



Bell PS Newsletter

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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**.*

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:

End of Term Reflection

I would like to acknowledge the overall positive start to the year with less disruptions compared to recent years. This enabled us to consolidate those important learning routines plus schedule some special events such as the *Celebrations of Learning* and the *Maths Family Fun Night*. Other initiatives to re-engage our community included the *Dr. Cranky's Bike Hospital* and the *Ride2School Day* plus the re-branding of the Community Engagement and FUNdraising group with year level parent/carers representatives for every grade.

A special thanks to CEF leaders Vanessa, Ceinwen and Vaia from School Council, who pulled together the *Icy Pole Day* and the *Easter Guess Competition* together in a short time. It has kick started this year's events in great fashion.

The launch of our Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) scope and sequence of lesson for all year levels was an important step in the wellbeing space. This initiative aims to map out the key themes year upon year to support a positive mental health mindset, and provide tools and strategies for those challenging situations at school and beyond. See page 10 for details of the Term 1 topics we have already covered plus the new topics for Term 2.

Gym/Hall Capital Works Update

Interface Constructions are virtually at lock up stage for the gym/hall, meaning the wetter weather will have minimal impact during the finishing stages of the project. They are on schedule for a mid-year completion and School Council are now working on an opening ceremony for later in the year. For those unsure of the features and main uses for the gym/hall, follow the link to the 'Current Projects' page on the school website for more details:

[Current Projects \(bellps.vic.edu.au\)](http://www.bellps.vic.edu.au)

Term 2 Start

With an unusual start to Term 2, outlined below are the main things happening in the first two weeks:

- The school is open for learning on **Monday 24 April**, with the ANZAC Day public holiday on **Tuesday 25 April**.
- On **Wednesday 26 April** at 2.40pm there will be a special assembly to commemorate the ANZAC spirit run by our School Captains. Parents/carers are welcome to attend. The Grade 2 excursion to Bundoora Farm is also on the Wednesday, being part of their Inquiry unit of work.
- House meetings are scheduled for the morning of **Thursday 27 April** to make some cross age connections, brief the students on up-coming events and introduce the House Captains for 2023. No need for parents to attend.
- On **Friday 28 April**, the House Cross Country will be run for all Grade 4-6s down at AH Capp Reserve, where house colours are expected and lots of encouragement required for everyone to have a go.
- On **Friday 5 May** we will hold the House Tabloid Activities event on the South Oval with splashes of house colours everywhere. Parents/carers are welcome to attend but space might be tight.

I wish everyone an enjoyable Easter period and a relaxing and safe school holidays.

David Twite (Principal)

2023 Bell PS Calendar:

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



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: **Grade 2 Bundoora Park Excursion**
- Wed 26: ANZAC Spirit Assembly, 2.40pm
- Thu 27: Bell PS House Meetings
- Fri 28: Gr4-6 Cross Country Carnival, AH Capp Reserve

MAY 2023

- Fri 5: House Tabloid Activities, South Oval
- Tue 9: VSSS Rehearsal #2, Ivanhoe East PS
- Fri 12: 🌸♥ Mother's + Special Person's Day Stall 🌸☺
- Wed 17: **FINAL DAY CONSENT: Gr6 Camp Jungai**
- Mon 22-Thu 25: **Grade 6 Camp Jungai**
- Mon 29: Photo Day

JUNE 2023

- Thu 1: Nthn Div. Cross Country, Bundoora Park
- 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**

