



*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:

School Council Elections

The voting for School Council elections has commenced with ballot packages sent home with the eldest child yesterday. Key points are:

- We have 6 candidates for the 2 remaining vacancies, so you must mark 2 candidates only on the ballot paper.
- There is a ballot box at the front office to post votes **and** register your name. If your child is dropping off the envelope, they must tell the office staff so your name can be registered.
- Ballot closes at **4.00pm on Wednesday 15 March**.
- Please read the instructions on the ballot paper carefully when casting your vote in the coming week.

NAPLAN for Grade 3 and 5

Grade 3 and 5 students will be completing this state-wide assessment program over the next few weeks, with most tasks conducted online. These national tests are one aspect of a rigorous and targeted assessment schedule that the school implements throughout the year. This is the first time it has been done in Term 1, which means results will be available much earlier than previous years.

The results provide us with a snapshot of each child's progress in the core learning areas of English and Maths, however they should not be taken in isolation. They will enable us to cross reference with other assessment data and evidence to support future learning for individuals, groups and the entire cohorts. At a school level, the aggregated data is used to track certain aspects of our school performance and assist us to identify areas for targeted improvement over time.

Maths Family Fun Night

Our Primary Maths Specialists, Paul Nicholson and Jack Fray, are planning a stimulating and exciting night of mathematical fun later this term. The aim is to showcase a range of Maths concepts through a variety of activities that both you and your child/ren can engage in. Lifting the profile of Maths and improving the attitude and confidence when attempting Numeracy tasks is a key focus, as we know a positive disposition in this essential learning area is crucial for the overall academic progress for every child. This community event will be held in the Learning Centre and upstairs in the 5/6 Learning Hub on Monday 27 March. More details to come soon but do your best to save that date.

Leadership Roles and Responsibilities

One key aspect of the school's organisational design is the roles and responsibilities outlined below. This will help parents/carers when seeking clarification on general school matters not directly related to their child/ren. With matters directly related to your child/ren, the classroom teacher is always the first person to contact.

Whilst the most complex responsibilities are generally linked to those in substantive leadership positions, other middle leader positions are reviewed and allocated each year providing opportunities for a range of staff to make a significant impact and build their leadership capacity.

David Twite (Principal and Executive Officer of School Council)

- Staffing - Management, Performance, Leadership Mentoring and Coaching
- Facilities - Capital Works, Maintenance, Occupational Health & Safety Workplace Manager
- Finance - Student Resource Package including cash budgets and staffing costs
- Community Engagement
- School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) and Behaviour Management (including bullying matters)
- School Improvement Team member

Emma Heywood (Assistant Principal and School Council member)

- Curriculum - Whole School Plans, Assessment, Data & Reporting
- Professional Learning - Whole School Initiatives, Leadership Mentoring/Coaching, Team Leader Support
- School Improvement Team Leader and NAPLAN Administration
- Graduate Teacher Support
- Emergency Management Planning - Evacuation and Lockdown Drills
- Daily Organisation - Staff Absence, CRT Replacement, Timetables
- Pre Service Teachers & Work Experience Coordinator
- School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) and Behaviour Management (including bullying matters)
- Child Safe Officer

Xenia Matani - Wellbeing and Engagement Leader (part time intervention/tutoring)

- Wellbeing/Engagement reforms - Berry St Education Model, Respectful Relationships, School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS), Child Safe Standards and Practices
- Program for Students with Disability (PSD) - Applications, Student Support Group meetings, Student Support Services Officers (SSSOs), NDIS Liaison, Integration Staff Coordination
- Professional Learning - Mentoring and Coaching
- School Improvement Team member
- Child Safe Officer
- Individual Education Plan (IEP) support - Engagement and Wellbeing advice

Gab Goss - Teaching and Learning Leader (part time in classroom 3 days)

- Curriculum - Collaborative Team Planning, Assessment, Data & Reporting
- Professional Learning - Whole School Initiatives, Mentoring and Coaching
- Literacy Key Improvement Team Leader
- School Improvement Team member
- Graduate Teacher Support
- Individual Education Plan (IEP) support – Academic

Grade Level Team Leaders

Prep - **Sarah McNamara**; Grade 1 - **Joy O'Neill**; Grade 2 - **Ange Georgiou**; Grade 3 - **Kerry Georgiou**; Grade 4 - **Paul Nicholson**; Grade 5 - **Ajay Singh**; Grade 6 - **Jack Fray**; Specialists - **Josh Grogan**.

Key roles include team planning facilitators, Professional Learning Communities instructors, team support.

