



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:

Gym/Hall News

As flagged in a separate Newsfeed late yesterday, the head contractor, Interface Constructions, has gone into voluntary administration which means the building completion date is likely to be delayed. I have no other details at the moment and will continue to inform the school community as more details come to light. The message to the children is a simple one: 'the gym/hall will be completed but it might take longer than we had hoped.'

We are very fortunate to have two experienced parent reps on this capital works Project Control Group (PCG). Both Meaghan Block and Nick Carrington are well versed in the intricacies of the building industry and this will be of great assistance as we work through the challenges with the VSBA and existing architects, Atelier-Wagner.

The newsfeed last night has the VSBA contact details for anyone who requires more information.

Tabloid Activities

The weather held out for us and we were able to run the House Tabloid Activities today. The sea of Blue, Green, Pink and Yellow was wonderful, and encouragement within each group is building that 'House Spirit'. With the Tabloid activities being a P-6 multi-age event, the opportunity to connect with other children across the school is a key aim of re-introducing the House system at Bell. There was a balance of activities for house points plus activities to promote team building that did not have house points. Let the fun and games continue!





Road Safety Issue Near Bell PS

Please scroll down to page 10 to find out how you can support the campaign for a safe solution for the Bell Street Bridge over the Merri Creek. Dave Hall is leading an important campaign that focuses on the government taking action to ensure the safety of all locals, but particularly those who use that bridge daily such as students travelling to Coburg High School.

The other mission from our ever-active Bell community is the proposed Miller Street pedestrian lights. My understanding is that this vital piece of infrastructure is on the priority list at Darebin Council but not quite over the line for funding yet. It is one of four identified safe routes to school for us but we will need to do more in terms of advocacy to progress this work. Watch out for more details soon about this safety matter on our southern doorstep.

School Uniforms

A reminder that the Bell school uniform is an important part of the school identity and helps build pride and a sense of belonging. We have noticed more children wearing incorrect colours and appearing more casual with their clothes, in particular with jumpers and hoodies. I ask all families to do their best to wear the Bell colours (navy blue and white) as much as possible. The Bell logo is preferred but not essential on every item but the correct colours are important.

Information about new and used uniform supplies can be found on the school website under the 'Community' tab or click [here](#).

With more House and special events scheduled that call for casual clothes, there will be many times when students can wear other colours rather than the blue and white uniform.

David Twite
Principal

2023 Bell PS Calendar:

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



MAY 2023

- Fri 5: House Tabloid Activities, South Oval
- Fri 5: WOW starts TODAY!!!
- Mon 8: Senior Vocal Ensemble Performance @ Assembly
- 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
- Fri 19: FINAL DAY CONSENT: Gr5 Prime SCI! Visit
- Mon 22-Thu 25: Grade 6 Camp Jungai
- Mon 22: FINAL DAY CONSENT: Gr1 Hands On Science
- Tue 23: Grade 5 Prime SCI! Visit
- Thu 25: Grade 1 Hands On Science Incursion
- 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

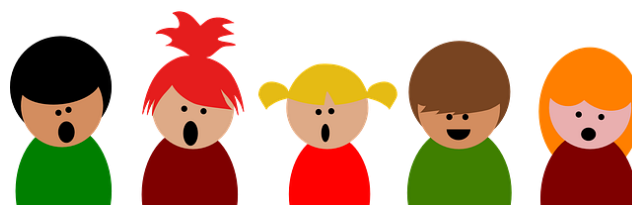
DECEMBER 2023

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

From the Music Department:

SENIOR VOCAL ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE

The Senior Vocal Ensemble will be performing a song at assembly this coming **Monday 8 May** from 9.00am on the Basketball Court (weather permitting). We'd love you to join us if you can!



Ms S

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 29 to take 2023 individual portrait, whole class, and sibling photos. Please use the QR and access codes below to view the available packages and place your order in advance. We are cutting down on paper wastage this year and using the online order portal only - envelopes will not be sent home as in previous years. Posters with QR order codes will be displayed in classrooms from next week and reminders will be sent out to families in the lead up to Photo Day.



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:

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Bell Primary School

www.theschoolphotographer.com.au

From the Specialists:

The Specialist Award winners for this fortnight are...

4A!



A big congratulations to 4A for winning the Specialist Award this week.

They have been showing the school value of curiosity during their specialist classes by asking lots of questions and being creative in their thinking.

Well done 4A!

The Specialist Team 😊

From the Sustainability Club:

Dear students, parents, carers and members of the Bell Primary community,

This Term we'll be launching an incredibly exciting sustainability program in partnership with Aussie zero-waste company [Zero Co](#). The program is designed to do two things:

- Raise money for our school;
- Educate our students about Single-use Plastic and Sustainability.

