



# **Bethal Primary School**

## **Newsletter**

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### **Upcoming events**

28th May to 3rd June	Remote Learning
3rd June	5 / 6 Edendale Farm Excursion - CANCELLED (will inform if we have a different date moving forward)
10th June	Foundation Edendale Farm Excursion
14th June	Queens Birthday (Public Holiday)

### **Principal's Message**



Dear Parents and Friends,

During the first semester, students have been introduced to many new concepts and strategies. A lot of learning has taken place and teachers have monitored and assessed each student's progress. Each child's achievement is then reported to parents via the written report and the parent teacher meeting. These meetings will be held in the last week of term when teachers will go through the student's mid-year report.

#### **Education State School Leadership Conference**

The state-wide conference is being held from the 7th June and 8<sup>th</sup> June. I will be attending the conference with other principals from Victoria.

## **Reporting Day**

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June we will be having our Parent /Teacher/Student meetings. More information will be sent home in the following weeks. It is important that parents or guardians attend these meetings with their child. The meetings provide an opportunity to raise any concerns parents or guardians have and for the teacher to discuss children's progress during the first semester. Students' first semester reports will be sent via Compass and will be discussed at this meeting.

## **Foundation Enrolments 2022**

Enrolments are now being accepted for 2022. Families, who have a child starting Preps next year and have not yet enrolled them at Bethal, should contact the school office to arrange the enrollment as soon as possible as we are starting to plan our prep grades and to allocate teachers. Children who turn 5 before the 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 will be eligible to start primary school.

## **NAPLAN**

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy tests for all Year 3 and Year 5 students was held last week. Well done to all the year 3 and year 5 students. The results of these tests will become available later in the year and parents will receive their child's individual report. The report will describe the child's skills in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. It will also show how the child performed in relation to national benchmark standards. Results will then be used to see the improvement in student achievement at the school. We have put many programs in place to improve student learning and our programs are differentiated to meet the needs of all our students.

## **PUNCTUALITY**

There are a large number of students who are being picked up early from school. This is disruptive to students' learning. **Please ensure all children are at school by 8.55am and not being picked up before 3.30pm.** All students must attend the full day unless they have an appointment.

**REMEMBER SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.30PM. CHILDREN SHOULD BE PICKED UP BY 3.45PM AT THE LATEST.**

**Mrs. T. DeMercurio**

**Principal**

## اعزائي اولياء الأمور,

تم تعليم الطلاب العديد من المفاهيم والاستراتيجيات الجديدة خلال اول نصف السنة الدراسي. لقد تم إجراء الكثير من التعلم وقام المعلمون بمراقبة وتقييم تقدم كل طالب. يتم بعد ذلك إبلاغ الوالدين بإنجاز كل طفل عبر التقرير المكتوب واجتماع الوالدين مع المعلم. سنعقد هذه الاجتماعات في الأسبوع الأخير من الفصل الدراسي حيث سيراجع المعلمون تقرير منتصف العام للطلاب.

مؤتمر القيادة المدرسية الحكومية للتعليم,

يُعقد المؤتمر على مستوى الولاية فيكتوريا من 7 حزيران إلى 8 حزيران. سألحضر المؤتمر مع مدراء مدارس آخرين في فيكتوريا.

يوم تقديم التقارير,

في يوم الثلاثاء 22 حزيران ، سنعقد اجتماعات الآباء / المدرسين / الطلاب. سيتم إرسال مزيد من المعلومات إلى المنزل في الأسابيع التالية. من المهم أن يحضر الآباء أو الأوصياء هذا الاجتماع مع أطفالهم. توفر الاجتماعات فرصة لإثارة أي مخاوف لدى الوالدين أو الأوصياء وللمعلم لمناقشة تقدم الأطفال خلال نصف السنة الدراسي. سيتم إرسال تقارير نصف السنة للطلاب عبر موقع المدرسة وستتم مناقشة التقرير في يوم الاجتماع.

التسجيل التمهيدي 2022,

يتم الآن قبول التسجيلات لعام 2022. يجب على العائلات ، التي لديها طفل يبدأ التمهيدي العام المقبل ولم تسجلهم بعد في المدرسة الاتصال بمكتب المدرسة لترتيب التسجيل في أقرب وقت ممكن حيث نبدأ في التخطيط صفوف التمهيدي ولتخصيص المعلمين. الأطفال الذين يبلغون العمر 5 سنوات قبل 30 نيسان 2022 سيكونون مؤهلين لبدء المدرسة الابتدائية.

