



Parent and Community Update Week 10 Term 3

Staffing: I have thoroughly enjoyed another term at Bellbird Park as your Principal. It was an unexpected pleasure to remain on and I will continue through into next term until Roger's return from long service leave. He will be so pleased and proud of the community for pulling together and creating our first P&C.

- **New staff:** This term we welcomed Gloria and Emily as our new Teacher Aides, Jin as a cleaner, Aurelia as year 5/6 French Teacher and Ashleigh as Support Teacher
- **Staffing 2025:** We are working with HR to secure additional teachers as the school expects to grow by two - three classes in 2025. Multi-age classes are expected based on the predicted year level numbers.

Formation of our P&C: I'd like to thank Malcom, Andrew, Cosmos and Tina for filling the executive roles of our Foundation P&C. This is a momentous event in our first year and we look forward to long and lasting partnerships with our community to support our students, staff and families to further develop and enact:

- **Our Vision:** We aspire to be an inclusive community where students have the opportunity to thrive and achieve.
- **Our Purpose:** Our belief in realising the potential of every student underpins all that we do.
- **Our Motto:** We Belong, We Trust, We Flourish
- **Our Values:** AIM High Achieve, Integrity, Mindful



Chaplaincy: At the last P&C meeting a proposal was put forward to support have a Chaplain at Bellbird Park SS. We are working with Scripture Union Australia to now source someone who is best fit for Bellbird and our students. Chaplains are all about wellbeing, engagement and belonging, supporting every student to Flourish.

Flourish Fair: Our whole school well and truly Flourished this week when the students and staff shared their passion projects to each other and families. WE are always looking at ways to improve. Please feel free to complete the following survey for feedback <https://forms.office.com/r/nvFUwNbV14> before school returns.

Facilities

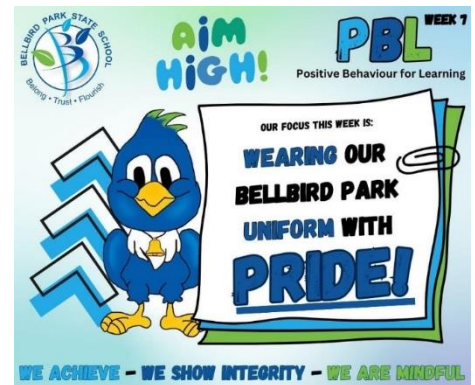
- **Great Court, Multipurpose Courts, Hall and undercover area, Curiosity Centre:** All handed over during Term 3 and a very welcome growth in our footprint and play spaces for our students.
- **Oval:** won't be accessible until end of term 4 due to the need for grass to take.
- **Curiosity Centre:** A roster system for borrowing and structured use of the space is being developed and will expand as we grow.
- **Assemblies:** Discussions continue on the frequency and purpose of school parades to better align with school rewards and events.
- **C Block** and the playground will be made available to us from the commencement of term 4. We are not going to have classes in C Block until next year but the playground and part of the grasses area will be available for This is for Prep/year 1 students only at break times. Thank you to Rhiannan for making a social story to support safe and responsible play for our littlies.

- **The oval** will be cordoned off with a crowd barrier fence. We can't access this space until the grass takes hold which will most likely be toward the end of term 4. This means there will be access to lower M Block. This is out of bounds to students.
- **The footpath from Morgan Street**, alongside the staff carpark to the school grounds on the other side of C Block will soon be accessible to parents. The carpark off Morgan Street, dedicated as a staff carpark will not be used at this stage until we have a firm plan for community and staff. The gate into our school grounds will remain unlocked but closed during the day.

Enrolments for 2025: Our Prep 2025 enrolments are well underway and next term we will complete enrolment conversations for all students new to Bellbird in 2025 in years 1-6. Please spread the word with your neighbours and community. Knowing our predicted enrolments ahead of time greatly assist us in staffing and class allocation planning to ensure we have the best model to support our growing school. We are currently working with Metropolitan Region to secure additional teachers as the school expects to grow by two -three classes in 2025. Multi-age classes are expected based on the predicted year level numbers.

If your child is leaving Bellbird Park SS at the end of the year, it's paramount that we have this information prior to developing our class and staffing plans. Please complete the following form if your child currently in Prep to Year 5 isn't returning next year. <https://forms.office.com/r/wjh3ZT0fg6>

Uniforms: Holidays are a great time to get all those extra items that your child might need to see them to the end of the year (and beyond). If you are unable to provide the full school uniform for your child, for any reason, please reach out to the office. You can find the uniform policy here on our website. [Dress Code Policy](#). This includes wearing the school jacket and pants. Our uniform shop is now very easy to access at the entrance to the school attached to our hall.



Upcoming Dates: We are having our first School Review 22-24 October (Week 4). School reviews are an important part of each school's planning and improvement cycle. Along with other processes, they help inform and complement the work of the school in leading continuous improvement and quality learning outcomes for children and young people in Queensland.

All Queensland state schools undergo a review at least once every 4 years, generally undertaken in the year that they are due to update their 4-year strategic plan. In collaboration with staff and the school community, principals use the findings from the reviews to inform plans for the next stage of the school's improvement journey.

I will send more information about community involvement in this review next term.

I am on long service leave until Wednesday 9th October as my 24 year old daughter and I are travelling to France. No doubt I'll be conversing with a year 5 and 6 students in French when I return!

I would like to wish all of our families a wonderful break where you have a chance to connect and have down time in the glorious Spring weather.

Sincerely

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