



Bell PS Newsletter

3 March 2023

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Assistant Principal: Emma Heywood

*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:

Student Leadership

We are well on the way to delivering our extended leadership program with some of the Grade 6 positions now finalised and all Junior School Council (JSC) positions filled within the Grade 3-6 areas.

JSC and House Captains will be presented with their badges at this Monday's assembly and the next phase of leadership applications for a plethora of Grade 6 leadership roles will be processed in the coming weeks.

Our vision with leadership, in particular Grade 6, is to provide as many meaningful opportunities as feasible with the aim of every Grade 6 having a position of responsibility.

JSC is still an important part of the program, providing leadership opportunities from Grade 3 upwards. We will continue building on all aspects of student agency each year to foster a leadership mindset for our middle to upper level students.

School Council Elections

With the second round of nominations due to close this afternoon at 4pm, it is likely we will have an election for the two remaining vacancies. If that is the case, a Newsfeed will be sent out Monday outlining the process, and ballot papers will be sent home with the eldest child in your family by Wednesday.

Congratulations to Vaia Smirneos (parent of Vasilis in Prep A) who is duly elected without a vote required as her nomination was accepted prior to the original closing date.

South Oval Use

Whilst the use of the South Oval after school and weekends is generally open for community use, there will be times when formal bookings from local organisations take priority. This is the case with the Darebin Falcons who are training on the Oval from Monday to Friday between 5.30-7.30pm until Friday 31 March.

Up-coming Curriculum Day after Labour Day

The next Curriculum Day is scheduled straight after the Labour Day long weekend on **Tuesday 14 March** when staff will embark on professional learning on our Social and Emotional Learning curriculum.

Lunchtime Clubs

The Lunchtime Clubs Program is now in full swing with a number of activities offered each day. Scroll down to page 5 for more details. Our Clubs Co-ordinators, Karen Elsbury and Christine Rembelos, will regularly promote these activities as alternatives to free play during break times.

David Twite
Principal

From our Assistant Principal:

Getting to Know You Meetings

A reminder that Getting to Know You Meetings will take place next week. Meetings will occur onsite in your child's classroom or in the Learning Centre for Specialist staff. Getting to Know You Meetings 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.

To check your booking details, please navigate to the **Conferences** tab on **Compass**.

Prep Information Evening

The Prep Information Evening will occur next Monday March 6 from 5:30-6:30pm in the Learning Centre. This session will aim to give you a glimpse of what is happening in Prep classrooms and how you can support this learning at home.

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!

MARCH 2023

- Fri 3: Eligible SC candidates posted in Newsletter
- Fri 3: **FINAL DAY CONSENT: VSSSA Rehearsal #1**
- Mon 6: Prep Information Session, 5.30, LC
- Mon 6: Year 1 Getting to Know You Meetings
- Mon 6: Year 6 Getting to Know You Meetings
- Tue 7: VSSS Rehearsal #1, Ivanhoe East PS
- Tue 7: Year 3 Getting to Know You Meetings
- Tue 7: Year 4 Getting to Know You Meetings
- Tue 7: Specialists Getting to Know You Meetings
- Wed 8: SC ballot papers prepared + distributed
- Wed 8: Year 5 Getting to Know You Meetings
- Wed 8: Year 2 Getting to Know You Meetings
- Thu 9: VSSS Rehearsal #2, Ivanhoe East PS
- Fri 10: **FINAL DAY CONSENT: Yr6 Old Melbourne Gaol**
- Mon 13: Labour Day Public Holiday
- Tue 14: Curriculum Day #3 (Pupil Free Day)
- Wed 15: Close of SC Ballot (if required)
- Tue 21: **FINAL DAY CONSENT: Yr6 GRIP Conference**
- Tue 21: **FINAL DAY CONSENT: Yr5 Immigration Museum**
- Fri 24: Ride2School Day
- Fri 24: Year 6 Old Melbourne Gaol Excursion
- Tue 28: Year 6 GRIP Leadership Conference
- Tue 28: Year 5 Immigration Museum Excursion
- Wed 29: 2024 Prep Tours
- Fri 31: 2024 Prep Tour

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

- Mon 22-Thu 25: Grade 6 Camp Jungai
- Mon 29: Photo Day

JUNE 2023

- Tue 6: VSSS Rehearsal #3, Ivanhoe East PS
- 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

- Fri 4: VSSS Rehearsal #4, Maroondah Nets, Heathmont
- Wed 30 – Fri 1.9: Grade 5 Waratah Bay Camp

SEPTEMBER 2023

- Thu 7: VSSS Rehearsal #5, John Cain Arena
- Fri 8: VSSS Rehearsal #6, John Cain Arena
- 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

Around the Grounds:

Please take note **and advise your children** that the organisation below has priority use of the designated areas in our School Grounds on the following dates and times, as a formal arrangement has been made with the Principal and School Council. This table will be updated as other bookings are approved.