نبلين,

البرنامج الوطني للتقييم - الأسبوع الماضي كان لدينا اختبارات معرفة القراءة والكتابة والحساب لجميع طلاب صفوف الثالث والخامس أحسنتم جميعاً. سنصبح نتائج هذه الاختبارات متاحة في وقت لاحق من هذا العام وسيتلقى الآباء تقرير طفلهم الفردي. سيصف التقرير مهارات الطفل في القراءة والكتابة ومهارات اللغة والحساب. كما سيوضح كيف كان أداء الطفل فيما يتعلق مع المعايير الوطنية. سيتم بعد ذلك استخدام النتائج لمعرفة التحسن في تحصيل الطلاب في المدرسة. لقد وضعنا العديد من البرامج لتحسين تعلم الطلاب وتم تمييز برامجنا لتلبية احتياجات جميع طلابنا.

الالتزام بالمواعيد,

هناك عدد كبير من الطلاب الذين يتم انتقاؤهم مبكراً من المدرسة. هذا يعيق تعلم الطلاب. يرجى التأكد من وجود جميع الأطفال في المدرسة بحلول الساعة 8.55 صباحاً وعدم أخذهم قبل الساعة 3:30 مساءً. يجب على جميع الطلاب حضور اليوم بأكمله ما لم يكن لديهم موعد.

تذكر انتهاء دوام المدرسة في الساعة 3.30 مساءً. يجب انتقاء الأطفال بحلول الساعة 3.45 مساءً كأقصى حد.

Mrs. T. DeMercurio

Principal



**Thank you to the ladies who helped with the Mothers Day stall - Mary, Cidgem, Suhale and Hayley**



**Book Club orders need to be handed in no later than  
Thursday 10th June**

# The Compass School Manager App

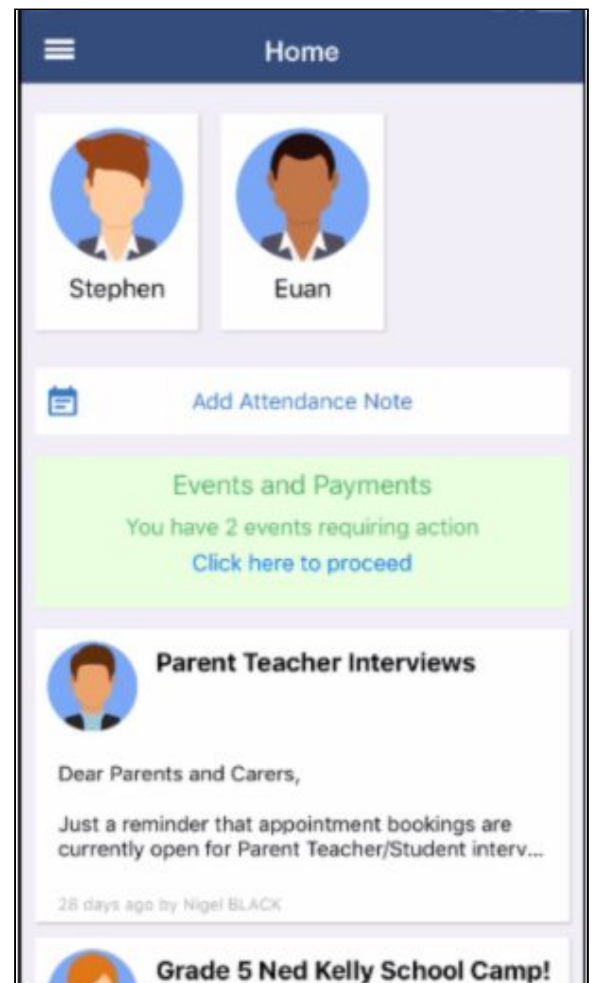
You can use the Compass app to action tasks. The app is available to download for free from the Apple App Store or the Google Play store.

Once installed and opened for the first time, you will be prompted to choose which school your child attends.

After selecting the school, you will be required to enter your login details which are the same details you use to login to your Compass parent portal.

