



Bell PS Newsletter

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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**.*

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:

2024 Enrolments

If you have a child ready to commence school in 2024, please ensure you collect a Student Enrolment Form from the office as soon as possible. This will help us with planning for next year in terms of staffing and classroom learning spaces. If existing Bell parents/carers know of any new families thinking about our school, please let them know we are still conducting tours and encourage them to contact Jessie Storm in the office to make an appointment.

Enrolment information can be accessed on the school website under the Communication tab or via [Enrolment](#).

Safety Around the School

It has been wonderful to see the response to the Walk or Wheels (WOW) initiative with extra families using the footpaths for active travel. However, everyone must remember the following core safety practices:

- Scooter and bike riders must slow down as they get close to the school as the amount of foot traffic increases significantly, making it a tight squeeze along the narrow footpaths near our operational gates.
- Everyone must take those extra steps to use the relevant supervised crossings at Gilbert Road, Oakover Road or Scotia Street every day, and not take short cuts across the busy streets at pick up and drop off times.
- Always use the basic traffic principles of **Stop, Listen and Look** all ways prior to crossing and never pop out from in between parked cars. Little people can't be seen from a driver's perspective.

One of our ex-parents witnessed some near misses recently on the streets around the school with families rushing across the roads to get to school before the 9.00am bell. It's better to be a minute or two late than be in an accident. I realise the lack of operational gates at the front of the school and the south end is causing grief and I am working with the VSBA to get the main gate re-opened as soon as possible.

Safety must always be our highest priority; as the adults, we are the most powerful role models the children have.

Celebrations of Learning on Repeat

Year level teams are organising the Term 2 celebrations of classroom learning with a focus on either Literacy, Numeracy or Inquiry. After such a successful Term 1 celebration, we hope to see many parents and carers once again as every year level will showcase a different learning area from the previous celebration. Look out for a Compass Newsfeed from your child/ren's team leaders before the end of term.

We have also instigated a roster system for the showcasing of classroom happenings in this Newsletter, which will be followed up with children from that grade presenting at assembly in the weeks after publication.

Well done to Lorna and Hugo from 1A for telling us about their soccer clinics, and Jack and Ashley from 4B for sharing their insights into their book study.

David Twite
Principal

From our Assistant Principal:

Semester Reports

Staff spent our Curriculum Day this week engaged in ongoing analysis and collation of student learning, assessment data and report writing for Semester 1. Semester reports will be made live to parents/carers via Compass in the last week of this term.

Parent-Carer/Teacher Conferences

Following semester reports being made live to parents/carers on Compass at the end of this term, teachers will be conducting Parent-Carer/Teacher Conferences in Week 2 of Term 3.

These meetings facilitate individual time for teachers and parents/carers to discuss individual student learning progress, as well as any other information pertinent to your child. Students are welcome to attend and be involved in the conference with their parent/carer as this actively promotes student engagement, independence and ownership of learning.

Conference dates and times will be published in next week's Newsletter as well as booking information.

Emma Heywood
Assistant Principal

2023 Bell PS Calendar:

Enter dates to remember in your diary, or take a photo each week for quick reference!



JUNE 2023

- Fri 2: Wear It Yellow Day – gold coin donation
- Tue 6: **Grade 6** Coburg HS Science Transition Visit
- Tue 6: VSSS Rehearsal #3, Ivanhoe East PS
- Fri 9: **FINAL DAY CONSENT: Gr6 Winter Sports Day**
- Mon 12: **King's Birthday Public Holiday**
- Tue 13: **Grade 6 Winter Interschool Sports Day**
- 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**

CATCH UP PHOTO DAY + SIBLING PHOTOS

The School Photographers will be returning to Bell on Thursday June 15th to take individual portraits of any students who were absent on Photo Day, as well as sibling photos for any families who have placed an order.

Ordering of all student photo packs can still be made online at <https://www.theschoolphotographer.com.au/> using the order code X3060EL50B.

A separate order code will shortly be made available for school captain, house captain and JSC group photos.

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!

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.



**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

From the Specialist Team:

The Specialist Award winners for this fortnight are...

1A!



A big congratulations to 1A for winning the Specialist Award.

They've been showing the school value of resilience through their learning by working together to problem solve and help others. They have really stepped it up this term and shown a lot of growth as a team. Keep up the good work!

Lavoro brillante, 1A!

