

Responsibility
Respect
Resilience
Care
Persistence
Positivity

★ BWPS IS COMMITTED TO CHILD SAFETY ★

2022 Calendar

TERM 1

21 March	Kingston Division Swimming Carnival
21 March	Grade 3 Melbourne Zoo excursion
23 March	Grade 6 Aquarium excursion
24 March	Grade 6 Student Leaders Conference
31 March	Grade 2 "Mad About Science" incursion
6 April	Prep "Funny Fairy-tales" incursion
8 April	End of Term 1 - School finishes at 2:30pm

2022 School Term Dates

TERM 1	31 JANUARY - 8 APRIL	TERM 2	26 APRIL - 24 JUNE
TERM 3	12 JULY - 16 SEPTEMBER	TERM 4	3 OCTOBER - 16 DECEMBER

Principal News

School Council

This week we held our first meeting with our new School Council, and I am pleased to announce our School Council office bearers for 2022 are:

President: Tania Galbraith
Vice President: Stuart Banks
Treasurer: Stuart Coulthard
Minute Keeper: Nick Armstrong

Please see an attached list of the 2022 School Council members who are always happy to be approached with any queries or ideas you wish to share.

We will announce P&F positions after their AGM on 5 March and I call on members who may be interested in becoming President. We have put a lot of systems and supports in place that ensure

our events have many volunteers and templates as to how they run, so the job might not be as daunting as in the past or as to what it might seem.

Please contact the school if you would like more information.

Student Representatives at School Council

This week, we had Evan and Sabine attend School Council to update student input to our School Grounds Master Plan. On the original master plan, the wetlands area was going to be built up with some hills and have quiet areas and places to hide.

Current feedback is the students have also looked into having some sort of obstacle course. The students are going to draft something up and we will explore if we can fit this into our current plan.

The students have also identified the need for more bike and scooter storage. We will also investigate these possibilities in liaison with the students.

In addition to getting direct feedback from our children we are pleased they are learning more about the decision-making process at school. We look forward to students engaging more with School Council and building ownership of their school.

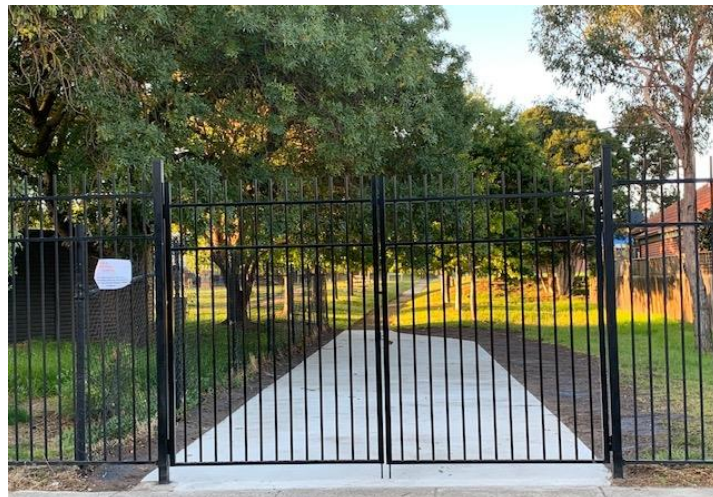
Social Media and Social Skills sessions

Last week, our grade 5 and 6 students attended sessions on learning about social media and common friendship issues that can occur at this age. Students explored problem solving skills and how best to communicate on a variety of platforms to help them navigate this path. I was so pleased with the maturity and engagement of the group.

All of our students learn about age-appropriate social skills and how to look after their own wellbeing and wellbeing of others as part of our curriculum.

Back Gates

I would like to thank School Council and P&F along with our school community for fundraising to improve access of the school at the oval end.



The works look amazing and the flow has improved, particularly for people leaving with bikes and scooters. Thanks again to our School Council Grounds Committee, Billy Powell and Stuart Banks in helping with this process.

With ground improvements and the sound proofing of more rooms in the Grade 6 area, I am really pleased in the continued attention to making the physical environment the best it can be to get the best outcomes we can for our students.

Shade Sails

We were also successful in our application for shade sails, and I am pleased to report we have the foundation poles in at both locations which are in our indigenous garden at the front of the school and behind the Prep learning house.