Other Leadership Positions

- **Jack Fray and Paul Nicholson** - Primary Maths Specialists supporting curriculum planning. Assessment, instructional coaches/mentors and School Improvement Team members
- **Josh Grogan** - Wellbeing Key Improvement Team Leader - social and emotional learning and Safe Routes to School
- **Maria Tevelis** - Intervention/tutoring and supporting IEPs (academic), School Improvement Team member
- **Ivy Callander** – Sustainability Key Improvement Team Leader including club leader and council sub-committee
- **Ramzey Fayad** – DigiTech Key Improvement Team Leader including online safety support and resource management

There are many other additional roles and responsibilities that are dispersed amongst all staff to spread the load. I am proud that all staff step up and complete these extra tasks to the best of their ability each year. The office staff can triage any requests for information directly to the staff member who is responsible for a specific task or event.

Curriculum Day

The next Curriculum Day is scheduled straight after the Labour Day long weekend on **Tuesday 14 March**. OSHClub will offer a program for those who wish to enrol for the day.

David Twite
Principal

From our Assistant Principal:

Getting to Know You Meetings

Thank you to parents and carers for your attendance at Getting to Know You Meetings this week. We would also like to thank staff for staying late to conduct these conferences. If for some reason you were unable to attend your Getting to Know You Meeting, please make contact with your child's classroom teacher to arrange a mutually agreeable time to meet.

We know many useful discussions took place during these meetings, as you exchanged information regarding your child's learning, social and emotional needs and established the foundations for a positive and productive teacher-parent/carer partnerships for the year ahead.

When schools and families work together, children become more engaged with their learning and develop a positive attitude towards school, ultimately leading to positive academic results and consistent school attendance. We look forward to working with parents/carers in an ongoing and supportive partnership.

Emma Heywood
Assistant Principal

Community Safety:

The Gilbert Road Crossing Supervisor, Julie, is very concerned that many parents (role models) - with their children, bikes, scooters and prams - are still crossing away from our local crossings. ***As students are regularly witnessing this happen, there are now more students doing this without parents.*** As Julie works on Gilbert Road, she sees many near misses and is very concerned that a child will be hit as there are so many students not crossing with her.

There are also students regularly crossing Oakover Road and Scotia Street without using a crossing.

If your child travels to or from school on their own, please reinforce the importance of using school crossings, as the safety of your child/ren should be our community's highest priority.



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 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, 4pm**
- Thu 16: **Dr Cranky's Bike Hospital, 8.30 and 3.00**
- 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**
- Mon 27: **Family Maths Night, LC, 4-6pm**
- 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**
- Mon 24: **FINAL DAY CONSENT: Yr2 Bundoora Park**
- Tue 25: **ANZAC Day Public Holiday**
- Wed 26: **Year 2 Bundoora Park Excursion**

MAY 2023

- Tue 9: **VSSS Rehearsal #2, Ivanhoe East PS**
- 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

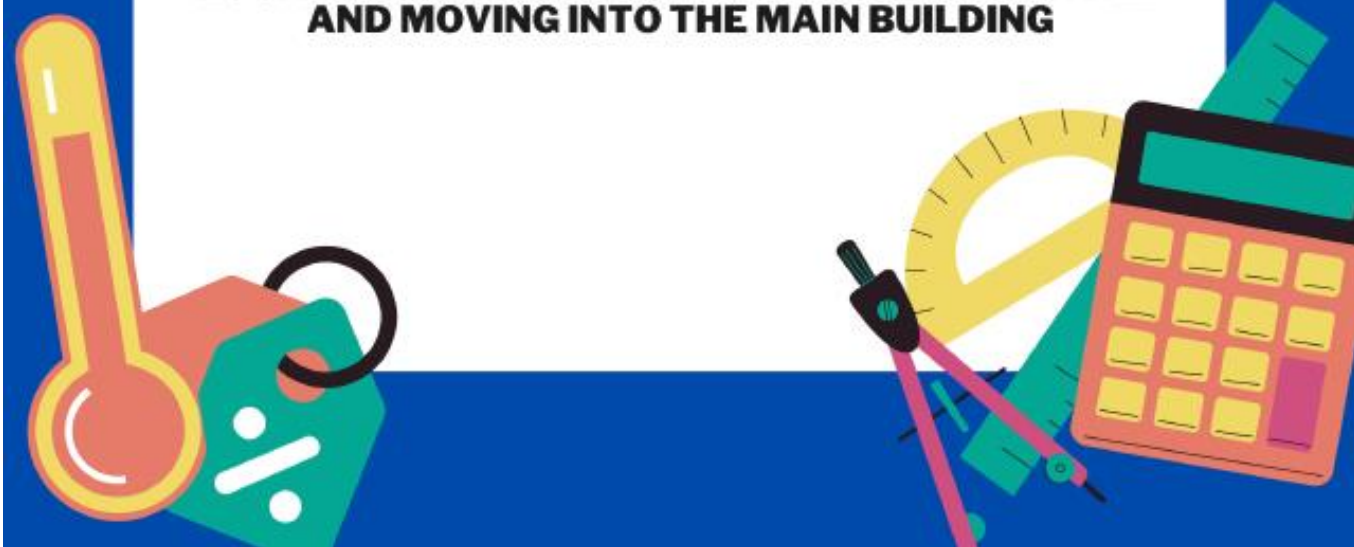
You are welcome to check through Lost Property at any time. Just walk straight past the office and turn right! It can be found in the cabinets in the corridor near the Art Room.