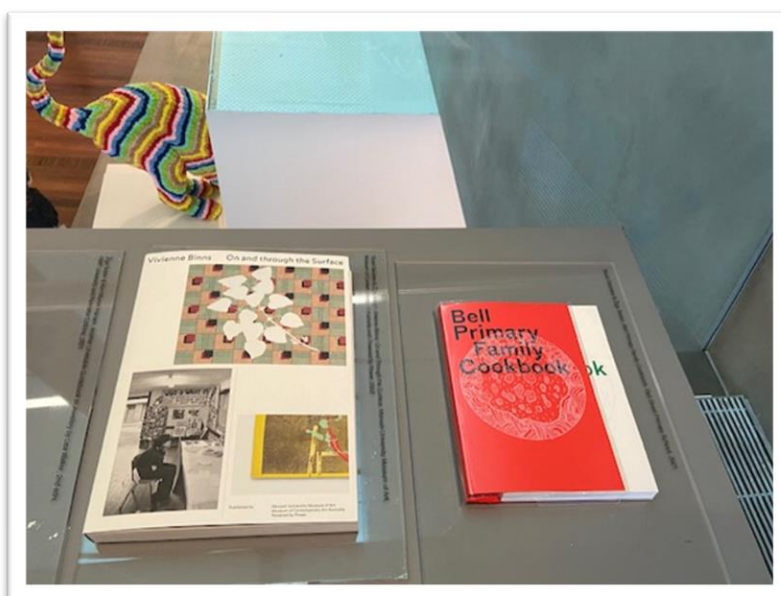
DECEMBER 2023

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

Good News Story:

The Bell PS Family Cook Book is currently on display at the NGV Australia: The Ian Potter Centre as part of the Melbourne Now exhibition. The exhibition celebrates the work of local art and design from Victorian-based artists and designers. We do have a few Cook Books left over from the initial Bell FUNdraiser @ \$35. Please email bell.ps@education.vic.gov.au if you are interested.

<https://www.ngv.vic.gov.au/melbourne-now/home/>



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. ***The Shop is open every Wednesday afternoon from 3.15-3.45pm.*** 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.



Photo Day Info:

2023 WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

The School Photographer will be visiting Bell on **Monday May 29th** to take 2023 individual portrait, whole class, and sibling photos. More information will be sent out to families next term, but if you would like to view the available packages and place your order in advance, please use the QR and access codes below:



The School Photographer

PHOTO DAY

COMING SOON!

Monday 29th May 2023

Head to our website to view the available packages and to place your order

VISIT OUR WEBSITE & ENTER THIS CODE:

X3060EL50B

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From the Art Department:

A big shout out to Pramannya from 2A for this amazing and expressive self-portrait.
Awesome work Pramannya!



Just a reminder that the National Gallery of Victoria has lots of fun, free activities for kids during the break: <https://www.ngv.vic.gov.au/program/school-holidays-at-ngv-2/>

Have a fabulous and safe holiday!

Miss Corinne.

SPECIALIST 'METAL OF HONOUR' AWARD - 6C -



A huge CONGRATULATIONS to **6C** for winning the 'Metal of Honour' Specialist Award for Term 1! It was a massive team effort and you are all so deserving! 6C have been working hard demonstrating the school values and working on the Learning Assets in all their Specialist classes. Thank you for choosing kindness and making good behaviour choices during the term.

A special mention goes to **4B** for coming in at 2nd place and **6A** for 3rd place.

The Specialist team would like to congratulate every class in the school for doing an amazing job in all their Specialist classes.

Josh, Professoressa Sam, Miss Corinne and Ms S.



From the Grade 3 Team:

