



*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:

Remote and Flexible Learning 3.0

As we roll into what we hope is only one more week of on-line learning, I would firstly like to thank everyone for their support and engagement at a family level to our approach. Building on the model we refined during Term 3 last year, we aim to deliver specific lessons in the areas of Literacy, Numeracy, Inquiry and Wellbeing within DET guidelines and timeframes that is a balanced approach. There are certain times throughout the week we envisage students to be on-line and other times when they can work through Google Classroom lessons at their own pace and at times that work for the family. Key benefits of this balanced approach include:

- The morning meeting runs for a full 30 minutes to set the scene for the day, connect children with each other, for the teacher to unpack the day's lessons and work through any questions;
- There will also be specific introduction/mini lesson at the back end of the 30 minute meeting about the main Literacy or Numeracy lesson with some explicit modelling and/or examples of work that will support the Google Classroom activity and recordings within the lesson;
- The group conferences have evolved into mini lessons with a targeted approach for each group that enables the teacher to differentiate the content for that group's particular point of need. The group structure enables direct feedback and collaboration with teacher/student interactions;
- The other group session has more of a wellbeing and student connections focus as we see enormous value in the social learning and collaborative approach;
- Two priority tasks (one Literacy and one Numeracy) will be added to the timetable for next week and personalised feedback will be provided to each student who submits that work. Other work submitted will be acknowledged in simple but engaging ways;
- The Google Classroom approach gives a strong element of flexibility for families which was a key piece of feedback last year.

We recognise families have different ways of tackling home learning and if there are any specific concerns related to your child, do not hesitate to contact their teacher. Conversely, they may reach out to certain families to see what extra supports can be put in place if the child is struggling to engage. This is by no means a reflection of parent/carer efforts, rather a call to see how we can work together in these uncertain times.

Remember- 'Everyone simply does their best and tries not to stress'.

Compass Newsfeeds and Website

The PowerPoint presentation sent home at the start of remote and flexible learning has been set as a priority on the Compass newsfeed for parents/carers to easily access. It will also appear in the Curriculum section of the website. Any adjustments to our approach will be updated in both places to reduce the communications. We will aim to only send short newsfeeds to highlight any adjustments and refer to the main PowerPoint for details.

Also, scroll down to page 5 and read about some of the upgrades to Compass that enables parents/carers to manage newsfeeds more efficiently.

David Twite (Principal)

From our Assistant Principal:

Book Club

Thank you for your purchases from the last Scholastic Book Club catalogue. Again, we received nearly \$1000 in rewards to spend and, as such, we were able to select over 100 new books to add to our library collection. Please see the photos below for some of the books purchased with rewards from the last catalogue:



A big thank you to Louise Gray for leading this and to Ellen Corovic, Angela Hart and Fran Hoban for assisting Louise with sorting the last delivery.

Another big thank you goes to all the parents/carers who are continually assisting with covering new books for the library.

We are again seeking the help of parents/carers to cover more books. Whether you can cover 1, 5 or 10, any assistance is always appreciated. Please call past the office and see our admin staff if you are able to assist.

Emma Heywood
Assistant 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

'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
* tbc = to be confirmed



JUNE

- Tue 8: **Grade 4 Swimming #2**
- Thu 10: Fete Donation Day, 8.30-10.00am
- 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: tbc **Grade 4 Swimming #4**
- Thu 17: tbc **Grade 4 Swimming #5**
- Mon 21: CSEF Applications close for 2021
- Mon 21: Tickets go on sale on Qkr! for Bell Trivia Night
- Tue 22: tbc **Grade 4 Swimming #6**
- Wed 23 – Fri 25: tbc **Grade 4 Camp Maldon**
- 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 Waratah Bay**
- **Fri 17: Last Day Term 3, 2.30pm dismissal**

OCTOBER

- **Mon 4: First Day Term 4**
- Wed 6-Thu7: **Grade 3 Camp Sovereign Hill**

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: Camp Maldon	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.

Helpful Compass Update for Parents:

Compass

We've listened:
Changes to your Compass
App are coming soon!



