

Wednesday, 6 February 2019



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2019 CALENDAR

Wednesday 6 February	Grade 5 & 6 Information Night 6.30pm
Thursday 7 February	Prep Information Night 6.30pm
Tuesday 12 February	Parent/Teacher Information Exchange 2 -7pm
19 February - 1 March	Grade 1 Swimming Program
Tuesday 19 February	School Council meeting 6pm
Friday 22 February	Twilight Sports & Welcome Night 5.00 - 7.00pm
4 - 15 March	Grade 2 Swimming Program
Monday 11 March	Labour Day Holiday
13 & 14 March	School Photos
22 - 24 March	Dad's & Kids Weekend
Friday 5 April	End of Term 1 - school finishes at 2.30pm
Tuesday 23 April	Term 2 commences
Thursday 25 April	Anzac Day Holiday

2019 School Term Dates

TERM 1	30 JANUARY - 5 APRIL	TERM 2	TUES 23 APRIL - 28 JUNE
TERM 3	15 JULY - 20 SEPTEMBER	TERM 4	7 OCTOBER - 20 DECEMBER

Birthdays 6 - 12 February 2019

Finn T ★ Jake W ★ Hamish K ★ Liam Mc ★ Ethan Y ★
Charlotte G ★ Benjamin L ★ Chloe G ★
Emily G ★ Max E ★ Daniel T ★ Spencer S ★



Principal News

Information Nights and Parent Teacher Information Exchange

Thank you for the wonderful attendance at our information nights so far. It is a great opportunity to clarify the expectations between the school and home and also nice to have such community support when we have so much to teach the students. It can't be done without strong collaboration from our parents and wider community.

We have our Parent Teacher Information Exchange for Grades 1 - 6 on **Tuesday** 12th of February from 2pm. The aim of the interviews is for parents to give information to our teachers that you feel will benefit the teacher in building a positive relationship with your child.

Home reading and how parents can maximise support

All of our students have home reading as homework or home practise. The specifics of these practises will have been explained at the information nights and in Connections. A helpful framework, to help understanding how reading occurs and how best to support our children, is the Simple View of Reading:

Reading Comprehension = Decoding Ability x Language Comprehension

All of our teachers are very highly trained to teach decoding ability which is understanding syllable types and the sometimes complex phonological (letters to sound correspondence) and morphological (morphemes: think prefixes, suffixes, root and base words) rules that go with the language. Expert knowledge is preferred when trying to teach these things and the sequence they need to be taught.

The advantage we get with our community is our students often have very high language comprehension skills. The best way to continue to support students in the home environment is to continue to read to students. This way they are continually being exposed to words, literary structures and ideas above their actual reading ability, but understandable to them in the spoken form. The two streams of decoding and language comprehension will merge and reinforce each other as the students learn more in the school environment.

Background knowledge and vocabulary are the biggest predictors of success in reading comprehension and a host of other things including high quality writing, collaboration and creativity. Having rich discussions, talking about historical events, news events, and scientific concepts all help in this area. Audio books, documentaries and educational trips to zoo's and museums all build this vital area and we see this is what many of our students experience.

As the child becomes more proficient at reading encourage reading as much as possible by having scheduled down time in the house where no screens or other events are allowed. Students will often choose to read, draw or play games like cards etc. Don't fall for the computer research that quickly turns into Dude Perfect on You Tube. If a child has trouble with a word; tell them the word and explain roughly what it means. Asking them to explain what is happening in the book also has benefits.

Celebration Night and Twilight Sports

We look forward to our first whole school community night being our Twilight Sports Night where we welcome our new families, past students, current students and parents to the night.

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For those that don't know there is a parent's race. Some people have been training for this since the last one. Unfortunately, due to slight hip inflammation and calf tightness I am in grave doubt of being able to run.

Please note that all of our events involving students are alcohol free events at BWPS.

Have a great week.

Steven Capp

2019 School Council Elections

School Council elections will take place from 12 February 2019 and is always welcoming of new members so please don't hesitate to put yourself forward if you are interested. This year we have three 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 can nominate yourself. Nomination forms are available from the office on Tuesday 12 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.

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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.

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.

Riding to school safely

Please ensure your child rides their bike safely to school and wears their helmet.

We had a phone call yesterday from a very upset parent (not from our school) who just avoided hitting one of our students as the child shot across Hillside Ave along Brewer Road without a helmet and without looking for cars.



