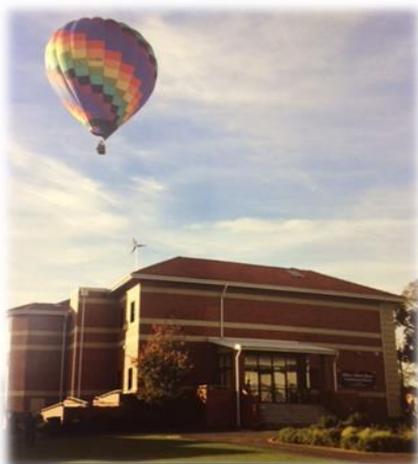


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Responsibility  
Respect  
Resilience  
Care  
Persistence  
Positivity

★ BWPS IS COMMITTED TO CHILD SAFETY ★

#### 2021 CALENDAR

1 -12 March	Grade 2 Swimming Program
Thursday 4 March	Grade 6 Hanging Rock excursion
Thursday 4 March	Grade 5 & 6 Sex Ed Program for Parents 6.00 - 7.00pm
Monday 8 March	Labour Day Holiday
Tuesday 16 March	School Council Meeting 6pm
Wednesday 17 March	School Photos - Individual & Classes Prep - Grade 5
Thursday 18 March	School Photos - Classes Grade 6 & Families & Leadership
<b>Thursday 25 March</b>	Grade 3 Melbourne Zoo excursion
Friday 26 March	'Twilight' Sport day - Students only
Tuesday 30 March	Casual Clothes Day SRC gold coin donation for State Schools Relief
Wednesday 31 March	Grade 1 Scienceworks excursion
Thursday 1 April	End Term 1 - school finishes at 2.30pm
Monday 19 April	Term 2 commences
Tuesday 20 April	School Council Meeting 6pm
Wednesday 28 April	School Tour for 2022 prospective new parents 4pm - 5pm
3 - 14 May	Grade 1 Swimming Program
17 - 28 May	Grade 4 Swimming Program
Tuesday 18 May	School Council Meeting 6pm
31 May - 11 June	Grade 3 Swimming Program
2 June	School Tour for 2022 prospective new parents 4pm - 5pm
Monday 14 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Tuesday 15 June	Curriculum Day - student free
Tuesday 22 June	Parent/Teacher Interviews 2pm - 7pm
Friday 25 June	End Term 2 - school finishes at 2.30pm
Monday 12 July	Term 3 commences
30 August - 3 September	Grade 5 Camp
Friday 17 September	Term 3 School Finishes 2.30pm
Monday 4 October	Term 4 commences
4 - 8 October	Grade 6 Camp
16 - 17 October	Dads and Kids Weekend
18 - 20 October	Grade 4 Camp
22 October - 5 November	Prep Swimming Program

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10 - 12 November

Grade 3 Camp

22 – 23 November

Grade 5 & 6 Beach Program

## 2021 School Term Dates

TERM 1	28 JANUARY - 1 APRIL	TERM 2	TUES 19 APRIL - 25 JUNE
TERM 3	12 JULY - 17 SEPTEMBER	TERM 4	4 OCTOBER - 15 DECEMBER

## Principal News

### Review

I would like to thank our parents and students that were able to be a part of our review last Thursday. The feedback from the reviewers was that we are a very positive and supportive community with strong partnership between teachers, parents and students.

The reviewers also stated how happy, engaged and articulate our students are. It is very reassuring that external people to the school get this sense of connectedness when they visit. I am very proud of how we all work together to ensure the best possible environment for our students.

We also received some positive suggestions for the future direction of the school. The goal setting and formulation of the four-year strategic plan will occur tomorrow and I will share this with the community when it is completed.

### Home Practice

BWPS understands home practice is an important part of a students' life that needs to be in place by high school. We centre most of this around home reading and mathematics practice.

Home reading is important as we try to build reading experience, exposure to rich vocabulary and building of background knowledge.

Each year level sets home practice and encouraging students to read and engage in the activities provided begin to set the expectations that home practice is a requirement of learning at school.

Our students are taught the importance of retrieval practice, meaning that going over material, well after they have been instructed in it, and seeing what they remember by quizzing themselves or completing activities, is great for storing knowledge in long term memory.