Raising Kids in a Digital World

The feedback from our webinar, "Raising Kids in a Digital World" has been really positive. The session is full of practical guidance and really challenged my thinking as I wasn't even aware of some of the safety mechanisms that can quickly and easily be put into place when using certain sites and apps.

If you registered you will have received the recording link, so it is definitely worth a watch if you haven't seen it yet.

Steven Capp
Principal

Birthdays 11 – 24 March



Maya	3T	Max	3T	Sasi	1V
Lucy	4A	Mimi	PC	Asher	4H
Louisa	6A	Myrna	1W	Nathan	2Q
Allie	PS	Evelyn	2Q	Ella	5Z
Leo	3G	Spyro	4H	Kian	5Z
Santiago	1F	Seth	5M	Elliot	3T
Oliver	1V	Josh	PC	Audrey	5E
Alex	4A	Phoebe	PC	Joshua	PS
Yash	4A	Harvey	PS	Emilio	6A
Cate	5E	Hudson	2T	Zara	6F
Everly	2Q	Zain	1F	Harper	6H

Supervision on school grounds

The school grounds are supervised by staff from 8.45am - 9.00am and 3.30pm - 3.45pm every day.

Don't let students arrive any earlier than 8.45am unless they have sport training and will be supervised by a teacher.

Please note the back gate is locked between 9.15am and 3.15pm.

COVID-19

Students who report a positive result must isolate for seven days and not attend school during that period.

Where a student is a household contact of a positive case (that is, they have spent more than four hours with someone who has COVID-19 inside a house, accommodation, or care facility) they must inform the school and isolate for seven days and not attend school during that period.

Rapid Antigen Tests - Please visit this site for RAT information and how to perform a test on your child (which is translated in 33 languages)

[Rapid antigen testing in schools - information for parents and carers | Coronavirus Victoria](#)

If your child does test positive (via a PCR or rapid antigen test) please complete the Student COVID-19 details at [COVID Test Portal](#) then email Tanya Elliott at Tanya.Elliott@education.vic.gov.au to notify the school that you have lodged the details.

Working With Children Checks

Parents that are volunteering at school, either attending activities on school grounds or accompanying students on excursions, must carry a copy of their Working With Children Check card.

This is a mandatory requirement and WWCC cards will be required when signing in.

BENTLEIGH WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL



COMMUNICATIONS

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

PLEASE OPEN IN YOUR BROWSER TO SEE ALL ATTACHMENTS

It is 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.

A promotional poster for Bentleigh Secondary College's Open Twilight 2022 event. The poster features the school's logo (a stylized blue and red shape) and the text "Bentleigh Secondary College" on the left. On the right, it says "BENTLEIGH SECONDARY COLLEGE warmly invites you to attend our OPEN TWILIGHT 2022". Below this, a red banner contains the date and time: "Wednesday 6 April 5:00pm - 7:00pm". At the bottom, a dark blue banner says "BOOK A TOUR" and provides the website "www.bentleighsc.vic.edu.au" and contact information: "Vivien Street, East Bentleigh VIC 3165 P +61 3 9579 1044".

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The link below is for bookings should parents wish to attend:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BXNKO>



Bentleigh West Kindergarten Inc.

OPEN DAY

Sunday
3rd April
10am-12pm



We are a sustainable kindergarten

SCAN ME

to add our
Open Day to your calendar

Bentleigh West Kindergarten

21 Patterson Road, Bentleigh
www.bentleighwestkinder.org.au
For more information: 9557 8365

COVID-19 restrictions remain in place

Updated: 19 November 2021

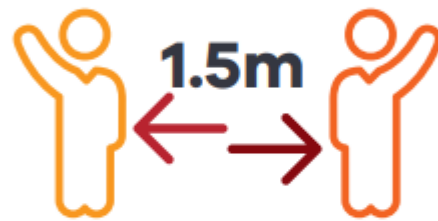
If you are unwell, please stay at home.

Please follow these COVIDSafe behaviours to protect yourself and others.

Wear a fitted face mask when indoors*



Maintain 1.5 metres distance from others.



Avoid handshakes and hugs.



Wash your hands regularly.



*Applies to all adults and Grade 3-6 students including at Outside School Hours Care programs, unless you have a lawful exception.

For detailed information visit:
coronavirus.vic.gov.au





BWPS SCHOOL COUNCILLORS 2022

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