Upcoming Dates:
2020
TERM 3

Fri 14th August
Pupil Free Day

FROM THE PRINCIPAL.....

Dear Parents,

Welcome Back



A very warm welcome back to all our staff, students and parents in our BPNPS community. We hope you enjoyed a wonderful break with your families.

As you would be aware, the Victorian Government has introduced new measures to reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire.

These measures do not apply to schools in regional and rural Victoria, including ours.

Our school will therefore continue to operate on site from today.

The health advice is that schools can continue to operate while observing health measures recommended by the Victorian Chief Health Officer.

The Victorian Chief Health Officer has confirmed that the use of face masks or coverings by adults or children is not recommended in schools at this time. As has always been the case, students who wish to wear face masks in school and in going to and from school may do so.

If you, your child, or a family member develops symptoms of a fever, chills or sweats, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of smell or taste, you should get tested at a coronavirus (COVID-19) testing facility and stay home.

If you would like health information from the Department of Health and Human Services, you can visit dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

These continue to be challenging times and I will keep you updated on further information as soon as it is available.

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Vision Statement

Our Vision: "Together We Achieve"

At Bell Park North Primary School, our staff, children and parents work together to support the social, emotional and academic learning of all students in our care.



Our Values

Values which form the basis of our actions are:

- F**riendship
- R**espect
- I**ntegrity
- E**quality
- N**ever Give Up
- D**o Your Best
- S**afety

Term 3 Value

"Do Your Best"

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Term 3 Return To School Arrangements

Once again our term will be planned around advice we receive in regards to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. We are looking forward to working with you all and looking forward to a great term.

A full copy of our Return To School Policy can be accessed on our school website.

Whilst we are all back on site we still need to be taking all precautions to ensure the health and safety of our whole community is looked after.

As part of our arrangements children will continue arriving and leaving the school at staggered times and parents will only be able to be in the school grounds if it is highly essential. Please see an outline below:

School Arrival and Departure

DET advises that:

As the main risk of introducing coronavirus (COVID-19) to the school environment is from adults, close proximity between adult members of the school community should be avoided, particularly during school drop-off and pick-up.

This means that at our school:

- We ask staff and parents/carers to observe physical distancing measures by not congregating in any areas inside or around the school grounds.
- The staff car park remains prohibited for parents.

To minimise interaction of students and adults within the school and at entry points parents are to drop their children off and pick them up outside the school gate at the following staggered times:

Foundation – Drop off between 8:40 -8:55 a.m. and pick up between 2:50 -3:00 p.m. via the bottom driveway gate.

Year 1 – Drop off between 8:40 – 8:55 a.m. and pick up between 2:50 -3:00 p.m. via the middle gate.

Year 2- Drop off between 8:40 – 8:55 a.m. and pick up between 2:50 -3:00 p.m. via the top gate at the stairs.

Years 3 & 4 - Drop off between 8:55 – 9:10 a.m. and pick up between 3:00 – 3:10 p.m. via the bottom driveway gate.

Year 5 – Drop off between 8:55 – 9:10 a.m. and pick up between 3:00 – 3:10 p.m. via the middle gate.

Year 6 – Drop off between 8:55 – 9:10 a.m. and pick up between 3:00 – 3:10 p.m. via the top gate at the stairs.

- Adults are asked to keep social distancing within 1.5 metres of each other.
- Parents are to only enter the school grounds when essential to do so and to contact the school by phone or email where appropriate instead.
- Non –contact greetings between all members of the community including students is to be adhered to.
- Parents/carers are not to linger while picking up or dropping off students at the gates.
- Children will not be allowed to linger in school grounds before or after school.

*** Children who normally walk themselves to school or get dropped off early must not be here before their allocated time.**

Parent Communication With Teachers:

We ask that any parents wishing to communicate with teachers to either phone the **school office on 5278 3548** or **email the school** at: bell.park.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au and your message will be passed on to them.

Please do not phone or email teachers directly as they once again have returned to full days of face-to-face teaching with children.

No Sharing Of Food Or Other Items For Birthdays

Unfortunately due to COVID – 19 restrictions parents will not be able to send in any food or other items for sharing when it is their child's birthday. We apologise that this may upset some children but this is not allowed for health and safety reasons. We also ask that parents do not share things outside the school gates.

Value This Term

Our school value for this term is 'Do Your Best.' Teachers will be talking to children about how they can respect others by focusing on the following:

- * **high expectations**
- * **personal best**
- * **excellence**
- * **Leadership**

Parents can support this work by talking to their children about how to demonstrate our school's expected behaviours and how to respect others.

No Assembly on Fridays

Due to restrictions we are not able to have families on site for an assemblies. We will run an assembly for children on Tuesday afternoons via WebEx whilst children sit in their own grades.

Anthea Lagadinos
Principal

Friendly Reminders:

- * **Staggered drop off and pick up times continue and must be adhered to.**
- * **Children who walk themselves to school or usually get dropped off early must not be here before their allocated time.**
- * **Newsletters are accessible through COMPASS and the School's Website.**
- * **Full school uniform must be worn every day.**
- * **"Every Minute Counts" (It's Not Okay to Be Away or Late to School.)**



Welfare Corner



You may be aware that I was away from school for a lot of term 2, a part from working from home, I had a fall and broke my humerus bone, in my shoulder, during the remote learning period. I am now on the road to recovery and returned on-site to school in the last 2 weeks of term 2.

What have I learnt during this time?

I have learnt that like our Bounce Back program tells us, '**Bad times don't last, things always get better**'. The initial period of breaking my shoulder was painful and challenging, after surgery and with the assistance of

excellent medical staff, physiotherapist and support from family and friends/ school colleagues, I am getting back to being able to do the things that are important to me, like being back at school.

During this time, we went through a period of remote learning, which I know was a challenge for all of us, but I am sure we learnt lots of things we would not have learnt if not put through this challenge.

I have learnt that what we teach in Bounce Back is appropriate for everyday life, whether you are a child or an adult. Being able to be resilient and keep going when things do not go the way we plan is important. I learnt that I could let this fall stop me living my life or I could keep going. As the Bounce Back acronym says, '**Accept what can't be changed (but try to change what can be changed first)**'. Once I broke my shoulder, I could not change it, so the best thing I could do was to move on and work towards recovery.

The current situation of COVID-19 is something we cannot change but we can do our part to keep ourselves safe, making sure we all wash our hands is important, using soap and water or hand sanitiser, the health experts tell us that we should sing 'Happy Birthday' twice when washing our hands. We must also practice social distancing. These are the things we can control, to help us get back some normal way of living.

How to support children if they are worried or anxious:

Encourage them to ask questions and share their feelings. It is important that we listen to children, acknowledge how they are feeling, listen to what worries them, reassure them that if we follow the rules as set by the

Government, we are doing all we can to keep ourselves and others safe.

Keep to a routine, as there is safety in routines for children.

Encourage exercise and healthy eating.

Keep to a bedtime routine, as sleep is important to keep us healthy.

Reassure your children that the experts in the Government and health fields are working to keep us all safe.

As term 3 begins, we look forward to continuing to support each other as we continue to learn together.

Next newsletter, I will start writing what our children are learning in Bounce Back this term, so stay tuned for that.

Rosalie Scott – Welfare Officer

Canteen News



There will be no Breakfast Club until further notice

Canteen will be open for lunches as of Wednesday 15th July

Please note chicken nuggets

- * 3 for \$2.50
- * 6 for \$5.00



Apologies for any confusion

Please note there is **NO** window service until further notice

Thank you for your support

Susie Harvey

Canteen Manager