



Responsibility
Respect
Resilience
Care
Persistence
Positivity

★ BWPS IS COMMITTED TO CHILD SAFETY ★

2022 Calendar

TERM 1

7 - 11 March	Grade 4 swimming program
10 March	Webinar "Raising Kids in a Digital World" 7:30pm
11 March	Grade 5 "Respectful Relationships" incursion
14 March	Labour Day (public holiday)
16 - 17 March	School photos
31 March	Grade 2 "Mad About Science" 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

Reading Practise at home – Fluency

One of our major goals at BWPS is for all our students to have excellent literacy skills, so they can learn about their world, express their ideas and create the future as they become increasingly influential.

When reading, we want our children to be comprehending what they read. This is hard to measure and see as thinking is invisible. Luckily, we can gain insight into likely comprehension levels by listening to our children read out loud and monitoring their fluency.

We can do this by getting our children to read a short section of text and listening to how they read. It should be at about normal talking pace, and we should have expression.

If this doesn't occur there are some things we can do:

- Model how the reading should sound.
- Ask the child to try and read with you as read through the text

- Ask the child to read themselves again, hopefully noticing improvements.

Repeated readings are highly correlated with improvements in fluency, so doing these short sharp practices regularly during your child's reading practice will really help them master fluency skills at all levels. If children get stuck on a word just tell them the word so the reading can flow.

This process is also beneficial for older students, particularly if they are reading complex texts that they are not used to such as poems or technical texts.

Prep students will not be at this level of practice yet and will soon be ready to practice some words and sentences.

We will be hosting reading seminars, during semester one, at each year level to be a little more specific about how you can help children improve reading at each year level.

I will be in touch with more details.

Raising Kids in a Digital World

I am hoping most of you received a compass notification regarding our webinar event to be held on March 10th. I have included the details below.

Managing our children's screen time, social media and online presence has become harder to manage for our BWPS community. We have received feedback that managing devices and online habits has been difficult for many after relying on screens so much during remote learning. Students moving to secondary school with devices also raises concerns for many in our community.

We would like to invite you to a Webinar to learn more about raising kids in the digital world and some ideas as to how to manage things such as:

- screen time
- cyber bullying
- social media
- ...and more

The webinar will run on **Thursday March 10th at 7.30pm**. Please register [here](#). Once registered a link will be provided for the night.

Can't make it? Register anyway and a replay will be made available to watch on your own time. All registered people will have access to the replay. There is no cost to BWPS community.

Running Club

I was delighted to see over 30 students Grade 4 – 6 attend Running Club. Running Club helps students train for upcoming cross country and athletic events as well as promote building fitness with weekly running. There is overwhelming evidence to suggest physical activity is such a protective factor in all areas of health and wellbeing. Thanks to our teachers for providing this opportunity.

Swimming Trials

We have 67 students Grade 4 to 6 attending GSAC for swimming trials. I wish all the students the best of luck and I am sure a cool dip in the pool will be great regardless of results.

Thanks to our teachers taking the time to support the trials.

Steven Capp
Principal

Birthdays 25 February – 10 March



Rosie	PC	Jack	4M	Juno	1F
Vaughn	2Q	Dylan	5M	Maggie	3A
Ariyana	PB	Thomas	PB	Haenel	5E
Maggie	3G	Eddy	PC	Lucy	6M
Isabel	4H	Patrick	1F	Nicholas	1W
Vincent	6M	Miriam	PD	Ned	5E
Georgia	6M	Ian	3Y	Hayden	5E
Jocelyn	2C	Albert	PS	Michael	6F
Kayra	3A	Andrew	2T		

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.

Pre-loved uniforms

Buy uniforms in 'hardly-worn' condition! For one week only 7-11 March all items are just \$1!
Pop by the school office to let us know you're onsite...

- Short & long sleeve shirts
- Shorts/skirts/skort
- Leggings/trackpants
- Dresses/tunics
- Jumpers/bomber jackets



State Schools Relief - uniform assistance

State Schools' Relief (SSR) is a not-for-profit organisation that works closely with all state government schools in Victoria. Each year, State Schools' Relief provides uniform items to families experiencing financial disadvantage.

Applications for SSR are made through the admin team in the school office and then approved by the school Principal. Please feel free to contact us with any enquiries.

Items include:

- regular uniform items
- shoes
- bags
- swim/sports wear
- underwear, singlets and socks

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 contains the text "BOOK A TOUR", the website "www.bentleighsc.vic.edu.au", and the address "Vivien Street, East Bentleigh VIC 3165" and phone number "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>

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

