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*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**.*

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*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.*

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*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:

### Week 1 of a Big Year

It is wonderful to see students and parents/carers flooding back into the school this week bringing the place alive with the buzz of a new year. The pop-in session on Monday afternoon served us well with quite a few families visiting their classrooms for a sneak preview and to say hello to their new teacher. Thanks to the high percentage of families who had organised their child/ren's stationery packs, either from Maxim or from their own supplier. All this from families and also the teacher's preparation prior to Tuesday has led to a very smooth transition back to school.

Speaking to the eight new students who have transitioned to Bell, they feel very comfortable in their first week and are making great connections with new friends. As teachers and parents/carers, we should be very proud of the way the children here embrace those new to the school.

The main focus for the first week or so is the Start-Up program where the teachers work with the students to establish learning routines, expectations based on our school values, and spend time on relationship and team building activities. The Specialist program commenced from day 1, so your children will also be talking about Art, Italian, Music and PE.

### Staffing for 2023

There have been no changes to teaching staff over the holidays but I did want to officially welcome the new staff who were appointed in Term 4 even though they were mentioned in Newsletters late last year. They have all settled in well and there is a unanimous feeling from all that they have joined a warm and welcoming community. The new staff are:

- Lisa Yates (Mondays and Tuesday in Grade 1C)
- Daniel Jeffery (Grade 2A)
- Claire Strasser (Grade 3C)
- James Lakin (Grade 4A)
- Stacey Valentinis (Grade 5A)
- We also welcome back Christine Rembelos to grade share in Prep A after a year of casual relief teaching.

From the admin area, there has been one significant change with Robyn Radford retiring after over 25 years as the Business Manager at Bell. She was not at school all of last year due to some health issues; fortunately, that is on the improve but she decided to move on to the next phase of her life and enjoy spending time with her grandchildren and doing all those things retirement offers.

We have appointed a new Business Manager, Luisa Paglia, who has experience in the same role at other schools. There will be times when a Compass Newsfeed will come from her with the main topics being about finance matters such as parent payments and fundraising.

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### **Infectious Disease Measures and Reminders**

Whilst many of the restrictions in schools and in the wider community around COVID-19 have been peeled back over time, we still have some key safety measures that we are employing as they are strongly recommended by DET. These include:

- Students and staff who test positive to COVID-19 stay home and isolate for five days and do not attend school after five days if they are still symptomatic.
- Any student or staff member who is unwell should continue to remain at home unless symptoms are linked to a pre-existing condition such as hay fever.
- Free rapid antigen tests are available from the front office for those who need them.

Further COVID-19 prevention measures employed daily at school include:

- Regular handwashing, cough/sneeze etiquette
- Air purifiers on in every classroom every day, increased ventilation with doors/windows open to create airflow
- Teaching/eating outside on a regular basis when practical
- Students and staff who wish to wear a mask can do so and will always be supported in their choice.

There is no longer a requirement for Principals to inform the school community of a positive COVID case associated with the school. However, if the number of cases become significant or other diseases are sweeping through the school at any given time, a Compass newsfeed will be sent to inform the community of that situation. Remember the clear message is, if your child is unwell they should stay home until they are feeling better.

### **Monday Assembly**

The first assembly for the year will be held this Monday on the netball/basketball court starting soon after 9.00am (weather permitting). The new School Captains – Charlie, Kate, Leilani and Lucinda will be running the show and it will be great chance to bring all the students together for the first time this year; even our beautiful new Preps will join us after their brilliant start this week.

***David Twite***  
***Principal***

## **Annual Privacy Reminder:**

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Further information can be found on the [DET Privacy Collection Notice](#) which is provided to families on enrolment.

These documents can both be found on our website.

# From our Assistant Principal:

## Grade Level Information Nights

Year 1-6 grade level information nights will be conducted in **Week 3** of this term (Monday 13 February - Friday 17 February). These nights are an important opportunity for parents/carers to understand the learning foci, teaching and learning approaches and extra-curricular events and activities for the year. For Prep families this will be conducted in **Week 6**.

Other important administration reminders will be sent to families via Compass in the coming weeks and will be available on the school website for future reference. More information regarding the dates and times for each year level will be communicated early next week via a separate Compass Newsfeed however we are pleased to let families know that these will return to face to face sessions this year. In previous years, grade level information nights have been vital to beginning the establishment of home-school partnerships at the beginning of the school year and we are thrilled that we are now at a point where this can occur once again. Where parents/carers are unable to attend the information session, the Powerpoint presented by the team will be sent out via Compass for access following the session.