The Specialists

From the Grade 6 Team:

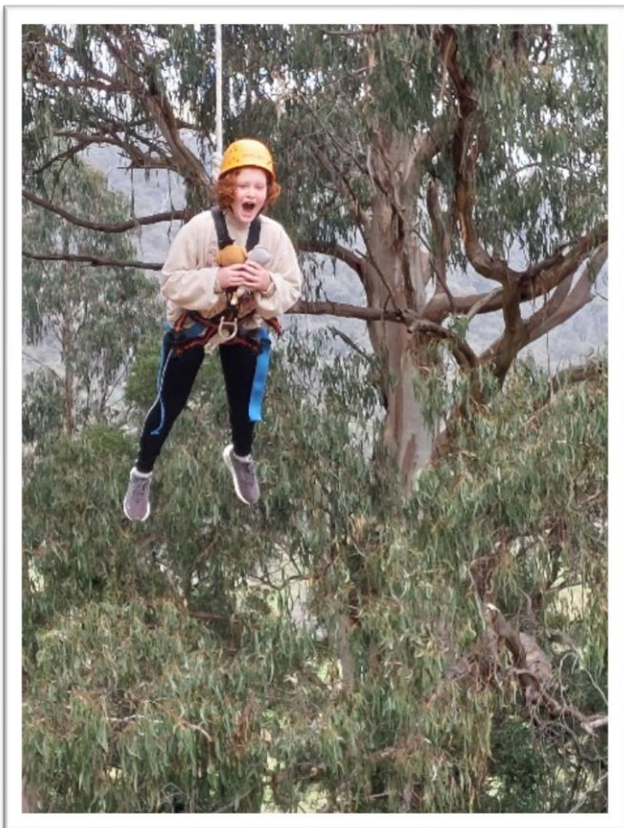
Camp Jungai Report by Margot (News Leader)

On Monday 22nd of May the 6th graders went to Camp Jungai for 4 days and 3 nights.

On the first night, the students all pitched tents and cooked their own food using camp stoves. The next day, after a frosty start, the activities began. Some of the highlights were:

1. Talking with and learning from Aunty. The grade 6s got to learn about Aboriginal cultures including bush medicine, how to throw boomerangs, and Aunty's own Dreaming stories, as well as a Gurnai version of Tiddalick, the frog who drank too much water and all the animals had to make him laugh to get back the water.
2. The Possum Pull. 10 people would use a pulley and rope to pull a person up to about 15 metres into the air and then the person would aim to throw some soft toys down and into a bucket. After throwing both toys they would get lowered to the ground.
3. Canoeing. The grade 6s got into pairs and went inside a canoe. They raced across the lake and played a game where they tapped the top of your boat and said which team they were on and you would join their team.

The grade 6s had an amazing time and they all thank Aunty and everyone else at Camp Jungai.





**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.



Fun–Key Music Classes for Kids

- * Develop correct singing and breathing skills
- * Learn choreographed dances
- * Play drama games
- * Learn microphone techniques
- * Sing a mix of modern songs, old favourites & show tunes
- * Classes for boys and girls aged 5 - 12 years

Bell Primary Students

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COMPUTER PROGRAMMING CLUB! @ Bell Primary School

In a world where technology touches every aspect of our lives, it is crucial that our children understand how it works. To accomplish this objective, there is an exciting coding club running at the school.



DEVELOP SKILLS

- Creativity
- Logical thinking
- Problem solving



LEARN

- Computer Science Concepts
- Fundamentals of programming
Loops, Events, Randomness and more

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

- Scratch
- Python
- Javascript
- .. and many more



MAKE

- Games
- Web pages
- Apps

Digimaker structured program runs each term and is charged on a per-term basis. Students to bring their own device for the lesson.

9 WEEK TERM PROGRAM

Program for **Term 3 2023** is as follows:

Year levels: 3 to 6

Term Fee: \$210 excl GST

AFTER SCHOOL

3:40pm – 4:40pm

BATCH

Thursdays 13th Jul to 7th Sep 2023

Fill out the form online by
Thursday 22nd Jun 2023



www.digimaker.com.au/enrol

Digimaker will confirm your child's spot via email**

** All important emails from Digimaker will be sent from info@digimaker.com.au. Please ensure this address is whitelisted in your Junk Email filters or added as a Trusted contact.

HOLIDAY E-LEARNING PROGRAM

2 HOURS OF FUN FILLED CODING
 FULLY SUPERVISED OVER ZOOM
 (5 DAYS A WEEK!)

<https://www.digimaker.com.au/events/school-holiday-coding-program/>