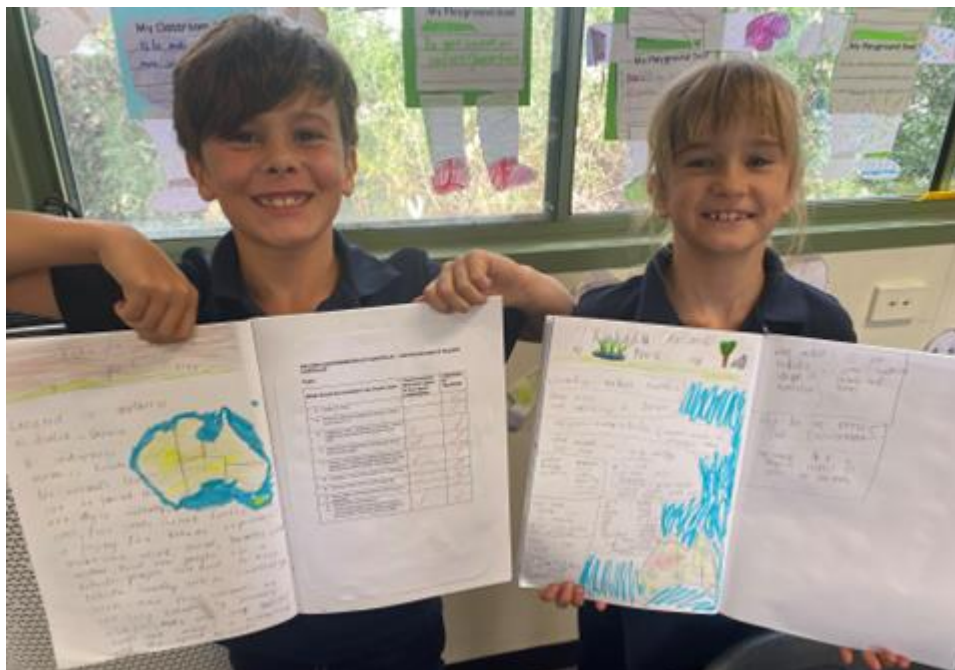
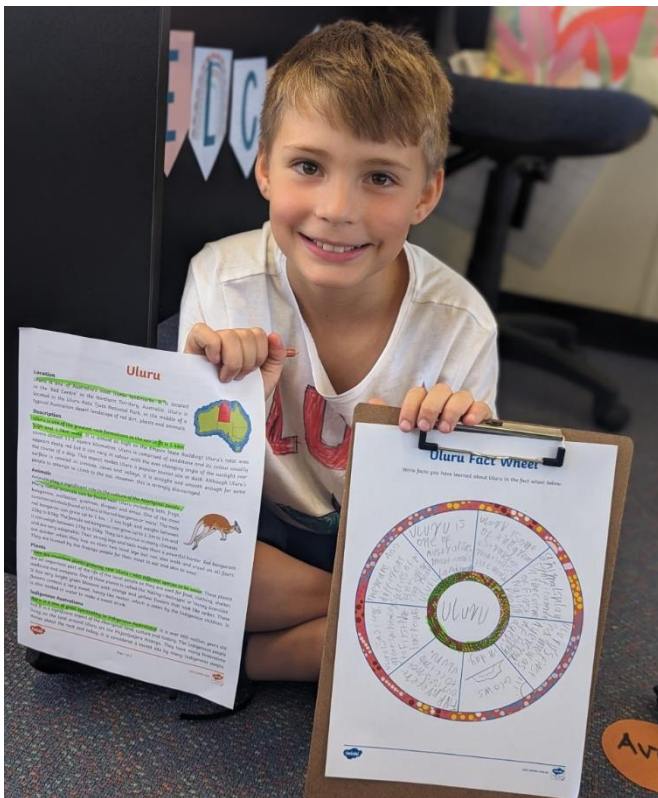
Inquiry Unit: What Makes Australia Unique?

