



BELL PARK NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER #7 Monday 10th May, 2021

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Anthea Lagadinos



Assistant Principal:
Christopher Cox



FROM THE PRINCIPAL.....

Mother's Day

We hope all the Important Women in our school community have enjoyed a wonderful Mother's Day. We hope you spent a wonderful day with your families. It was great to have the Mother's Day Stall once again. A very big thank you to Sandra McLaglen, Natalie Davis, Rebekah Edwards, Keirra Gibbs, Melinda Boyd and Bec Hunt for their organisation of the stall.



Upcoming Dates:

2021

TERM 2

May

Friday 14th

Foundation

Serendip Excursion

Monday 24th

GALS at Deakin

Family Event

Whilst we are not able to hold the usual family nights within the buildings we will try and organise a Family BBQ in the grounds before the end of this term. Please look out for this information.

Foundation News

This week our Foundation team share information with you about their learning. We hope you enjoy reading this.

1st May is Hats Off Day

Since the 1st of May children have not been required to wear their hats outside until the first of September unless the UV index is 3 or above. However we ask that children try to always have their hats at school as the UV index can change quite often and when it is warmer it is sensible for children to wear their hats.

Student Absences

Government regulations state:

..All Victorian government schools must contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence.

This requirement supports student safety and wellbeing. Schools need to know when and why a child is absent, and parents/carers need to know if their child is not at school. Prompt communication also promotes daily school attendance.

Parents and carers must notify the school of their child's absence as soon as possible on the day of absence using the school's preferred method, including online, by telephone or by email."

To support this regulation we have the COMPASS notification process in place where parents receive a text message at 9:30 on the day their child is absent unless we have been notified about the absence prior to that time.



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:
Friendship
Respect
Integrity
Equality
Never Give Up
Do Your Best
Safety

Term 2 Value

"Respect"

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Uniform Reminders

Thank you to all of our families who continue to ensure that their children are dressed in the School Council approved uniform items. We greatly appreciate your co-operation with this as our children continue to look wonderful and we get many comments on how well they are dressed and how smart our uniform looks.

We do however have some children who continue to wear unapproved clothing items and many children who have hair shoulder length or longer are forgetting to tie it up. It is essential that they do so for health and safety reasons. Children (girls and boys) who have hair at shoulder length or longer and have not tied it up will be given a rubber band and will be required to tie it back as we have a duty of care to fulfil.

Please see us at the office if you are having issues with uniform.

School Levies

Just a reminder that payment of school fees is due by the end of this term. These fees cover essential learning items for students. Please make payment before the end of this term if you have not already done so. We appreciate your co-operation with this.

Being COVID-Safe

The message from the Chief Health Officer remains to "Stay home when unwell."

The most important action school communities can take to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19, is to ensure that any unwell staff and students remain at home and get tested, even with the mildest of symptoms." For this reason we ask that if your children are showing the symptoms below you keep them home and consider getting them tested.

- Fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose
- loss or change in sense of smell or taste.

Some people may also experience headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea.

Please note that there have been quite a few cases of gastro going around Geelong schools. For this reason we ask that you are extra cautious in ensuring your children are not at school if unwell with related symptoms.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing for children in Years 3 and 5 will go ahead this week between the 11th – 13th May in the usual fashion. We wish our students all the best with this.

Anthea Lagadinos

Principal



Friendly Reminders:

- Children, parents and staff to stay home if unwell.
- Hats must now be worn every day when the UV index is above 3.
- Full school uniform must be worn every day.
- "Every Minute Counts" (It's Not Okay to Be Away or Late to School.)

Developmental Curriculum

Developmental Curriculum is a play-based curriculum that involves children in exciting and authentic learning experiences that reflect the particular needs, interests and strengths of the individual child. The Foundation children have started exploring our developmental curriculum area. Some popular choices lately have been puppet shows, dress-ups, kinetic sand, Lego, cars and dolls.



PMP

The Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) is a movement-based program which helps younger students improve their eye/hand and eye/foot coordination, fitness, balance, locomotion and eye-tracking skills.





Welfare Corner

Managing NAPLAN

Our Year 3 & 5 students will soon be undertaking NAPLAN.

For some students this can cause a level of stress and anxiety

Here are some steps that parents / carers can do to help prepare your child/ren for NAPLAN:

- Be mindful that how you talk about NAPLAN can influence how your child feels about the NAPLAN test.
- At Bell Park North Primary School, we just ask to children to do their best, they do not have to be the best. Encourage them to do the best they can.
- The routine in the morning before the NAPLAN test is important, try to keep the routine calm and relaxed. Make sure you get your child to school in plenty of time, so they have time to bring their bags etc. in and settle before the test.
- Ensure they get to bed at a reasonable time so they get enough sleep to be able to concentrate. Remember, school aged children need between 9 -11 hours of sleep , www.sleephealthfoundation.org.au/factsheets-a-z/203-sleep-needs-across-the-lifespan.html
- A good, healthy breakfast is important as this aids their brain to function at maximum capacity. We all need to feed our brain.
- It is normal to feel a little nervous before tests. Feeling a bit nervous can actually help people to do better in tests. Nervousness usually goes away when we take a few deep breaths and begin the test.