What we know about knowledge is, the more you have the easier it is to learn and make connections to new ideas. We are aiming for our home practice to build effective study habits over time.

### P&F AGM

We had a wonderful turn out for our P&F AGM, thank you for the interest and support in what will hopefully be a more fruitful year in terms of community events.

All committee positions were declared open and we are delighted to announce the 2021 elected P&F members:

**President:** Anita Pedrana

**Secretary:** Jo Rogan

**Treasurer:** Florence Giazi

We look forward to an exciting 2021 and hopefully rebuild some increasingly face to face community connection as the year unfolds.

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### School Safety

We have noticed a few people, both parents and students, riding their bikes/scooters on the school grounds. It is really dangerous and we would hate for someone to be injured so please refrain from riding on the school grounds.

Have a great week.

Steven Capp

## Birthdays 3 – 9 March

★ Dylan B ★ Patrick M ★ Thomas M ★ Brooklyn C ★ Ian C ★ Isla W ★ Vincent C ★

★ Matilda H ★ Clemmie H ★ Juno T ★ Maggie K ★ Haenel C ★ Lucy C ★



## School Photos - Order online through Compass MSP Photography

The 2021 school photos will be taken on the following dates:

- Wednesday 17 March - Individual and class photos for Grades Prep - Grade 5
- Thursday 18 March - Individual and class photos for Grade 6, then Family and Leadership Photos

**All ordering will be processed online through your parent Compass Portal which will initially appear on your feed.**

Once you have clicked on, it will then be removed from the main feed but you can then access photo ordering through the community icon.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE A FAMILY PHOTO (BWPS students only) TO BE TAKEN ON THURSDAY 18 MARCH YOU MUST ORDER THIS ONLINE BY TUESDAY 16 MARCH.**

Further instructions on ordering through compass can be found at <https://www.compass.education/guide#photos>.

FAQ's:

*How long do I have to order photos?*

*Parents have 1 week after photo day to order before incurring a 20 dollar late fee.*

*How can I order family photos?*

*Sibling or Family Photos are available through Compass.*

Please contact the office if you have any questions



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## SRC Casual Clothes Day Tuesday 30 March gold coin donation



On Tuesday 30th March, our Student Representative Council (SRC) will be hosting a casual clothes day fundraiser at school.

We are asking students to donate a gold coin which will go to the State Schools' Relief Charity. This is a not-for profit organisation that work closely with all government schools across Victoria.

They assist families who have experienced things as family illness and financial hardship.



Thank you,  
The SRC Team

## Attendance At School

Bentleigh West has a strong commitment to maximum student attendance at school because it generally contributes to successful relationships between students and staff, strong feelings of connectedness to school and increased student learning outcomes.

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Every lesson helps students to build their learning and maintain strong social connections. Students learn new things at school every day. Attending and participating in school will help your child develop:

- important skills and knowledge to help them learn
- Social and emotional skills such as good communication, resilience and team work.

There is no safe number of days for missing school. Each day a student misses puts them behind.

Students with repeated late attendance are given support by our Assistant Principal, with follow-up calls to parents, and continued monitoring and encouragement. Students who are constantly late for school also miss out on important connections with their teacher, their friends and their learning.





## EVERY DAY COUNTS

### ATTENDANCE FACT SHEET FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

School is better when you're here

#### DO I HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL?

Yes, in Victoria everyone aged from 6 – 17 has to go to school.

Missing one day a fortnight is the same as missing 4 whole weeks of school a year.

From Foundation to Year 12 that adds up to 1.5 years of school!

School is better when you attend. Your friends and your teachers notice that you are away and wonder if you are OK.

#### WHY IS IMPORTANT THAT I GO TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY?

Right now, being at school is the most important thing you need to do for your future. School helps you build good habits for later on in life. You might think school is just about Maths and English but you're also learning about how to work with other people and how to solve problems.

Being at school every day also means you are becoming more independent as a learner and interacting with your friends and teachers. If you are at school you can get help from your teachers and friends and won't have to try to learn things in your own time.

Being an adult probably seems far away but we know that young people who attend school more frequently have better outcomes after school too. This means they earn more money, have better job opportunities and are generally healthier. So being at school really does make a difference!

