



*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:

Grade 6 Camp

The Grade 6 campers had an amazing time at Rubicon where they experienced a range of adventure activities such as canoeing, high ropes and raft building through to some enlightening sessions about First Nations cultures with the famous Auntie.

Once again, Bell students were model campers with feedback from instructors extremely positive: respectful, co-operative, caring towards each other and curious. Most of the campers were very adventurous but everyone pushed beyond their comfort zone in some or all activities.



Top row: cultural experiences with Auntie, a legend of Camp Jungai
Bottom row: adventure at high ropes, canoes, raft building and possum pull

The staff and parents were amazing support for the students and also had a lot of fun throughout the days and nights. A huge thank you to the camping team led by Dimi and Josh, team members Jack, Aimee and Zey plus our two parent helpers Tina Griffin and Brenda Spencer.

Reconciliation Week

Reconciliation Week starts next Saturday. Please scroll down to page 5 to find out how the JSC and Community Engagement Team are collaborating to highlight this important event. Get out your **yellow** clothes and find some **yellow, red** and **black** wool to donate please – just drop it off at the office.

Next Curriculum Day – Wednesday 31 May

A reminder that the fourth Curriculum Day for this year has been scheduled for next Wednesday 31 May where students will not attend school. It has been designated a student report writing day for teachers as part of the latest Victorian Government Schools Agreement between the AEU and the Department.

OSHClub will offer a program on Wednesday 31 May for those families who wish to utilise the service.

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

- Mon 29: Photo Day #1
- **Wed 31:** **Student-Free Curriculum Day**

JUNE 2023

- Thu 1: Nthn Div. Cross Country, Bundoora Park
- Fri 2: Wear It Yellow Day
- **Tue 6:** **VSSS Rehearsal #3, Ivanhoe East PS**
- **Mon 12:** **King's Birthday Public Holiday**
- Thu 15: Photo Day #2 – Catch Up
- **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**

LATE

DON'T FORGET THE SLIP!

EARLY

When collecting your child early or dropping them off late, the Compass kiosk in the front office must **always** be your first stop to sign your child in/out before heading to the classroom. The correct slip (green for early departure, orange for late arrival) needs to be given to your child's teacher, indicating they have been signed in/out. Without entering your child at the Compass kiosk, their attendance and whereabouts will not be amended. Thank-you for your cooperation with this important process.

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!

Australian Girls Choir Open Day

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir (AGC) because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform. School aged girls are invited to come along to our June Open Day to try our fun and inclusive classes and learn more about being part of the AGC! Please visit our website to register to attend our free Open Day: <https://ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc>

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 Reminder:

2023 WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

The School Photographer will be visiting Bell on **Monday 29 May** to take 2023 individual portrait, whole class, and some sibling photos. The bulk of sibling photos will be taken on Photo Catch-Up Day, Thursday 15 June. 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 are displayed in classrooms 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:

X3060EL50B



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Bell Primary School

www.theschoolphotographer.com.au

For National Reconciliation Week:

Wear It Yellow Day | An initiative of Children's Ground

As part of National Reconciliation Week this year, we are encouraging all students and teachers to take part in a yellow-themed casual dress day on **Friday 2 June** to raise funds for a First Nations organisation, Children's Ground. It could be as simple as wearing a yellow ribbon or a yellow t-shirt, etc.

The 2023 National Reconciliation Week theme is 'Be a voice for generations.' This theme encourages all Australians to be a voice for reconciliation in tangible ways in our everyday lives – where we live, work and play. That is why our school has chosen to participate in Children's Ground's 'Wear It Yellow' day.

As part of 'Wear It Yellow Day', students will engage with National Reconciliation Week learning materials and have vibrant discussions about First Nations culture and history. We remind students and teachers who take part to donate what you can to Children's Ground and bring a gold coin donation on the day. For more information on Children's Ground, head to <https://childrensground.org.au/>

Wool Donations Required

Calling all knitters! Do you have any spare **yellow**, **red** or **black** wool that you could donate for a bracelet making activity on Wear it Yellow day next Friday 2 June? Please look through your collection and bring in your donations to the office as soon as possible. Thank you!



**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". Each Friday in Term 2 we will be walking and wheeling 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



**NOW ACCEPTING
2024 PREP ENROLMENTS**
+ new tour dates added!



We are now welcoming enrolment forms for children who will be starting Prep in 2024.

Enrolment forms are accessible on our website or in the school office, and can be submitted in person or via email to bell.ps@education.vic.gov.au

We ask that 2024 Prep enrolment submissions are made by **Friday July 28th**.

~ NEW SMALL GROUP TOUR DATES ~

Tuesday June 6th, 9:15am
Friday June 9th, 9:30am
Tuesday June 20th, 9:15am
Friday June 23rd, 9:30am

Bookings can be made via email or by calling the school office on 9480 5622.

Westgarth Baseball Club Juniors

Training every
Wednesday 4:30 - 5:30

Merri Park,
St Georges Road, Northcote

(Next to Northcote High School)

RSVP to
westgarthbaseballclub@hotmail.com
or phone 0432 761 879



Why Baseball?

- ✕ Improve coordination
- ✕ Learn throwing and catching skills
- ✕ Encourages Teamwork
- ✕ Great winter sport for cricketers!

8 - 15 year old girls and boys are invited to

COME 'N' TRY BASEBALL

find us on online at
westgarthbaseball.com