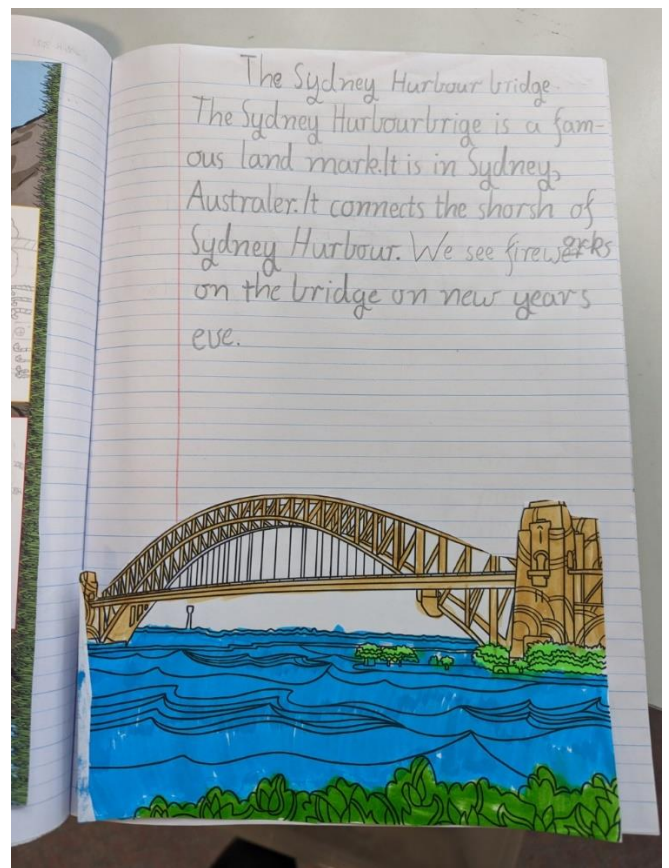
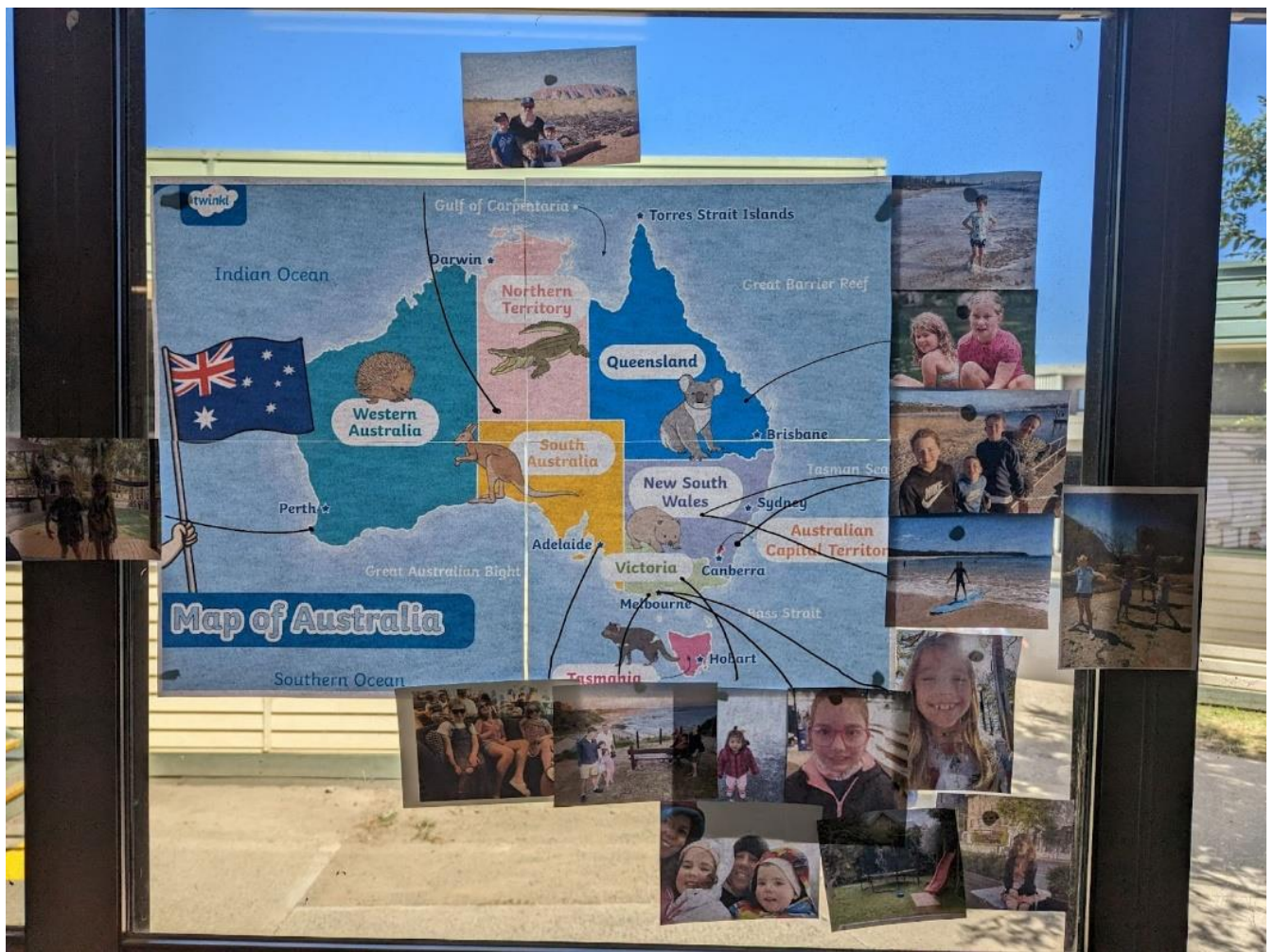
What better way to begin our Inquiry unit than learning about 'What makes Australia unique?'

Grade 3 students have been busy learning about Australia by identifying the different states and territories, making personal connections to various places around our country, with a key focus on significant landmarks, landscapes and indigenous sites. Students demonstrated research skills and have enjoyed investigating places such as Uluru and the Great Barrier Reef. They have also been expanding their knowledge of famous natural landscapes within their handwriting sessions.

