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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 the Principal:

### **2022 PREP TOURS**

Families considering enrolling their child at Bell Primary School are able to participate in school tours next week as we commence planning for next year. Whilst it seems early, we need to inform local families about what our school can offer and also clarify our current enrolment position. Group tours and information sessions will be offered on the following days next week:

- Tuesday 27 April: 9.30am-11.00am
- Tuesday 27 April: 5.30pm-6.30pm
- Thursday 29 April: 9.30am-11.00am

Please contact the school office to register interest in a tour.

Our current stance on enrolments has shifted somewhat, as we are not at full capacity since we added two classrooms upstairs in the new learning hub and had a slightly reduced 2021 Prep enrolment. In consultation with DET regional office and School Council, our present enrolment message has eased for the near future. As stated in the enrolment section of the website:

*Bell Primary School welcomes enrolments from families in the area with priority given to those living in the school's Designated Neighbourhood Area. Other families are able to enrol when space is available.*

*If Bell PS is not your closest school, further information on enrolment procedures can be obtained by contacting David Twite (Principal) or Emma Heywood (Assistant Principal).*

Whilst the tours next week are most relevant for new families, existing families are most welcome to attend an information session and a tour conducted by some of our Grade 6 leaders.

I ask all Bell families who have friends or relatives who might be considering Bell Primary School to pass on this important information and direct them to the website or contact the school for more details.

### **BERRY STREET PARENT/CARER INFORMATION SESSION**

On Monday 3 May at 6:30pm, Berry Street educator, Grace Langton, will present an information session for parents/carers that will support your understanding of the school's approach to Berry Street, and enable families to incorporate key strategies and common language at home. This session will be conducted face to face in the Learning Centre. We kindly request an RSVP ([bell.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:bell.ps@education.vic.gov.au) or 9480 5622) by next Friday 30 April to ensure we are able to accommodate everyone in line with COVID restrictions.

### **STAY HOME WHEN UNWELL**

Earlier this week, a Compass Newsfeed was sent out reminding parents/carers of the DET guidelines that are followed regarding the management of illness in schools during COVID-19. The most important action school communities can take to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 is to ensure that any unwell students remain at home and get tested, even with the mildest of symptoms.

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If a student has persistent symptoms due to an underlying condition such as hay fever or asthma, the student should still be tested for COVID-19 if they develop symptoms that are different or worse than their usual symptoms.

Parents/carers should also consider getting a medical certificate from their treating GP to confirm that it is safe for their child to attend school with persistent symptoms that may overlap with some COVID-19 symptoms, such as runny nose or cough.

#### ***Young Children with Persistent Mild Symptoms (Up to Grade 2):***

Younger children may have prolonged post-viral symptoms such as a runny nose or cough and may return to school following a negative COVID-19 test, even if they are not completely free of symptoms. They will need a medical certificate from their treating GP to confirm they are otherwise well or have recovered from their acute illness.

Students with a negative COVID-19 test whose symptoms have completely resolved do not need a medical certificate to return to school.

#### **WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS**

We are expecting an updated Operations Guide from DET in the coming weeks, however **assemblies and other whole school events are currently still restricted to being for students and staff only**. We are hoping for a further easing of restrictions soon so we can once again invite parents/carers to share in these opportunities.

#### **HATS STILL REQUIRED**

When it comes to using sun protection, temperature is not a good guide. UV levels are not connected to the temperature and can be damaging on cool, cloudy days and warm, sunny days. UV damages the skin and eyes and can ultimately lead to skin cancer in later life.

In Victoria, sun protection is usually required from mid-August to the end of April when the UV reaches 3 and above. For this reason, students will be required to continue wearing a broad brimmed, legionnaire or bucket hat during break times *until the end of next week*. Students without a hat will need to stay in the shelter shed.

#### **ROUGH PLAY**

As part of regular teaching and learning regarding personal and social skills, students are involved in ongoing discussions around behaviours that demonstrate our school values.

As part of these discussions, students are regularly reminded about the “hands off rule” and determining what games are appropriate for school, with games involving physical violence or 'play fighting' on the unacceptable list.

Allowing students to play rough games after hours on the school grounds conflicts with the messages we are giving them about rough games never being ok at school. We would appreciate it if you could support our endeavours by ensuring that your child is not participating in these types of games in the schoolyard at any time, including before and after school.

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

### From the Assistant Principal:

**NAPLAN**

Parents/carers of Year 3 and 5 students would have received information regarding the annual NAPLAN testing that will be undertaken online during May.