Just a reminder that UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES are footy or soccer boots to be worn on our ovals.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2023							
Darebin Falcons Women's Soccer Training	South Oval 5.30-7.30pm 20 Feb-31 Mar APPROVED	South Oval 5.30-7.30pm 20 Feb-31 Mar APPROVED	South Oval 5.30-7.30pm 20 Feb-31 Mar APPROVED	South Oval 5.30-7.30pm 20 Feb-31 Mar APPROVED	South Oval 5.30-7.30pm 20 Feb-31 Mar APPROVED		

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

LATE ARRIVALS, EARLY DEPARTURES OR STUDENT ABSENCES

1. **Late Arrival:** **ONLY** enter this on the Compass Kiosk at the office on arrival.
2. **Early Departure:** **ONLY** enter this on the Compass Kiosk at the office on arrival.
3. **Whole Day Absence:** **MUST** be entered on your Compass Parent Portal either in advance, or on the day by clicking the absence SMS link.

Please help the Admin Team out by NOT entering medical/dental appointments, etc, through your Compass Parent Portal – simply follow the early departure / late arrival procedure when you come in to drop off or 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.

LOST PROPERTY

You are welcome to check through Lost Property at any time. Just walk straight past the office and turn right! It can be found in the cabinets in the corridor near the Art Room.

Music Ensemble Auditions (Grades 5 and 6)




Positions for both the *Senior Vocal Ensemble* and *Rock Band* have once again been highly sought after this year. It is never an easy task and I'd like to thank everyone for their patience during the audition process. I'd like to congratulate the 70 students who auditioned for a place in the music ensembles this year. A special mention goes to those who showed persistence and courage to audition for the second time. The successful students were notified today. I look forward to working with both ensembles this year.



Ms S.

Clubs – Term 1 News:

Clubs have begun this week! Teachers will supervise a range of activities that students can participate in at play times as an alternative to free play. Students can choose the ones they wish to go to each week. At eating time, students will be reminded of the Clubs that are on for that particular break. The table below shows which Clubs will be available.

<p>Monday</p>	<p><u>First break:</u> Card Club in the Learning Centre with Ramzey.</p> <p>Sustainability Club - Clean Up Crew Meet Sam at the Italian Room.</p> <p><u>Second break:</u> Lego Club in the Learning Centre with David.</p> <p>Drawing and Colouring Club in the Learning Centre Room 1 with Gab.</p> 
<p>Tuesday</p>	<p><u>Second break:</u> Just Dance Club in Room 12 with Rosie.</p>
<p>Wednesday</p>	<p><u>First break:</u> State School Spectacular (selected students only) outside the Learning Centre with Ms S, Joy, Sarah and Ivy.</p> <p><u>Second break:</u> Reading Club in the Library with Emma.</p> <p>Sustainability Club (Gr2-6) in Room 11 with Ivy, Christine and James.</p> 
<p>Thursday</p>	<p><u>First break:</u> Reading Club in the Library with Ms Elsbury.</p> <p><u>Second break:</u> Board Games Club (Gr3-6 only) in the Library with Daniel.</p> 
<p>Friday</p>	<p><u>First break:</u> Dungeons and Dragons Club (Invite Only) in the Main Building upstairs with Ramzey.</p>

From the Art Department:

For the past few weeks, the senior cohort have been exploring the world of Street Art and 3D artwork. Students have been learning about an amazing artist from Gunditjmara Country, Jimmi Buscombe. Using his artworks for inspiration, students created their own 3D artworks!

You can have a little look when you come through the office.

Miss Corinne



From the Specialist Team:

The **Specialist Award** winners for this fortnight are...

1B!



A big congratulations to 1B
for winning the Specialist Award this week.

They've been showing the school value of **collaboration** during their specialist classes by working well in teams, listening, and helping each other. It's great to see the values coming through in their learning so early in the year, well done grade 1B!