## Getting to Know You Meetings

During **Week 6** (March 6-10) of this term our **Year 1-6** teachers will be conducting 1:1 Getting to Know You Meetings. These meetings facilitate individual time for parents/carers to share information about their child with this year's classroom teacher/s and are an important opportunity for you to:

- meet and get to know your child's teacher(s)
- help your child's teacher(s) understand more about your child
- exchange information to support your child's learning, social and emotional needs
- make plans with the teacher(s) about how you can both support your child
- continue to strengthen the crucial home-school partnership

These meetings, whilst about your child as a learner, are not designed to give detailed progress reports of student achievement given the early scheduling. Exact days and times that Getting to Know You Meetings will occur for each year level will be communicated with parents/carers in the coming weeks.

**Prep** teachers will be conducting Getting to Know You Meetings in **Week 3** (February 13-17) and Prep families will be sent information via Compass early next week regarding the exact dates and times, as well as information about how to book a meeting.

## Tutoring for 2023

The Department of Education is continuing the Tutor Learning Initiative in 2023, enabling support for individual students to catch up on learning and boost their confidence.

Maria Tevelis and Xenia Matani, our Intervention/Tutoring staff, will continue to provide additional targeted teaching to identified students in need of extra assistance with their learning in either Reading or Mathematics. Maria will concentrate two days a week on providing this targeted support. Xenia will provide this support for the equivalent of 1.5 days per week, while also focusing on her role as Wellbeing leader for the remainder of the time.

Intervention staff, in consultation with teachers and year level teams, will work together to identify students in need of tutoring support. These judgements will be based on multiple sources of evidence including Victorian Curriculum achievement levels and classroom-based assessments.

Within the constraints of the additional funding, not all students achieving below the expected level in a learning area will receive additional support with an intervention/tutoring teacher. Data will continue to be monitored in an ongoing manner as students progress throughout the year and appropriate adjustments to the program will be made.

Throughout the year all students, regardless of their achievement level, will continue to receive high quality classroom instruction through their classroom teacher who will teach to each student's point of need, that is key to differentiation and ensuring learning growth and success for every student.

Identified students will begin intervention/tutoring in the coming weeks and further information will be communicated directly to families.

**Emma Heywood**  
**Assistant Principal**

# 2023 Bell PS Calendar:

Enter the dates you need to remember in your diary, or take a photo each week for quick reference!

## FEBRUARY 2023

- Wed 1: First Day Term 1 – Group A Preps
- Thu 2: First Day Term 1 – Group B Preps
- Mon 13-Fri 17: Year 1-6 Grade Level Info Nights tba
- Mon 13-Fri 17: Prep Getting To Know You Meetings tba
- Fri 17: District Swimming Carnival, Fitzroy Pool

## MARCH 2023

- Mon 6-Fri 10: Prep Grade Level Info Night tba
- Mon 6-Fri 10: Year 1-6 Getting to Know You Mtgs tba
- Mon 13: Labour Day Public Holiday
- Tue 14: Curriculum Day #3 (Pupil Free Day)

## APRIL 2023

- Thu 6: Final Day Term 1, 2.30pm dismissal
- Mon 24: First Day Term 2
- Tue 25: ANZAC Day Public Holiday

## MAY 2023

- Thu 18: Photo Day
- Mon 22-Thu 25: Grade 6 Camp Jungai

## JUNE 2023

- Mon 12: King's Birthday Public Holiday
- Fri 23: Final Day Term 2, 2.30pm dismissal

## JULY 2023

- Mon 10: First Day Term 3

## AUGUST 2023

- Wed 30 – Fri 1.9: Grade 5 Waratah Bay Camp

## SEPTEMBER 2023

- Fri 15: Final Day Term 3, 2.30pm dismissal

## OCTOBER 2023

- Mon 2: First Day Term 4

## NOVEMBER 2023

- Tue 7: Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
- Wed 29 – Fri 1.12: Grade 4 Anglesea Camp

## DECEMBER 2023

- Wed 20: Final Day Term 4, 1.30pm dismissal

## From the Admin Office:

OFFICE HOURS: 8.00AM – 4.20PM

**JO**: Mon/Wed/Fri : Finance, Excursions \* **JESSIE**: Mon-Fri : Attendance, Enrolments, Compass, Medical \* **TANIA**: Tue-Fri : Facilities, OHS, Communication

