



BELL PARK NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER #4 Monday 21st March 2022

Principal:
Anthea Lagadinos



Assistant Principal:
Christopher Cox



Upcoming Dates:

2022

TERM 1

Monday 21st

Year 5/6

Bio-Cats

APRIL

Friday 1st

Foundation

Dress up

Careers

Monday 4th

Girls 5/6

AFL Day

FROM THE PRINCIPAL.....

Dear Parents,

We are now heading into the last few weeks of the school term and our teaching and learning pace is still strong. The teachers and children are working very hard and we thank them for their efforts. We thank all of you for your continued support with the COVID Safe strategies we continue to be required to implement.

Grade Area News Item

This week the 3/4 children share their learning experiences with you in their Area News item. We hope you enjoy reading it.



Thank You

On behalf of our school community. I would like to thank the following people who have shown acts of generosity and support for our students.

Thank you to Lisa Osborne who has washed and ironed all of the lost property uniform items which have been sitting in the box for months. Lisa has offered to do this on a regular basis. This is much appreciated.



Thank you to Joey Didulica who has donated a number of soccer outfits for our students. This too is much appreciated.



Swimming

Our swimming program concluded last Friday. Well done to all the children for their positive participation and adaptability to a changed program. Thank you to all staff for their efforts and flexibility and a special thank you to Mr Gibson for his organisation of the program.



Family Fun Night

Our first Family Fun Night will be held on Wednesday 6th April. This will be an outdoor event. Please look out for more information and we are so looking forward to seeing all our families here.

Bell Park North Primary School F-6



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 1 Value
"Friendship"

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Important Reminders:



* **Children Arriving Late**

It is a Department of Education requirement that children who arrive late to school must be signed in as being late. This will be the case even if your child arrives a couple of minutes after the bell. Parents will either be asked to sign their child in at the office or the child will be directed past the office to collect a late pass.

* **Children Leaving Early**

Just a reminder to all that children should only be leaving school early for very important reasons. Please try and make appointments in out of school times so that learning time is not lost. Children who have siblings in Foundation should not be leaving at 2:30 with them. They must stay at school until 3:10p.m. If they were to do this each day they would lose 34 hours of learning time for the term. Children in Years 1-6 who leave at 2:30 because their Foundation sibling does will not have their absence approved.

We also ask that parents who are going to pick up their children early ring ahead to let us know so we can get your child ready. This minimises the disruptions to the classroom Your understanding and support around these practices is much appreciated.

* **Entering School Grounds and Buildings**

A reminder that any parent/visitor to our school must come to the office first to check in and must be wearing a mask. This is Department of Education legislation. Parents are not allowed to go straight down to classrooms without checking in at the office first. In addition visitors to our school are not allowed to spend time in the buildings unless they are fully vaccinated.

We greatly appreciate your support with this.

* **Rapid Antigen Testing**

We ask that all staff and students continue to take the RAT every Monday and Wednesday for the duration of this term to ensure we are keeping each other safe. I too take mine twice a week.



* **Face Masks**

All staff and students in Years 3-6 are required to wear a face mask indoors at all times. Children in Foundation – Year 2 are strongly encouraged to wear a mask.



* **Smoking Around School Premises**

It is a lawful regulation that a person must not smoke cigarettes including e-cigarettes (regardless of whether they contain nicotine) within school premises and within 4 metres of any pedestrian access and entrances to school premises. Smoking in these places is a fineable offence.

The smoking and vaping ban applies to:

* *anyone present on school premises during and outside of school hours including students, teachers, contractors, parents or carers or the wider community, such as sporting groups.*

* *all activities that take place on school premises including pre-schools, kindergartens, outside school hours care, cultural, sporting or recreational activities and school fetes*

Mobile Phone Policy

In accordance with the Department's [Mobile Phones Policy](#) issued by the Minister for Education, personal mobile phones must not be used at Bell Park North Primary School during school hours, including lunchtime and recess, unless an exception has been granted.

Where a student has been granted an exception, the student must use their mobile phone for the purpose for which the exception was granted, and in a safe, ethical and responsible manner.

