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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:

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

What an amazing day last Friday when all grades went shopping in the Learning Centre for their mother and/or special person. Another of the Bell traditions was re-instated and, as usual, the community came to the fore with a huge array of beautifully gifted, home-made items. With such a huge volunteer effort, the FUNdraising team were able to raise approximately \$5,700. A huge thanks to stall captains Kate Nicolazzo and Anna Welford, also a thank you to those volunteers who helped set up the stall on Thursday evening, worked at the stall on Friday and the broader community who sent along all the wonderful, delicious and creative donations. See photos on pages 5+6.

School Council will be working with Bridget from FUNdraising to look at ideas from the fundraising survey we conducted in late 2019 to see what the next priority project could be. A reminder that since that survey was conducted, the school has committed funds towards:

- TV screens in all classrooms;
- New classroom furniture for grades in the portables;
- Additional sports equipment in all grades for break time borrowing;
- Top up funds towards the soon to be developed Kids Hub (the old shelter shed).

### **NAPLAN**

The Grade 3 and 5 students are well on the way to completing NAPLAN assessments and should be congratulated for putting in their best efforts, especially embracing the on-line elements of the testing regime. 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.

### **Assemblies and QR Code Tracking**

From this Monday, we are able to have parents/carers attend the weekly assemblies on the Astroturf near the south oval. Those adults attending **MUST** register with a Bell PS QR code, as they would be staying on site for more than 15 minutes. There will be QR signs at the gates and on the portable classroom walls near the assembly. We will also have students moving through the audience to help if you missed the posters on the way in.

I urge everyone to adhere to these DET instructions using the State Government QR code system to enable us to continue opening up the school to more of the usual parent/carers events in the near future.

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

Firstly, thank you to the Bell families who have recently completed an enrolment form and dropped it back to the office. Other families who have a child most likely to commence school in 2022, please complete a Student Enrolment Form as soon as possible. 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.* Getting all existing families enrolled as early as possible helps us manage the additional spaces we can offer new families requesting to attend our school next year.

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### Tutoring in 2021

Maria Tevelis and Elyssa Agnoletti, our Intervention/Tutoring staff for this year, have been providing additional targeted teaching to the early rounds of identified students in need of extra assistance in Reading or Mathematics since early Term1.

Intervention/tutoring staff, alongside teachers and year level teams, will continue working together to identify additional students in need of tutoring support. These judgements will be based on multiple sources of evidence including Victorian Curriculum achievement levels and classroom-based assessments which are on-going throughout the year. Parent/carer discussion with teachers, whilst important in building the home-school learning partnership, do not guarantee your child the formal tutoring with Maria or Elyssa, as staff must continue prioritising the 1 to 1 or small group interventions to those with the highest academic needs. Individual Educational Plans (IEPs) and differentiated teaching within the classroom are other strategies for students who need additional support.

Throughout the year, all students regardless of their achievement level, will continue to receive high quality classroom instruction through their classroom teacher who will teach to each student's point of need, that is key to differentiation and ensuring learning growth and success for every student.

Within the constraints of the additional funding, not all students achieving below the expected level in a learning area will receive additional support with an intervention/tutoring teacher. Data and evidence will continue to be monitored in an ongoing manner as students' progress throughout the year and appropriate adjustments to the program will be made.

For more information, please contact Maria Tevelis (Tutoring Leader) or Lisa McLeish (Teaching and Learning Leader). Whilst Xenia Matani plays an important role as our Wellbeing Leader, it is not her direct role to initiate any academic support for students in need.

**David Twite**  
**Principal**

## Bell Trivia Night Is Back

Save the date! The famous Bell Primary Trivia Night returns to Thornbury Theatre in 2021!

Trivia Night returns for 2021 at **Thornbury Theatre** on **Friday 6 August** from **7.00pm**.

Join us for a night of trivia, games, raffles and dancing!

Theme is **We can be heroes**.

Lots of prizes for trivia and costumes!

Tickets will be sold in tables of ten, so gather some folks and find a table captain.

Tables on sale on Monday 21 June via Qkr!

# From the Office:

## 2021 Calendar

\* Please note change of dates for Grade 4 Swimming

Dates for  
the Diary:

### MAY

- 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
- Wed 19: Payment due for Halogen Young Leaders Conf.
- 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 3: **Grade 4** Swimming #1
- Tue 8: **Grade 4** Swimming #2
- Thu 10: **Grade 4** Swimming #3
- Thu 10: State School Spectacular Workshop #2
- Fri 11: Winter Sport Carnival
- **Mon 14:** *Queen's Birthday Public Holiday*
- Tue 15: **Grade 4** Swimming #4
- Thu 17: **Grade 4** Swimming #5
- Mon 21: CSEF Applications close for 2021
- Tue 22: **Grade 4** Swimming #6
- Wed 23 – Fri 25: **Grade 4** Camp
- Fri 25: Prep Enrolments for 2022 due
- **Fri 25:** Last Day Term 2, **2.30pm** dismissal

### JULY

- Mon 12: First Day Term 3

### AUGUST

- **Fri 6:** **Bell Trivia Night**
- 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>Grade 6:</b> <b>Camp Jungai</b> ( <i>closed on Qkr! – pay at office</i> )	<b>Fri 7 May</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>Office</b>
<b>Grade 4:</b> <b>Swimming</b> ( <i>closing on Qkr! @ 4pm</i> )	<b>Fri 14 May</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>Qkr!</b>
<b>Selected:</b> <b>District Cross Country</b> ( <i>closing on Qkr! @ 4pm</i> )	<b>Fri 14 May</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b>Qkr!</b>
<b>Selected:</b> <b>Halogen Young Leaders Conference</b>	<b>Wed 19 May</b>	<b>\$25</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!

\*\* If you wish to use your CSEF payment for a Camp, Sport's Event or Excursion, please contact the office.

## 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.



## Mother's + Special Person's Day Stall Success:

*Some of the amazing donations:*





***Some of the amazing volunteers:***



***Some of the amazing buddies:***



## 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.





# For the Bell Community:

## Guided Walk at Darebin Healing Trail

Thursday 27 & Saturday 29 May – 10.00am to 11.30am

As part of Reconciliation Week, Darebin Council will be running a community walk at the Spiritual Healing Trail in the beautiful setting of the Darebin Parklands, to celebrate and acknowledge National Reconciliation week and connect with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and culture. Come on the walk and be part of the reconciliation journey in Darebin.

There are two guided walks and there is no cost to participate. A simple morning tea will also be provided.

Bookings are essential via <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/145392130777>



### **FAMILY YOGA @ THE HUB**

Yoga classes for all.  
Ideal for teenagers  
& their parents/  
guardians.

Come and enjoy 3 weeks of  
Okido yoga.

Increase your health and  
physical activity. Classes will  
include stretches & asanas,  
relaxation & self-healing  
techniques. Classes are  
designed to reduce anxiety &  
tension, gently strengthen  
the body & foster a sense of  
well-being.

Bring along a yoga mat or  
towel, water bottle &  
comfortable clothing.

KPCH is an accessible venue.

#### **WHEN**

Wednesday 19 & 26 May  
Wednesday 2 June 2021

#### **TIME**

5pm-6pm

#### **COST**

FREE - Bookings essential  
Bookings are for all 3 sessions

#### **WHERE**

Keon Park Children's Hub

#### **BOOKINGS**

8470 8022 or [kpch@darebin.vic.gov.au](mailto:kpch@darebin.vic.gov.au)  
OR <https://keon-park-yoga-class.eventbrite.com>.

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