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Dear parents

Bridging Bravely

The past eight school days can be described as *deep learning* in all the ways that describe cognitive development, growth mindset, collaboration, problem solving and creativity as an expression of new metastrategic thinking. The children were, universally, on task and engaged, enjoying a direct experience of their personal and collective propensity for learning. As educators and therapists, we feel excited about the skills we saw mastered and established. We witnessed learning as it should be and anticipate a positive transference of the gains in ability and cognitive automaticity to the prescribed curriculum in the weeks ahead. It is our commitment to elaborate further within your child's report at the end of term. We have set aside space to bring what we observed and recorded about your child in the course of the 'Bridging Bravely' week and also their subsequent application to their 'school work'.



Now, behind the scenes, attention is turned to furious preparations for the much loved Bellavista Bash!



Please refer to last week's newsletter for some background if you are new to Bellavista School. Suffice to say, this is **THE event that fosters belonging, creates memories, bonds our families and celebrates our school in the eyes of your child.**

Yes, a *cover charge* - that's how we rent all the brilliant rides and commit to the vendors, how we secure the property and how we service the area.

There is no profit to attain - and if we do collect any surplus, this will go straight back into your child's facilities at school.

Yes, *compulsory*. It is a scheduled school day but moreso, it is a serious point of FOMO for the child who didn't come. The Bash dominates conversations before and after the day.



Yes, a band for you and for me too. For all the reasons above, this charge helps us to cover costs. The band also denotes that you are a bona fide guest and part of our Bellavista circle. Remember, we won't be admitting walk-ins from the general public. R50 is close to the cost of your favourite cappuccino.

Yes, we have been mindful of costs. Once admitted to the event, your child will have access to all the rides and games with no further need for tokens. Only food, drinks and any purchases at the stalls will be an added expense. If you are a parent and hear that

another parent is struggling to pay for the tickets, please do extend some care - perhaps you can sponsor the entry, or refer to the office and we will approach parents who have offered.



Yes, a parent has to come... the point of the event is that your Bellavista child is with YOU who is at their school as a priority commitment.

Overleaf follows some important information from the event convener, Mrs Ania Finnemore, and the Chairlady of our PA, Mrs Natalie Buchholtz.



Enjoy the week

Alison M Scott
Executive Principal

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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