



*Bell Primary School is a caring community that fosters a love of learning in young people. At school and beyond, students are confident to think critically and empowered to thrive in a rapidly evolving world. We are grounded by our school values of **resilience, creativity, curiosity, collaboration and respect**.*

Bell Primary School is a Child Safe School. We are committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people, and have zero tolerance for child abuse.

Bell Primary School acknowledges the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation as the traditional custodians of the land the school is located upon, and pays respect to Elders past, present and emerging.



From our Principal:

Remote and Flexible Learning Again

Staff were busy yesterday afternoon and first thing this morning, collaboratively preparing for the re-commencement of Remote and Flexible Learning which will continue next week. We would like to acknowledge the staff for their flexibility and 'can do' attitude to maintaining learning continuity for the students. Daily Morning Meetings continue launching the day's learning tasks, helping to clarify any questions, providing time for a wellbeing check-in and marking the attendance roll.

Supporting student engagement and wellbeing remains a key priority and we acknowledge that during any period of lockdown and Remote and Flexible Learning, maintaining contacts can be challenging. Wellbeing conferences along with academic mini-lessons/conferences will continue to ensure there is meaningful connections and engagement with peers and the teacher throughout next week. Keep an eye out next week for another stimulating Maths session for students in Year 3-6 conducted by Paul and Jack our Primary Mathematics Specialists.

A separate document outlining our approach to this short period of Remote and Flexible Learning will be sent out via Compass Newsfeed today. We appreciate the ongoing support that parents/carers provide and understand that every lockdown has its challenges for families and also staff. Therefore, we appreciate whatever effort is made and encourage parents/carers to contact the teacher or leadership at school if specific support is needed. While completion of all learning tasks is important, we understand that in some instances, families need to prioritise tasks to suit their family arrangements. Like every other time, we simply ask that families do the best they can.

ZOOM Trivia Tonight + an Additional Live Event

Tonight's ZOOM Trivia Night will still go ahead and we hope to see lots of Bell faces on the screens when Disco Dave weaves his magic. As clearly outlined in the communications leading up to tonight, the back-up plan was always the ZOOM night even though the preference was to deliver the event at Thornbury Theatre. Regrettably, COVID restrictions made it not viable and the trivia team (in consultation with me) had to make that tough decision early last week that the live event could not occur at this point in time. Whilst not ideal for some people, the organisers are doing the best they can.

The good news is the trivia team have been able to secure another date later in the year where we can run the event at Thornbury Theatre and have that fun-filled night together. Of course, like every event at the moment, it depends on the COVID situation at the time. This means all people/tables who have bought into tonight's event can re-use the 'ticket' and come along on **Friday 26 November** with no extra charge. More details to come tonight at the ZOOM event and in new communications down the track. For those who did not purchase a spot for tonight, if capacity increases at Thornbury Theatre by late November, there will be opportunities to sell additional tables.

Bell's Olympic Champion

Another good news story is that Lisa Weightman (parent of Peter in Grade 1B) is competing in the Marathon tomorrow morning in Sapporo, Japan. Peter's grade and the rest of the school have been supporting Lisa as she embarks on her 4th Olympics. Please scroll down to page 2 and read about this exciting moment, and click on the video we sent to Lisa last week as she prepared to leave Australia.

David Twite
Principal

Olympic News:

GOOD LUCK LISA!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

This week there is a buzz around the school grounds as we all get behind Lisa Weightman who is not only a Bell parent, but a past Bell student herself AND an Olympian. Lisa is competing in the marathon at the Tokyo Olympics on Saturday.

This week the students of Bell were all involved in creating a video to send to Lisa to wish her all the best at the Tokyo Olympics. You can watch the video here:



<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1R1PxQ6wUb7b0wz8tsLbO0wyYYM4Za51D/view?usp=sharing>

We were also lucky to have Lisa join some of our classes via video conference. She told us about her training and showed us around her room in Sapporo. We were particularly impressed with the whole room the athletes have that is dedicated to snacks. Some students asked Lisa questions and Lisa's son, Pete, made a speech which you can read below.

