



# **Bethal Primary School**

## **Newsletter**

Month: December

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### **Upcoming events**

17th December 2021	Last day of Term - 1.30 Dismissal
31st January 2022	1st Day Term 1 2022

### **Principal's Message**



Dear Parents and Friends,

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of our staff for their hard work and dedication through what has been another very challenging year. I would also like to thank parents and guardians for ensuring children were engaging in their learning when we moved to remote learning. It is by further developing the home school partnership that students will continue to succeed. Finally a big thank you to all our students for being so flexible this year and adapting to all the changes.

#### **FAREWELL TO OUR YEAR 6 STUDENTS**

We wish our year 6 students all the best for the future. We thank them for the contributions they have made to Bethal Primary School and wish them well as they enter the next phase of their education. I'm certain they will continue to uphold the values that they have been taught at primary school and strive to do their best and meet the many challenges that may face them in the future. GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK FROM ALL THE STAFF, STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY OF BETHAL.

I would like to thank all the families and friends who have supported the Grade 6 students throughout their journey at Bethal. For some, it now means the end of an era, as they leave the school community after many years of involvement. We are sad to say goodbye to the families listed below and wish you all the very best.

**Kifarkis Family – Sarkis and Esho**

**Neshabe Family - Sabine**

**Sharbat Family – George and Amy**

**Tamneh Family – Adam and Mohanned**

**Yaacoub Family – Patrisea and Samwell**

**Davraz Family – Emine and Mustafa**

**Haidar Family – Noura, Nagham, Serein and Yasmien**

**Hasado Family - Mousa**

**Islam Family – Mohammad and Sayeedah**

**Jaafar Family Ali, Mohamed and Rima**

**Kaur Family - Angeleen**

**Khodr Family – Hamza, Omar, Abdulrhman and Hayja**

**Yang Family – Jayden, Chou, Houa, Wendy and Sky**

**Bhattarai Family - Bhagavada**

## **TEACHING STAFF FOR 2022**

We have quite a few staff changes in 2022. Emma Paull and Robyn White will be transferring to other schools. Jelena Krajisnik will be taking leave next year. Elisabeth Skapetis will be leaving to have her baby. Elisha Katsonis will also be leaving to have a baby and will be on leave for 2022. We wish all these teachers the very best. We welcome our newly appointed teachers. At this stage we have Demi Lambert, Katrina Kanoun, Elsa Brissenden and Elisabeth Watt. David Tran will be returning to Bethal. Cassandra Jephcott will continue her leave in 2022.

**2022 GRADE STRUCTURE**

TEACHER	GRADE
Ms Kaur	Foundation
Ms Walsh	Foundation
Ms McLaughlin	Foundation
Ms Kaygisiz	1
Ms Brissenden	1
Ms Micallef/ Ms Hicks	2
Mr Tran	2
Ms Francione	3/ 4
Ms Lambert	3/ 4
Ms Kanoun	3/ 4
Mr Vella	3/ 4
Ms Watt	5/6
Ms Patane	5/ 6
Mr Taylor	5/ 6
Ms Monkcom	5/ 6

Ms Selamet	Learning Specialist- English/EAL
Ms Garcia	Learning Specialist- English/EAL
Mr Paz	Spanish/ Arts
Ms Whiting	Tutor Teacher
Mr Sedgwick	Physical Education
Ms Jeong	Music
Ms Borelli	Visual Art

### **End of Year Reports**

Student reports will be available to download from Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December off Compass. You can call the office until 1.30pm Friday if you need your password reset. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like to arrange an interview.

### **END OF YEAR DISMISSAL**

**School will be dismissed Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm.**

**All students will return to school on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2022.**

On behalf of all the staff at Bethal Primary School I wish all the students and their families a happy and safe holiday.

Teresa De Mercurio

Principal



## أولياء الأمور والأصدقاء الأعزاء,

أعنتم هذه الفرصة لأتقدم بخالص الشكر لجميع موظفينا على عملهم الجاد وتقانيهم خلال هذا العام كان عاماً مليئاً بالتحديات. أود أيضاً أن أشكر أولياء الأمور والأوصياء على ضمان مشاركة الأطفال في تعلمهم عندما انتقلنا إلى التعلم عن بعد سيستمر الطلاب في النجاح من خلال تطوير شراكة المدرسة في البيت بشكل أكبر. أخيراً شكراً جزيلاً لجميع طلابنا هذا العام للتكيف مع جميع التغييرات.