Lavoro brillante, 1B!

The Specialists

For the Bell Community:

NEW VIOLIN, UKELELE, SINGING TEACHER **- WITH VACANCIES!!!**

We are pleased to introduce **Tracey Hogue** to the school community as our newest External Provider here at Bell.

Tracey plays and teaches a wide range of instruments with over 15 years of teaching experience. She is offering lessons for **violin, ukulele and singing** at Bell in groups of two students on **Wednesdays** between 9.00am-3.30pm (also after school).

Her aim is to encourage and nurture musical interest and instrumental competency. Music should be fun but also challenging!

A classically trained violinist, Tracey is now predominantly a singer/songwriter who gigs regularly around Melbourne and has toured further afield in Australia and New Zealand.



To make a booking, or if you have any questions, please contact Tracey on misstraceyh@gmail.com

A poster titled 'How to enrol' for OSHClub. It includes a QR code, a list of requirements, a list of steps, and tips. The poster is designed with a dark blue header, a white body, and a light blue footer. The OSHClub logo is in the top left corner. The QR code is in the top right corner. The 'What You'll Need' section is on the left, 'Steps' is on the right, and 'Tips' is at the bottom left. The footer contains contact information for the customer service team.

OSHClub

How to enrol

What You'll Need:

- Centrelink Customer Reference Numbers (CRNs) for yourself and your child if you would like to claim Child Care Subsidy (CCS). Note that the person completing the enrolment must be the same person linked to the child for CCS
- Bank account details or card for direct debit
- One or more emergency contacts
- Doctor's contact information, management plan for any relevant medical conditions and your child's immunisation record

Steps:

- 1 Scan QR Code above or head to oshclub.com.au/register and click on Get Started to register as a new Kidsoft user
- 2 Validate your registered email address (you will receive an email)
- 3 Create your account password
- 4 Select your service in 'Find a Place'
- 5 Complete the 'Waitlist' form by adding your child's details (separate one for each child)
- 6 Complete the enrolment form and your local service team will be in touch

Tips:

- Please allow 10-15 minutes to enrol, so it's a great time to grab a cuppa!
- Your email address will be your username and the main point of contact.
- Download the Kidsoft app on your mobile to manage your bookings!

We're here to help!

Our friendly customer service team is here to assist with any enquiries.
✉ oshaccounts@junioradventuresgroup.com.au
☎ 1300 395 735

For service specific information and contact details, head to oshclub.com.au and search for your school.



2024 PREP TOURS



Wednesday, March 29th 9:30am-11:30am
 Wednesday, March 29th 5:30pm-7pm
 Friday, March 31st 9:30am-11:30am

Families interested in enrolling their child at Bell Primary School in 2024 are invited to attend a Prep information session and school tour in March 2023.

We welcome enrolments from local families, with priority given to those living in the school's Designated Neighbourhood Area.

Currently, families living beyond our Designated Neighbourhood Area are able to enrol as space is available.

2024 Prep enrolments can be submitted at the school office or via email from **April 24th 2023**.

**Tour bookings essential-
please call 9480 5622 or email
bell.ps@education.vic.gov.au**



OPEN MORNING

THURSDAY 27th APRIL 2023

9.15am - 11.30am

Come and see our school in action!

- Student-led tours
- Principal's presentation;
9.20am and 10.20am
- Information hub
11 am - 11.30am

6.20pm: Online presentation
(repeat session from morning)

Bookings only required for Principal's presentation due to seating capacity.

[Click here to reserve your seat](#)

PLAY FOOTY WITH THE GIANTS

ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WELCOME

BOYS, GIRLS, MIXED TEAMS U8 TO U16



GIVEAWAYS

COME
AND
TRY DAY

SUNDAY 19 MARCH, 10.30-12

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COLLEGE OPEN MORNING

Join us for a fun-filled and educational experience at the Secondary Open Morning this year.

Meet our dedicated teachers, explore our state-of-the-art facilities, and get a glimpse of the exciting curriculum we offer.