These national tests are one aspect of a purposeful assessment schedule that the school implements throughout the year. The results which will be available early Term 3, 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. 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 overtime.

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to reassure them to simply do their best on the day.

## TERM 2 CURRICULUM OVERVIEWS

Grade level teams have had significant time together to plan the main topics and themes for Term 2 to ensure there is a consistent approach to the content and delivery of the key areas of Literacy, Numeracy, Inquiry and Wellbeing. Using established collaborative processes, teams have utilised current assessment data and evidence, along with the relevant aspects of the Victorian Curriculum to create units of work catering for all students' learning needs.

Early next week, Grade Level Leaders will send home, via Compass, the Term 2 topics to be studied and some suggested actions for parents/carers who may wish to engage in the focused learning with their children. The format will be similar to the slides sent home after the Term 1 information sessions.

## BOOK CLUB

The next edition of the Scholastic Book Club catalogue has arrived and will be sent home with students in the coming days.

Again, thank you for your purchases from the last catalogue. We received over \$1000 in rewards to spend. These rewards are enabling us to significantly increase the number of books available in our library collection. Please see the photo below for some one of the books purchased with rewards from the last catalogue:



We are again seeking the help of parents/carers to cover some books. Whether you can cover 1, 5 or 10, any assistance is always appreciated. Please call past the office and see our admin staff if you are able to assist.

***Orders from this edition of the Scholastic Book Club Catalogue are due Sunday 9 May.***

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

# From the Office:

## 2021 Calendar



### APRIL

- Thu 22: Gr2 Swimming #2, Northcote Aquatic Centre
- Tue 27: Gr2 Swimming #3, Northcote Aquatic Centre
- Tue 27: Prep School Tours: 9.30am and 5.30pm
- Thu 29: Gr2 Swimming #4, Northcote Aquatic Centre
- Thu 29: Prep School Tour: 9.30am
- **Fri 30:** **Fete Donations Drop Off Morning #2**

### MAY

- Mon 3: Berry Street Parent Session @ 6.30pm, LC
- Tue 4: Gr2 Swimming #5, Northcote Aquatic Centre
- Thu 6: Gr2 Swimming #6, Northcote Aquatic Centre
- Fri 7: Payment due for Gr6 Camp Jungai
- **Fri 7:** **Mother's + Special Person's Day Stall**
- Sun 9: Scholastic Book Club orders close
- Mon 10: **Grade 5** Chinese Museum Excursion
- Thu 20: District Cross Country
- Tue 25 – Fri 28: **Grade 6** Camp Jungai

### JUNE

- Tue 1: School Photos
- Fri 11: Winter Sport Carnival
- **Mon 14:** **Queen's Birthday Public Holiday**
- Mon 21 – Fri 25: **Grade 4** Camp
- Mon 21: CSEF Applications close for 2021
- **Fri 25:** **Last Day Term 2, 2.30pm dismissal**

### JULY

- **Mon 12:** **First Day Term 3**

### AUGUST

- Thu 19: District Athletics

### SEPTEMBER

- Fri 3: District Basketball
- Fri 3: Father's + Special Person's Day Stall
- Wed 15 – Fri 17: Proposed **Gr5** Camp
- **Fri 17:** **Last Day Term 3, 2.30pm dismissal**

### OCTOBER

- **Mon 4:** **First Day Term 4**

### NOVEMBER

- **Tue 2:** **Melbourne Cup Public Holiday**
- Wed 10: District Triathlon
- **Sat 13:** **Bell Community Carnival**

### DECEMBER

- Thu 9: Bell Swimming Carnival
- **Fri 17:** **Final Day Term 4 2021**

### 2021 STUDENT TERM DATES:

- Term 1: Friday 29 January – Thursday 1 April
- Term 2: Monday 19 April – Friday 25 June
- Term 3: Monday 12 July – Friday 17 September
- Term 4: Monday 4 October – Friday 17 December