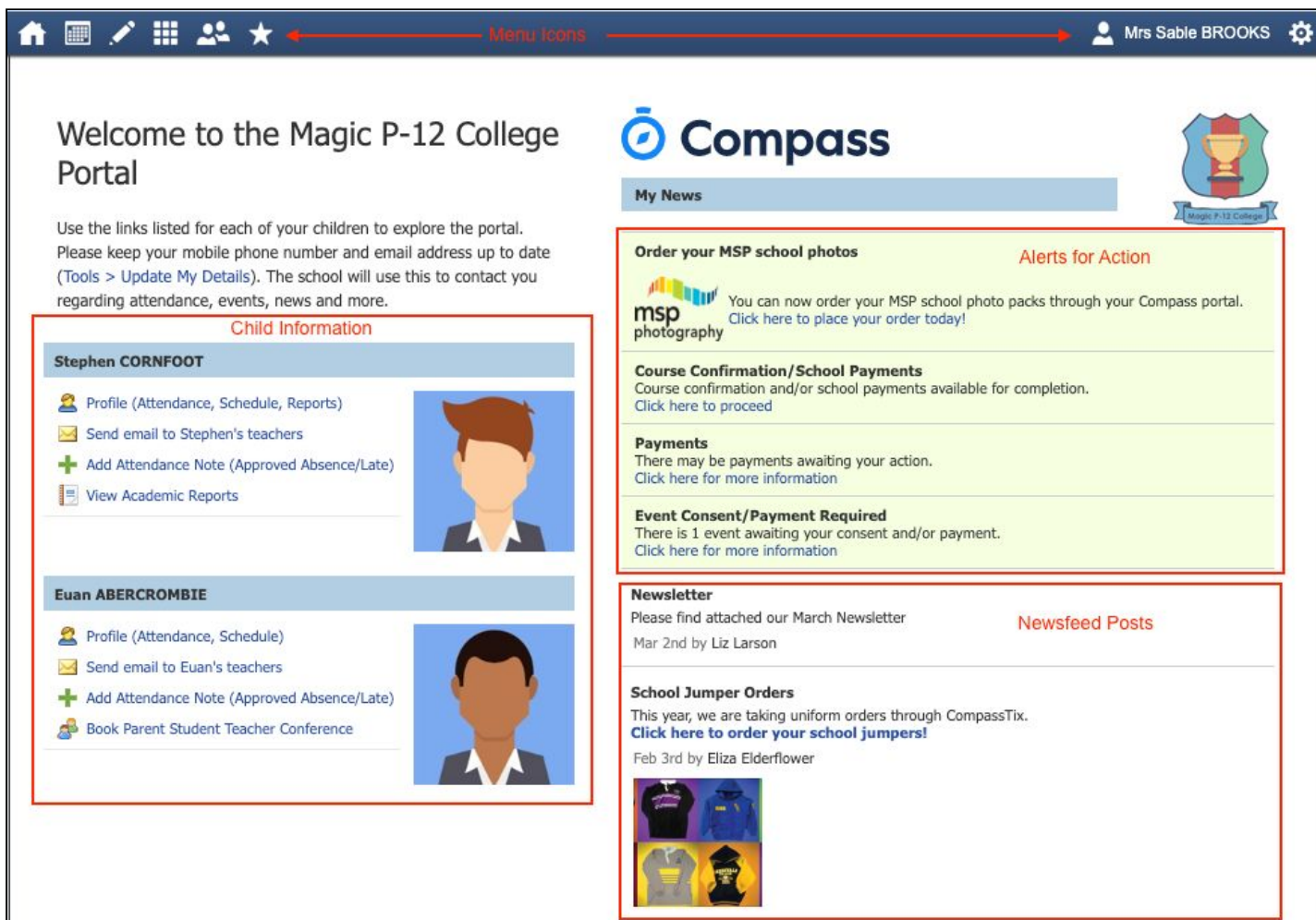
When logged in, you will see -

- Each of your children who attend the school. You can click their image to go to their profiles.
- The option to add an attendance note
- Any items requiring your action (alerts) at the top of the screen.
- The newsfeed which you can scroll down through to read.
- A link to the main menu (three little stripes in top left corner)



## The Home Page

When logged in, you will be on the Home page. Here you will see different sections of key information.



The screenshot shows the home page of the Magic P-12 College Portal. At the top, there is a navigation bar with icons for home, calendar, pencil, grid, people, and star, followed by a 'Menu Icons' label. On the right, it says 'Mrs Sable BROOKS' with a user icon and a settings gear. The main content area is divided into several sections. On the left, under 'Welcome to the Magic P-12 College Portal', there is a message about keeping contact information up to date. Below this is a 'Child Information' section for two children: Stephen CORNFOOT and Euan ABERCROMBIE. Each child has a profile icon and a list of links: Profile (Attendance, Schedule, Reports), Send email to teachers, Add Attendance Note (Approved Absence/Late), and View Academic Reports. On the right, there is a 'Compass' logo and a 'My News' section. This section contains several alerts: 'Order your MSP school photos' with a link to place an order, 'Course Confirmation/School Payments' with a link to proceed, 'Payments' with a link for more information, and 'Event Consent/Payment Required' with a link for more information. Below these is a 'Newsletter' section with a link to find the March Newsletter. At the bottom right, there is a 'Newsfeed Posts' section with a post about 'School Jumper Orders' and a link to order jumpers, accompanied by images of school jumpers.

