



Responsibility
Respect
Resilience
Care
Persistence
Positivity

2020 CALENDAR

18 - 28 February	Grade 1 Swimming Program
Tuesday 18 February	School Council Meeting 6pm
Friday 28 February	Twilight Sports 5 - 7pm
2 - 13 March	Grade 2 Swimming Program
Tuesday 3 March	P & F AGM - 7.30pm in Conference room
Thursday 5 March	Grade 6 Melbourne Aquarium Excursion
Monday 9 March	Labour Day Holiday
Wednesday 11 March	School Photos - Individual
Thursday 12 March	School Photos - Families & Leadership
Tuesday 17 March	School Council Meeting
20 - 22 March	Dad & Kids Weekend
Wednesday 25 March	First Aid Training for Prep - Grade 6
Friday 27 March	End Term 1 - school finishes at 2.30pm
Tuesday 14 April	Term 2 commences
Tuesday 21 April	School Council Meeting 6pm
11 - 21 May	Grade 4 Swimming Program
Tuesday 19 May	School Council Meeting 6pm
Thursday 28 May	Italian Multi-Age Day
Friday 5 June	Curriculum Day - student free day
Monday 8 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
15 - 25 June	Grade 3 Swimming Program
Tuesday 23 June	Parent/Teacher Interviews 2pm - 7pm
Friday 26 June	End Term 2 - school finishes at 2.30pm
Monday 13 July	Term 3 commences
31 August - 4 September	Grade 5 Camp
12 - 16 October	Grade 6 Camp
19 - 21 October	Grade 4 Camp
Monday 26 October	School Concert
11 - 13 November	Grade 3 Camp

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2020 School Term Dates

TERM 1	29 JANUARY - 27 MARCH	TERM 2	TUES 14 APRIL - 26 JUNE
TERM 3	13 JULY - 18 SEPTEMBER	TERM 4	5 OCTOBER - 16 DECEMBER

Principal News

Parent Teacher Information Exchange

Thank you for the support of the Parent Teacher Information Exchange.

Our teachers really appreciate the chance to learn about the context of each of our students after getting to know them in the new class environment. This connection with family is vital in creating a positive learning environment.

We have received a lot of positive feedback and look forward to a great year ahead after such a positive start.

Yard Cleanliness

In 2019 our student leaders received feedback that many of our students were not happy with the state of the yard.

They implemented an agreement not to take food out onto the playing areas, such as the oval, and keep eating to areas around the classrooms where bins are more accessible

It is wonderful to see the students carry this on in 2020 and the yard look so lovely and clean.

Well done.

Staff Car Park

A reminder to all parents and guardians not to use the staff car park to park or use as a drop off zone. It is extremely dangerous. Please be mindful to minimise pulling into the driveway of the carpark to turn around.

Many students, particularly our younger ones, get out of cars and run in front of this area completely oblivious to the needs of the traffic on the road.

Child Safe

Bentleigh West Primary School is a Child Safe School and has worked very hard to ensure we have an inclusive and safe environment that protects our students against abuse of any kind.

More information can be found on our website. I will be giving the presentation at our School Council Meeting on Tuesday 18 February at 6.15 pm. If you like to attend please e-mail your interest to Tanya Elliott at elliott.tanya.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Have a great week.

Steven Capp

School Council Elections 2020

School Council elections will take place from 11 February 2020 and is always welcoming of new members so please don't hesitate to put yourself forward if you are interested. This year we have seven parent and two DET vacancies to be filled.

School Council consists of:

9 elected parent positions, 4 elected DET positions, 1 Executive Office (Principal) & 1 community co-opted position.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for another school parent to nominate you or you

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can nominate yourself. Nomination forms are available from the office on Tuesday 11 February. Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the office within the time stated on the notice of election which is stated below. If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

What is a school council and what does it do? All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council? There are three possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected Parent category: More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not employed at the school.