### **STUDENT ABSENCES, LATE ARRIVALS OR EARLY DEPARTURES**

**Whole Day Absence:** must be entered on your Compass Parent Portal.

**Late Arrival:** ONLY enter this on the Compass Kiosk at the office on your arrival.

**Early Departure:** ONLY enter this on the Compass Kiosk at the office on your arrival.

*Please do not enter medical/dental appointments, etc, through your Compass Parent Portal – simply follow the early departure / late arrival procedure when you come in to collect your child.*

### **COVID Reminder**

A reminder to Bell families to please continue to report your child's positive test result directly to the front office via phone or email. While the isolation guidelines have recently changed, we kindly ask that we are still informed of positive cases to keep track of absences and let your child's teacher know. ***Rapid Antigen Tests are still available from the front office.***  
Thank you for your continued co-operation.

### **Bell PS Uniforms**

1. **NEW** Bell PS uniforms can always be purchased from PSW.
2. **SECOND-HAND** Uniforms can be purchased from our Second Hand Uniform Shop run by a parent volunteer once per week. ***IT WILL BE OPEN BY KATE EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 3.15-3.45PM DURING TERM 1.*** Don't forget your gold coins – no credit or credit card facility is available.

# From the Music Department:

## MUSIC ENSEMBLE AUDITIONS 2023

Auditions for the **Rock Band** and **Senior Vocal Ensemble** will commence on Friday next week (Week 2). Grade 5 and 6 students have been given the opportunity to sign up during their Music class this week. Vocal auditions will be held first, followed by instrumental auditions. These usually run over several weeks due to the large number of students interested.



I have spoken in detail with Grade 5 and 6 students about the process and expectations, should they decide to audition.

- Students can audition by singing or playing an instrument (or both).
- They should prepare one (or two) short piece/s (approx. 30-45 seconds per piece) that showcases the best of what they can do.
- Two questions will also be asked: *Why do you want to be in an ensemble? What strengths can you bring to the group?* This gives students the opportunity to add anything else they want me to know (e.g. musical/dance/drama passion they might have, music lessons undertaken, song writing they might be doing, confidence or personal goal they are working on, etc).

I will endeavour to inform students which day their audition will be held so they can be prepared or bring their own instrument if need be.

I encourage all interested students to audition as it is a great experience, regardless of the outcome. I look forward to hearing all the musical talent that Bell has to offer in the coming weeks!

**Ms S**

## From the Junior School Council:

It's a new year and we are keen to get the ball rolling with a new JSC team, elections will be held in Week 3!!

**Would your child like to be nominated as one of this year's JSC representatives?** Please have a chat to them about:

- The role and the skills required for the position (see below)
- The commitment to weekly meetings. A meeting will be held during class time each fortnight and during a lunchtime every alternate week so as to minimise disruptions to learning and play times.

Individual classes will hold elections at different times throughout **Week 3** (13 – 17 Feb), class teachers will advise their students on specific dates.

# Role of JSC rep:

- Be a positive role model for all students at the school
- Attend meetings each week (lunchtime or classtime)
- Lead class meetings & complete a Parking Lot fortnightly
- Provide a voice for students in your grade at meetings
- Clearly present discussions and decisions that Junior School Council has made to your class
- Work collaboratively to implement initiatives such as fundraisers, awareness campaigns & whole school activities.



## Skills required:

- ♦ Excellent speaking and listening skills
- ♦ Works well with others
- ♦ Always displays Bell PS values
- ♦ Commitment
- ♦ Organisation
- ♦ Responsibility





## **Junior School Council Guidelines**

### **Rationale**

The Junior School Council will provide an opportunity for students to develop leadership, communication and interpersonal skills and have empowerment in the decision making process of Bell Primary School. The Junior School Council aims to:

- Develop caring and responsible attitudes within the children
- Provide an avenue for the development of student voice and agency within the school
- Provide students with a sense of pride and achievement
- Raise student awareness of local and global issues and associated support options.

### **Definitions**

- **Student Voice** provides opportunities for students to collaborate and make decisions with adults around what and how they learn, and how we can improve the school environment together.
- **Student Agency** gives students the power to direct and take responsibility for their learning and actioning improvements to the school environment. This supports students to become independent and self-regulated learners and members of the community.
- **Student Leadership** includes listening to and being able to clarify the issues of the students they represent and advocating on their behalf. Student leaders have an increased sense of responsibility to help others and to model Bell values.