Secure storage

Mobile phones owned by students at Bell Park North Primary School are considered valuable items and are brought to school at the owner's (student's or parent/carer's) risk. Students are encouraged not to bring a mobile phone to school unless there is a compelling reason to do so. Please note that Bell Park North Primary School does not have accident insurance for accidental property damage or theft. Students and their parents/carers are encouraged to obtain appropriate insurance for valuable items

Where students bring a mobile phone to school, Bell Park North Primary School will provide secure storage. Secure storage is storage that cannot be readily accessed by those without permission to do so.

At Bell Park North Primary School students are required to hand in their mobile phones to the school administration office to be placed in a lockable safe.

Enforcement

Students who use their personal mobile phones and other personal mobile devices inappropriately at Bell Park North Primary School may be issued with consequences consistent with our school's existing Engagement and Wellbeing and/or Anti-Bullying and Harassment and/or Digital Technologies eSmart and/or Digital Technologies Acceptable Use Agreement policies.

*At Bell Park North Primary School inappropriate use of mobile phones and other personal mobile devices is **any use during school hours**, unless an exception has been granted, and particularly use of a mobile phone:*

- *in any way that disrupts the learning of others*
- *to send inappropriate, harassing or threatening messages or phone calls*
- *to engage in inappropriate social media use including cyber bullying*
- *to capture video or images of people, including students, teachers and members of the school community without their permission*
- *to capture video or images in the school toilets, changing rooms, swimming pools and gyms*
- *during tests and assessments*

Student Attendance

It is a legal requirement that parents ensure their child attends school and provide an explanation for their child's absence in writing. From this the Principal has an obligation to determine if the excuse given was reasonable in terms of the parents meeting their legal obligations.

The Education Department Guidelines state the following expectations:

“Parents should inform the school of the reason for their child's absence so that the school can:

- ◇ determine if the child's absence needs to be excused by the principal, in line with school policy and these guidelines*
- ◇ determine the appropriate follow up to ensure the child's education and wellbeing is supported*
- ◇ record if the parent has a reasonable excuse for not meeting their obligation to ensure their child attends school each day.*



Where possible, parents should inform the school in advance of upcoming absences.”

To ensure we are all meeting these expectations we ask that parents ensure they provide a written explanation for their child's absence. If the school feels that absences have been excessive or we have not been given a suitable explanation for your child's absence you will be contacted by your child's teacher, team leader or myself as Principal. Parents who have not provided reasons in writing to explain their child's absence will receive a written notification to do so.

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

Last Friday 18th March was the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. As a school we participated in activities which encourage positive conversations to address bullying and violence. This year's theme was 'Kindness Culture – It starts with you'

Rosalie Scott, our school's Social Worker, posted an article around Bullying on Compass last Friday.

At Bell Park North the children understand that we have a “Zero Tolerance Towards Bullying” and the results below taken from the Students Attitudes to School Survey completed last year reflects the great work we are doing in getting this message across.

Anthea Lagadinos
Principal



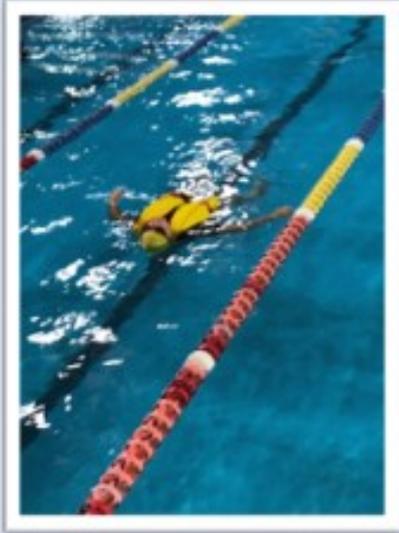
Friendly Reminders:

- Children arriving late or leaving early must be signed in or out by an adult.**
- Full school uniform must be worn every day.**
- Children must wear hats between the months of September and May or when the UV index is 3 or above.**
- It's Not Okay to Be Away or Late to School as “Every Day Counts”**

3/4 Swimming

For the past two weeks, the 3/4 cohort has been enjoying the swimming program! Students had a fantastic time developing their abilities and confidence in the water.







Welfare Corner

The importance of play for children

Teaching children how to play makes playtime, whether at home or at school, fun. Learning how to play begins at a young age and needs to begin at home. Through play children explore and learn about their world.