Here are some relaxation strategies; you can encourage your child to do:

- Take some deep breaths in and then release your breath slowing.
- Think positive thoughts. Encourage your child to use positive self-talk, that they can do the test.
- Encourage your child to do some stretching to relax muscles.
- Have a talk with your child about how they are feeling, get them to write or draw their feelings.

I wish all of our Year 3 & 5 students all the best for NAPLAN. If you are concerned about the level of stress your child is experiencing, please talk to your child's teacher or let me know. We are here to support.

Rosalie Scott – Welfare Officer

Resilience Rights and Respectful Relationships (RR)

Week 3, 4 & 5

During these weeks, our children will be learning the following in RR

POSITIVE COPING

Learning activities in this topic provide opportunities for students to identify and discuss different types of coping strategies. When children and young people develop a language around coping, they are more likely to be able to understand and deliberately utilise a range of productive coping strategies and diminish their use of unproductive coping strategies. Students will learn to extend their repertoire of coping strategies and will benefit from critically reflecting on their own choices and being exposed to alternative options.

The activities introduce students to the concept of self-talk and practice using positive self-talk to approach and manage challenging situations. Positive self-talk is a key strategy for coping with negative thoughts, emotions and events. It is associated with greater persistence in the face of challenge, and can be learnt or strengthened through practice. (From Resilience Rights and Respectful Relationships)

We encourage you to talk to your children about what they have been learning in RR.

If you have questions about what your child is learning in RR, please talk to your child's teacher or Mr. Jonathon Skipworth or Rosalie Scott





Bell Park Playgroup

FREE Share fun activities with your child

Playgroups connect families to community and provide a place for parents to develop skills and for children to learn. They are also a great way to meet new people and socialise with other families.

- Participate in fun activities and spend quality time with your child
- Build your child's social skills
- Share information and ideas with other parents
- Gain parent information and support

BRING A HEALTHY SNACK
AND A WATER BOTTLE

Tuesdays 9:00am - 10:30am

Bell Park North primary school
Barton Street
Bell Park

For more information regarding our Bell Park Playgroup, please phone Miranda on 0409 643 709

bethany.org.au

be your best

School Photos 2021 – Bell Park North Primary School

Annual school photos have been taken by Arthur Reed Photos.

To view the images of your child and order photos, you will need to first register online.

Go to <https://order.arphotos.com.au> and enter the 2021 image code for your child
(from their personalized flyer)

Tap on ‘Add another child’ to enter the image codes of any siblings

Fill in your email and mobile details and then review all details before confirming your registration

That's it! When 2021 photos are ready, you will be notified by email and SMS.

Even if you registered last year, it's important that you do it again each year using your child's new image code to link their photos for the current year with your contact details.

To ensure you are ordering school photos for the current year, please wait for notifications that 2021 images are online before placing orders.

In the webshop you can view photos and customize your photo package; Choose ANY layout, ANY image and purchase multiple digital image downloads.

All photo orders will be sent directly to the address you provide when ordering.

REGISTER ONLINE NOW to be notified when 2021 school photos can be viewed and ordered.

Register online now to be notified when images are ready to view!

School Photos - easy as 1 2 3

- 1 Go to order.arphotos.com.au and enter your child's 2021 image code
- 2 Tap on ‘Add another child’ to enter the image codes of any siblings
- 3 Fill in your contact details & review before confirming your registration*

*This information will only be used for distribution of personal image codes and ordering details.

That's It! You'll receive an email and/or SMS when images are ready to view in our secure webshop
Registration is required each year to link student images for the current year with your contact details.

+ View photos online & customise your photo package + Any layout, pose or image + Multi Image Digital Downloads

TO ENSURE YOU ARE ORDERING 2021 PHOTO PACKAGES, please wait to receive notifications to view 2021 Images before placing orders

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WEEKLY AWARDS

Week Ending 30th April, 2021

Grade	Student	Reason for Award
Foundation C Mrs Carey	Elya Fatima	For always giving her best. Elya tries hard to answer questions during group discussions. She always has a smile on her face and is happy to learn new things. Keep it up Elya!!
Foundation M Miss Mahar	Dexter Collins-Dunford	For his hard work in class this week. Dexter has been trying his best during Guided Reading sessions and has been working extremely hard to learn his letters and sounds. Keep up the great work Dexter!
1/2 C Mr Cleeland	Lorah Nicholls	For her ability to bounce back when she is faced with challenges. Lorah is producing some excellent learning on the back of her improved attitude towards her learning. Congratulations Lorah.
1/2 Mr Skipworth	Eliza Payne-Gumbleton	Eliza has been an excited learner this term. She has shown good improvement with her writing samples ensuring she adds detail and finishes all tasks on time
1/2 W Mrs Walker	Bridget Culliver	Being a passionate and creative writer who confidently records and shares her ideas. Bridget is developing a wonderful writer's voice and as a result her writing is a joy to read. Congratulations, Bridget!
3/4 G Mr Gear	Kiana Nazari	For her efforts in writing this week. Kiana creates meaningful texts using a range of strategies to make them engaging and entertaining. When sharing her work with the class, Kiana demonstrates how to make great Word Choices and develop Ideas effectively when writing
3/4 W Mrs Wharton	Emily Osborne	For working hard to make excellent learning choices and respecting those around you. You have had a great start to the term Emily, Well done!
3/4 P Mrs Pfieffer	Rhianna Serasinghage Don	Rhianna works efficiently on her tasks in English and Mathematics. She always listens and follows instructions and is a great friend to everyone! A great effort!
5/6 H Mr Harmon	Annie Currie	For a big improvement in her writing and also her attendance. It has been so pleasing to see Annie develop confidence in herself. Keep it up Annie!
5/6 Mrs Thomas	Nikola Vukadinovic	For always having a positive attitude towards your class work and persisting with challenging multiplication tasks. Well done and keep up the great work, Nikola!