## وداعاً لطلاب مرحلة 6

نتمنى لطلاب مرحلة السادسة كل التوفيق في المستقبل. نشكرهم على المساهمات التي قدموها لمدرسة باثل الابتدائية ونتمنى لهم التوفيق مع دخولهم المرحلة التالية من تعليمهم. أنا متأكد من أنهم سيستمرون في التمسك بالقيم التي تعلموها في المدرسة الابتدائية والسعي لبذل قصارى جهدهم ومواجهة العديد من التحديات التي قد تواجههم في المستقبل. وداعاً وحظاً سعيداً من جميع الموظفين والطلاب والمجتمع مدرستنا.

أود أن أشكر جميع العائلات والأصدقاء الذين دعموا طلاب الصف السادس خلال رحلتهم في مدرستنا. بالنسبة للبعض فهذا يعني الآن نهاية حقبة حيث يتركون المجتمع مدرستنا بعد سنوات عديدة من المشاركة. يحزننا أن نقول وداعاً للعائلات اسمائهم أدناه ونتمنى لكم كل التوفيق.

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## طاقم التدريس لعام 2022

لدينا تغييرات قليلة في طاقم العمل في عام 2022. ستنتقل Emma Paull و Robyn White إلى مدارس أخرى. Elisha Skapetis ستأخذ إجازة للعام المقبل. ستغادر لتتجيب طفلها وكذلك Elisha Katsonis أيضاً ستغادر لإنجاب طفلها هن في إجازة لعام 2022 نتمنى لكل هؤلاء المعلمين التوفيق. نرحب بمدريسينا المعينين حديثاً في هذه المرحلة لدينا Demi Lambert, Katrina Kanoun, Elsa Brissenden and Elisabeth Watt. سيعود David Tran إلى مدرستنا. ستواصل Cassandra Jephcott إجازتها في عام 2022.

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#### تقارير نهاية العام ,

سيتم إرسال تقارير الطلاب إلى المنزل يوم الأربعاء 15 كانون الأول. يرجى الاتصال بمعلم طفلك إذا كنت ترغب في ترتيب مقابلة.

#### الأنصراف في نهاية العام

سيتم الأنصراف من المدرسة يوم الجمعة 17 كانون الأول الساعة 1.30.

سيعود جميع الطلاب إلى المدرسة يوم الاثنين 31 كانون الثاني 2022.

نيابة عن جميع الموظفين في مدرسة باثل الابتدائية نتمنى لجميع الطلاب وعائلاتهم عطلة سعيدة وأمنة.

Teresa De Mercurio

Principal



## Compass

We have sent out an email to all parents that have not yet started to use our communication platform, I have attached a how to guide within this newsletter to assist you further.

### This month's update

#### Foundation Science Experiment

Another Foundation Science Experiment!

Foundation students had fun creating patterns using skittles. They made predictions and drew the changes that they saw. They planned out their pattern with a partner, copied their pattern into the bowl and then poured warm water slowly in the centre and waited until they saw the changes happen. The warm water dissolved the colour off the skittles and created amazing bright patterns.



#### Whole School Assembly

On Friday we had a whole school assembly where we presented some awards and certificates. Congratulations to all our awarded students!



## Coding with BeeBots and OSMO

Having fun learning about CODING with Beebot and OSMO.



## Bethal PS Biodiversity Learning Story

In 2020 and 2021, we at Bethal Primary School have been focussing on completing the biodiversity module for ResourceSmart Schools and have been working towards achieving our second star.





# The Compass School Manager App

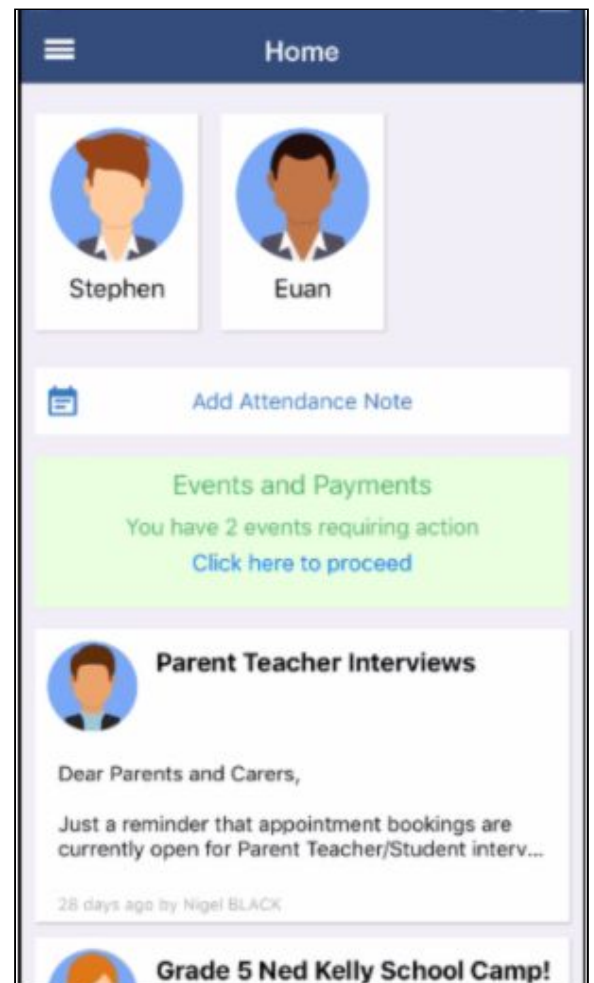
You can use the Compass app to action tasks. The app is available to download for free from the Apple App Store or the Google Play store.