Play allows children to use their creativity whilst developing their imagination, dexterity, and physical, cognitive, and emotional strength. Play is important for healthy brain development. It is through play that children at a very early age engage and interact in the world around them and this continues throughout their school years.

Play helps children to;

- build confidence
- feel loved, happy and safe
- develop social, language and communication skills
- learn how to negotiate, deciding who will they decide who will be “it”
- learn how to get along with others, co-operation skills and how to work together
- develop problem solving skills and resolve conflict and how to manage when things go wrong
- build resilience, learning to accept how to manage when things do not go the way you want them to go and how to bounce back
- build self-confidence and helps children to try and explore new things
- learn about caring for others and the environment
- develop physical skills
- connect and refine pathways in their brain.

Play helps children to form and develop friendships, this is one of the hardest areas for children. Making friends and maintaining friendships is one of the common issues children bring to my room. Having no friends makes the school day long and life lonely.

Other skills children learn through play are developing their imagination as play encourages children to be creative and problem solve.

There are so many benefits to playing, so encourage your child to play with other children, so they can learn and develop these important skills that they will need throughout their lives.

It is also important that parents play with their children as this helps build strong parent – child relationships.

It's important that play is fun.

Rosalie Scott
Welfare Officer

Canteen News

Welcome back to our school community new and old.

Normal Canteen Days are **WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY**

Looking forward to seeing all your smiling faces.

Donations of bread ,margarine and milo are still needed. Any and all donations are always greatly appreciated.

Frozen yoghurt will **NO** longer be available after Friday 18th March due to supply issues.

Please note brown bags are 10c and sauce is also available at a cost of 40c.

Last day of canteen this term is Friday 8th April.

Please note JJ's \$1.20 ,Vegie Crackers \$1.50 Snaps \$1.50 and Oreos \$1.00 can all be ordered on lunch orders until further notification due to no over counter service at the time being .Sorry for any inconvenience.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breaky Club will

now be available

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY

Thank you

Susie Harvey

Canteen Manager





TheiCare Before and After School Care

Slime, LEGO, Board Games and Colouring

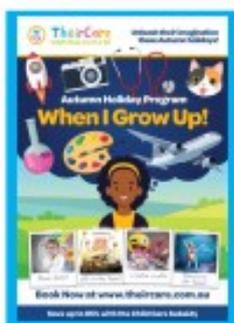
Some of the amazing things we have been doing this term have been creative, physically active and communal. Children that have attended TheiCare in term 1 have had the incredible opportunity to form new friendships with their peers of all year levels. They have designed and built our program to cater their wants and needs. Some of our favourite child chosen activities have been pancake making and slime!

Our younger children get the opportunity to learn from their older role

models, and encouraged to take on more leadership roles on their own.

The children serve their own food at After School Care and spend their meal time together, so that nobody has to feel rushed or left out.

For more information on bookings and enrolments, visit www.theircare.com.au or call us at **0484 311 882** between 6:45am-9:00am & 2:00pm-6:00pm and we can help you get started.



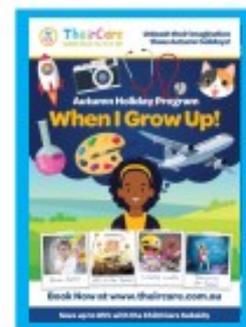
UPCOMING HOLIDAY PROGRAM

TheiCare are running an autumn Holiday Program at **Montpelier Primary School!**

The theme for these holidays is "When I Grow Up!". We'll be going on excursions to Bounce and

the Movies to see "The Bad Guys". We'll also be having a mad scientist and billy cart making incursion!

To make a booking, visit www.theircare.com.au Hurry as bookings are limited!



Where Kids love to be!



