



*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:

Queries and Concerns

There are times when parents need to contact the school regarding their child's needs, or an incident at school, which is all part of the open communication needed between home and school. Outlined below are the general steps within our school structure for such times:

- For child centred matters, the first point of contact should always be the grade teacher, as they are the best person to either deal with your query/concern directly, or 'triage' your issue to the best staff member who can help you further. At times the grade level leader can attend a pre-arranged meeting to provide additional support for everyone.
- When an issue is complicated, or the initial meeting does not end in a mutually agreed resolution, a member of the Leadership Team could get involved. The current leadership team is David Twite, Emma Heywood, Xenia Matani and Lisa McLeish. Parents should *not* go directly to a senior member of staff, eg: Wellbeing Leader, unless it is an ongoing matter.
- For more general queries about whole school initiatives or operational matters, it is appropriate to make contact with either Emma or me directly.

Regardless of the situation, it is always important for us to keep an open mind and remember there are often varying perspectives to any given issue. If we approach every query or concern with the children's best interest at heart, we can usually work together to reach a positive outcome for all.

Please note that queries about the tutoring initiative is not a direct role of the Wellbeing Leader. Maria Tevelis (Leader) and Elyssa Agnoletti, are our Intervention/Tutoring staff for this year. As mentioned above, as it's a child related matter, the grade teacher is always the first port of call and if necessary, they will liaise with Maria if tutoring is being considered based on relevant assessment data and priorities of students' academic needs

Leadership Roles and Responsibilities

One key aspect of the school's organisational design is the roles and responsibilities outlined below. This will help parents/carers when seeking clarification on a school matter not directly related to their child/ren.

David Twite (Principal and Executive Officer of School Council)

- Staffing - Management, Performance, Leadership Mentoring and Coaching
- Facilities – Capital Works, Maintenance, Occupational Health & Safety- Workplace Manager
- Finance - Budgets, Student Resource Package, & Cash
- Community Engagement
- Individual Education Plan (IEP) support- General
- School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) and Behaviour Management (including bullying matters)

Emma Heywood (Assistant Principal and School Council member)

- Curriculum – Whole School Plans, Assessment, Data & Reporting
 - Professional Learning- Whole School Initiatives, Leadership Mentoring and Coaching, Team Leader Support
 - School Improvement Team Leader
 - Emergency Management Planning- Evacuation & Lockdown Drills
 - Daily Organisation- Staff Absence, CRT Replacement, Timetables
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- Pre Service Teachers & Work Experience Coordinator
- NAPLAN Administration
- School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) and Behaviour Management (including bullying matters)
- Child Safe Officer
- Individual Education Plan (IEP) support- General

Xenia Matani - Wellbeing and Engagement Leader (part time in classroom 1 day)

- Wellbeing/Engagement Overview - Berry St Education Model, Respectful Relationships, School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS), Social & Emotional Learning
- Program for Students with Disability (PSD) – Applications, Student Support Group meetings, Student Support Officers (SSSOs), NDIS Liaise, Integration Staff Coordination
- Wellbeing Key Improvement Team Leader - Health & Human Development, Asthma/Anaphylaxis, First Aid, Reflection Time Out
- Professional Learning - Mentoring and Coaching
- Child Safe Officer
- Individual Education Plan (IEP) support- Engagement, Wellbeing & Behaviour

Lisa McLeish - Teaching and Learning Leader (part time in classroom 2 days)

- Curriculum - Collaborative Team Planning, Assessment, Data & Reporting
- Professional Learning – Whole School Initiatives, Mentoring and Coaching
- Teaching and Learning Key Improvement Team Leader (Literacy/Numeracy reforms. Literacy Festival, Resource Management)
- Graduate Teacher Support
- Individual Education Plan (IEP support- Academic and Engagement

Grade Level Team Leaders

Prep – Gab Goss, Grade 1-Ange Georgiou, Grade2 - Kerry Georgiou, Grade 3 Sarah Fry, Grade 4 – Paul Nicholson & Ivy Callander, Grade 5 - Matt Atanasovski, Grade 6- Laura Meredith, Specialists – Milica Stefanovic

Other Leadership Positions

Maria Tevelis – Intervention/Tutoring, Jack Fray & Paul Nicholson – Maths Specialists, Gab Goss – Inquiry Key Improvement Team Leader

Berry Street Parent/Carer Session

Following on from the face to face presentation a few weeks ago, Xenia Matani has prepared a one page summary and a link to the video of the presentation by Berry Street educator Grace Langton. Please scroll down to read more. Click on the video link when you get a chance and find out about strategies we are rolling out at school that can also support your child/ren at home in the areas of mental health, social and emotional learning.

David Twite
Principal

Bell Trivia Night Is Back!

Save the date! The famous Bell Primary School Trivia Night returns in 2021!

