



From the Principal:

Curriculum Days for 2020

School Council have approved the four Curriculum Days for 2020 enabling families to plan well ahead of time. The following dates are now scheduled for staff professional learning and collaborative planning and therefore students will not attend school:

- **Tuesday 28 January:** State-wide pupil free day for collaborative team planning and covering of DET requirements in OHS and Child Safety;
- **Wednesday 29 January:** Professional learning focused on 2020 priority areas;
- **Wednesday 11 March:** Professional learning on the domains of Engagement and Stamina as part of the Berry Street Educational Model (BSEM);
- **Tuesday 9 June:** The final professional learning day on the Resilience domain as part of the BESM which supports our whole school approach to student wellbeing.

The dates for the Berry Street sessions have been selected after negotiating with the three other organisations who are also involved being Newlands PS, St Joseph the Worker PS and the availability of the Berry Street presenters. There were many factors to take into account by the three schools, including existing commitments and finding common dates where all staff from the three schools could attend.

Step-Up Sessions Continue

Step-up Session One has been and gone with children embracing the higher level work and challenges of a new room and a different mix of their peers. These groups were randomly selected and do not necessarily reflect the grade combinations for next year. We recognise it is a mixed experience for students, and we ask for your support to keep the positive talk up if your child is unsure about the changes to a new grade in the near future. This can be done whilst still acknowledging the apprehension they might be feeling as being a natural thing when something new is on the horizon.

The second Step-Up Session is next Tuesday 3 December, with new randomly selected groups working with the 2019 teachers from that year level again. Step-Up Session Three is the following week when each child is grouped with their 2020 grade and teacher for a 'getting to know you' session.

Community Drop Off / Pick Up

A Community Drop Off basket has been set up under the table in the foyer for parents who arrange to leave inexpensive items for collection by other parents. It is not feasible for the Admin Office to act as a go-between, especially for money exchanges or other expensive items.

Student Reporting Survey

A reminder that parents and carers have one more week to provide feedback on our reporting processes via an online survey which has been organised by Assistant Principal, Emma Heywood, and Data Leader, Toby Russo. Scroll down to page 2 for more details.

Italian Recital

Signora Elyssa has been working with each grade to prepare them for the up-coming Italian Poetry Recital; scroll down to page three for more details. This Recital is not designed as an open classroom activity, meaning it is a student only event. It will be an informal, grade-based assessment activity that provides every student an opportunity to show their Italian oral language progression in an engaging way.

David Twite
Principal

Important Dates:

DECEMBER

- Fri 29: **Scholastic Book Club Orders Close @ midnight!**
- Tue 3: Step-Up Session #2
- Wed 4: Gr5 Art/Humanities @ Coburg HS
- Mon 2-Fri 6: Selected Gr4+5 Woorabinda Camp
- Fri 6: Parent Survey closes
- Mon 9: **MANGOES** to arrive **sometime** this week!!! TBA
- Tue 10: Step-Up Session #3
- Tue 10: Year 7 Orientation Day
- Wed 11: End of Year Violin Concert, LC, 6pm
- Thu 12: End of Year Funky Glee Concert, LC, 6pm
- Fri 13: End of Year PMI Concert, MPR1, 11.40am

- Fri 13: Icy Pole Fundraiser @ 2.10pm
- Wed 18: Gr6 Graduation, Preston Town Hall, from 5.30pm
- Thu 19: School Council Meeting, 7pm
- Thu 19: Gr6 Big Day Out – Luna Park
- Fri 20: Final Day Term 4

2020 RETURN TO SCHOOL DATES:

Grades 1-6: Thursday 30 January
Grade Preps (Group A): Friday 31 January
Grade Preps (Group B): Monday 3 February
All Grades (inc. All Preps): Tuesday 4 February

Parent Survey – Reporting Processes:

Dear Parent and Carers,

We are undertaking a review of our formal reporting cycle that informs parents and carers about their child's learning. Part of this process is asking the parent/carer community, as well as teachers and students, for their feedback. Currently we offer a number of whole-school formal reporting processes for parents to share in their child's learning journey, including Information Night & 'Getting to Know You' Parent/Teacher Interviews, Semester Reports and Student Led Conferences. We would appreciate hearing your feedback in relation to these processes. This information is vital for our review and, alongside information gathered from our staff and students, will help guide the direction of our formal reporting in 2020.

Parents and carers can provide this feedback by clicking the following link: bit.ly/bellreporting2019. The survey will remain open until **Friday 6 December**.


Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey, we appreciate your input.

Emma Heywood & Toby Russo

Scholastic Book Club – Last Chance to Order:


You have until midnight tonight!!! Don't miss out.


Book Club LOOP
The EASIEST way for parents to order and pay for Book Club!




Parents: Are you registered for LOOP?
LOOP is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order, if you wish to pay by credit card.

Parents who are registered for **LOOP** receive exclusive sneak peeks, downloads and offers throughout the school year—don't miss out!





Head to scholastic.com.au/LOOP and register today!



Italian Poetry Recital:

BELL PRIMARY SCHOOL'S



This year all students at Bell Primary School will compete in the Italian Poetry Recital!