DATE & TIME



Tuesday, 28 March
2023




At 9 AM - 11 AM



235 Kingsbury Drive,
Macleod West



**Charles La Trobe
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More Information



(03) 9223 1400



www.charleslatrobecollege.vic.edu.au



Year 7 Information Evening for
Prospective Parents at 5.30pm



OPEN NIGHT

**\$14.9M STEAM CENTRE
OPENING TERM 2, 2023**

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CONNECTING
ENGAGING**

THORNBURY HIGH SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 29 MARCH

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THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

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Children



Community Art Project
Monday 6 March, 4-5pm
Northcote Library

Family Storytime
Sunday 19 March, 2-3pm
Reservoir Library

Greek and English Bilingual Storytime
Thursday 16 March, 10.15am
Preston Library

Vietnamese and English Bilingual Family Storytime
Saturday 18 March, 2-3pm
Preston Library

STEAM Club
Monday 6 March, 4-4.45pm
Preston Library
Tuesday 7 March, 4-4.45pm
Fairfield Library
Wed 15 March, 4-4.45pm
Northcote Library
Thurs 16 March, 4-4.45pm
Reservoir Library

Rhyme Time
Tuesday 7 March, 10.15am
Northcote Library
Wednesday 8 March, 10.15am
Preston Library
Friday 10 March, 10.15am
Reservoir Library
Friday 10 March, 10.15am
Fairfield Library
Tuesday 14 March, 10.15am
Northcote Library
Wednesday 15 March, 10.15am
Preston Library
Friday 17 March, 10.15am
Reservoir Library
Friday 17 March, 10.15am
Fairfield Library



Wurundjeri Storytime
Wednesday 15 March
11.15am-12pm
Preston Library

Storytime
Tuesday 7 March, 11.15am
Northcote Library
Wednesday 8 March, 11.15am
Preston Library
Friday 10 March, 11.15am
Reservoir Library
Friday 10 March, 11.15am
Fairfield Library
Tuesday 14 March, 11.15am
Northcote Library
Friday 17 March, 11.15am
Reservoir Library
Friday 17 March, 11.15am
Fairfield Library

Artwork by Jay Thomas

Youth

Youth Writing Lab with special guest author Alison Evans
Thursday 9 March
4.30-5.30pm
Preston Library

Youth Games Night
Friday 10 March, 4-6pm
Reservoir Library



Discover Virtual Reality
Tuesday 7 March, 4-5pm, Reservoir Library

DAREBIN LIBRARIES
266 Gower Street, Preston
PO Box 257, Preston, Vic 3072
T 1300 655 355
E contact@tarebin.vic.gov.au
libraries.darebin.vic.gov.au

National Relay Service
relayservice.gov.au
If you are deaf, or have a hearing or speech impairment, contact us through the National Relay Service.

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EMyrw नेपाली اردو
हिन्दी ਪੰਜਾਬੀ Tiếng Việt



Program | 6-19 March

Join us for a celebration of culture, community and lifelong learning.
Find something for you—connect, make, learn, celebrate, enjoy... **discover!**

Discover your library



DISCOVER
Darebin Libraries Launch
Tuesday 7 March, 5.30pm
Reservoir Library

Home Library Service Info Sessions
Monday 6 March 2-3pm
Fairfield Library
Tuesday 7 March, 1-2pm
Reservoir Library
Thursday 9 March, 1-2pm
Northcote Library
Thursday 16 March, 3-4pm
Preston Library

Justice of the Peace
Thurs 9 March, 10am-2pm
Preston Library
Thurs 16 March, 10am-2pm
Preston Library

Let's Do It Together!
Collaborating with
Darebin Libraries
Wednesday, 8 March, 2-3pm
Reservoir Library
Thursday 16 March, 6-7pm
Northcote Library

Book Club Info Sessions
Thursday 9 March, 3-4pm
Reservoir Library
Thursday 16 March, 10-11am
Fairfield Library

Library Discovery Tours
Monday 6 March, 1-2pm
Reservoir Library
Friday 10 March, 3-4pm
Northcote Library
Wed 15 March, 1-2pm
Fairfield Library
Sat 18 March, 12-1pm
Preston Library

Overdue Fines Amnesty

From now until 30 June 2023 we are not charging overdue fines!

We're also not taking payment for old fines.

If you have an old overdue fine on your membership, talk to a staff member, discover something new and we'll remove the fine!



Darebin Libraries stand on Wurundjeri Country.



