



*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 the Principal:

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, and will go for approximately one hour.

Although the RSVP was due today (bell.ps@education.vic.gov.au or 9480 5622), we would still like families to let us know before the event - if you are a last minute attendee - to ensure we adhere to COVID restrictions. At present there are 26 parent/carers who have already sent an RSVP.

2022 Enrolments (new families):

We have had a good number of new families attend the school tours this week with some of our Grade 6 leaders guiding them around the school. The information session also provided key information about our school and the important message that our enrolment situation has eased somewhat to the following official stance:

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).

If any Bell parents/carers know of families thinking about Bell PS next year, but are unsure of the enrolment process, please tell them to contact the school. We will be conducting another group tour later in the term to keep the 2022 enrolment procedures moving along.

2022 Enrolments (existing or new families) – due by Friday 25 June 2021:

If you have a child ready to commence school in 2022, please ensure you complete a Student Enrolment Form as soon as practical. Forms are available on our website or from the office. The timeline to submit forms for existing and new families is the end of June. This is for all families regardless of whether they are inside our designated neighbourhood area or outside the area but still within a reasonable distance from the school.

More Solar Panels:

In the coming weeks the installation of additional solar panels will occur after the Sustainability Working Party was successful in obtaining a DET grant. They will be situated on the roof of the new classrooms in the main building above the Library and will help further reduce our carbon footprint. With two sets of panels (the other set is on the Learning Centre roof), over time it will enable us to create some explicit lessons and units of work with students using the school wide Inquiry approach and other curriculum materials from the Resource Smart Program we have signed up for.

Bell FUNdraising Facilitator/Convenor:

We are still seeking one or two additional FUNdraising facilitators/convenors this year to work alongside our current convenor, Bridget Ah Ching. The role of the team of convenors is to oversee the planning of events for 2021. It is not to captain events or do all the organisation for planned activities, rather support and encourage the effective and efficient operation of our school's FUNdraising activities. Some key points about the role are:

- The FUNdraising group is an important part of our school and is made up of parent volunteers who usually meet at a convenient scheduled time throughout the year to oversee all FUNdraising activities. Meetings might be face to face or online or a mix.
- The facilitators/convenors lead that group and ensure event captains and their teams are on track leading up to their particular event.
- The FUNdraising group do not get bogged down by formal meeting procedures, standing orders and labels such as presidents, etc. There are reporting requirements to the Finance Sub-committee of School Council, but they are handled by members of the Finance sub-committee, including me as Principal, who are the direct links to School Council.
- Financial accountabilities for each event, and the FUNdraising activities overall, will be supported by a member of the Finance sub-committee with accounting skills.

I urge anyone who has the capacity to volunteer as part of a small but vital team, to come and speak to me directly or contact Bridget on 0409 253 942. It is a great opportunity to make a real difference at our school.

David Twite
Principal

From the Assistant Principal:

Term 2 Curriculum Overviews:

Earlier this week, year level collaborative teams sent out a Term 2 Parent/Carer Learning Support document via Compass Newsfeed. This document shares with parents/carers the current foci in core curriculum areas, as well as the approximate timing within the term. Teachers have also provided suggestions for everyday learning opportunities that directly relate back to key concepts and themes that are being taught in the classroom. Parents/carers may wish to explore the suggestions as additional ways to apply the learning in other contexts and involve you in what is happening in the classroom.

The link to the overview on the website is <https://www.bellps.vic.edu.au/page/222/Term-2,-Parent/Carer-Learning-Support>

Vision and Values Policy:

The School Council recently approved another policy that formalises our school values, vision and philosophy that have been collectively developed with the school community over the last four years. The policy also outlines the expected behaviours and attitudes from all community members - staff, parents/carers and students - to ensure a positive and productive school environment that is focused on better outcomes and experiences in all aspects of school life at Bell.

The link to the policy on the website is <https://www.bellps.vic.edu.au/page/195/Policies>

Scholastic Book Club:

A reminder that orders from this Term's edition of the Scholastic Book Club Catalogue are due **Sunday 9 May**.

Emma Heywood
Assistant Principal

From School Council:

School Council Update:

It's been some time since the School Council gave an update, but we are back meeting face to face and excited for a big year.

School Council met last night and discussed a range of issues that we'll continue to work on this year. In response to concerns raised in the consultation to inform the school review, Council had a detailed discussion about sexism in our school, and the role that we can play in addressing it, in partnership with the teachers, students and parents and carers. Council recognises this as a serious issue that requires a proactive response and is keen to host some opportunities to discuss this serious issue with parents and carers - details will follow. We'll also be working to finalise the school's Diversity and Inclusion Policy, which will be sent out for community consultation in coming weeks.