This is a great opportunity for us to raise funds whilst also helping protect our Ocean and Environment, plus students will have the opportunity to win awesome prizes whilst helping their community go single-use plastic free. All money raised will go toward developing a school wide composting system and community waste hub to stop the waste we produce at Bell from ending up in landfill. Jack from Zero Co will be attending School on **Monday 8 May** to speak with students and explain how you and your family can get involved.

So, what do you say? Are you ready to raise money for our school and clean the ocean at the same time?!

SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS

presented by...

ZEROco



**HELP END
SINGLE USE
PLASTIC**

Bell Primary School

Help us stop Single Use Plastic and raise
money for our School!

WOW!

**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 Engagement + FUNdraising Team:

Bell Primary School Mother's & Special Person Day Stall **FRIDAY 12 MAY 2023**

If you are looking for some inspiration, here are some ideas for fun things (you can do with the kids) to donate for sale:

- Pot some cuttings or seedlings
- Wrap second hand books in beautiful paper
- Baking is ALWAYS a hit
- Lolly jars sell like hotcakes (we suspect few of these make it home)
- Handmade soap or bath bombs
- Earrings and other jewellery
- Anything else you think you might like to receive!



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

From the Scholastic Book Club Co-ordinator:

Great news for book lovers, the new catalogue for Term 2 Book Club should have made it home with your eldest child recently. 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.

Ordering closes Friday 12 May at 9.00pm.

There is a small supply of spare catalogues at the office if you need one. Any questions, please email louisegrey8@gmail.com



For the Bell Community:

BELL STREET BRIDGE CAMPAIGN

With the budget announcement due soon, we have a window of opportunity to finally get the attention of the Roads Minister on this urgent issue. Here is what you can do to help:

1. **Complete** the new VicRoads survey about the Bell Street Bridge via the link below (note there is a glaring error suggesting alternate bridges are only 300/400 m away. From the East side where most foot traffic comes from, these bridges are more than double that distance. This highlights the lack of awareness we are dealing with here!)

<https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/planning-and-projects/melbourne-road-projects/bell-street-bridge-coburg-safety-improvement-works/>

2. **Email** the Roads minister directly to express your concerns at Melissa.Horne@minstaff.vic.gov.au

3. **Attend** the second in-person protest on Monday 8 May at 8:30am. To be held in a safe space on the NW corner of the risk zone. Close to the playground.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/201063489392677>

Note: if you need a reminder or want to show someone what we are dealing with here, you are welcome to share this video which highlights the dangers to pedestrians at this area - especially Coburg High School kids.

<https://youtu.be/djoKfjQIFdY>

Thanks again.

With community action that is loud and clear - we can break through here!

