



*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:

Ride2School Day

It was wonderful to see so many active travellers arrive at school today. Along with Dr Cranky's Bike Hospital sessions, Ride2School day launches the engagement element of the Safe Routes to School Program. Ongoing collaboration with Darebin Council will allow us to develop impactful actions in the four key areas of Education, Engagement, Engineering and Enforcement. Our Safe Routes Leader Josh Grogan will publish more of the actions soon.

As an active bike riding community, it is important that the rules for riding are at the front of mind for everyone who rides. Attached is a resource from Legal Aid Victoria providing guidance about bicycle road rules in Victoria.

Family Maths Night

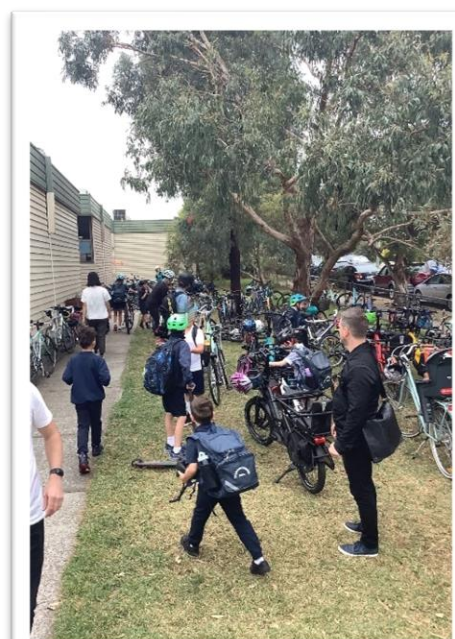
This coming Monday, our Maths Specialists Paul Nicholson and Jack Fray, have organised a fabulous time after school with a focus on Numeracy. We are hoping families can allocate time between 4.00pm -6.00pm to join in the Maths Madness with games, puzzles and Maths stories aimed at giving parents and carers a taste of 21st century learning in this core subject. Your children can also showcase some of the Maths activities they do at school which can generate rich conversation at home, not just on Monday night, but at any time in the future. All teachers on duty that day will attend for the first part, with a proportion of staff extending beyond their hours of attendance to support this special event until pack up at 6.00pm.

Industrial Agreement Between AEU and Department of Education

The 2022 Agreement has now been part of the state education system for over six months and the adjustments that need to be made in certain areas will become more obvious over time. Whilst we will always endeavour to continue providing extra-curricular opportunities for the students and other special events for the whole community, a new aspect around Time in Lieu (TiL) has become a significant factor in our planning.

The Family Maths Night is one example where we have had to make some subtle adjustments to who attends for the entire time, as well as starting the event slightly earlier. Any time staff are required to attend school-organised activities after their set hours of attendance, I must engage with them in the Time in Lieu process. This means acquitting the extra hours in one of three ways that all have an impact on resources (time and/or money). We have an agreed plan and will make things work, however not all staff will be involved on Monday afternoon for the entire event as I need to manage the impact of TiL. Staff at this school are always highly committed to putting in the extra time and effort supporting these special events and other experiences such as camps, but in these current conditions, decisions have to be made to manage TiL throughout the year.

David Twite (Principal)



2023 Bell PS Calendar:

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



MARCH 2023

- Fri 24: Ride2School Day
- Fri 24: **Grade 6 Old Melbourne Gaol Excursion**
- Fri 24: Grade 1 Celebration of Learning
- Mon 27: **Family Maths Night, LC, 4-6pm**
- Tue 28: **Grade 6 GRIP Leadership Conference**
- Tue 28: **Grade 5 Immigration Museum Excursion**
- Wed 29: 2024 Prep Tours x2
- Fri 31: Grade 2 Celebration of Learning
- Fri 31: 2024 Prep Tour

APRIL 2023

- Mon 3: Grade Prep Celebration of Learning
- Mon 3: Grade 4 Celebration of Learning
- Wed 5: Grade 5 Celebration of Learning
- Wed 5: Icy Pole Day
- 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: **Grade 2 Bundoora Park Excursion**

MAY 2023

- Tue 9: VSSS Rehearsal #2, Ivanhoe East PS
- Wed 17: **FINAL DAY CONSENT: Gr6 Camp Jungai**
- 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:

ADMINISTRATION STAFF:

Lu Paglia: Business Manager (Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri) : Jo Taylor: Finance/Excursions (Mon/Wed/Fri)
Tania Levens: Facilities/OHS/Communication (Tue-Fri) : Jessie Storm: Attendance/Enrolments/Medical (Mon-Fri)
OFFICE HOURS: 8.00am – 4.30pm

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.

SECOND-HAND JUMPERS & JACKETS NEEDED!

Kate in the Second-Hand Uniform Shop reports that we are in serious need of donations of **jumpers** and **bomber jackets** in particular. If you have any pre-loved Bell logo jumpers or bomber jackets that are still in reasonable condition, we would be very grateful to receive donations at the front office. Other uniform donations are always welcome too, including Bell branded school bags and hats.