We also discussed opportunities for parents and carers to get involved through a range of sub-committees and working groups. After our next meeting in May we'll share more information about these groups and call for members.

Finally, we'd like to acknowledge Litsa Athanasi who has recently concluded her time on the Finance Sub-Committee after many years of really hard work and commitment.

Amber Griffiths

School Council President

School Alcohol Policy:

Last year the Council made some key decisions about the school alcohol policy going forward, after taking into account the results of a parent survey on the issue. As a result, the following has been endorsed by the school council:

- That alcohol COULD NOT be purchased and/or consumed at events where children were present (excluding the Fete);
- That alcohol COULD be purchased and/or consumed at adult only events (eg: Trivia Night or other events);
- That alcohol CAN be purchased and consumed at the fete, under controlled circumstances, as a trial for one Fete.

Council has not come to these decisions lightly, with robust discussion and careful consideration of the issues undertaken in relation to each scenario.

In relation to allowing alcohol at the Fete (under controlled circumstances), the Council worked very closely with the Fete committee. The Fete Committee will look to implement the following controls in relation to the trialled sale of alcohol at this year's Fete, including:

- The bar will part of a designated food precinct which will include seating, food and snack options, and entertainment;
- Alcohol will only be allowed in a defined area that is clearly signed;
- The emphasis of the event is community and inclusivity - the site plans, including placement of the bar, takes this into account;
- Bar staff will hold current RSA certificate.

We hope the community accepts the decisions taken by Council which, as noted, have been taken after extensive consultation with the community. A formal policy will be reviewed and adopted after the Fete that will capture the longer term view.

Charles Beaton

School Council Vice President

From the Office:

2021 Calendar

Dates for
the Diary:

APRIL

- Fri 30: Payment due for Chinese Museum Excursion

MAY

- Mon 3: **Berry Street Parent Session @ 6.30pm, LC**
- Tue 4: Payment due for T20 Cricket Carnival
- Tue 4: **Gr2 Swimming #5, Northcote Aquatic Centre**
- Thu 6: T20 Cricket Carnival, McDonnell Park, N'cote
- 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**
- Fri 14: Payment due for State School Spectacular Workshops
- Wed 19: Payment due for Essential Student Learning Items
- Thu 20: District Cross Country
- Thu 20: State School Spectacular Workshop #1
- Mon 24: Halogen Young Leaders Conference
- Tue 25 – Fri 28: **Grade 6 Camp Jungai**

JUNE

- Tue 1: School Photos
- Thu 10: State School Spectacular Workshop #2
- 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 (Fete)**

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:
Prep, 1, 2, 3: Essential Student Learning Items (<i>stationery</i>) per child	Wed 19 May	\$125	Qkr!
Prep, 1, 2, 3: Essential Learning Items (<i>bulk/online</i>) per child	Wed 19 May	\$100	Qkr!
Gr 4, 5, 6: Essential Student Learning Items (<i>stationery</i>) per child	Wed 19 May	\$115	Qkr!
Gr 4, 5, 6: Essential Learning Items (<i>bulk/online</i>) per child	Wed 19 May	\$90	Qkr!
All Grades: Educational Program Voluntary Contribution per child	Wed 19 May	\$55	Qkr!
ITEM: (under <i>Excursions</i> in Qkr!)	DUE BY:	AMOUNT:	METHOD:
Grade 2: Swimming (<i>now overdue</i>)	Wed 14 Apr	\$100	Office/Phone
Grade 5: Chinese Museum (<i>closes 4pm today</i>)	Fri 30 Apr	\$26	Qkr!
Selected: T20 Cricket Carnival	Tue 4 May	\$25	Qkr!
Grade 6: Camp Jungai	Fri 7 May	\$500	Qkr!
Selected: State School Spectacular Workshops	Fri 14 May	\$25	Qkr!
Selected: Halogen Young Leaders Conference	Wed 19 May	\$25	Qkr!

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

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](#). 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.

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 - under the 'Community', 'External Providers' tab. Please make direct contact.

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.

Arriving Late or Leaving Early, eg: Doctor, Dentist, School Tour, etc???

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.

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.















From Grade 3B:

3B have moved out of the Learning Centre space and are officially working in their new portable (Room 14). We have spent the last week getting used to our new space and making it home. Thank you to the Pana Group for completing the construction of this project.



Clubs! Clubs! Clubs!