Hi my name is Peter and I'm in Grade 1B.

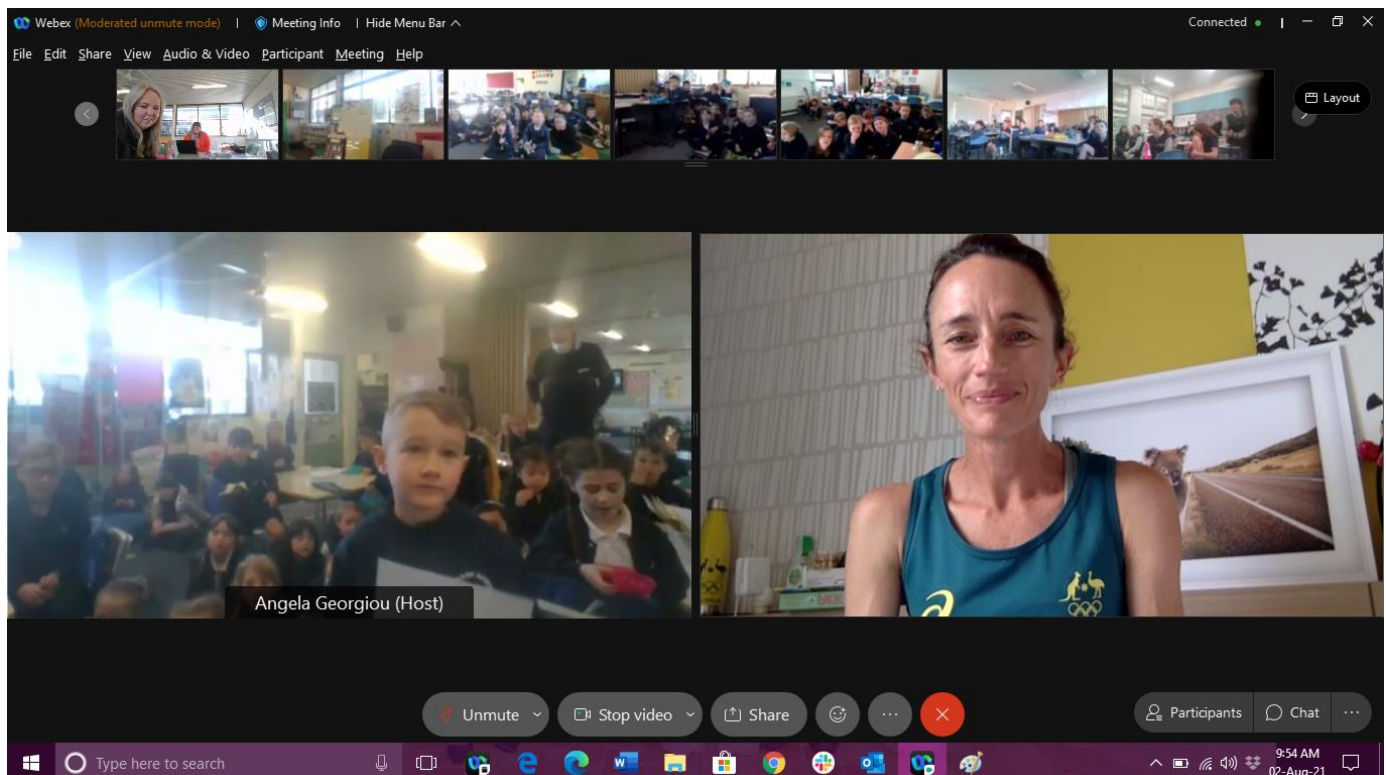
My mum's name is Lisa Weightman and she is a marathon runner.

She is in Tokyo right now getting ready to run a really big race called a marathon in the Tokyo Olympic Games on August 7th. It will be her 4th Olympic Games. My mum used to come to this school when she was young. My mum actually started running when she was a student here!

She has been away a long time.

You might already know this, but there was an article in a magazine written about my mum. The title of it was "I'm doing this for my little boy!" So that means she's doing this for me! Good luck mum!