Students will learn a poem and recite it to a panel of judges. Students in Grade 5 and 6 will do so without the use of cue cards or prompts!

Each student will benefit from participation in this recital as it furthers their confidence in using the Italian language in context.

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each Grade level. Special Mention Certificates will be presented to students outstanding in their presentation. All students will receive a Participation Certificate!

-Signora Elyssa

A Note on our Recital

I am very much looking forward to listening to all students recite their poems on Thursday 5th December.

The timeframe is very short for each class to ensure that all students can be assessed on the day. A reminder to parents that this is a student only event.

We encourage you to listen and assist your child at home to support them prior to their recital!

Grazie Mille!
-Signora Elyssa

L'Arcobaleno



Dopo il temporale
viene il sereno,
in cielo brilla
l'arcobaleno.

Prep



Il Fiore

Mettimi piano nella terra e aspetta,
ci vuole pazienza non ci vuole fretta,
e se mi darai attenzione e amore,
diventerò un bellissimo fiore.

Grade 1 and Grade 2



Pasta Deliziosa

Di mangiare tanta pasta
a noi bimbi mai non basta.
Tagliatelle con ragù,
ne vogliamo sempre di più.
La mia Nonna me la impasta
e io ne mangio una canasta!



Ciao a te,
sono il cocodrillo.
Sono più lungo di un grillo.
Ho denti affilati che fanno paura,
e per alcuni porto sciagura.



Ma per fortuna sono coraggioso
e molto spesso mi riposo!



Grade 3 and Grade 4

Grade 5 and Grade 6

From the Fundraising Team:

MANGO UPDATE

Mangoes are scheduled to arrive the week of 9th December – keep an eye out in the Newsletter and on Compass for updates on collection dates and times.



ICY POLE DAY IS NEARLY HERE!

More details to come – but we are looking for some parent volunteers to assist with selling the Icy Poles on the day. If you can spare a few hours on Friday 13 December, please sign up below:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/3036633/false#/invitation>



For the Community:



art

IN THE PARK

WEEKEND PAINTING AT EDWARDS LAKE

free KIDS ART WORKSHOP

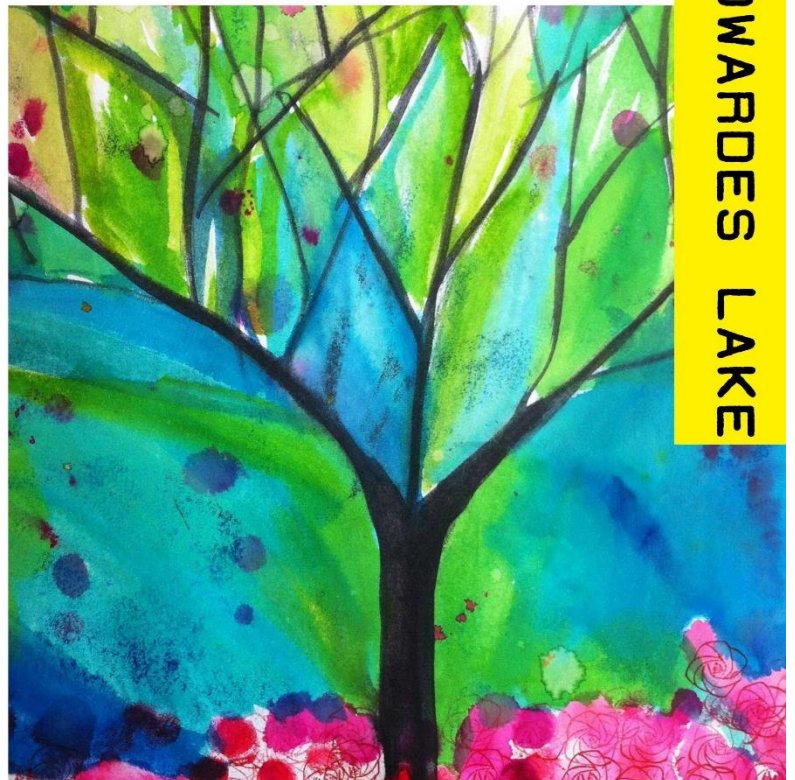
Saturday 7 December

10am to 12 noon at the Rotunda

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO CREATE ART
TO BE EXHIBITED AT SALON ART GALLERY
645 GILBERT ROAD RESERVOIR

REGISTER AT WWW.SALON.GALLERY

BEFORE 6 DEC 2019 - numbers are limited



Art work Elizabeth Diacos

EDWARDS LAKE

TRUE NORTH ART FESTIVAL

Please register at www.salon.gallery



A Rockin' Day with Santa

Saturday 7th Dec

9.30-11.30AM + 12.00-2.00PM + 2.30-4.30PM

**2 Hours Play, Xmas Activities
+ Pro Photos with Santa : \$25 per child**



Come and join us at the Kids Gym for a Xmas experience like no other! While the kids play, Santa will be roaming with a professional photographer in the gym. Each family will have time with our sensitive Santa for casual photos and all families will receive digital images for FREE, to treasure always.



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