Following the inquiry process, students are extremely eager to publish their findings in the coming weeks. We look forward to seeing their creative final pieces!

Grade 3 Team





From the PE Department:



Congratulations!

A massive congratulations to Leilani and Charlie who competed in the Northern Metropolitan Regional swimming championships on Thursday 30 March. Both students did an exceptional job and should be very proud of their efforts.

Josh Grogan
PE Teacher



ANZAC Day Keepsakes

In the first week of Term 2, we will have some 2023 ANZAC Day commemorative items available for students and families to buy in the front office. There will be brooches, pens, keyrings and bracelets, with all items ranging in price from \$1 - \$5.



From the Engagement + FUNdraising Team:

Bell Primary School
Mother's & Special Person Day Stall

FRIDAY 12 MAY 2023

School holidays are a great time to start making and potting and crafting.

Details on how to sign up to help out and donations coming soon!





On the Curriculum Day, Tuesday 14 March, staff had time to explore Bell Primary's Personal and Social Scope and Sequence which incorporates the Social and Emotional Learning Curriculum, Berry Street Educational Model (BSEM) and Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships (RRRR).

Respectful Relationships education is a core component of the Victorian Curriculum from foundation to year 12. It is all about embedding a culture of respect and equality across the entire school community. They cover eight topics of Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) across all levels of primary and secondary education.

In Term 1 we covered **Topic 1: Emotional Literacy** and **Topic 2: Personal Strengths**.

Topic 1: Emotional Literacy

Emotional literacy can be defined as the ability to understand ourselves and other people. It includes the ability to understand, express and manage our own emotions, build empathy, and respond appropriately to the emotions of others. Building a large vocabulary for emotions helps to increase emotional literacy and build self-awareness and empathy with others.

Topic 2: Personal Strengths

Children and young people need a vocabulary to help them recognise and understand strengths and positive qualities in themselves and others. This topic provides learning activities to build this vocabulary and to use it when discussing personal, social, and ethical challenges.

We encourage parents/ carers to talk to your child/ren about what they have learned this term in their Wellbeing lessons.

In Term 2, we will be covering **Topic 3: Positive Coping** and **Topic 4: Problem Solving**.

Ongoing discussions and questions related to topics 3 and 4 will help build their understanding. Please use the Term 2 Parent/ Carer Learning Support Document to find out how you can support your child/ren at home with regular Wellbeing lessons. This information will be sent out by teams early next term along with the main foci in Literacy, Numeracy and Inquiry.

More information about Respectful Relationships and the RRRR curriculum can be found at: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/teachingresources/discipline/capabilities/personal/Pages/respectfulrelapproach.aspx>

More information about Berry Street Educational Model can be found on our website: [Berry Street Education Model \(bellps.vic.edu.au\)](http://bellps.vic.edu.au)



**2024 PREP
ENROLMENTS**



Bell Primary School welcomes 2024 Prep enrolments from local families, with priority given to those living in the school's Designated Neighbourhood Area.

We invite families to submit 2024 Prep enrolments from April 24th 2023.

Our first round of Prep tours took place this term, with a second round of tours to commence in Term 2. Dates and times to follow.

For further information or to register your name for tours, please email bell.ps@education.vic.gov.au or call 9480 5622.

NOTICE - ALLERGY - Please ensure all food is nut free



Monday 10 April

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

SERVICE CLOSED



Monday 17 April

IN + \$17.00

FOOTY FEVER

INCURSION - MULTISPORTS

Enjoy a fun filled session of summer sporting fun where you will learn skills of various summer sports? What sport will be your favourite.



Tuesday 11 April

GOTTA CATCH 'EM ALL!!

IN-SERVICE

Charmander's are red. Squirtle's are blue. If you were a Pokémon, I'd choose you!

Hello Pokémon trainers! Today we collect Pokémon cards, battle it out, and catch some of our own Pokémon.



Tuesday 18 April

EX + \$43.00

LITTLE TRICKSTERS

EXCURSION - STRIKE BOWLING HIGHPOINT

Will you strike lucky today? Join us as we enter the Strike-zone for a day filled of fun



Wednesday 12 April

IN + \$19.00

A THEATRICAL WORLD

INCURSION - CLAYMATION - WHERE ANIMATION MEETS CREATIVITY

In this simple and exciting workshop we learn the simple hints and tips on how to animate effectively & each child will get to construct their own cool clay characters that they can take home and make their own movies!