Dogs in the school

Please don't bring your dogs into the school. You can tie them up at the front or back fence during drop off and pick up. Many thanks.

Student Lunchtime Clubs 2019

Please find below a table listing all clubs available free to students at lunchtimes.

2019 LUNCHTIME CLUBS					
Club	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Aerobics -Gym with Mrs Richardson	New students only. Begins at 1.15pm.		Begins at 1.15pm. Current participants.	Begins at 1.15pm. Current participants.	
Key Word Sign Language with Ms Parrish in Support Room		Begins at 1.10pm until 1.30pm			
Sport – Gym with Mr Walsh					Grade 6 Only Begins at 1.10pm
Colouring Club with Miss Nash starts 6/3/2019, in Prep Learning House			Starts 6/3/2019 at 1.10pm until 1.30pm.		
Homework Club with Support Team in the Support room				Begins at 1.10pm until 2.00pm.	
Library with Carmel		Begins at 1.10pm until 2.00pm		Begins at 1.10pm until 2.00pm	
Minecraft with Marjan Grade 3 Learning House			Begins at 1.10pm until 2.00pm		
Student Band with Mr Cartwright in Performing Arts room.					Grade 5 and 6 only. Begins at 1.10pm until 2.00pm

Thank you from our Chooks



Thank you so much to the following families for looking after our lovely chooks over the holidays:

Gillard Family - Sally, Lizzie & Matt;
 Critchley Family - Laura, Alice & Nick
 and Wendy Goujon & Ashley.

It was very much appreciated and they are very happy girls!



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Friendship Day!

Term 1 is all about making new friends.

For many children, starting school may also involve starting Outside School Hours Care. This major milestone is an exciting time for many children and their families, but we also acknowledge that it can also be an uncertain time as well.

This is why we've created Friendship Day, so we can encourage and support children to form friendships right from the start of the school year.

Come and join us on Friendship Day. Children will get to unlock their likes, share their stories and take part in engaging group activities to help them create and celebrate new friendships.

When - Wednesday 13th February 2019, Thursday 14th February 2019, Friday 15th February 2019, Wednesday 20th February 2019

Where - Your child's school OSHC room.

How to book - Visit www.campaustralia.com.au and book your session now.

How to register - You must be registered to attend. Registration is FREE!

You can register an account via our website pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/login. Once registered, it's easy to manage your bookings online via our parent portal. Select the **Wednesday 13th February 2019, Thursday 14th February 2019, Friday 15th February 2019, Wednesday 20th February 2019** and secure your child's spot for Friendship Day. We always recommend making your bookings in advance.

If you would like to learn more about how we operate our OSHC service, please visit before or after school and Helen Program Coordinator, will be available to answer any questions.

If you prefer to speak to us, you can contact our exceptional Customer Care team that is available to support our families 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - except for National Public Holidays.

We look forward to celebrating friendship with you!

From the Team at Camp Australia

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CARNEGIE NETBALL CLUB

Carnegie Netball Club

Interested in playing netball in 2019??

We are currently looking for girls and boys to play at Duncan McKinnon Reserve on Friday evenings in our new under 11 beginner teams and Saturdays under 13's

Please register now, season starting Feb 2019

See our website for details.

www.carnegienetballclub.com.au

or email us at carnegienetballclub@gmail.com

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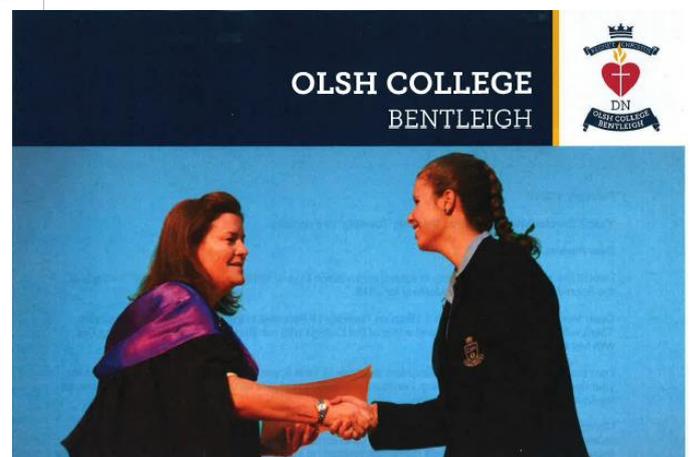


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