



*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:

Short Term Lockdown

Over the last two days there has been a number of Compass Newsfeeds regarding the current COVID moment and the transition to remote and flexible learning for what is hopefully only a short time. We are doing our best with COVID comms and trying not to bombard families, but also providing enough clarity in these challenging times.

The following topics have been sent via compass:

- Today's Curriculum Day (sent yesterday)
- Grade level information about resources to take home or pick up from school (sent yesterday)
- Access to school devices (sent yesterday)
- On site attendance requirements for next week (sent today)
- Details about delivery of remote and flexible learning that starts Monday (sent today)

Grade timetables with Google Meet conferences will be sent out Monday morning by 8.30am along with learning tasks for the day.

The mantra from last year is still important - 'Everyone just does their best and tries not to stress'

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!

From the Office:

2021 Calendar

* Please note change of dates for School Photos

Dates for
the Diary:

JUNE

- Thu 3: **Grade 4 Swimming #1**
- Fri 4: World's Greatest Shave Event, AstroTurf, Session 6
- 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**
- Wed 14: School Photos
- Thu 15: **Gr4,5+6: Bully Zero W/shop 'Understanding Bullying'**
- Tue 20: **Gr4,5+6: Bully Zero W/shop 'Safety Net'**
- Tue 20: Parent Info Session: Bully Zero 'It takes a Village'
- Tue 27: **Gr5+6: Bully Zero W/shop 'Resilience'**

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)**

- Tue 23: **Gr6: Bully Zero W/shop 'New Beginnings'**

DECEMBER

- Thu 9: Bell Swimming Carnival
- **Fri 17: Final Day Term 4 2021**

2021 STUDENT TERM DATES:

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.**

Classroom Cuisine 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 in time for the **11.30am** eating time, but as Fridays are the busiest day for lunch orders Melbourne-wide, 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.



World's Greatest Shave 2021

New date to be advised!





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
Raffles
Silent Auction
Drinks / Lemonade stall
Pastry Stall (Cedars)
Cafe food @ Quiet Corner

Trash n Treasure / Household
Craft & Preserves
Face painting
Side Show Alley
Giant Games
Nacho Stall

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

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.