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.

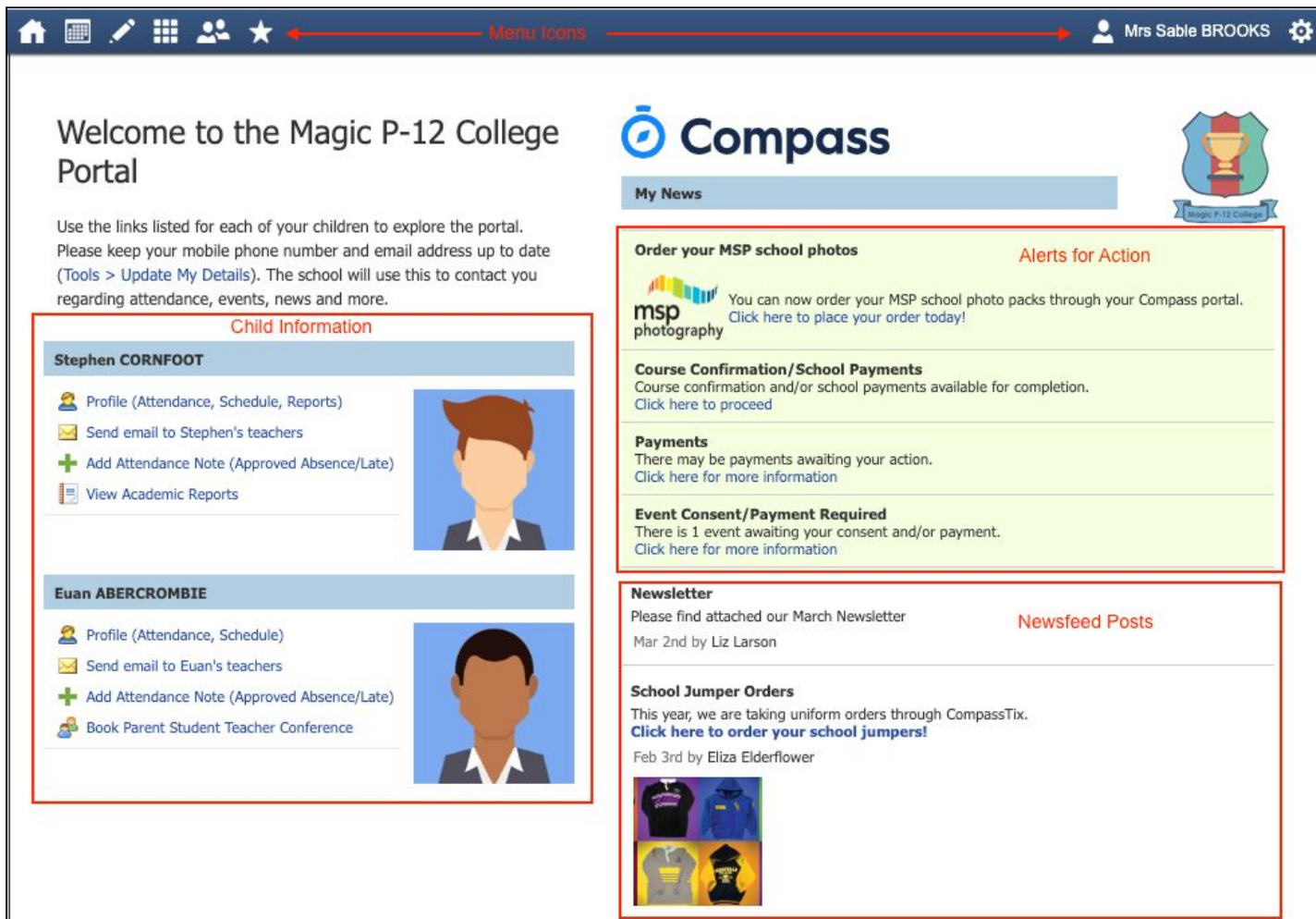
When logged in, you will see -

- 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 clickable links for their profile, sending emails to teachers, adding attendance notes, and viewing academic reports. On the right, there is a 'Compass' logo and a 'My News' section. This section contains several alert boxes: 'Order your MSP school photos' with a link to place an order, 'Alerts for Action' with links for course confirmation, payments, and event consent, a 'Newsletter' section for the March issue, and 'Newsfeed Posts' for school jumper orders. At the bottom right, there are 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.