Clubs have started this week! Teachers will supervise a range of activities that students can participate in at play times throughout the week. Students can choose the ones they wish to go to each week. At eating time each day, students will be reminded of the Clubs that are on for that particular break. The table below shows what Clubs will be available throughout the week. Some activities are limited to certain grade levels, these are shown in brackets, eg: (4-6).

	First Break	Second Break
Monday	<p>Card Club in the Learning Centre with Mr Nicho and Ramzey. </p> <p>Tournament of the Minds (4-6) in 5/6 common area with Ms M, Lisa and Mollie. </p> <p>Colouring Club (P-2) in Room 12 with Christine. </p>	<p>Just Dance Club (P-2) in Learning Centre Room 2 with Rosie and Kerry. </p> <p>Colouring Club (Grade 3) in Room 17 with Ms Georgiou.</p>
Tuesday	<p>Debating Club (4-6) in Ramzey's Room with Maria and Ramzey. </p> <p>Code Club (4-6) in Mr A's Room with Mr A and Signora Elyssa. </p>	<p>Library Club in the Library with Emma. </p>
Wednesday	<p>School Spectacular (<i>selected students only</i>) in the Music Room with Ms McGowan and Joy. </p>	<p>Library Club in the Library with Sarah F. </p>
Thursday	<p>Dungeons and Dragons Club (5-6) in Ramzey's Room with Ramzey. </p> <p>Poetry Club (3-6) in Jack's Room with Jack. </p> <p>Sustainability Club (2-6) in the Library with Ivy and Brett. </p>	<p>Library Club in the Library with Sarah F. </p> <p>Board Games in Room 12 with Ms Elsbury. </p>
Friday	<p>Junior Jam Club (P-2) in the Music Room with Ms S and Gab.</p> <p>Basketball Club (5-6) on the Basketball Court with Josh and Ramzey.</p> <p>Quiet Space (drawing, colouring in, reading) in Room 11 with Xenia.</p>	

From the FUNdraising Team:

Mother's & Special Person's Day Stall –

Friday 7 May 2021

One week to go until the famous Bell Primary Mother's & Special Person's Day Stall. This year the stall will run for **ONE DAY ONLY** – so remember to send \$\$ along on Friday morning.

How the stall works:

If you are new to Bell Primary, welcome to the Mother's & Special Person's Day Stall:

- Each class will visit the stall on Friday 7 May;
- Gifts will range from \$1 to \$10;
- The children love having their 'own money' to spend and choosing their gifts;
- This stall is a significant fundraiser for the school;
- Items can be purchased for mums/step mums/special people/nannas/nonnas....
- Chat with your child/children prior to attending the stall about who they are buying for;
- Prep students will be accompanied to the stall by their Grade 6 buddies who can help them choose their gifts.

What to send along with your children:

- Cash in a named envelope/purse (how much is totally up to you, with the average in previous years being from \$5-\$20);
- A bag to take their purchases home safely in.

Donations:

We are significantly down on donations from previous stalls and are seeking donations NOW! Please place your donations in the box at the front office. NO DONATED ITEM IS TOO SMALL!

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, granola, muesli, chocolates, cookies, slices, nuts, spices, coffee/tea in mugs, jams, lollies in a jar;
- Book marks, decorated pencils, bath salts, bath bombs, soaps, cards, stickers;
- 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 this 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, sealed and labelled prior to dropping them off to the school;
- Small cellophane bags will be available from the front office;
- WHERE TO DROP OFF YOUR BAKED GOODS:
 - Thursday morning/afternoon to the Front Office
 - Thursday evening (7.00pm-8.30pm) to the Learning Centre
 - Friday morning (from 8.30am) to the Learning Centre

FUNDRAISING & FETE EMAIL ADDRESSES

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

bellprimaryfundraising@gmail.com

bellprimaryfete@gmail.com



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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.



Year 7 2022 Concept Program

ACHIEVING, ENGAGING, CONNECTING



Thornbury High School offers the Concept program for high achieving students.

The Concept program runs from Year 7 to 9 and is designed to extend and challenge students, whilst engaging with the mainstream curriculum. Students develop their skills and knowledge by exploring content at a conceptual level, emphasising depth of understanding.

Applications for the Year 7 2022 Concept program are now open.

Families need to complete the application form and return it to Thornbury High School's general office by Friday 21 May. Testing will take place in the school library 8.45 - 11.00am Saturday 5 June.

Application forms and more information can be found on our website under the quick links tab or using the link below.

<https://www.thornburyhs.vic.edu.au/concept>

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