



Foundation News!



2025

SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming Events

February

- Wed 5th - Non attendance Day
- Wed 12th – Non attendance Day
- Wed 19th – Non attendance Day
- Wed 26th – Non attendance Day
- Tues 18th– Parent-Teacher Interviews

March

- Monday 3rd - First Full School Week
- Monday 3rd - Decodable Readers go home 
- Wednesday 5th– First Library session
- Monday 10th – Labour Day Holiday

April

- Friday 4th - Last Day of Term (Early Finish - 2:30pm)

Classrooms open at 8:45am to give students time for a relaxed start to the day.



WELCOME TO BELVEDERE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL.

We are excited for the year ahead and look forward to sharing it with all of you! Whether you are sending your first, middle, last, or only child to school this year, we understand how overwhelming this process can be for both you and your child. Please know that it is a privilege for us to support your child through their first year of school. However, this transition is a partnership, and your involvement and support are key. At our school, we prioritise love, kindness, trust, open communication, flexibility, and teamwork to help your child thrive and reach their full potential.

TERM 1 FOCUS

Our focus for Term 1 is to engage students in play-based learning, providing them with opportunities to develop important social skills. We will incorporate activities from our 'School-Based Behaviour Matrix' and the 'Resilience, Rights, and Respectful Relationships' framework from the Department of Education to support these efforts. These activities are designed to enhance emotional literacy and foster self-awareness and empathy for others.



WEDNESDAY - NON ATTENDANCE DAY

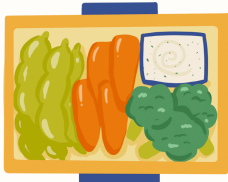
The first five Wednesdays of the term will allow us to connect with each student individually, gaining insights into their learning styles and identifying areas where we can support and extend their development. These four-day weeks also help ease the students' transition into the busier full weeks ahead. If you have not yet booked your time slot for a Wednesday, please do so at your earliest convenience on Compass.



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Reminder!

- Please ensure that any items that could be misplaced are clearly **labelled with your child's name**. E.g. hats, jackets, jumpers, drink bottles, lunch boxes.
- Daily **fruit break is at 10 am**. Please provide fruit or chopped vegetables to support healthy eating habits.
- We take regular toilet breaks during the day, so **water bottles** are important for staying hydrated. Drinking taps are available for use during playtimes.
- **Lunch Orders** have begun. These are available to order online on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. You will need the Qkr! App.



TOP 10 MATHS



Our Maths program, Top10, incorporates a wide range of hands-on materials to help students reinforce the concepts they are learning. It encourages collaboration, allows students to verbalise their thinking and reasoning, and provides opportunities for them to record their findings. This term, we will focus on identifying patterns related to colour, shape, size, and number. Additionally, we will practice number formation and counting, with an emphasis on counting to 10 and beyond.



'WELCOME CIRCLE'



Classrooms open at 8:45 am to give students time for a relaxed start to the day.

During this time, they can chat with their teacher and friends, unpack their bags, set up their workspace, use the toilets, and choose an activity before the morning music begins.

At 9 am, we begin our Morning Circle routine, which includes a group greeting, marking attendance, sharing news, discussing the day's schedule, and saying the Acknowledgment of Country to pay our respects to the traditional owners of the land.

This is a crucial time for all students to mentally prepare for the day's learning. We strongly encourage all students to arrive by 9 am for a smooth and calm start to the school day.





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Reminder

- Please complete the **Insight Permission forms** on Compass.
- If your child is absent from school, please record the absence through your child's Compass portal.

SPECIALIST CLASSES

Students will participate in four 1-hour specialist classes this term plus Library and Auslan which are taken by the classroom teachers.

Digital Technology - Mr. Kill
Performing Arts - Miss Ferris
Physical Education - Mr. Peters
Visual Arts - Mrs. Clarke

Please look at the separate attachment to find your child's specialist times for the week.

LITTLE LEARNERS LOVE LITERACY

Our literacy program, Little Learners Love Literacy, is a research-backed, sequential, and explicit program designed to build a strong foundation in literacy.

Our focus is on phonemic awareness, the alphabetic code (phonics), vocabulary, and connecting the teaching of reading, spelling, and writing.

This term, we will begin reading *Milo's Birthday Surprise*, an engaging story that introduces the skills of decoding through Milo and his friends. During our daily sessions, we will provide explicit instruction using a carefully developed scope and sequence, along with a variety of decodable books to support learning. On Monday the 3rd of March students will bring their first 2 decodable books home to share their success with the first 8 single letter phonemes (sounds). Further information regarding decodable readers will be provided closer to this date. Library borrowing will also commence on Wednesday the 5th of March.

INQUIRY

We have 2 topics this Term. The first is History – Families. We will discuss similarities and differences between our families and read, write and draw about them. Then we will do a Science topic about Living Things. We will explore common features between plants and animals and discuss the basic needs of food, water and shelter.



We are excited for the fun and engaging experiences we will share as we learn and play together!

The Foundation Team
Ms Bernie Pepper (Level Leader/ Foundation A),
and Mrs Karen Berry (Foundation B).