#### DO MY PARENTS NEED TO LET THE SCHOOL KNOW IF I'M GOING TO BE AWAY?

Yes. Your parents need to notify the school of your absence as soon as they can within three days of your absence. If they know you are going to be away, they should try to tell the school before the day or days you are away.

If you're away from school too much and don't have a reasonable excuse like a serious illness, your parents might get a letter from the principal asking about why you're away.

#### ARE THERE ANY GOOD REASONS TO BE AWAY FROM SCHOOL?

No. Unless you are so sick you can't get out of bed or there is an event like a funeral, you should be at school. Every day you are away is a day of classes and social connection you miss out on. Taking a day off for your birthday or go shopping isn't a good reason to miss school.

Even medical and health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays. This includes family holidays. Your parents are encouraged not to plan holidays during the term but to organise these during the school holidays.



If you do have to be away for some reason, your parents need to contact the school and let them know what's going on. Depending on the situation, the school might provide schoolwork for you to complete.

### **IF I'M NOT AT SCHOOL WHAT DO I MISS OUT ON?**

You miss out on all the big stuff – class discussions and all the interaction that happens in a classroom, the chance to get help from teachers and the opportunity to practice skills and gain knowledge.

Being away means you might miss out on a lot of learning or that you need to catch up in your time.

If all of that isn't enough to convince you to be at school every day, being away also means you also miss out on playing with your friends. Being away from school a lot can be lonely. It has a big impact on relationships and social connections.

Believe it or not, everyone wants you at school and it really is better when you attend.

### **WHAT IF I'M HAVING PROBLEMS GETTING TO SCHOOL?**

Getting to school on time everyday can be about having a good routine.

If you find yourself running late or missing school because you're disorganised, try:

- Asking your parents for help getting ready
- Having a set time to go to bed
- Leaving all technology out of your bedroom
- Packing your school bag the night before with everything you need
- Having a set time for breakfast
- Planning to meet up with a friend so you can travel to school together.

Sometimes, though it can just be hard to go to school.

You might feel overwhelmed by the work or things might be tough with your friends. Maybe you don't feel safe at school or you really dislike a teacher or things at home aren't great. Perhaps you're feeling down or anxious and don't even really know why.

Whatever the situation is, staying away from school isn't the answer. Many people want to help you. Try talking to:

- Your parents or another adult family member
- A trusted teacher
- Wellbeing Coordinator or the school counsellor
- Another trusted adult like your coach

#### **USEFUL WEBSITES/CONTACTS**

Kids Matter - [www.kidsmatter.edu.au](http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au)

Youth Beyond Blue - [www.youthbeyondblue.com.au](http://www.youthbeyondblue.com.au)

Headspace - [www.headspace.org.au](http://www.headspace.org.au)  
or e-headspace  
[www.eheadspace.org.au/](http://www.eheadspace.org.au/) for online  
counselling & support

Reach Out – [www.reachout.com](http://www.reachout.com)

Kids helpline - 1800 55 1800 24 hours  
a day, 7 days a week or [web  
counselling](http://www.reachout.com)



Bentleigh West Kindergarten Inc.

# OPEN DAY

**Sunday**  
**21st March**  
**10am-12pm**



**ENROLMENT  
INFORMATION**  
**MEET THE TEACHERS**  
**TOUR THE FACILITIES**  
**FACE PAINTING**



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Open Day to your calendar

**Bentleigh West Kindergarten**

21 Patterson Road, Bentleigh

[www.bentleighwestkinder.org.au](http://www.bentleighwestkinder.org.au)

For more information: 9557 8365

# BENTLEIGH WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL



## COMMUNICATIONS

All school notifications, including, consents, weekly newsletters and correspondence are done via Compass  
<https://bentleighwestps-vic.compass.education>

### **PLEASE OPEN IN YOUR BROWSER TO SEE ALL ATTACHMENTS**

It is really important to notify the school when your child is going to be away so please log on to Compass to record your child's absence or late arrival.

You can download the Compass App from the App store for iPhones or Google Play for Samsung devices. In the App you can then open the full Compass website where you can access up-to-date information.

If you have forgotten your username or password you can recover your details by clicking the 'Don't know your username/Forgot your password?' link on the front page