Love you!



From the Office:

2021 Calendar

Dates for
the Diary:

AUGUST

• Fri 6: Bell Trivia Night – Online Tonight

- Mon 16: Gr4-6 Athletics Carnival, Coburg Aths Track
- Tue 24: Northcote Dist. Athletics, Coburg Aths Track
- Fri 27: Vic State School Spectacular Workshop

SEPTEMBER

- Thu 2: Bell Writer's Festival
- Fri 3: Northcote Dist. Basketball, Coburg B/ball Stadium
- Fri 3: Father's + Special Person's Day Stall
- Thu 9+Fri 10: Victorian State School Spectacular Rehearsal
- Sat 11: Victorian State School Spectacular!!!!
- Wed 15–Fri 17: Grade 5 Camp Waratah Bay
- Fri 17: Last Day Term 3, 2.30pm dismissal

OCTOBER

- Mon 4: First Day Term 4
- Wed 6–Thu7: Grade 3 Camp Sovereign Hill

NOVEMBER

- Tue 2: Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
- Wed 10: District Triathlon tbc

• Sat 13: Bell Community Carnival (Fete)

- Tue 23: Gr6: Bully Zero W/shop 'New Beginnings

• Fri 26: Bell Trivia Night – Thornbury Theatre

- Mon 29 – Wed 1 Dec: Grade 4 Camp Maldon

DECEMBER

- Thu 9: Bell Swimming Carnival, Oak Park Aqtc Centre
- Fri 17: Final Day Term 4 2021

2021 STUDENT TERM DATES:

Term 3: Monday 12 July – Friday 17 September

Term 4: Monday 4 October – Friday 17 December

Payments/Consents Due or Outstanding

EXCURSIONS ARE NOW A TWO STEP PAPERLESS PROCESS:

1. All Event Consents are to be provided on Compass.
2. All Event Payments are to be paid on Qkr!

ITEM: (under <i>Payments</i> in Qkr!)	DUE BY:	AMOUNT:	METHOD:
Prep, 1, 2, 3: Essential Student Learning Items (<i>stationery</i>) per child	Wed 19 May	\$125	Qkr!
Prep, 1, 2, 3: Essential Learning Items (<i>bulk/online</i>) per child	Wed 19 May	\$100	Qkr!
Gr 4, 5, 6: Essential Student Learning Items (<i>stationery</i>) per child	Wed 19 May	\$115	Qkr!
Gr 4, 5, 6: Essential Learning Items (<i>bulk/online</i>) per child	Wed 19 May	\$90	Qkr!
All Grades: Educational Program Voluntary Contribution per child	Wed 19 May	\$55	Qkr!
ITEM: (under <i>Excursions</i> in Qkr!)	DUE BY:	AMOUNT:	METHOD:
Selected: Tournament of Minds	Fri 23 Jul	\$10	Qkr!
Grade 4: Camp Maldon	tbc	\$290	Qkr!
Grades 4-6: Bell PS Athletics Carnival	Tue 10 Aug	\$13	Qkr!
Gr6: Northcote District Winter Sport Carnival	tbc	\$22	Qkr!

From the Grade 1 Team:

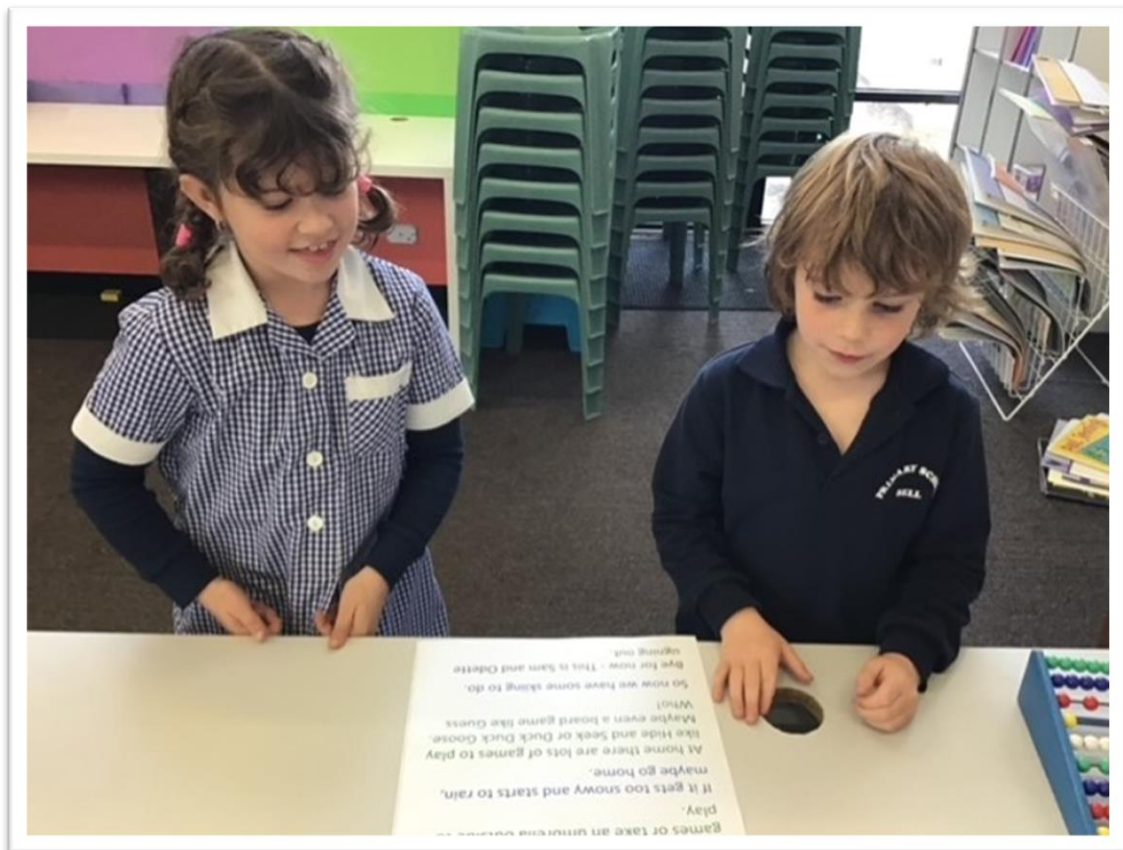
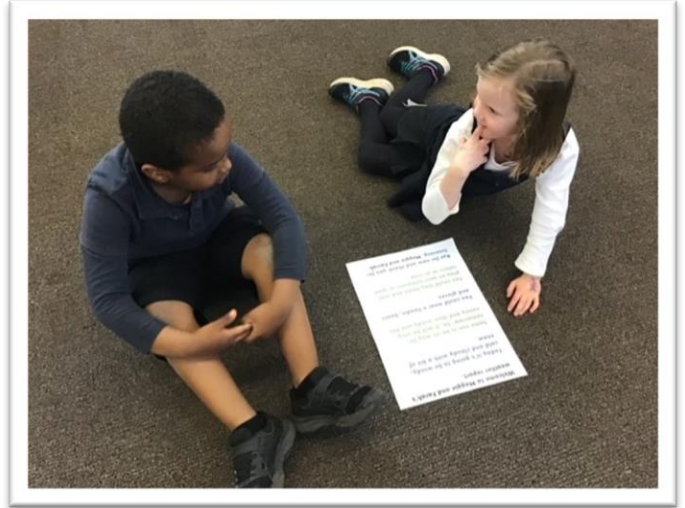
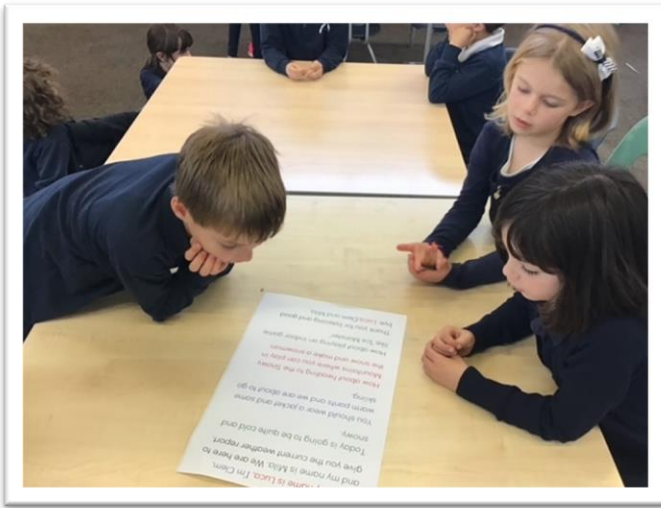
The students In Grade 1 are buzzing with excitement and creativity as we get ready for Writer's Festival! Since last term, students have been working collaboratively in pairs to plan, write up and practise a script for a short weather report as part of our Inquiry on weather patterns, and information report genre/ media discussions in Writing lessons. We are now in the process of filming.

