



Bell PS Newsletter

28 April 2023

www.bellps.vic.edu.au

bell.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Phone: 9480 5622

Principal: David Twite

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:

Traffic Safety on Oakover Road

With a few more months of trucks and utes coming and going from the Oakover Road entrance, everyone walking, scooting, etc from the south west direction must remain diligent as they pass the building site gate. Whilst Interface Constructions are doing their best to restrict traffic flow during the busy before and after school times, I urge families to be on high alert as they pass the South Oval gate.



House Events

Down at AH Capp Reserve today it was wonderful to see the Grade 4-6s participate to the best of their running abilities as part of the inaugural House **Cross Country** event. A sea of green, blue, yellow and pink shows the new House spirit is growing fast which helps bring the different year levels together and develops a stronger sense of belonging at Bell. All students who participate in the run get points towards the House Cross Country pennant. This is the first scheduled event that builds towards the overall House Sports Trophy for 2023.



The next event involves all grades with the House **Tabloid Activities** morning scheduled for Friday 5 May on the South Oval. Another event where simply joining in gets every student House points and hopefully have lots of fun too. Wearing House colours is once more something that will add to the fun and games.

A reminder that Sustainability Club is continuing with their two important initiatives: **Nude Food** days on Tuesday and Thursday every week, plus **Clean- Up Crew** every Monday during first break (check clubs schedule). These are important initiatives to promote a sustainable and healthy environment within our community, as well as linking with the House system by allocating points to students' Houses for being environmentally active. The question is... will Pink Robin House end up the Sustainability Champions again this year after being the inaugural winners of the shield in 2022 OR will another House be declared our 2023 environmental champs at the end of the year?

Colds, Flu and COVID

We are nearing the time of the year when colds and the dreaded flu infiltrate families. We also have the ever-lingering COVID which means when showing symptoms, students need to recover away from school. Whilst we say that every day counts at school for your child's education, this should be balanced with the need to keep children at home when they are genuinely sick, even when that poses a challenge with busy family schedules.

A reminder about the highly recommended protocols from the Department if experiencing COVID-like symptoms or test positive:

- Students and staff who test positive to COVID-19 stay home and isolate for 5 days and do not attend school after 5 days if they are still symptomatic.
- Please notify the school if your child tests positive so we can keep track of cases and alert the community if there are significant numbers building.
- Any student or staff member who is unwell should continue to remain at home unless symptoms are linked to a pre-existing conditions such as hay fever.
- Free rapid antigen tests are available from the front office for those who need them.

Thank you for your support on this matter.

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

- Fri 28: Gr4-6 Cross Country Carnival, AH Capp Reserve

MAY 2023

- Mon 1: **FINAL DAY CONSENT: Gr6 Summer Sport Gala**
- Tue 2: Yr 6-7 Transition Meeting and Yr 6 Camp Jungai Meeting online @ 5.00pm
- Wed 3: **Grade 6 Summer Sport Gala**
- Fri 5: House Tabloid Activities, South Oval
- Tue 9: **VSSS Rehearsal #2, Ivanhoe East PS**
- Fri 12: Final day for Scholastic Book Club Orders, 9pm
- 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**

2024 Prep Enrolments now open



We are now accepting 2024 Prep enrolments, and we invite any current Bell families with a 2024 Prep child to submit an enrolment form this term.

Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website
or collected from the front office.

We look forward to welcoming the next cohort of Bell siblings to the school!

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 in the coming weeks, 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

SCAN TO ORDER

SCAN TO ORDER

SCAN TO ORDER

SCAN TO ORDER

Bell Primary School

www.theschoolphotographer.com.au

Term 2 Clubs News:

Clubs have begun! Teachers will supervise a range of activities that students choose to participate in at play times throughout the week. At eating time each day 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>First break: <u>Card Club</u> in the Learning Centre with Ramzey</p> <p>Sustainability Club - Clean Up Crew Odd Weeks (Week 1,3,5,7,9): Grades 3-6 meet at the Italian Room with Sam Even Weeks (Week 2,4,6,8): Grades P-2 meet at the Italian room with Ms G</p> <p>Second break: <u>Lego Club</u> in the Learning Centre with David</p> <p><u>Drawing and Colouring Club</u> in the Learning Centre Room 1 with Gab</p>
<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>Second break: <u>Just Dance Club</u> in Room 12 with Rosie</p>
<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>First break: <u>State School Spectacular</u> (selected students only) outside the Learning Centre with Ms S, Joy, Sarah and Ivy</p> <p>Second break: <u>Reading Club</u> in the Library with Emma</p> <p><u>Sustainability Club (2-6)</u> in Room 11 with Ivy, Christine and James</p>
<p>Thursday</p>	<p>First break: <u>Reading Club</u> in the Library with Ms Elsbury</p> <p>Second break: <u>Board Games Club</u> (3-6 only) in the Library with Daniel</p>
<p>Friday</p>	<p>First break: <u>Dungeons and Dragons Club</u> (Invite Only) in the Main Building upstairs with Ramzey</p>



WOW!

We are excited to be taking part in the WOW (Walk 'n Wheels Once a Week) program with Darebin Council.

**Walk, cycle,
scoot or skateboard
to or from school
on FRIDAYS for Term 2!**

**Walk 'n Wheels
Once a Week (WOW!)**



**YOUR CLASS
COULD WIN THE
GOLDEN BOOT
AWARD!**

What is it?

WOW is "Walk 'n Wheels Once a Week". **Starting Friday 5 May**, each Friday we will be walking and wheeling for seven weeks through to the last Friday of term. Each class will have a WOW wall calendar to record the weekly participation. The class who walks and wheels the most for seven weeks will receive the Golden Boot Award. There will also be rewards and prizes to hand out to students.

Why are we taking part in WOW?

Council wants to help our school students to walk, ride, scoot or skate to school. It's great to improve health with daily exercise. We want to see more students being active when travelling to school plus help to decrease the traffic around schools. We also want to help improve road safety knowledge as part of the program and this will happen through road safety sessions delivered by a Council representative.

Hannah, Claire + Josh

From the Scholastic Book Club Co-ordinator:

Great news for book lovers, the new catalogue for Term 2 Book Club should be arriving home with your eldest child either today or early next week. Remember that the Book Club is a fundraiser. 15% of all sales are returned to Bell PS as vouchers so educational materials and/or books can be ordered for the school.

Last date for ordering is Friday 12 May at 9.00pm.

Any questions, please email louisegrey8@gmail.com



From the Engagement + FUNdraising Team:



Bell Primary School Mother's & Special Person Day Stall

FRIDAY 12 MAY 2023

How can you get involved?

Great question! There are lots of opportunities to contribute!

1. Make, bake, create, craft, pot, wrap things that the kids can buy as gifts for special people in their lives (even better - work with the kids to do this!)
2. Volunteer to help set up on Thursday night (the 11th of May)
3. Volunteer to staff the stalls on Friday the 12th of May (shifts are usually 2 hours)
4. Make sure your kids come along with some money to spend!

Sign up to volunteer [HERE!](#)

Donations will be accepted at the office from Monday 8 May.



2024 PREP ENROLMENTS



Bell Primary School is now accepting 2024 Prep enrolments, with priority given to those living in the school's Designated Neighbourhood Area.

Our first round of Prep tours took place last term with new tour dates available shortly.

To register your name for a Prep tour and information session, please email bell.ps@education.vic.gov.au or call 9480 5622.

2024 Prep enrolment forms can be accessed on our website or in the school office. Once completed, enrolment forms can be submitted via email or in person.