**Bannockburn P-12 College would like to invite you
to the 2023 Year 7 Information Evening & College Tours**

Information Evening:

Date: Wednesday, 30 March

Time: 6:15pm

Who: Year 7 Information Evening – New Students

Online Zoom Meeting:

Please download or log into the Zoom App & use the following codes

Meeting ID: 937 8598 8769

Passcode: wPOWEp

For further information please contact

David Simpson, Acting Middle Years Assistant Principal, on (03) 5281 1755 or bannockburn.p12@education.vic.gov.au

Please return College Tour Expression of Interest form via email to bannockburn.p12@education.vic.gov.au

College Tours:

Date: Thursday, 7 April

Time: 5pm - 6pm

Who: New Year 7 Students

Where: Meet at the College entrance

OR

Date: Friday, 8 April

Time: 9:30am - 10:30am

Who: New Year 7 Students

Where: Meet at the College entrance

Expressions of Interest:

Student Name:

Parent name:

Email:

College Tour: (Please tick)

Thursday College Tour

Friday College Tour

BE PART OF OUR TEAM

SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS, MAKE FRIENDS FOR LIFE
AND BELONG TO A SPORT YOU'LL LOVE.
PLAY JUNIOR NETBALL AT YOUR LOCAL CLUB.



VENUE

Leisuretime Sports Precinct- Anakie Rd

SESSION DAYS & TIMES

Wednesdays from 4.30pm. Only \$3 per game for players aged 5-15 (NV membership additional)

START DATE

Wednesday April 27th 2022. Register Now!

CONTACT

corionetball@hotmail.com



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – WORLD HEALTH DAY

7th April 2021

The Barwon Health Foundation aims to create happier, healthier lives by investing in the life-saving and life-changing work of Barwon Health. Our foundation has a unique partnership with you, our community.

We unite to fund and enhance Barwon Health's exceptional standards of care. We allow Geelong and the surrounding region to help themselves – and most importantly – to help others. Whether it's to 'return the favour' of quality care, to leave a lasting legacy, or to simply do good, funding a future of remarkable health service starts with us – the Greater Geelong Community.

With the support of our community, the Barwon Health Foundation is proud to invest in enhancing the level of comfort and care provided by Barwon Health. We do this by funding vital equipment, investing in compassionate care services and building better health facilities.

We need your help to continue to support the health of Geelong.

Please, donate just an hour or two of your time on World Health Day to spread the message and raise awareness that health is a human right and improve the access Geelong has to world-class health care.

VOLUNTEER SHIFT OPTIONS ON THURSDAY 7TH APRIL 2022:

Tin Shakers: 7:30 – 9:30am or 2:30pm – 5:30pm

BENEFITS FOR YOUR GROUP

You can profile your organisation as community minded by supplying your volunteers with relevant logos and badges to wear.

- Make a difference and support your local public health service
- Great team building opportunity with your group or staff
- Receive a certificate of appreciation for your volunteering hours
- Volunteers can wear your badge or hat – they must also wear a Barwon Health Hospital Appeal high visibility vest

Get your group together and sign up now!



*****PLEASE NOTE, VOLUNTEERS MUST BE 16 YEARS OLD AND OVER*****

Registration Form

To register your interest to volunteer, please return this form to;

Jessica Matczak-Horkings
Barwon Health Foundation
Po Box 281, Geelong
P. 03 4215 8923
E: jessica.matczak-horkings@barwonhealth.org.au

Organisation Name	
Contact Person	
Email	
Mobile Number	
Volunteer Shift Time	
Next Of Kin Name	
Next Of Kin Phone Number	

If you are registering a team, please complete details for all other volunteers in your group.

FIRST NAME AND SURNAME	MOBILE NUMBER	EMAIL

To participate, this form must be returned to Barwon Health Foundation with information of all volunteers.

*****PLEASE NOTE, VOLUNTEERS MUST BE 16 YEARS OLD AND OVER*****

The Barwon Health Foundation will be taking photos of volunteers at the event for promotional purposes including the Barwon Health website, print newsletter and social media. Please sign here to acknowledge that you/your team permit your images to be used.

Sign here _____



Junior Players Wanted

About the club: Lara United aims to provide a safe family friendly club environment for all ages and abilities. We field teams from the below listed age groups to our senior teams which compete in both Local and State League competitions.

Miniroos: Boys and Girls 5 – 11 years

Juniors: Under 12 Boys and Girls

Under 14 Boys

Under 14/15 Girls

Under 15/16 Boys

This your last chance to register as teams and coaches need to be finalised. Please contact our club either via email or head directly to www.laraunitedfc.org.au to register for season 2022

Email: laraunitedfc@gmail.com