Joy has been an excellent short-film producer and editor, using a green screen and then inserting background images and sound to compliment the students' weather report.

Grade 1 teachers and students look forward to sharing with the Bell community their final finished products at Writer's Festival! We have also been documenting the entire Inquiry process and will display artifacts of these in our classrooms on the evening. We are so proud of the kids for the effort, persistence, collaboration and creativity they have put into these projects!

Go Grade 1s!





From the Maths Team:

Maths Values Survey

A big component of teaching and learning is understanding how we think about a subject. To help us better understand our students, we've been surveying a selection of them to find out what they think is important to them when it comes to learning about maths. We'd be very interested to know what's important to our parent and carer community too. Please follow the link below to access a short survey – it should only take a few minutes!

<https://forms.gle/KNnrhZAYhZXcrVhJ7>

Jack Fray + Paul Nicholson
Primary Mathematics Specialists



Bell Writers Festival 2021:



Bell Trivia Night 2021:



THE FAMOUS BELL PRIMARY SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT!

Friday 6 August : ONLINE TONIGHT!



Fete Planning Continues

In and out of lockdown fete planning is at full steam. Lets give the kids something to look forward to! A huge thank you to all the people who have stepped up to help plan and run stalls for our event so far.

We need to fill a final few! No experience necessary and help on hand!

Final Stall Captains Needed

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| • Bar Manager | • Action Games |
| • Event Photographer | • Kindy Raceway |
| • Photo Booth / Green Screen | • Face Painting |
| • Side Show Alley x3 people | • Kids Corner / Craft |

Please be in contact with Mel, Ange & Mel on bellprimaryfete@gmail.com

Bottle Some Preserves

Get your pickle on and cook up a chutney, jam or preserve.



Got Spare Lemons ?

Got more lemons than you know what to do with?

Our Lemonade stall will need cordial and now is the time to make it!



From the Wellbeing Office: Child Safe

Bell Primary School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making.

Bell Primary School has zero tolerance for child abuse.

We are committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Particular attention will be paid to the cultural safety of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as the safety of children with a disability and children who are vulnerable.

Every person involved in Bell Primary School has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role they play individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

On arrival at Bell Primary School, all volunteers, visitors and contractors **must** make contact with the office, sign in at the front desk and wear a visitor's badge while on site.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to see specific policies on our website.



Parentline:

Parentline is a phone service for parents and carers of children from birth to 18 years old. They offer confidential and anonymous counselling and support on parenting issues.

What they do:

The qualified counsellors are available to:

- talk about any issues to do with parenting and relationships
- help with ways to cope and be a positive parent
- help with families' wellbeing and resilience
- connect parents with services in their area.

Your call:

- Calls are confidential and anonymous.
- Calls are not time limited and parents can call back as often as needed.
- Qualified and experienced counsellors have social work or psychology backgrounds.

Some reasons to ring Parentline include:

- child behaviour and development
- parent / carer child relationships
- education
- bullying
- living with teenagers
- family violence
- family breakdown
- parental stress

