



*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:

### **2022 Enrolments (new families):**

Whilst the first round of tours are over, there will be another opportunity later this term for new families to find out about our school; a date will be published soon. In the meantime, any Bell parents/carers who know of families thinking about Bell PS next year, but are unsure of the enrolment process, please tell them to contact the school. The important message is 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).*

### **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.

### **Mother's and Special Person's Stall:**

A huge thank you to all who donated to the stall for today. The foyer has been a hive of activity with many plants, packages of food items, crafty things and all sorts of bags full of goodies for the children to select from. Another example of the Bell community spirit coming to the fore. I wish all families a wonderful day on Sunday.



### **On-site Requirements related to COVID:**

Whilst many density limits have been eased with the recent release of an updated DET Operations Guide for Schools, there are some requirements that we still need to work through. In particular, recording all visitors onto the school site who stay longer than 15 minutes. We are currently working through the logistics for the following things to enable us to re-instate them in a COVID safe way:

- We hope to start assemblies for parents/carers to attend from Monday 17 May once we have established a simple way of recording everyone, probably using QR codes
- Helping in rooms, including a new format for Prep reading
- Visiting the second-hand uniform shop without booking ahead
- Classroom showcases for Literacy, Numeracy and Inquiry for each grade level throughout the year.

### **Gilbert Road Crossing**

Once again, Julie, our Gilbert Road Crossing Supervisor, has asked us to remind parents/carers of the following crossing rules for both children and adults. She has recently witnessed two car accidents at the corner of Gilbert and Oakover Road, one narrowly missing the mother of a student crossing outside the lines of the crossing.

- cross at the crossing **between the lines**, not a few metres away
- cross when the light is **green**, definitely not red
- **walk** with bikes or scooters across the road, do not ride
- **hold** balls while crossing the road, do not bounce it.

Julie's priority is to keep everyone safe on busy Gilbert Road but needs parents/carers to lead the way modelling these rules or re-enforcing them with older children who travel to school unsupervised.

### **Gilbert Road Tram Stop**

There is also concern for students who are waiting to catch the Gilbert Road tram after school. Could parents/carers please discuss with their children ***the dangers of sitting in the gutter*** while waiting for the tram to arrive? Cars regularly drive close to the gutter while passing other cars or a slowing tram along Gilbert Road. Julie's priority is the crossing and cannot be distracted by supervising students at the tram stop.

### **Picking Up Children from the Office**

If you are running late and need to collect your children from the office foyer, it is imperative you advise the office staff that you are taking your child/ren so their whereabouts can be accounted for at all times. If you have arranged for somebody else to pick up your child/ren, we also ask you to make this person aware of how crucial this small step is. This request is made with the safety of your children in mind.

### **More Solar Panels Installed:**

Additional solar panels have now been installed on the roof above the Grade 5/6 learning hub. The benefits overtime are:

- A further reduction in the utilities bills for the school now we have two sets; the other bank of panels are on the Learning Centre roof.
- The 60 new panels will decrease our carbon footprint to a greater extent.
- There will be learning opportunities in the areas of Science, Technology, Maths and Sustainability including explicit lessons and units of work with students using the school wide Inquiry approach and other curriculum materials from the Resource Smart Program

Once more I would like acknowledge the parents/carers from the Sustainability Working Party who were successful in obtaining a DET grant.

**David Twite**  
**Principal**

# From the Office:

## 2021 Calendar

Dates for  
the Diary:

### MAY

- 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 Grade 4 Swimming
- Fri 14: Payment due for State School Spectacular Workshops
- Fri 14: Payment due for District Cross Country
- Tue 18: **Grade 4** Swimming #1
- Wed 19: Payment due for Halogen Young Leaders Conf.
- Wed 19: Payment due for Essential Student Learning Items
- Thu 20: **Grade 4** Swimming #2
- Thu 20: District Cross Country
- Thu 20: State School Spectacular Workshop #1
- Mon 24: Halogen Young Leaders Conference
- Tue 25: **Grade 4** Swimming #3
- Tue 25 – Fri 28: **Grade 6** Camp Jungai
- Thu 27: **Grade 4** Swimming #4

### JUNE

- Tue 1: **Grade 4** Swimming #5
- Tue 1: School Photos
- Thu 3: **Grade 4** Swimming #6
- 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: **Grade 5** 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:
<b>Prep, 1, 2, 3:</b> Essential Student Learning Items ( <i>stationery</i> ) per child	Wed 19 May	\$125	Qkr!
<b>Prep, 1, 2, 3:</b> Essential Learning Items ( <i>bulk/online</i> ) per child	Wed 19 May	\$100	Qkr!
<b>Gr 4, 5, 6:</b> Essential Student Learning Items ( <i>stationery</i> ) per child	Wed 19 May	\$115	Qkr!
<b>Gr 4, 5, 6:</b> Essential Learning Items ( <i>bulk/online</i> ) per child	Wed 19 May	\$90	Qkr!
<b>All Grades:</b> Educational Program Voluntary Contribution per child	Wed 19 May	\$55	Qkr!
ITEM: (under <i>Excursions</i> in Qkr!)	DUE BY:	AMOUNT:	METHOD:
<b>Selected:</b> T20 Cricket Carnival ( <i>closed on Qkr! – pay at office</i> )	Tue 4 May	\$25	Qkr!
<b>Grade 6:</b> Camp Jungai ( <i>closes on Qkr! at 4pm today</i> )	Fri 7 May	\$500	Qkr!
<b>Grade 4:</b> Swimming	Fri 14 May	\$100	Qkr!
<b>Selected:</b> State School Spectacular Workshops	Fri 14 May	\$25	Qkr!
<b>Selected:</b> District Cross Country	Fri 14 May	\$25	Qkr!
<b>Selected:</b> 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](http://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.



**IT'S OUR MISSION TO RAISE:  
\$5000**

Leukaemia Foundation  
**WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE**

**BELL KIDS  
ARE  
SHAVING**

SCAN THE QR CODE WITH  
YOUR PHONE

YOU'LL LAND ON OUR  
FUNDRAISING PAGE TO MAKE A  
QUICK AND EASY DONATION!

**BELL PRIMARY SCHOOL  
EVENT TO BE HELD SOON  
CONTACT: JSC & DIMI**

COVID-19 left the Leukaemia Foundation facing a devastating shortfall in the funds needed to help families facing blood cancer. In one of the toughest years ever, every dollar makes such a difference. Help us help those in need!

**Q WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE**

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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.

