

Heads Up

- the nuts and bolts for the week -

No 19 : 10th September 2018

Dear parents

Bellavista School wishes all those celebrating a sweet new year.

Nuts and bolts

- Please note that co-curricular activities for grades 3-7 begin 11 September 2018 for the term.
- From Monday 17 September, we are in summer uniform.

Communication via WhatsApp

Whilst our concern as parents and educators is always raised and alarmed when it comes to heinous crimes like child kidnapping and other atrocities, we need to be mindful of two things. Assuming we are as adults informed and alerted, we must remember that:

1. Our children need to be safe physically but also emotionally. We must be sure not to create fear and panic in our desperate bid to ensure the “stranger danger” message. Some of our children were plummeted into exceptionally high levels of anxiety last week as they heard and overheard adult talk around the human trafficking crime under discussion. Lets teach them what they need to know, in a manner appropriate to their age, and then let us keep the conversation out of earshot, whilst increasing our effort to supervise children as active parents always.
2. Secondly, secondary trauma is a real thing and the posting and reposting of the stories can be upsetting. Given our community is aware and vigilant, please refrain from posting the safety concerns on WhatsApp groups that pertain to school- related communications, e.g., the class parent WhatsApp group. We need these channels open for our normal, regular communications and they are not created for this purpose. If you have information that you think school management ought to share, please send it to myself via Theresa directly.

Enjoy the week

Alison Scott



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C E A Tool Making Comparisons

To discover similarities and differences automatically among some parts of the learning experience.

If I use the Building Block of Making Comparisons then I can make decisions to my advantage.

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Summer Uniform
Monday
17th September

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Co-curricular
Gr 3 – 7
11 September

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School Photos
17 – 20
September