### **Guidelines**

- Junior School councillors are recognised as leaders in the school community.
- One Junior School Council representative is elected from each grade from years 3-6, using the democratic process. (*see references at the end of this policy*)
- Regular meetings are held weekly where possible
- Representatives will be made aware of their roles and responsibilities as school leaders.
- Decisions made are reported to all students, teachers and parents.
- 'Vice representatives' attend meetings in the absence of leaders.
- A notice will be placed in Bell News and on grade level Compass posts to inform parents and the community of the timeline for the process.

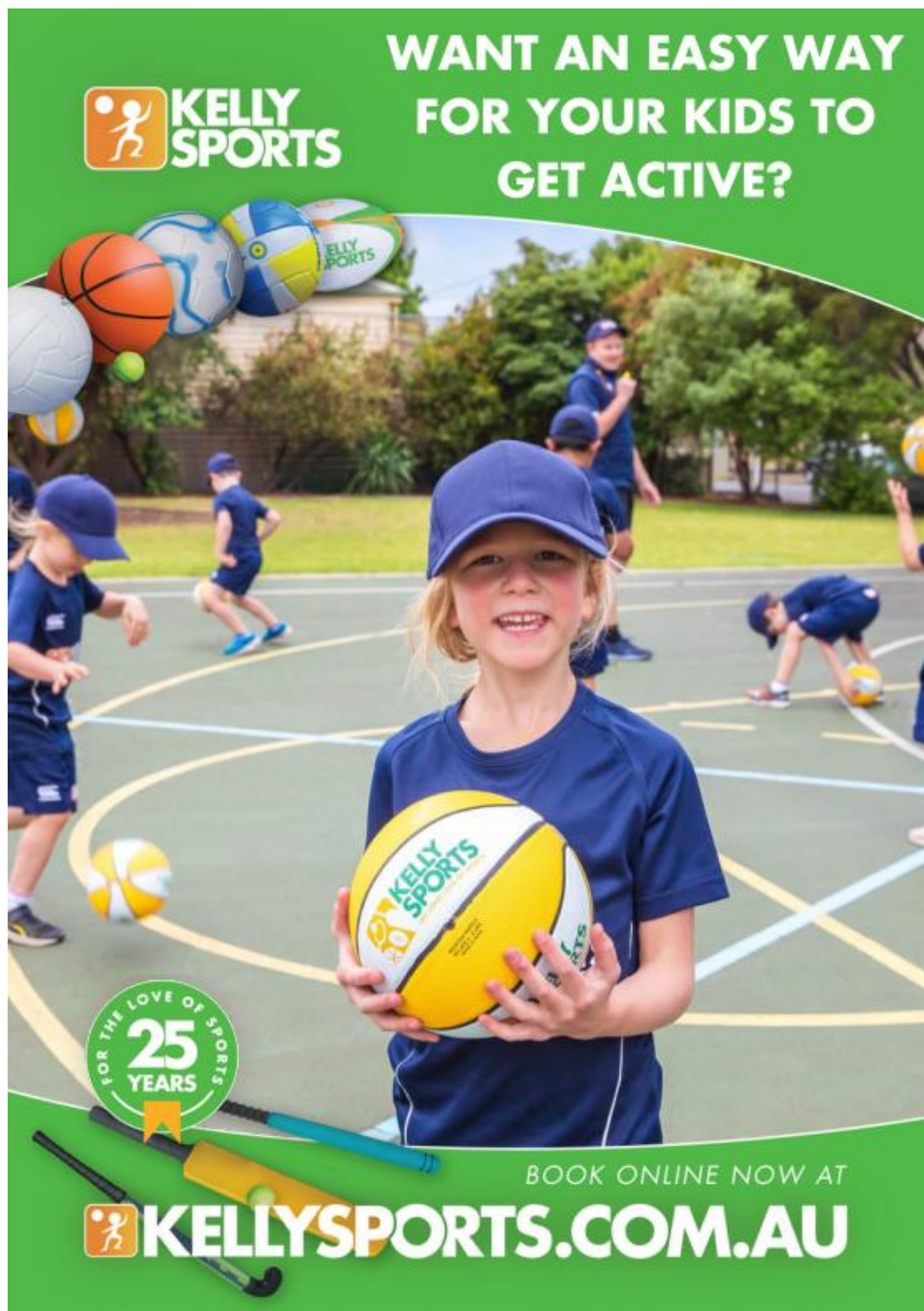
### **Implementation**

- One student from each grade (Year 3 to Year 6) is elected by their peers to be classroom delegates at Junior School Council meetings. (see 'Steps for Selection' at the end of this document).
- Elected Junior School Council representatives are presented with a badge of office in recognition of their important role in the school community. Their names will be published in Bell News.
- Weekly meetings are held with the Junior School Council teacher support team.
- An agenda is set at the beginning of each meeting. Students have the opportunity to raise issues as part of each meeting agenda.
- At the first meeting of each school semester Junior School Council will discuss individual and collective roles and responsibilities.
- Minutes will be taken, then two/three reps will report to leadership, minuting their responses to queries. These minutes will be published and provided to all classes in the school.
- Representatives will report against minutes taken and discuss with their class peers, issues raised at the meetings. Items can also be raised which may be brought to subsequent Junior School Council meetings. Students will be selected to report back to classes without a representative (Prep/Grade 1/2)
- 'Vice representatives' will represent leaders when unavailable due to absence.
- Junior School Councillors will be required, on occasion, to represent the school community at informal and formal occasions.
- Students will have opportunities to support various foundations or by contributing to fundraising activities arranged within the school community or by outside agencies.
- A Social Service fundraiser may be undertaken once a term. The focus of this will be decided by Junior School Council representatives after discussion with supervising teachers, and after feedback from classes and staff.

### **Selection of JSC Representative Process**

1. Discuss the role of the Junior School Council.
2. Discuss the role of Junior School Council representatives.
3. Discuss the responsibilities of the representatives.
4. Call for nominations.
5. Students to prepare a speech or presentation. Elections will be held in **week 3 Monday 13 – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February**.
6. Collect votes via a 'secret' ballot. Remind students they can vote for themselves.
7. The student with the most votes will be elected Junior School Council representative for the class. The student with the second most will be elected 'Vice Representative'.
8. Badges will be presented at a whole school assembly to the JSC representative (date to be confirmed).