Wednesday 19 April

HIGH TEA PARTY

IN-SERVICE

Hickory dickory dock, take out your pocket watch; for you shouldn't be late, so mark the date for the Mad Hatter's High Tea!

Journey through wonderland with scavenger hunts, hat parades, and a high tea with scones and fresh lemonade!



Thursday 13 April

AUTUMN FESTIVAL

IN-SERVICE

Today we're getting in the spirit of Autumn. Join your friends at OSHC for a fun festival to celebrate all things Autumn!

Play carnival games, make crystal Autumn leaves and warm your belly with apple turnovers!



Thursday 20 April

MONSTER MASH

IN-SERVICE

It's a mash, it's a monster mash! Lets mash it up and create some mashed up monster crafts today.

Release your inner beast with monster stew, balloon squish monsters, and spooky sensory bags with slimy eyes.



Friday 14 April

A TRIP TO THE UNITED KINGDOM

IN-SERVICE

Get your imaginations in gear as we travel through England, Scotland, London and Wales on our magical Double Decker bus.

Grab our passport while we create our own bagpipes, try Welsh cakes, and compete in a game of cricket!



Friday 21 April

BE A BOOKWORM!

IN-SERVICE

Show off your best costume that represents your favourite book character. Will you win the prize for best dressed?

Roll a story, make your own book cover, decorate bookmarks, and sculpt some clay characters.



Mon - Fri 7:00am - 6:30pm
Bell Primary School - 0413 123 119
78A Oakover Road Preston VIC 3072

Daily price: \$70.00 | Excursions and Inursions are an additional cost to the daily fee and are charged for each child that attends whether they choose to participate or not.

Book now at oshclub.com.au | be quick as places are limited

Customer Service 1300 395 735

Junior Adventures Group continues to pioneer the OSHC sector, building stronger communities and brighter futures for more than 70,000 children, 50,000 families and more than 450 schools across Australia.



Our Values

- Considerate - Be there for others
- Passionate - Bring energy and determination
- Courageous - Challenge ourselves

The values we share guide our behaviour as we work towards our vision to **build brighter futures together.**

What we offer

- A healthy, safe, respectful and engaging environment
- Caring, enthusiastic, fun and friendly team
- New and popular excursions, incursions and theme days
- Stimulating experiences tailored to children's interests, abilities and current trends
- OSHClub endeavour to link each fun experience to key learning outcomes



We are a child safe organisation



What Does My Child Bring?

Please bring breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and a refillable drink bottle. If bringing food please make sure it's nutritious and doesn't require heating or cooking.

Please be mindful of the planned incursion/excursion and ensure your children are dressed appropriately. Don't forget your sun smart hat, comfortable clothes, closed shoes and a drink bottle.

To avoid loss or disappointment, please leave your valuables, money and electronic toys (including tablets and smartphones) at home.



Healthy Eating

OSHClub follows the Australian dietary guidelines which can be found at <https://www.eatforhealth.gov.au>

Activity Changes

If an excursion or incursion (due to unforeseen circumstances) is cancelled, the activity will either be postponed or an alternative activity of equal value will be provided where possible.



Before making your booking & cancellations

All children must be enrolled with OSHClub prior to booking via oshclub.com.au. Bookings made within 5 days for a Holiday Program session will incur an extra charge of \$4.00 per day per child. 7 days notice from before the session commences is required for cancellation of a Holiday Program booking to ensure you will not incur out of pocket costs. Please note that bookings cannot be made online within 5 days of the session commencing. In order to book within this period, you will need to contact the service directly, the Customer Service and Billing Team on 1300 395 735 or by emailing oshaccounts@junioradventuresgroup.com.au

Child care subsidy

Our services are registered with Centrelink, so you will be able to claim Child Care Subsidy on your fees. For further information please visit www.education.gov.au/childcare-FAQ

Children with additional needs

We support all children including children with additional needs. If you would like to provide additional information about your child and his/her needs or require inclusion support funding, please contact us 6 weeks prior to program commencement on 0413 123 119 for staffing purposes.

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