From the Specialists:

The Specialist Award winners for this fortnight are...

5B!!


A big CONGRATULATIONS to 5B.



They have been demonstrating the school value of **Creativity** through their learning by being brave and trying new ideas. They've also challenged themselves by thinking 'outside the box' and trying new ways of solving problems.

Great work 5B!

The Specialist Team (Josh, Ms S, Miss Corinne and Professorssa Sam)



FAMILY MATHS NIGHT

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

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



What's happening in Music?

PREP

We are learning how to do actions to the beat while singing the song 'One, Two, Three'. We are also learning about pitch and playing high and low notes and we are loving hearing music from all around the world!

GRADES 1 and 2

We are learning how to sing and play instruments to an African song from Ghana in called 'Kye Kye Kule'. There is a lot of call and response in this song and we have to listen to the song carefully to make sure we keep to the beat.



GRADES 3 and 4

We have been learning how to read drum notation and play rhythms on our bucket drums. We have notated our own bucket drumming rhythms and will perform them in small groups.



GRADE 5 and 6

We are learning about South American Samba music and have learnt some of the rhythms and features of Samba. We are now working on arranging our own Samba pieces for performance.



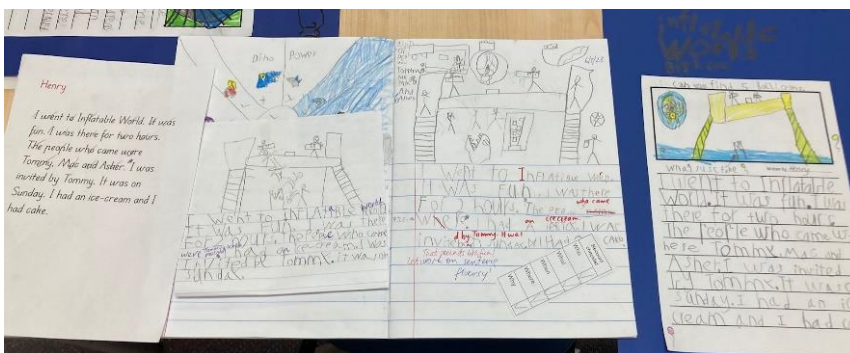
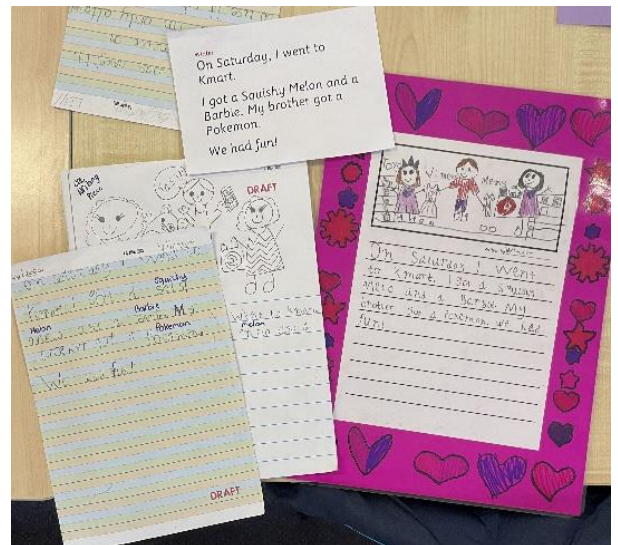
From the Grade 1 Team:

GRADE 1 CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

It was wonderful to welcome back parents into our classrooms to help the Grade 1 students celebrate the amazing work they have been doing with their recount writing.

Throughout the term, students have been focusing on writing a personal recount. They were exposed to the format of what needs to be included in a recount such as 'when, where, who, what and why'. They showed an understanding that a personal recount is writing about something that has happened in the past. All students worked through the process of creating a plan, draft and finally a published piece of writing.

The Grade 1 teachers were thrilled with the students' perseverance and effort in completing their stories.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT + FUNDRAISING

YEAR LEVEL WHATSAPP GROUP CONTACTS
PLEASE JOIN YOUR YEAR LEVEL'S WHATSAPP
TO RECEIVE NEWS OR ASK QUESTIONS

Year level: ONE

Rep/s:

Mia McDonald,
Anna Forsyth,
Clancy Riddiford

WhatsApp link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/FOILszA3jJi1rfG8yHnWw3>



Year level: PREP

Rep/s:

Darcie Kane-Priestl
Vaia Smirneos,
Alice McAvoy

WhatsApp link:

<http://surl.li/fisyr>



Year level: TWO

Rep/s:

Liz Waygood

WhatsApp link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Go0bLAtkHRo83W3hdOkipf>



Year level: THREE

Rep/s:

Nicole Rose

WhatsApp link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Go0bLAtkHRo83W3hdOkipf>



Year level: FOUR

Rep/s:

Michael Crestani,
Melanie Barlow,
Gaby Arundel

WhatsApp link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/L0rI5uR6axwHS2MSFSIOvE>



Year level: FIVE

Rep/s:

Dion Keech,
Vanessa Buck,
Ceinwen Jones

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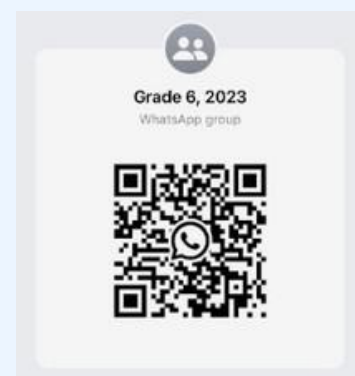
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Year level: SIX

Rep/s:

Rebekah Yock



It's icy pole day!

April 5

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limit 2 per student



VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED!

Calling out for volunteers to help hand out icy poles on **Wednesday 5 April**. We need 6 - 8 volunteers **between 12pm - 3pm** to help set up tables, hand out icy poles and pack up the tables.

Please email bell.ps@education.vic.gov.au if you are available.

Many thanks,
Engagement & Fundraising Team



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**

Foster Care Information Session

Wednesday, 19 April 2023 | North West Region
6.30pm - 7.30pm (via Zoom)

Children in your local community need
a safe and nurturing place to stay.

REGISTER TO ATTEND!

03 9301 5200 | carer.info@anglicarevic.org.au | anglicarevic.org.au

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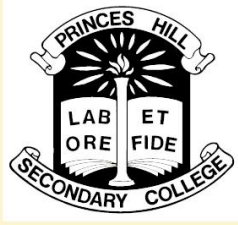
0488 842 495 TEXT

HELLO@SOCIALSPORT.COM.AU EMAIL

**SEASON STARTS
APRIL 28TH**

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Princes Hill Secondary College

invites prospective Year 7, 2024 students and families to the

Information Evening

Date: **Tuesday 2nd May, 2023**

Session 1: 5:00pm- 6:00pm or

Session 2: 6:30pm-7:30pm

Venue: 47 Arnold St, Princes Hill.

All welcome!



Full boarding homestay families are sought for International Students at Northcote High School

(For new International Students arriving in July 2023)



**NORTHCOTE
HIGH SCHOOL**

We are very excited to be welcoming International Students back to Victoria post the onset of the COVID Pandemic.

Northcote High School seeks quality homestays from our local community, to help care for new international student arrivals (Year 10-11 age group) in July 2023. Our international students are mainly from Asian countries, such as China, Vietnam, Korea, Japan and Thailand and they will continue to complete their VCE studies with us in the following years.

Hosting International Students can bring a rich cross cultural experience and opportunity for families. Many local families already on board with the Northcote High School Homestay Program over the years have enjoyed and benefited from the diverse cultural and language exchange experience, especially when they have school age children at home. The reverse experience for our International Students is very much part of their overseas study journey.

If you have a spare room and are willing to take care of a young international student please contact the International Student Office 9488 2334 (or General Office 9488 2300 or email jocelyn.hill@education.vic.gov.au) for more information.

Full boarding homestay fees are \$340 per week (tax free), which covers a fully furnished room, three healthy meals daily, laundry, household bills (including internet). Students are encouraged to participate in the normal household family chores and responsible for their own transport.

Jocelyn Hill

Director of Global Education

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**FITZROY
HIGH SCHOOL**

OPEN DAY | April 3



**Experience
our innovative
and dynamic
learning
environment**

Experience our innovative and dynamic learning environment in action at our year 7-10 **Fitzroy High School** campus and then walk with us through Edinburgh Gardens to the **Wurun Senior campus** for a tour and Q & A.

9.15 - 10.45am

TOUR 1

Fitzroy High School
7-10 and the **Wurun**
Senior Campus

12 - 1.30pm

TOUR 2

Fitzroy High School
7-10 and the **Wurun**
Senior Campus

6.30 - 7.30pm

Information evening at
Fitzroy High School
7-10 Campus
+ short twilight tour

trybooking.com/CFYIE





WIN A LAPTOP, UNIFORM & SCHOOL FEES



at Charles La Trobe College's
Secondary **Open Morning**



Tue, 28 March



235 Kingsbury
Drive



9 AM to 11 AM

**PLENTY
OF
PARKING**

TRIPPING OVER TOYS?

REHOME

AND

RECYCLE

YOUR NEW, OLD OR BROKEN
TOYS AT NORTHLAND



MARCH 6 – APRIL 9

Bring the idle toys cluttering your home to **Northland Shopping Centre** this month and we'll find new loving homes for them. We will sort through your toys, new or broken, refurbish and rehome those that we can, and recycle those that we can't.

More smiles, less waste!



7th March to 9th April

You'll find us on the [Ground Floor near Woolworths](#)



**Northland Shopping
Centre**

2-50 Murray Rd,
Preston VIC 3072



9 am - 5 pm

Monday - Sunday