



Responsibility
Respect
Resilience
Care
Persistence
Positivity

★ BWPS IS COMMITTED TO CHILD SAFETY ★

2023	Calendar
20-24 February	Grade 2 swimming program
21 February	School Council meeting (6pm)
23 February	Grade 6 'Mini Boss' incursion
23 February	Grade 3-6 swim team trials (4:30pm GESAC)
24 February	Twilight Sports – from 4pm
27 Feb – 3 March	Grade 1 swimming program
2 March	Grade 6 Aquarium excursion
6 March	MPSSA District Swim Carnival
6 – 10 March	Grade 4 swimming program
8 March	Grade 5 & 6 girls 'International Women's Day Marie Curie STEAM' excursion
13 March	Labour Day Public Holiday
14 March	Grade 2 'Human Body' Science incursion
15 – 27 March	NAPLAN testing for grades 3 and 5 students
23 March	Prep 'Fairy tales' incursion
24 – 26 March	BWPS Dads & Kids weekend
28 March	House Cross Country Carnival
28 March	Grade 6 Student Leaders Conference - excursion
29 & 30 March	School photos
29 March	School Tour (4pm)
6 April	End of Term 1

2023 School Term Dates

TERM 1 30 JANUARY - 6 APRIL

TERM 3 10 JULY - 15 SEPTEMBER

TERM 2 24 APRIL - 23 JUNE

TERM 4 2 OCTOBER - 18 DECEMBER

Principal News

It has been an extremely smooth start to the term, and we thank you all for the support to make this happen. It is always helpful to meet with parents early in the year to share information and ensure students have their needs met. Our swimming program is in full swing for our Grade 1 to 4s and this is so important after some missed years.

High Abilities

We are very lucky to have a vast number of our students working above level in many areas due to our explicit teaching model. Our curriculum is pitched 12 months ahead of the Victorian Curriculum to cater for extension and differentiation within our classrooms.

This year saw the launch of the 'Create' program which is aimed at Grade 5 and 6 students who are working above the expected level in visual art. It was fantastic to see their enthusiasm, along with Claire Baker's, last week at their first session! They have some very exciting things planned for the year.



There will be many other opportunities for students to be extended in the other specialists' areas as the year progresses.

The Victorian Challenge and Enrichment Series (VCES) and Victorina High Ability Program (VHAP) offer opportunities for students from Grade 3 to 6. We also have extension groups for our younger students, including before school maths for Grade 4 and 5. Brooke Day is our High Ability Practice leader for this year so please reach out to your class teacher or Brooke for any assistance.

Twilight Sports

I look forward to seeing you all at Twilight Sports on Friday 24th February. We welcome you to set up a picnic rug from 4:30pm on the oval and prepare for a 5:00pm start time. The night will conclude at 7:00pm, with gates closing by 7:30pm.

As children are present, please note this is an alcohol-free event and it is the responsibility of families to supervise their children at all times.

Building work

The library and sickbay work has been completed which is very exciting and we are just waiting on handrails for the ramps.

Have a fabulous weekend.

Sarah Asome

Acting Principal

Neurodiversity at BWPS

If your child receives support from our Learning Enhancement team or you are a parent of a neurodiverse child at BWPS we invite you to join us on **Thursday 23rd February at 9.15am - 9.45am** for an informal meeting in the Learning Enhancement room (next to the canteen).

It is an opportunity to come along and meet the team as well as connect with other parents in a similar situation. We share knowledge and experiences and do our best to answer your questions. Please note the meetings need to finish punctually as we have teaching sessions immediately after.

Future meeting dates and times at this stage are:-

Monday **8th May 3pm**

Thursday **20th July 3pm**

Thursday **19th October 9.15am**

Look forward to seeing you 😊

Carla, Deb, Lara & Sarah

Birthdays 17 February – 2 March



Oliver	1W	Isla	6F	John	6S	Darcy	6S
Emma	3B	Aykin	PC	Asher	2C	Caitlin	4L
Raul	PC	Riley	4H	Samuel	PC	Sienna	6F
Stella	6M	Rachael	6M	Sarina	1L	Liam	3A
Darcy	4L	Chloe	6S	Eloise	1W	Rosie	1T
Vaughn	3C	Kate	3G	Maggie	4S	Isabel	5M
Pia	PC	Andrew	3G	Ryder	2Q	Olivia	2Q
Jocelyn	3G	Kayra	4A	Jack	5E		

2023 School Leaders

Congratulations to all the students who were appointed Leadership roles for 2023.



Left to right:

Renee & Claire (School Vice-Captains)

Phoebe & Jake (School Captains)



Left to right:

Lily & Sophie (SVC Captains), Tali (Arts Captain), Emily (ICT Captain), Smrithi (SVC Captain), Yasia (Arts Captain), Seth (Arts Captain), Aiden (ICT Captain), Poppy (Arts Captain), Hamish (SVC Captain)



HOUSE CAPTAINS

Left to right:

Will & Oliver (Huntly Captains), Matt & Sam (Brewer Captains), Rachael & Ruby (Marriott Captains), Isla & Eloise (Thomas Captains)

Smile Squad

In the next few days your child will receive a Smile Squad dental pack. The pack includes all the tools your child needs for good oral health – a water bottle, full sized tube of toothpaste, a toothbrush and a brochure full of helpful hints and tips for a healthy smile.

Smile Squad is a Victorian Government program that provides free dental care to all primary, secondary and specialist school students enrolled in government schools across Victoria. Smile Squad will be visiting our school in coming months. For more information on the program, you can visit the Smile Squad website at: www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au

Picking up other students from school?

Please make sure you contact parents if you are going to pick up someone else's child after school. If a child is waiting for their parents, who may be running late, they need to come to the office to wait. Please don't remove students from the school grounds without notifying their parents and the school office.

School Value Certificates

Each week, teachers from each year level present a certificate to a student who has demonstrated one of our school values. Congratulations to all our winners over weeks 2 and 3!



Week 2

Left to right: Amber, Oliver, Amelie, Mahavira, Fletcher, Missing: Hamza.



Week 3

Left to right: Sophie, Aria, Yasmine, Eleanor, Sadie, Lucy, Divit.

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Please take time to read our school's collection notice, found on our website [DET Privacy Collection Notice](#).

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Microsoft 365](#) safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Microsoft 365 for Education, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

2nd hand uniform shop

Just a reminder that we have a well-stocked second-hand uniform shop in the main school admin block. Each item is only \$5. Please feel free to visit 8:30 – 4pm on school days.



It's our community that makes the difference...

Open Night 2023

THURSDAY 27 APRIL



Bentleigh
Secondary College

**BENTLEIGH
SECONDARY COLLEGE**
warmly invites you to attend our

OPEN TWILIGHT 2023

Wednesday 5 April
5:00pm – 7:00pm

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Ages 6 -17 years

All levels

Boys and Girls

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FREE EVENT

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Under the Stars

WITH **TEX PERKINS** AND
THE FAT RUBBER BAND
SUPPORTED BY **MIA WRAY**



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CARNEGIE**

**SATURDAY 25
FEBRUARY, 6PM**

**FOOD TRUCKS
AND LOCAL DJs**



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