



BELLAVISTA

HEADS UP

DEVELOPING MINDS

26 September 2022

Dear parents

It's all about the Bellavista Bash



Correction, ***it's all about the CHILDREN!*** Even ahead of the day, my heartfelt appreciation is extended to Mrs Ania Finnemore, Mrs Natalie Buchholtz and the Parents Association for volunteering their time, resources and effort to bring back one of our most special Bellavista community days. The excitement amongst the children is palpable.

Unusually, the team involved in putting our day together has picked up a fair amount of misplaced 'flack' from parents on some of the practical aspects of the day, specifically the pre-purchase of tokens and entry bands. Please note that this measure is strictly about security - to protect you, the children, your guests and the Bellavista staff who will be here:

1. Access is controlled - no walkins. This is easily identifiable using the bands.
2. Cash is immediately high risk. There ought to be none on site. Collections of cash are like flare guns for criminal opportunism.

There is also a very small minority who are perceiving and, with that resenting, that the event is a fundraiser. It isn't. It is a **FUN raiser** for our children. The costs of entry settled to costs incurred. In the off chance that there is any surplus, it goes straight back to the facilities of the school. As previously communicated, please do reach out if the costs are

beyond what you can manage and we will connect you with donor support. There are generous individuals that have come forward to ensure that every family is there.

Bellavista School is 55 years old this year! What was the dream of three parents who were driven to provide for their children's needs has been a gift to decades of children. It took and will continue to take family involvement, commitment and parent body choice to hand on the legacy to children in the future. Joining us on Sunday October 2nd is part of the journey.

To commemorate our milestone birthday, a bespoke gin crafted for Bellavista School will be on sale on the day. You'll identify it by its label!



Interhouse Sports Day

Thank you to every parent who found time in their busy week to attend the 2022 Interhouse Sports Day. It was so different for the children to have a 'crowd' cheering them on and milling about, and they had mixed responses, reminding us that we are still adjusting and transitioning to what we always knew. Thank you to the parents who patiently worked with me, organising and assisting the children who needed confidence to feel contained in their house areas. As always, the grit and determination of individual children who took to the track and field events on the day and prior, is what it's all about. Some had serious competitive goals; others just wanted to manage the noise and they did. They showed care for their peers and respect for one another even when vying to win. From little to large we saw good sportsmanship and involvement. For this, I commend every participant.

Congratulations to:

Overall Winners

Blankfield

Spirit Trophy

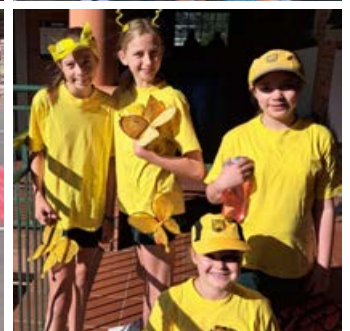
Griffith

Victor Ludorum:

Matthew
Wharton-Hood

Victrix Ludorum:

Olivia Owen and
Nina Simitopolous



Shana Tova

We wish all our families celebrating Rosh Hashanah a happy and blessed time!

Enjoy the week

Alison M Scott**Executive Principal****MySchool Card**

Please update your MySchool Card information by opening up the icon on the Bellavista School app. This will allow you to update your beneficiaries to Bellavista School, should you wish to do so. If you do not have a card, you can apply for one via the app or on the MySchool website.

BELLAVISTA BASH INFORMATION

Our annual family fun day – The Bellavista Bash – takes place on Sunday, 2nd October, 2022 from 10h00 - 15h00.

The aim of the day is for parents to spend a few hours socialising with each other, whilst the children have plenty of activities available to them to ensure they have a fun-filled day.

We encourage you to please bring along your whole extended family, neighbours and friends, but this year it is not open to the general public [no walk-ins on the day]. Only persons with pre-purchased access bands will be admitted.



WHAT TO BRING

You may bring along picnic mats/ blankets, camping chairs, umbrellas and of course sunscreen; however we will be providing quite a few seating areas and shade.

You may not bring any form of food or drinks to the Bash. All the food and drinks have already been ordered and we must support the vendors who commit to us.

CATERING

There will be a great selection of food on offer. We have once again partnered with some fabulous food trucks, and will provide a variety of food.

Over and above the food trucks, there will be chip n dip, pancakes, a cake stand, popcorn, a sweet stand, tea and coffee, ice cream, craft beer, gin & tonic and many more offerings. A bar will be available and will serve water, soft drinks, and ice tea.

BOOKING

All children will need a wristband valued at R200 to enter the BASH. Adults associated with Bellavista will enter for R50 per person. All items purchased on the day, including food, drinks and additional entertainment will be paid for with pre-ordered tokens in denominations of R10. You will need to pre-order tokens and your bands via the link in the Bellavista School app. We suggest that you order an adequate amount of tokens in advance, as there are normally long queues at the ticket counters on the day.

The order form needs to be completed, and submitted via the app by no later than Monday, September 26th, 2022. Please ensure that you go onto the app and fill in the appropriate form here: [Order Form for Bellavista Bash 2022](#).

Extra tokens will be available to purchase on the day but for security reasons we will allow NO CASH on the premises.

We will be using a number of different methods including 'yoco' on the day .

INFLATABLES

Please note that only children will require a band for entrance to the Bash. The band costs R200, and entitles kids to unlimited access to the inflatables for the day.



We have increased the cost of the band for the first time in five years, but have many more inflatables on offer this year, catering to kids of all ages AND the grade stalls / fun activities are now included.

Some of the offerings this year include carnival style games and will be heaps of fun.

BOUTIQUE MARKET

We introduced a market to our Bash a couple of years ago, very successfully, and have decided to include it again this year. We will have even more stalls exhibiting than last year. We have carefully selected the vendors to ensure a high quality, boutique offering for you to enjoy. Credit card machines will be available at the market stalls and the stalls will not run on the token system.

The Bellavista BASH is a wonderful fun event that the kids love! It makes them so proud to be able to show off their school and enjoy it with their loved ones.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

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Parents Association

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