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Week Ending 30th April 2021

GRADE	STUDENT	REASON for AWARD
PE Mr Gibson	Olivia Darmenia	For never giving up and always trying her personal best. Olivia consistently bounces back when she is faced with a challenge. Well done Olivia
Media Arts Mr Gibson	Taliah Benzie	For her Aboriginal dot painting technique and use of colour when designing her boomerang
JAPANESE Mrs Mandekic	Annie Currie	For doing beautiful Japanese calligraphy writing and always listening and working well in class
School Captain Award	Oliver Mitu and Tyson Guthrie	For being great leaders by taking their time to show and teach a Foundation student how to use the equipment properly when outside in our school yard. Great job Oliver and Tyson.



WEEKLY AWARDS

Week Ending 7th May, 2021

Grade	Student	Reason for Award
Foundation C Mrs Carey	Isabella Oakes	For sharing her knowledge about our Inquiry topic of Water this week. Isabella also enjoys sharing what she knows about the environment and how we can be kind to our Planet. Thank you Isabella for keeping us informed! Keep it up!
Foundation M Miss Mahar	Wasi Hussain	For showing excellent learning behaviours in class this week. Wasi has been a wonderful listener, focused and working hard during all lessons. Keep up the great work Wasi!
1/2 C Mr Cleeland	Logan Isaacs	For the increased confidence he has developed in his own ability. Logan is learning to try his best and attempt new activities even if they seem difficult at first. Stay positive and never give up. Congratulations Logan.
1/2 S Mr Skipworth	Isla Windt	Isla has shown great determination and resilience since hurting her arm. She has been forced to write using her opposite hand and has attempted all set work. Keep it up Isla.
1/2 W Mr Lundstrom	Ava Veitenheimer	For always working hard on any given task. Mr L found your text analysis on "The Hippopotamus on the roof eating cake" really interesting. Keep up the good work!
3/4 G Mr Gear	Sohill	For his engagement and enthusiasm toward learning. Sohill is always an active participant in classroom where he demonstrates an impressive general knowledge and vocabulary. He applies himself to all learning tasks and uses feedback to develop new skills and understandings.
3/4 W Mrs Wharton	Lucas Allen	For being a writing superstar this week! You have been getting straight to work, stayed focused and produced some great narrative and persuasive text. Well Done!
3/4 P Mrs Pfieffer	Mason Witney	Mason has worked very hard to problem solve in his Maths Division lessons. He is a caring friend and a calm and gentle person. Mason is someone who we can all rely on to make us smile. A great effort!
5/6 H Mr Harmon	Victoria Kotsopoulos	Victoria is an excellent role model as school captain which is seen in her responsible behaviour and work ethic. She is also producing fantastic work in Literacy and Numeracy. Keep up the great work Victoria!

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GRADE	STUDENT	REASON for AWARD
5/6 T Mrs Thomas	Shujahat Sultani	For persisting with a challenging reading task and having the confidence to read his work out loud to the class. Well done and keep up the great work, Shujahat!
PE Mr Gibson	Sonny Stokoe	For his consistent and accurate high jumping technique. Sonny was resilient and kept pushing himself to achieve his personal best in sport this week.
Media Arts Mr Gibson	Ryan Osbourne	For using a range of craft materials and cutting and pasting techniques when constructing his 3D Model.
JAPANESE Mrs Mandekic	Patrick Washington	For his effort, enthusiasm and achievement in class. Patrick was able to recognise and remember all of the Hiragana that we have been learning.
School Captain Award	Jessica Sawdon	For showing responsibility by being kind and eating in the correct eating areas during snack and lunch. Great job Jessica!



Canteen News

Frozen Yoghurts are now no longer available until term 4.

Chicken nuggets are 3/\$2.50

6/\$5.00

There are a number of re-usable lunch order bags available at canteen at a discount cost of \$5.00.

Please feel free to come see me to purchase one of these at any time.

BREAKFAST

Now Open 8.30 am

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Thankyou to the many families and teachers who have
donated to our brekky club.

We thankyou greatly.

We are still needing bread and margarine and any donations
of either or both of these items would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you

Susie Harvey

Canteen Manager