## Payments Due or Outstanding

ITEM: (under <i>Payments</i> in Qkr!)	DUE BY:	AMOUNT:	METHOD:
<b>Prep, 1, 2, 3:</b> Essential Student Learning Items ( <i>stationery</i> ) per child	Fri 19 May	\$125	Qkr!
<b>Prep, 1, 2, 3:</b> Essential Learning Items ( <i>bulk/online</i> ) per child	Fri 19 May	\$100	Qkr!
<b>Gr 4, 5, 6:</b> Essential Student Learning Items ( <i>stationery</i> ) per child	Fri 19 May	\$115	Qkr!
<b>Gr 4, 5, 6:</b> Essential Learning Items ( <i>bulk/online</i> ) per child	Fri 19 May	\$90	Qkr!
<b>All Grades:</b> Educational Program Voluntary Contribution per child	Fri 19 May	\$55	Qkr!
ITEM: (under <i>Excursions</i> in Qkr!)	DUE BY:	AMOUNT:	METHOD:
<b>Grade 2:</b> <b>Swimming</b> ( <i>now overdue</i> )	<b>Wed 14 Apr</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>Office/Phone</b>
<b>Grade 5:</b> <b>Chinese Museum</b>	<b>Fri 30 Apr</b>	<b>\$26</b>	<b>Qkr!</b>
<b>Grade 6:</b> <b>Camp Jungai</b>	<b>Fri 7 May</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>Qkr!</b>

**\*\* If you wish to use funds you have in credit, please contact the office on 9480 5622 BEFORE paying on Qkr!**

## Arriving Late? Leaving Early?

# PLEASE DON'T TOUCH YOUR COMPASS APP!

The ONLY thing we need **you** to do is either sign in LATE at the office (WITH YOUR CHILD), or sign out EARLY at the office **before** collecting your child.  
Emailing the teacher to advise details is ENTIRELY OPTIONAL.

## Parent Messages for Students

To ensure 'change of plan' messages are communicated to your child/ren in time, please ensure you contact the office as early in the day as possible. Ideally, 'end of day' messages (3.20-3.30pm) via the office should be avoided as much as possible, given the challenge of communicating details to students in the midst of busy packing-up time in a classroom.

Messages to remind students to attend OSH Club are unnecessary as OSH Club staff always make 'reminder' announcements for students who are booked in but have not yet shown up.

## Missed Calls

**PLEASE DO NOT** call the school if you have received a 'missed call' notification. Bell PS Staff are advised they must leave a message where possible which may take a minute or two to arrive on your phone, so please wait to check. Many messages are just a 'courtesy' call and do not require a reply.

## External Providers

Details regarding lessons offered by our External Providers, eg: **keyboard, violin, guitar, French, sport, singing/dancing**, can be found on our website – [www.bellps.vic.edu.au](http://www.bellps.vic.edu.au) - under the 'Community', 'External Providers' tab. Please make direct contact.

## Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund Applications

The **C**amps, **S**ports and **E**xcursions **F**und helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a **Veterans Affairs Gold Card**, **Centrelink Health Care Card** or **Pensioner Concession Card**, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

The payment amount this year is **\$125** for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 9480 5622 to request an application form. You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page. Please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible. **CSEF Applications close for 2021 on Monday 21 June.**

## Uniforms - New

All Bell Primary School uniform pieces, including hats and bags, can be purchased from PSW, 12 Strathalbyn Street, Kew East, or anytime online at [PSW](http://PSW). You can contact PSW on 9768 0381.

## Uniforms - Second Hand

Our Second Hand Uniform Shop is currently open on the **first Monday of the month (volunteer Nicole)** and **every Wednesday morning (volunteer Kim)** from 9.00am. Bookings must be made via the office on 9480 5622.



## From the JSC:

### **Help support the World's Greatest Shave by donating to our Bell Team.**

Please donate generously to help stamp out blood cancer.  
You can do this by donating to the whole team or to individual students.

**\$2,106 has been raised so far!!!**



Link to our team page:

<https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?Referrer=%26Referre%3dhttps%253a%252f%252fworldsgreatestshave.com%252f&TeamID=121832>



If you know of a hairdresser that may be willing to help, please let Dimi know at:  
[Dimitra.Efthymiou@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Dimitra.Efthymiou@education.vic.gov.au)

The date for this event will be announced soon!

### **ANZAC Appeal – Lest We Forget**



ANZAC pins, keyrings, pens  
and wristbands are currently  
available for purchase  
at the front office.

Prices range between  
\$1.00-\$5.00.

# From the FUNdraising Team:

## **Mother's & Special Person's Day Stall – Friday 7 May 2021**

Two weeks until the famous Bell Primary Mother's & Special Person's Day Stall. This year the stall will run for **1 DAY ONLY** – so we need LOTS of donations ready to sell on the Friday. The stall was very much missed in 2020, so let's make it a great FUNdraiser!!!

We are accepting donations from now! Please place any donations in the box in the front office foyer. What can you donate? Great ideas from previous stalls include:

- Crafted items including those knitted, crocheted, sewn – scrunchies, eye pillows, heat packs, scarfs, beanies, badges, candles,
- Plants, seedlings, potted cuttings, painted pots, succulents, gardening items
- Handmade items including jewellery, picture frames, fun games
- Yummy items including biscuits, chocolates, slices, nuts, spices, coffee/tea in mugs, jams
- Book marks, decorated pencils, bath salts, bath bombs, soaps
- Whatever you decide to create will be much welcomed!