A mandated elected DET employee category: Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

An optional Community member category: Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office for half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important? Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved? The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the school council or encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council? No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election? The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by end of March.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt following the receipt of your completed nomination.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

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Remember

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do.
- Consider standing for election to council this year.
- Be sure to vote in the elections.
- Please don't hesitate to contact Steven Capp for further information.

Birthdays 12 February – 18 February

★ Spencer S ★ Daniel T ★ Sarang J ★ Jinky K ★ Haylee D ★ Kaylee D ★★ Charlotte L ★ Emily P ★

★ Christian K ★ Isaac K ★ Alyssa L ★ Will A ★ Meila C ★ Isla S ★ John J ★ Darcy J ★ Zayne C ★

★ Murray T ★



2020 School Fees

The 2020 school fee invoices were sent home last week with your child.

If you are hold a valid means-tested concession card, you may be eligible for the CSEF, please read the flyer attached.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to Tanya Elliott at elliott.tanya.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

2020 Class Representatives

We are looking for volunteers to be our 2020 Class Representatives. Every class will have at least one parent volunteer to assist with the following:

- To help run fundraising events and encourage participation in school events
- To organise social events for their class/year level (they will be able to co-opt support from parents to help)
- To help integrate any new families to the class who may join during the year
- To help their teacher, or the school, if requested, with communication amongst the parents.

If you would like to be a Class Representative or have any queries about being one please email Tanya Elliott at elliott.tanya.j@edumail.vic.gov.au and also include your child's name and class.

JEWISH LIFE 2020
AT BENTLEIGH WEST PRIMARY
Mondays 8 – 8.50 am

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For information and to register:
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MUSIC LESSONS AT BENTLEIGH WEST PRIMARY

MUSIC TUITION INCREASES CONFIDENCE, SELF ESTEEM AND HELPS TO IMPROVE SCHOOL SUBJECTS – MATHS, LITERACY, SCIENCE, READING ETC

BENTLEIGH WEST Primary School in association with Metro Music School is now offering Music Lessons to students who are interested in learning an instrument at school every week. Lessons are held during school hours (30 mins/once per week) at suitable times. (Prep to Gr 6) Enquiries are welcome on [9460 4818](tel:94604818) (Metro Music School).

Lessons Offered: **KEYBOARD** **PIANO** **GUITAR** **SINGING**

Discount Hiring and Purchase also available. Contact us for details or visit our online shop at www.metromusic.net.au

From \$15.40 per lesson

ENROLMENT forms can be obtained from the school office or enrol online at the above website address.





FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit
www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.





Bentleigh Auskick

King George Reserve

East Boundary Road, Bentleigh

Starts Sun 19th April, 8:15am to 9:30am

Register online or contact Travis Hall on 0418 440 116

Girls and Boys, ages 5 to 10

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Life Skills
Creative Time
New Experiences
Construction & Manipulative Play
Outdoor Play Time
Homework & Quiet Time

To book, visit:
www.campaustralia.com.au
or call 1300 105 343

Get social and build friendships at OSHC!

An experience in outside school hours care is an experience in forming friendships. You get more than care with OSHC - building confidence, learning life skills and having fun, while trying something new.

OSHC is a great way for children to step out of their comfort zone and to get to know some students at their school they may not have otherwise met.

Plus, we're all about convenience - there's no travel time, traffic or complicated arrangements to be made, so your child can leave the classroom and be playing soccer, eating a healthy snack or learning how to play a board game within minutes of leaving the classroom.



It's **FREE** to Register. (and if you want to use OSHC, you first need to register).

Register at pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/login. Once registered, it's easy to make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.

You may be eligible to claim subsidies on your care usage!

If eligible, to help you with the cost of childcare, you may be entitled to receive the Australian Government Child Care Subsidy. Visit my.gov.au to find out more.

For more information on our service and fees, visit our website www.campaustralia.com.au. Alternatively, come and meet the team in the OSHC room. We'd love to meet you, and you can find out more about OSHC from our friendly, qualified Educators.

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon!

From the Team at Camp Australia

Safety • Meaningful • Innovative • Leadership • Education
we make kids smile