A promotional advertisement for Kelly Sports. The background is a photograph of a young girl in a blue sports uniform and cap, smiling and holding a yellow and white Kelly Sports ball. In the background, other children are playing on a green sports field. The top of the ad has a green banner with white text. The bottom left features a circular logo celebrating 25 years and an image of sports equipment like a cricket bat and a tennis racket. The bottom right has the website address in large white letters.

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**WHEN:** Tuesday's

**DATES:** 7th Feb - 4th April

**TIME:** 3.30pm - 4.40pm

**YEAR LEVELS:** Prep - Grade 4's

**COST:** \$144 (9 weeks)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT**

**[WWW.KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU/INNER-NORTHERN](http://WWW.KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU/INNER-NORTHERN)**

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**Instrumental Music Lessons - on school campus**  
**Places available for Term 1, 2023**



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- Lessons are held once per week on campus – with lessons typically during and outside school hours
- Only \$20.50 per child per small group lesson (2-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Private lessons (1-on-1) and pair lessons (max 2 students) are also available
- Online lessons (after hours) are also available direct to your home – contact us to find out more
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination, IQ, abstract reasoning, performance confidence... and is great fun!

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<b>Time:</b>	Every Sunday Morning
<b>Starting Date:</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
<b>Finishing Date:</b>	End of May
<b>Address:</b>	James Street Reserve Heidelberg Heights 3081



## What's been happening...

Welcome back to a brand-new year at OSHClub! We are very excited to be back and can't wait for a new term ahead!

We have had lots of fun during our holiday program in January. The children loved going on their excursion to Yarrambat to play some mini golf, as well as having a Zumba dance incursion here at the service.

The children were also lucky enough to bring their own bikes, scooters and roller blades to the service for a "wheels day". We loved watching them ride around and show us some cool tricks. The children also got to have an Hawaiian beach party, playing limbo and making Hawaiian pizzas, as well as Wild Western day competing in a balloon stampede and "tin can" throwing games.

We also loved meeting some of our new Preps starting school this year! It was so great to see each of them settling in, making friends and having lots of fun! If you are a new prep family and would like to enrol your child into our program or would like to know further information about our sessions, please follow the link provided or feel free to drop by and say hello!

<https://www.oshclub.com.au/vic/bell-primary-school/>

This term, the children have voted on three extra-curricular clubs that we will be running three days a week;

Monday: Art Club

Wednesday: Cooking Club

Friday: Science Club.

On each of these days, the children will be involved in different activities involving these club themes such as clay sculpting, sushi making and science experiments.

Please note the club themes and days rotate every term 😊

We very much look forward to the brand new term and all that it brings. If you have any questions or concerns, as always please feel free to reach out!

Warm regards, Celeste & Olivia

BSC: 7:00-9:00am  
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