This term there will be some updates to your NewsFeed, let's take a look at what's new:

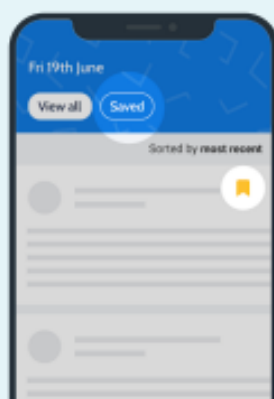
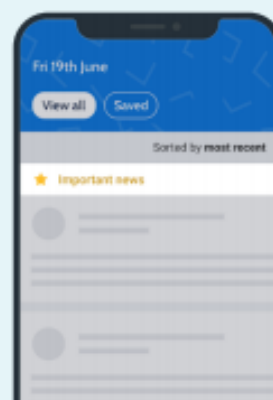


Sort by

We've redesigned your NewsFeed, making it simpler to navigate and easier to manage. You will now have the ability to sort your news by 'most important' or 'most recent', to ensure that you're up to date with all interesting and important school news!

Important news

Never worry about missing an important update again! To help you stay in the loop, all priority notifications will be highlighted and flagged as 'Important news'.

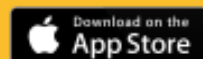


Save Posts

Our saved posts help you keep track of school communications. Using the bookmark icon, you will be able to create a customised shortlist of NewsFeed posts for when you need them.



Download the 'Compass School Manager' app today!





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.

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

GRADE 6 CAMP JUNGAI

At camp, we did raft making by the dam. We were given 4 barrels, a crate of rope and 5-6 planks of different sized wood. Our job was to use all of the items to make a raft that floats and that could hold our whole team, without falling apart.

In group 1, we had 2 rafts being made. There were 2 awesome designs however one did fall apart, sending a couple of people into the dam!! Mind you, it was about 10 degrees and it was raining, the dam was FREEZING!! Even so, it was a fun experience using teamwork and collaboration.

- **Pia**

Camp Jungai was a really fun experience. There was plenty of time to talk to friends, and lots of time learning and participating in exciting activities such as canoeing, high ropes, camping, raft building and cultural sessions.

Unfortunately, the camp had to be cut short one day due to COVID-19, a virus great at cancelling and postponing plans. The weather wasn't ideal either, but it didn't stop us from doing anything. Apart from these unlucky facts, we all enjoyed ourselves.

The landscape was beautiful, even if it was a bit cold, the food was delicious, and the staff were lovely. Everyone gave everything a red-hot try and were optimistic and enthusiastic even in the tough circumstances.

- **Juliette**

At Camp Jungai, we had a lot of fun, my favourite part was the canoeing because we got to do it in pairs. You had to really work on teamwork to help get out of the reeds etc.

We played a game called 'Ice Cream Domination' which was a bit like tag. It was really hard, but fun because we kept on accidentally ramming into each other.

- **Ada**



The Grade 6's had a great time at Camp Jungai until it was tragically cut short by a sudden lockdown that shocked us all. A great thing about that Camp was that we had an opportunity to learn about our First Nation people's culture. We had two Culture Sessions with Aunty.

In the first session, Aunty showed us many plants that were native to the camp's area, such as Lemon Myrtle and the Mountain Pepper, we all got to smell, eat, rub or even wash our hands with the plants. Towards the end of the first session, Aunty let us have a taste test of all of the plants we were shown in the session, only this time they were shredded into a powder. The first session was a great experience for everyone.






Sadly only half of the kids got to do the second cultural session due to the lockdown, but all that participated had loads of fun! In this session we got to paint boomerangs, using symbols from one of the local Aboriginal languages, to create a story. The stories people came up with were truly fascinating. While they were drying, we went outside to throw boomerangs! Only a few managed to either make it come back, or throw it into the soccer goals. Those who did, Aunty said they got bragging rights.

These sessions topped off Camp Jungai and made it one of the best camps our year has ever been on.

- **Josh & Gene**

From our Young Leaders:

On Monday 25th May, a group of senior students attended the National Young Leaders Conference along with 4000 other Victorian Primary & Secondary students at the Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre. They were excited to hear the experiences and advice of five successful Australians and reflect on themselves as young leaders.

				
Lachie Smart Youngest pilot to fly solo around the world	Jimmy Rees Host of 'Giggle + Hoot'	Jordan Lewis AFL Premiership Player	Michelle Young Deputy Commissioner Fire Safety	Josh Pyke Musician + Author

Key messages of the day:

- "Setbacks or failures are foundations for our success. Learn from your mistakes!" – LS
- "You have to make sacrifices to do the things you love." – JL
- "Learn to trust your instincts, even in the face of rejection." – JP
- "If you want to achieve something, verbalise it." – JR
- "Anything in life worth having doesn't come easy, have a positive mindset." - MY

What legacy will you leave behind?



From the JSC:



World's Greatest Shave 2021

New date to be advised!



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.