Dave Hall

dave@dhall.com.au

UPCOMING COLLEGE TOURS

Discovery Tours

Tuesday 6 June: 9.15am
Wednesday 19 July: 9.15am
Wednesday 9 August: 9.15am

Express Tours

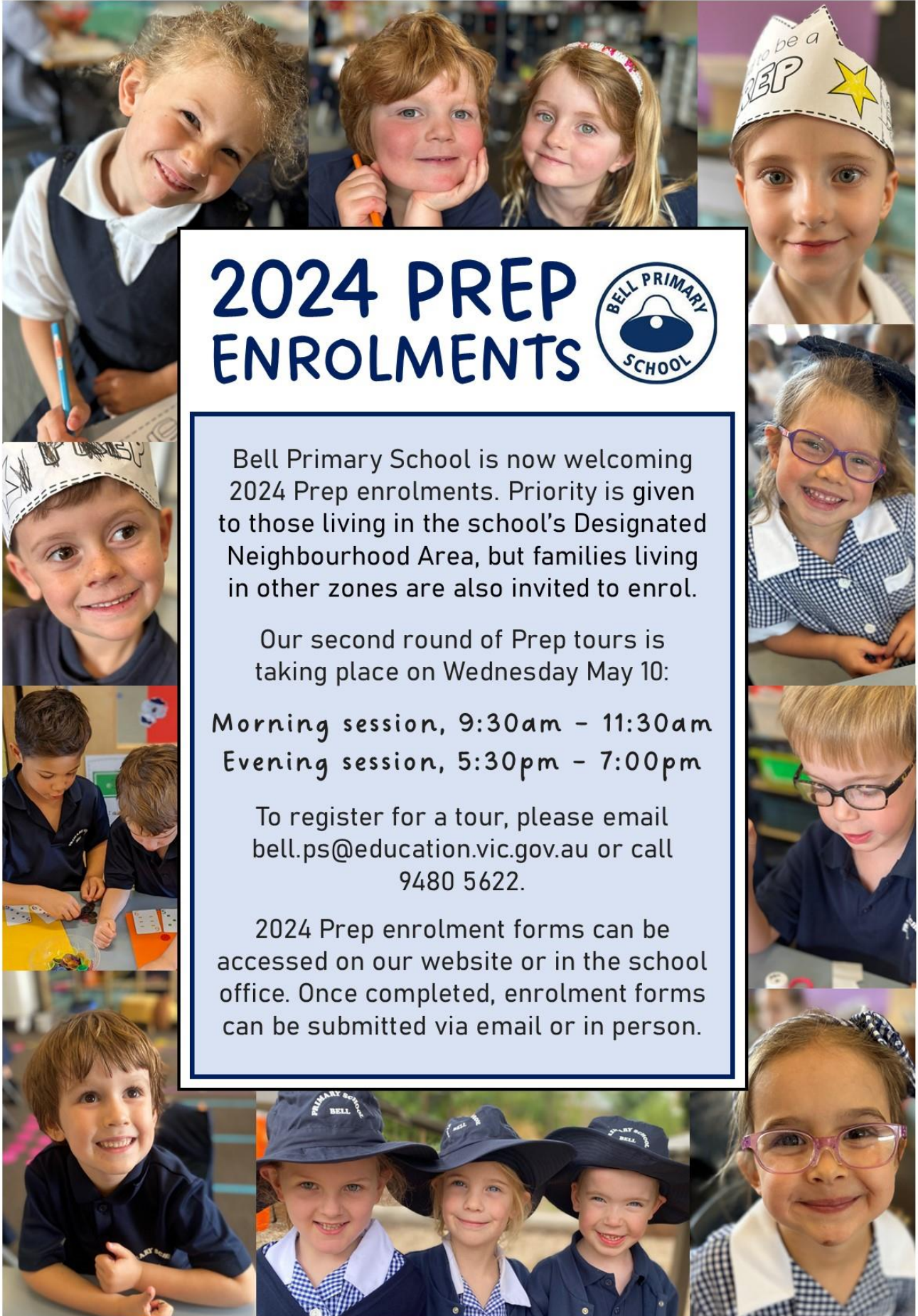
We are now also hosting small, group express tours every fortnight, for approximately 45 minutes.

Visit the College website or scan the QR Code to register for a tour



**Year 7 2025
enrolments
close in August!
Very limited places
for 2024**

P: 9488 1600 **E:** registrar@santamaria.vic.edu.au **W:** www.santamaria.vic.edu.au



2024 PREP ENROLMENTS



Bell Primary School is now welcoming 2024 Prep enrolments. Priority is given to those living in the school's Designated Neighbourhood Area, but families living in other zones are also invited to enrol.

Our second round of Prep tours is taking place on Wednesday May 10:

Morning session, 9:30am – 11:30am
Evening session, 5:30pm – 7:00pm

To register for a tour, 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.

What's been happening...

Welcome back to term 2!

We hope you all had a lovely 2-week holiday and are ready for a fun and exciting term 2.

Over the holidays, the children were involved in various themed days with lots of exciting and engaging activities such as, Pokémon Day, AFL Sport Day and a Book theme day. The children also got to experience multiple incursions which included a Claymation day where the children got to learn how to create their own clay characters and turn them into a movie. The children also participated in a Sport Carnival Day where they got to learn various sport skills from games such as basketball, soccer, and football. The children were also lucky enough to attend an excursion to Strike Bowling and Laser Tag located at Highpoint Shopping Center. We were all very proud and amazed at how well the children listened and followed instructions on our excursion day, as well as showing respect to the public.

This term we have an incredible Extended Learning Activity (ELA) that you won't want to miss out on! This term, we will be running Dance classes! This after school activity will be run by professional external provider "Cube Sports" at no additional cost.

The dance classes will be occurring on a Wednesday afternoon from May 17th – June 7th between 4:15-5:15pm.

There's no need to RSVP, so if you haven't already, make sure you book in for the Wednesday session and join us for some fun.

On Wednesday the 3rd of May, the children were involved in a practice emergency evacuation. The children were involved in a discussion prior about the evacuation, being told it was pretend and that there was no immediate danger. The children all followed instructions given to them and were able to work from the osh room to the red playground in a single file line, which is one of our meeting points. Shout out to our wonderful preppies who completed their first ever drill with us, where they all so brave and listened so well. We complete an emergency drill every term to remind the children of these procedures in the unlikely event of an emergency.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Warm regards Celeste, Olivia & Amy.

Look what's coming to OSHClub!



Extended Learning Activity:

Dance

What:

Join us as we learn the skills to reflect and create wellbeing awareness, through Dance. We will learn different genres and culture of dance. I like to move it move it; I like to move it~ HEY!

When:

Dates:

17th May

24th May

31st May

7th June

Time: 4:15-5:15