



Parent and Community Update Week 7 Term 3

Book Week Dress Up Day and Parade Friday 23 August!

Students, staff and parents are invited to come along in the costume of their favourite book character. We will have a full school assembly at 9am, all welcome!

Café and Curiosity Centre Opening!

Straight after the parade on Friday we are going to open up our Curiosity Centre to all parents to tour. We have long awaited this space to be fit for purpose and the final touches have now been completed. Come along and stay after for morning tea outside the Café.



Formation of P&C

We are aiming to form our Bellbird Park State School P&C on Monday 26 August 5-6pm in H Block. In the attached PDF slide deck from our last CAG meeting you will see the role descriptions for the executive members. This will be an interim P&C until the AGM, which would be scheduled for March 2025. This really is a fantastic opportunity to “try before you buy”, to play in the space of small fundraising initiatives and to develop more community support.

I encourage you to be involved in your P&C any way you can. We acknowledge that this time might not suit all families so we will send an online link with instructions of how to join the meeting virtually, prior to the night.

Chaplaincy

Kylie Osodu, Field Development Manager for Scripture Union Australia, will attend the P&C formation meeting on the 26th August. Interim discussions last year indicated community support for this service. Kylie will be available to answer any questions and talk through the process going forward to secure a school chaplain. She will also detail how P&Cs can be involved. I have had 20 years of experience with Chaplaincy in schools and this resource is invaluable to the wellbeing and engagement of our little people.

Website updates

We regularly upload any Principal Updates, CAG/P&C Minutes, and key news on the news page <https://bellbirdparkss.eq.edu.au/calendar-and-news/news>. This will include any information sent out from the Admin email, eg, excursion letters.

Enrolments for 2025 Principal Tours

You will have seen on our Facebook page that I will be hosting Principal Walk and Talk tours this term. Our second one is this Thursday 22 August 4-4:30pm. All families and their children who wish to enrol are invited to meet at the administration block just before 4pm to commence the tour.

Learning Conferences Tuesday 3 September

This is an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to share their strengths, their challenges and their learning goals, and to ensure that there are no surprises when you receive your child's written report at the end of Semester 2. Learning Conferences will be held in the school hall. All of our class teachers and specialist teachers will be available between 3.00-5.30pm to meet with you.

To book a 10 minute Learning Conference, simply follow the link below and make a selection from the available time slots. Once booked on-line, consider this time confirmed. Please do not request more than one time per teacher and please only request times that are marked as available.



**AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TEACHERS AND FAMILIES
TO WORK TOGETHER SO ALL STUDENTS
BELONG, TRUST AND FLOURISH.**

To make a booking to meet with a classroom or specialist teacher, please check your email inbox for details or use the link below.

Book here – <https://eq.sobs.com.au/pt3/parent.php?schoolid=71088> and follow the prompts to register and select a time. **Bookings will close on Friday, 30 August at 3.00pm.** Please refer to the email sent on Thursday 15 August for more information.

Road Safety in Kiss and Go

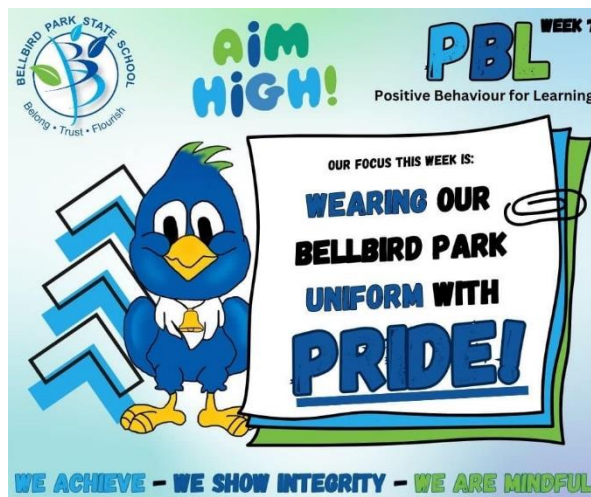
Our little people are so very precious to you and to us. Please be Mindful when driving through the Kiss and Go area. It's very important that the flow of traffic continues to ensure safety for our students, staff and families. This area is not for parking (the lines will be removed). Please continue to move on in the lane to ensure traffic is not backed up on Harris Street. Our wonderful Teacher Aides will ensure your child makes it safely to the car.

Uniforms

This week's PBL focus is to display Integrity in Wearing Our Bellbird Park Uniform with Pride! 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

Our water safety program is well and truly underway. See the dates below for your information



TERM 3 WATER SAFETY and SWIMMING EDUCATION PROGRAM		PROGRAM and PROVIDER	SESSION DATES
Prep	WATER SAFETY	Royal Rescuers presentation by Royal Life Saving Society Queensland	Friday, 16 th August
Year 1, 2, 3 and 4	WATER SAFETY	Head out of Water program by Royal Life Saving Society Queensland	Friday, 9 th August Friday, 16 th August Friday, 23 rd August Friday, 6 th September
Year 5-6	WATER SAFETY	Wet and Wise Program by Royal Life Saving Society Queensland (dry component only)	Friday, 9 th August Friday, 16 th August Friday, 23 rd August Friday, 6 th September

- **Wednesday 11 September Flourish Fair** – Our Flourish Fair last term was a beautiful opportunity for students to demonstrate their passion project that they have been working on as a part of our Homework Policy. This is a tradition we will continue each term to welcome parents into the classroom to be a part of every child's learning.
- **Last day of Term 3 Friday 13 September** – PBL Celebration Disco

As always, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance if you have any concerns. I look forward to connecting with more of you over the coming weeks.

Sincerely
Katie Stubbings
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