FAMILY MATHS NIGHT

**MONDAY 27TH MARCH
4PM - 6PM**

**LOCATION: STARTING IN THE LEARNING CENTRE
AND MOVING INTO THE MAIN BUILDING**



SCHOOLS CLEAN-UP DAY

Last Friday it was Clean Up Australia Day for schools all around Australia and the Student Sustainability Club got together to clean up our community.

The Sustainability Club went on a nice walk to H Swain Reserve (Train Park), AH Capp and the Merri Creek with help from teachers and volunteer parents. We found all sorts of stuff! One of the kids found half a chair and another found a whole hula-hoop! We even found the burnt remains of a motorbike! The most commonly found rubbish was soft plastics and cigarette butts. We worked hard but also fit in time to play on the playground and have a lunch break.

A big thank-you to our awesome volunteer parents Germaine, Marcus, Leonie and Nicole, and our amazing teachers Mr.Lakin, Christine, Sam, Lucas and Ivy. We had lots of fun helping our community and the weather made it so much better!

Thanks for reading and have a great weekend!

By Bonnie, Lily and Abby.







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**

JUNIOR GIRLS

FOOTY 4 FUN

Preston Bullants Junior Footy Club



Experience Australia's most loved sport through AFL Victoria's FREE Footy 4 Fun events delivered across Victoria! A footy experience full of fun activities, modified games & memorable moments to take home with you!

Footy 4 Fun Junior Girls is all about giving girls (turning 5-12 years old in 2023) the opportunity to experience football in a fun and safe environment through fun activities and modified game.

WHERE:

H.P Zwar Park, Preston

WHEN:

Wednesday 15/3
4.30pm - 5.30pm



REGISTER HERE!

Recruiting Now for 2023!

Fitness Confidence
Dancing Friendship

Are you thinking about trying
Calisthenics? Why not come along and give it a go!
The first two classes are obligation free.
no experience necessary.



Free Trial



TINY TOTS (5YRS AND UNDER) SATURDAYS 9:00-9:45AM
TINIERS (7 YRS AND UNDER) SATURDAYS 10:00-11:15AM
SUB-JUNIORS (10 YRS AND UNDER) SATURDAYS 11:30-2:00PM

5/159 Newlands Road, Coburg North
www.stmarkscalisthenicsclub.com
stmarksccl@hotmail.com



YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE FOR 2024

Applications now open for 2025

To submit an application visit marcellin.vic.edu.au

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MARCELLIN COLLEGE
160 Bulleen Road, Bulleen VIC 3105



COME AND TRY HOCKEY

Saturday 18th March 9:15AM

KP HARDIMAN RESERVE



All ages, all abilities, all positions - including
Goalkeepers!

Kids entertainment followed by senior exhibition
matches

Walk ins on the day are welcome!

FOR MORE INFO & TO RSVP CONTACT

Rachael Bannan 0430 233 444



What's been happening...

Can you believe we are already halfway through term 1!

The children have had a very busy few weeks with their extracurricular activity of soccer on a Tuesday afternoon and have enjoyed engaging in cooking and science activities throughout the week. The children have enjoyed using water paint to re-create artwork by famous artists such as Vincent Van Gogh. We have also enjoyed making yummy treats such as apple cake, berry pies and spinach and cheese pastries.

We want to acknowledge and thank the children and families who are regularly booked in on a Thursday for their understanding while we split our learning environment into both the art room and our osh room. We understand that a change in environment can be a little scary and unfamiliar, but we would like to give a special shout out to our preppies who attend on a Thursday afternoon for showing us how brave and resilient they have been during these changes.

A friendly reminder that we are running an all-day session next Tuesday the 14th to accommodate for the Pupil Free Day. We are open from 7am-6.30pm and there are still spots available to book if you are needing care for this day. Our theme for this day is "High Tea Party" where the children get to engage in a scavenger hunt, make yummy scones and lemonade and create crazy hats for the day! Please remember to pack morning tea, lunch and afternoon snack for your children on this day.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out. We hope you have a safe and lovely long weekend.

Warm regards, Celeste & Olivia.

BSC: 7:00-9:00am

ASC: 3:30-6:30pm

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