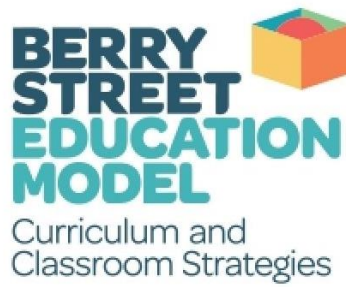
Thornbury Theatre
Friday 6 August
7.00pm

This year's theme: **'WE CAN BE HEROES'**.

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

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

Tables on sale on Monday 21 June via Qkr!



On Monday 3 May evening, Senior Trainer from Berry Street Education Model, Grace Langton, presented an information session to our parents/carers about the school's approach to Berry Street and shared key strategies that families could incorporate and common language between school and home.

We had a good turnout, thank you to the parents that joined us.

Some of the topics that were covered:

- Strategies implemented at school and next steps
 - Stress in your body
- What happens in your brain when you flip the lid
- Co-regulating with your child

Grace gave us permission to record the session for those people that missed it. If you would like to watch it, click on this [link](#).

This is for our school community only; please do not share or post this without permission.

From the Office:

2021 Calendar

* Please note change of dates for Grade 4 Swimming

Dates for the Diary:

MAY

- 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:
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 4: Swimming (<i>now closed on Qkr! – pay at office</i>)	Fri 14 May	\$100	Office
Grade 4: Maldon Camp	Wed 16 Jun	\$290	Qkr!

** 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.

Late Lunch Orders

A reminder to always pack some extra snacks for your child/ren if you have ordered a Classroom Cuisine lunch. More often than not, the delivery arrives on time for the 11.30am break, but as Fridays are the busiest day, delivery can sometimes be much later. This is where the snacks come in handy! The next eating time is not until 2.00pm.



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: PSW

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: QR Code News

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. We are no longer taking bookings for those mornings, but you will now need to:

1. Sign in at the office (so we know who is on School grounds at any time)
2. Check in with the **QR code** at the SHUS
3. Sign out at the office

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.

DOCTOR APPT, DENTIST APPT, SCHOOL TOUR, ETC???
PLEASE DON'T TOUCH YOUR COMPASS APP!

If you are arriving late or leaving early, 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.

RECEIVED A 'MISSED CALL' NOTIFICATION???

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.



Bell Communityyour fete needs you!

Today we are putting out two important requests. A call for Stall Captains and could your business have a product or service to be a part of the fete? We are still open to any fresh stall ideas please!

Stall Captains Needed

Thank you to those of you who have already committed. Stall Captains are responsible for the pre planning of the stall and managing the stall on the day. Of course with support from the fete team! Captain packs will be provided with some history and logistical information. It's a great fun thing to share with a friend or even make a new one! Please be in contact to discuss.

Available roles are;

Ticket Stall	Trash n Treasure / Household
Raffles	Craft & Preserves
Silent Auction	Face painting
Drinks / Lemonade stall	Side Show Alley
Pastry Stall (Cedars)	Giant Games
Cafe food @ Quiet Corner	

Business Donations or Sponsorship

Our Bell Community is a talented and resourceful one. Do you have a service or product that could contribute to the event? We extend an open and equal invitation to you all to be in contact with us about how you might like to be involved. It could be a food or drink alternative, maybe you could help us with electrical needs, or are you a barber? Please be in contact to discuss.

Next DONATION DAY for bric a brac will be announced in a few weeks once extra storage is acquired.

If your capacity is to help out on the day for a few hours we would love that too and will request your details closer to the time.

For all interest and any questions please email us bellprimaryfete@gmail.com

Kate, Selin, Mel, Ange, Chris, Mel & Adam

National Reconciliation Week (23 May – 3 June):



Next week is National Reconciliation Week. National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The 2021 National Reconciliation Week theme, *'More than a word. Reconciliation takes action.'*, urges the reconciliation movement towards braver and more impactful action.

Next week students will be learning about and participating in lessons focusing on reconciliation and Indigenous Australian history.

For more information about National Reconciliation Week visit:
<https://www.reconciliation.org.au/national-reconciliation-week/>

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:



AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR



Is this your daughter?

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform.

JOIN US AT OPEN DAY
SATURDAY JUNE 19



AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS

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AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR



An experience that goes far beyond the stage!

We believe in growing girls through the hidden elements of our curriculum; your daughter will develop confidence, public speaking and presentation skills, resilience and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Over 200 girls recently shared the stage with Hugh Jackman in *The Man. The Music. The Show. Arena Tour* to sold-out audiences around the country. We're proud to have represented Qantas in the 'I Still Call Australia Home' advertisements and at live events for the past 20 years.

Now accepting Semester 2 enrolments for our rehearsal venues in Berwick, Burwood East, Caulfield North, Cheltenham, Essendon, Greensborough, Ivanhoe, Kew, Ringwood and Yarraville.



Join us at our free **OPEN DAY** on Saturday June 19

Register now at ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc or phone 9859 6499



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