**Alerts** - These are clickable notifications of items that require your action.

**Newsfeed** - These are posts made by the school to communicate school information to you. You can scroll through any available posts and they will remain accessible for as long as the school has determined. They will generally display with the most recently dated post at the top however, posts set as 'Priority' by the school will show first regardless of the date.

**Child Information** - You will see each child you have at the school listed and clickable items that give you further details i.e clicking 'View Academic Reports' will take you to your child's available reports

**Menu options** - Across the top of the screen you will see a series of icons that open up menus for additional information you may require to access from time to time i.e. access to placing a canteen order, access to viewing upcoming event information etc.

# Parent Portal via Web

## How to Access Compass

Compass is a web-based system that is accessible on any modern web browser (Chrome, Firefox, Safari etc).

Every family receives a separate login to our school's Compass site. This login information is provided to you by the school.

If you need assistance locating the Compass site link for our school, go to:

<http://schools.compass.edu.au>

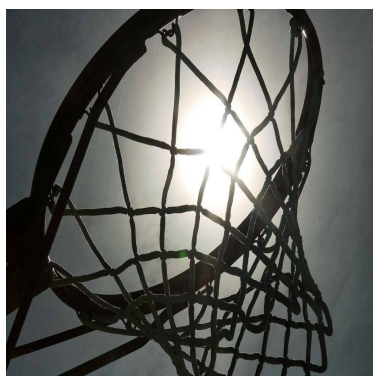
You will then be able to search for our school and access the link.



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## **For more information**

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**New players  
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### **Competition**

Parkville Netball Competition. All matches played at the State Netball & Hockey Centre, 10 Brens Drive, PARKVILLE, and Riverside Fairbairn Sports Precinct, Newsom Street, ASCOT VALE (Juniors).

### **Training**

Friday nights from 4.30pm at Broadmeadows Aquatic & Leisure Centre, 41-85 Tanderrum Way, BROADMEADOWS.

### **Season**

In-line with school terms – February to December.

### **Age Groups**

Nettas (5-7yrs), U11s (8-11yrs), U13s (12-13yrs), U15s (14-15yrs), & U17s & Open (16 – senior).

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# Tuning in to Kids

## Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

A 6 week parenting program

**Tuning in to Kids** will help parents:

- Be more aware and accepting of emotions in themselves and their child
- Develop skills to help their child name emotions
- Have more empathic responses to their child
- Share more of the emotional aspects of life with their child
- Use Emotion Coaching when solving problems
- Know when not to use Emotion Coaching
- Develop their own emotional self-care and anger regulation skills.



**When:** Term 3, starts Thursday 22nd July 2021  
for six consecutive weeks

**Time:** 10:30am – 12:30pm

**Where:** BIG Steps DPV Health,  
1 Sorrento Street, Broadmeadows

**Cost:** This program is free. Registration is essential.

**Contact:** Call **1300 234 263** (option 4, then option 1 for new referrals) for more information or to register

**\*Please note we are unable to offer childcare.**





### Improving understanding while reading

Talk about the book during reading activities. This includes times when you read to your child and times when they are reading to you.

Before you start look at the cover and talk about the pictures and title. If there is a blurb on the back cover read the blurb together. Discuss the words in the title and the blurb and go over the meaning of any unfamiliar words. Practice using the new words in sentences together.

While you read discuss what is happening and predict what might happen next. If prediction is challenging for your child give them choices.

Eg.

Do you think grandma will be home when Little red Riding Hood gets there?

Will she be at home, or do you think she might be out shopping?

Talk about what is happening and ask questions to get your child thinking about the text.

The simplest type of question is recognition and recall questions. Ask specific questions about information that was provided in the story.

Eg.

“**Who** was going to visit grandmother?”

“**What** was the little girl’s name?”

“**Where** was she going?”

Talk about the vocabulary you have practised before starting and add new vocabulary to discuss as you read.

Be careful not to distract too much from the flow of the story

After reading ask more questions

Depending on your child’s understanding level it might still be recognition and recall questions or it might move on to harder questions like inference and prediction.

More complex questions ask about what is not explicitly mentioned in the book.

**Why** do you think grandma had big teeth? (not to eat you with, but because she is really the wolf)

**What do you think** might happen?

Encourage your child to turn the pages back in the book to find the information.

Ask your child what they liked or didn’t like about the book (appreciation questions)

Get your child to summarise what the story was about. Continue to practice using the new vocabulary.

Ref: National Reading Panel (2016) <https://www1.nichd.nih.gov/publications/pubs/nrp/Documents/report.pdf>

# SOFTBALL BATTER UP

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