# Bethal Primary School

## FOUNDATION 2022 SCHOOL START TIMETABLE

<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Curriculum Day 2 - Teachers only</b>
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January</b>	9.00am – 1.30pm
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	9.00am – 1.30pm
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>Foundation Assessment – No School</b>
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	9.00am – 1.30pm
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February</b>	9.00am – 1.30pm
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	9.00am – 1.30pm
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	9.00am – 1.30pm
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Foundation Assessment – No School</b>
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	9.00am – 1.30pm
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	9.00am – 1.30pm
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	9.00am – 3.30pm
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	9.00am – 3.30pm
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Foundation Assessment – No School</b>
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	9.00am – 3.30pm
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b>	9.00am – 3.30pm
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	9.00am – 3.30pm
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	9.00am – 3.30pm
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	<b>Foundation Assessment – No School</b>
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	9.00am – 3.30pm
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	9.00am – 3.30pm



# **STAY CONNECTED and JOIN US ON WHATSAPP and ZOOM!**



**Tuesdays  
9:30-11:30**

Play and learn with your  
child!

**Contact Suzan**



**SEWING**

**Tuesdays  
9-11a.m**

Learn some great  
sewing tips and skills!

**Contact Jenny**



## **Bethal Primary School COMMUNITY HUB**



Sewing classes  
Coffee & Chat  
Playgroup  
English classes

**Mondays  
Tuesdays  
Wednesdays  
Thursdays**

**WOMEN'S WELLBEING**  
Fitness  
Computer classes  
breakfast club

Please contact  
Nella or Suzan



**ENGLISH on  
ZOOM**

**Tuesdays &  
Wednesdays 4p.m**

**English for Tafe**  
Get ready to study!

**FACE TO FACE**

**Thursdays 9-11a.m**  
**English for Beginners**  
Learn basic English!

**Contact Nella**



**WOMEN'S  
WELLBEING  
Wednesdays  
9-11a.m**

learn about Women's  
Health and enjoy a  
Coffee & Chat!

**Contact Nella: 0407 844 403 / Suzan: 0405 019 440**



## Department of Education and Training

2 Treasury Place  
East Melbourne Victoria 3002  
Telephone: 03 9637 2000  
DX210083

Dear Parents and Carers

Children aged 5 to 11 can get the COVID-19 vaccination from 10 January 2022. This includes 5-year-olds who attend early childhood education and care services.

Please help your child get vaccinated before the end of January (when Term 1 starts for school) or as soon as they turn 5.

Bookings are not open yet but will be open in a few weeks. Children will need two separate appointments for the two doses.

Vaccines stop people getting very sick, and help stop the virus spreading.

Students do not have to get vaccinated to attend school or early childhood education and care, but it is the best way to keep all children safe.

### Make a booking

Bookings will be available later in December 2021.

You will be able to book a vaccine appointment at a participating general practice, pharmacy or community health service, or at state vaccination centres through the [Vaccine Clinic Finder](#).

### Hotline and translation

The Department of Health's [Coronavirus Hotline](#) 1800 675 398 can help you book an appointment. They can answer questions you have about vaccination.

For school information in languages other than English, call TIS National on **131 450**. Please ask them to call the DET COVID-19 hotline on **1800 338 663** and they will help interpret.

The Victorian Government's [coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au) website also has [information about COVID-19 vaccines in 63 community languages](#).

### Support for students with disability

There is [extra support](#) for students with disabilities or who need extra help to get their vaccination. Contact specialist [Disability Liaison Officers](#) who can help make it easier.

The [Association for Children with a Disability](#) will hold a Facebook live session for families with children with additional needs on Tuesday 11 January at 10.30am. [Register online](#).

### Parent and community webinars

The Royal Children's Hospital will hold a Facebook live session – 'COVID-19 vaccinations for five- to 11-year-olds: Your questions answered' on Thursday 16 December at 11am.

Refer to [the Facebook page](#) for more information.

### More information

Here is some information to help you learn more about vaccination:

- [Needle phobia - The Melbourne Vaccine Education Centre \(MVEC\) \(mcric.edu.au\)](#)
- [Tips to help a child afraid of needles and stop it becoming a phobia - ABC Everyday](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccination social scripts - Amaze - Autism resource](#)
- [Sesame Street ABC of COVID vaccines](#)

To keep us all safe in 2022, please help your child get vaccinated as soon as possible.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

**Stephen Fraser**

Deputy Secretary

School Education Programs and Support

14 December 2021

**Kim Little**

Deputy Secretary

Early Childhood Education

14 December 2021