You do not need to make/craft items from scratch, 'collated/put together' items are totally considered crafting! If you are looking for items that you could make, check out the Pinterest page for lots of ideas.

<https://www.pinterest.com.au/bridgetahching/bell-primary-mothers-day-stall-ideas/>

### **BAKED GOODS:**

- Please ensure all baked goods are individually wrapped and sealed prior to dropping them off to the school
- Small cellophane bags will be available from the front office
- Baked goodies are able to be dropped off during the day - on Thursday 6th - to the front office, or to the Learning Centre on the Thursday evening (7-9pm) or Friday morning from 8.30am

### **VOLUNTEER SIGN UP:**

This is the best job, watching the excitement first hand as students shop up for their favourite mums and special people.

Sign up now to work on the stall. There are various roles from:

- Setting up the stall on Thursday night (7-9pm)
- Setting up the stall on Friday morning (8.30-9am)
- Working at the stall on Friday (9.10am-10.10am & 10.10am-12pm)

Log onto the link to sign up now: <https://signup.com/go/RNbugot>



## **BELL COMMUNITY CARNIVAL – Saturday 13 November 2021**



**DONATION DAY** is next **Friday 30 April** at the **old canteen**, from **8.30am to 10.00am** for clean clothes, toys and home bric-a-brac in good condition. We ask for **NO BOOKS** *just for this time*, as we sort through what we received last time. We will have another donation day next month so please hang on to them for us.

**QUESTION TIME:** During the **Friday 30 drop off period**, members of the **Fete Committee** will be at the **Shelter Shed** to answer all your fete questions. We have information about roles to match to you! Come with a friend to captain a stall together and we are all here to help you too. Do it for our community! It's been four years since we have all enjoyed a fete.

Do not hesitate to contact us at with any ideas or questions to [bellprimaryfete@gmail.com](mailto:bellprimaryfete@gmail.com) and follow us on Facebook **Bell Primary School Fete**.

***Kate, Selin, Mel, Chris, Mel, Ange & Adam***  
***The Community Carnival Team***  
[\*\*\*bellprimaryfete@gmail.com\*\*\*](mailto:bellprimaryfete@gmail.com)

### **FUNDRAISING & FETE EMAIL ADDRESSES**

Please feel free to send us an email at any time:

[\*\*bellprimaryfundraising@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:bellprimaryfundraising@gmail.com)

[\*\*bellprimaryfete@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:bellprimaryfete@gmail.com)



## From the Wellbeing Office: Child Safe

Bell Primary School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making.

Bell Primary School has zero tolerance for child abuse.

We are committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Particular attention will be paid to the cultural safety of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as the safety of children with a disability and children who are vulnerable.

Every person involved in Bell Primary School has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role they play individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

On arrival at Bell Primary School, all volunteers, visitors and contractors **must** make contact with the office, sign in at the front desk and wear a visitor's badge while on site.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to see specific policies on our website.





PRESTON  
HIGH SCHOOL



## 2021 Open Day – May 5<sup>th</sup>

ENHANCED CURRICULUM PROGRAM

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC & DANCE

Tours run by students 11.30am – 12.30pm

[www.trybooking.com/BQDWC](http://www.trybooking.com/BQDWC)

Information Session 6.30pm

[www.trybooking.com/BQDWU](http://www.trybooking.com/BQDWU)

*Note: If you have already been on a school tour this year  
much of the information will be the same.*



# OPEN MORNING

**TUESDAY 27 APRIL 2021**

**9.15am – 11.30am:**  
**Our school in action**

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

**6.20pm: Presentation**  
(repeat session from morning)

**YEAR 7 2022  
ACE PROGRAM  
APPLICATIONS NOW  
OPEN**

**Closing date 23 April**

See website for details:  
**nhs.vic.edu.au**

Please make a booking for either of the Principal's Presentations Sessions via the following link:

<https://compasstix.com/event/f560fc50-a3c5-4603-9c89-4cb9421510a3>

## **GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS GUIDE**

To assist your decision making in relation to your child's education for 2022 and beyond, please find below a link to the 124 page April 2021 edition of the Government Schools Guide.

PLEASE CLICK HERE: <https://victoriaschoolguides.starcommunity.com.au/government-schools-guide/>



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