Lifelong learning



Mushroom Growing Workshop
Tuesday 7 March, 2-4pm
Preston Library

Memoir Writing with Simone Howell for International Women's Day
Wed 8 March, 6-7.30pm
Preston Library

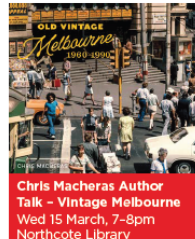
Celebrate Reading Hour with authors Emma Viskic and Aoife Clifford
Thursday 9 March 7-8pm
Preston Library

Drop into history
Tuesday 14 March, 2-4pm
Preston Library

Women Can Roar
Tuesday 14 March, 7-8.30pm
Reservoir Library

Improve the energy efficiency of your home
Friday 17 March, 4-5pm
Preston Library

Edible Weeds Presentation with Adam Grubb
Saturday 18 March, 11am-12pm
Northcote Library



Chris Macheras Author Talk - Vintage Melbourne
Wed 15 March, 7-8pm
Northcote Library

Community languages



Volunteering at Conversation Café
Monday 6 March, 11am-12pm, Reservoir Library
Wednesday 8 March, 10.30-11.30am, Fairfield Library

Conversation Café Online
Monday 6 March
10-11am
Zoom

Conversation Café
Friday 10 March, 10-11am
Preston Library
Friday 17 March, 10-11am
Preston Library

Films



Spanish Film Screening - El Misterio de la Felicidad/The Mystery of Happiness
Tues 7 March, 7.30-9.00pm
Reservoir Library

Greek Film Screening - Chevalier
Wed 8 March, 1.45-3.45pm
Northcote Library

Arabic Film Screening - The Idol
Saturday 11 March, 1.15-3.10pm
Reservoir Library

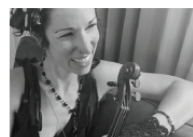
Hindi Film Screening - Umrika
Sunday 12 March 1.15-3.10pm
Preston Library

Italian Film Screening - Le Meraviglie/The Wonders
Thurs 16 March, 6.30-8.50pm
Preston Library



Chinese Film Screening - Snow Flower and the Secret Fan
Sun 19 March, 1.15pm-3.15pm
Preston Library

Social connection



Sunday Serenades
Sunday 12 March, 2-4pm
Reservoir Library

Chess Club
Monday 6 March, 5.30-7.30pm
Preston Library

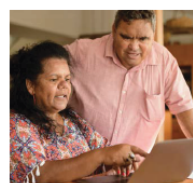
In the Loop
Saturday 11 March, 11am-12pm
Northcote Library
Sunday 12 March, 1-2pm
Reservoir Library
Tuesday 14 March, 11am-12pm
Fairfield Library
Friday 17 March, 11am-12pm
Preston Library

Book Chat in the Library
Saturday 11 March, 1-2pm
Preston Library
Sunday 12 March, 2-3pm
Northcote Library



Social Cuppa and Quiz
Tuesday 7 March, 11-11.30am
Fairfield Library
Friday 10 March, 3-3.30pm
Preston Library
Tuesday 14 March, 11-11.30am
Reservoir Library
Friday 17 March, 1-1.30pm
Northcote Library

Digital support



Digital Learning Sessions: Online security
Wed 8 March, 10.15-11.45am
Northcote Library
Thurs 16 March, 2-3.30pm
Reservoir Library

Get started with eBooks and eAudiobooks
Tuesday 7 March, 2-3pm
Northcote Library
Friday 10 March, 2-3pm
Reservoir Library
Wednesday 15 March, 2-3pm
Preston Library
Thurs 16 March, 11.30am-12.30pm
Fairfield Library

Device Advice
Monday 6 March, 2-5pm
Preston Library
Thursday 9 March, 2-5pm
Fairfield Library
Tuesday 14 March, 2-5pm
Reservoir Library
Friday 17 March, 2-5pm
Northcote Library

Employment support



Job Advocate drop-in sessions
Thurs 9 March, 10am-12pm
Reservoir Library
Friday 10 March, 10am-12pm
Preston Library

Be Job Ready: Find support and training
Friday 10 March, 10.30-11.15am
Preston Library

Be Job Ready: Job Opportunities at Darebin City Council
Wed 15 March, 10.30-11.15am
Northcote Library

Exhibitions



Exquisite Bias: Exhibition Launch
Saturday 11 March, 2pm
Preston Library
Exhibition runs 11-26 March
Supported by FUSE Fund

Phillip Harris, On The Road
March, Northcote Library
Katherine Maslulianis, Obscured Stories
March, Fairfield Library