



# 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**.*

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*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.*

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*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 Assistant Principal:

As outlined in David's Compass Newsfeed to the community, an unknown person in a red car, possibly a Honda or Commodore, approached a Bell student on their way home from school on Wednesday afternoon on Miller Street. A second group of students reported seeing a person in a red car observing and possibly taking photos near Swaine Reserve (the train park) and a third group of students saw a man in a similar red car appear to be approaching them near the local IGA.

All students are safe, and we want to reassure the school community that, while these encounters are obviously of great concern, the police have all the information and will be undertaking the appropriate investigations and increasing patrols in the area.

We thank the parents/carers who contacted the school on Wednesday so communication could be disseminated to the whole community. In these instances, a phone call to the school is the most direct method of communication that can be actioned immediately. When incidents of a concerning nature occur with students on their way to or from school, contacting both the police and school is a priority. This enables the authorities to act immediately and the school to seek support from the Department, who will also inform other local schools so it can be communicated with their families.

Teachers will continue to discuss with students the ways to keep themselves safe when travelling to and from school, as well as protective actions should they feel unsafe or uncomfortable. We would appreciate the support of parents/carers to continue these conversations at home.

### Last Assembly for Term 2

Our end of term Assembly will be held on the last day – **Friday 23 June** at **1:45pm**. Highlights will include performances from our Senior Vocal Ensemble and Rock Band. All parents/carers are invited to attend and celebrate the final day of Term 2 for 2023. **Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm.**

### Assembly Trial Term 3

Next term, we will be trialling a change to our weekly assembly which will take place on a Friday at 3pm to end the week. This enables classroom teachers to maximise Monday mornings as optimal learning time and settle into the routines for the week. We hope that it will also enable an increased number of parents/carers to attend regularly. Feedback will be sought from the community (students, teachers and parents/carers) post-trial, to inform a more substantive decision moving forward.

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### **Semester Reports & Parent/Carer-Teacher Conferences**

Semester reports will be made live to parents/carers via Compass in the last week of this term. Following this, Parent-Carer/Teacher Conferences will occur for year levels in Week 2 of Term 3, on the following days-

- **Prep-** Wednesday 19 July (3:40-5:00pm, 5:30- 8:00pm)
- **Year 1-** Monday 17 July (3:40-5:00pm, 5:30- 8:00pm)
- **Year 2-** Wednesday 19 July (3:40-5:00pm, 5:30- 8:00pm)
- **Year 3-** Wednesday 19 July (3:40-5:00pm, 5:30- 8:00pm)
- **Year 4-** Monday 17 July (2:50-5:00pm, 5:30- 8:00pm)
- **Year 5-** Tuesday 18 July (2:50-5:00pm, 5:30- 8:00pm)
- **Year 6-** Monday 17 July (3:40-5:00pm, 5:30- 8:00pm)
- **Specialists-** Tuesday 18 July (3:40-5:00pm, 5:30- 8:00pm)

Parents/carers are able to book 1 x 10-minute time slot within the above indicated time frames for their child's classroom teacher. Please note that teachers will have a scheduled break between 5:00-5:30pm and will not be available to meet during this time.

Booking for Parent-Carer/Teacher Conferences will open at 9:00am next Friday June 16. Bookings will remain open over the holidays and will close at 4pm on Wednesday July 12.

These meetings facilitate individual time for teachers and parents/carers to discuss their child's progress so far this year and are an important opportunity for you to:

- talk more in-depth about your child's student report, their achievements and areas for future learning
- help your child's teacher(s) understand more about your child
- exchange information to support your child's learning, social and emotional needs
- make plans with the teacher(s) about how you can both support your child
- continue to strengthen the crucial home-school partnership

***A reminder that interviews with Specialist teachers are optional and only occur on the date stated above.***

### **35 Years of Service**

While David has taken an additional few days of long service leave (so he can't stop me), on behalf of our community I would like to congratulate him on 35 years of service to the Department of Education. Next week, David will be formally acknowledged for his dedication to public education in Victoria- 6 of those years being the Principal at Bell. We thank David for his contributions and congratulate him on this achievement.

***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 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 16: Parent/Carer-Teacher Conf. **BOOKINGS OPEN**
- Mon 19: **Prep** Celebration of Learning
- Thu 22: **Grade 1** Celebration of Learning
- Fri 23: End of Term Assembly @ 1.45pm
- Fri 23: **Final Day Term 2, 2.30pm dismissal**

## JULY 2023

- Mon 10: **First Day Term 3**
- Fri 14: Assembly, 3pm
- Mon 17: **Year 1** Parent/Carer-Teacher Conference
- Mon 17: **Year 4** Parent/Carer-Teacher Conference
- Mon 17: **Year 6** Parent/Carer-Teacher Conference
- Tue 18: **Year 5** Parent/Carer-Teacher Conference
- Tue 18: **Specialist** Parent/Carer-Teacher Conference
- Wed 19: **Prep** Parent/Carer-Teacher Conference
- Wed 19: **Year 2** Parent/Carer-Teacher Conference
- Wed 19: **Year 3** Parent/Carer-Teacher Conference
- Fri 21: Assembly, 3pm
- Fri 28: **VSSS Rehearsal #4, Basketball Stadium, Keilor**

## AUGUST 2023

- 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 CLEARANCE! EVERYTHING MUST GO!



Don't forget to check the unnamed Lost Property racks in the main building corridor before the end of term as any items left on the final day of Term 2 will be donated or disposed of.

Come take a look before it's too late!





## From the Music Department:

### JUNIOR JAM CLUB

Junior Jam Club runs in Term 2, each Thursday in the first break, as part of the Bell Primary School 'Clubs Program'. Grade 1 and 2 students (and this week, we also introduced Preps!) have been rocking out by jamming and trying so many different instruments in the Music Room. Rock on!

Ms. S.





## From the Grade 5 Team:



*Did you know that the word 'tsunami' is a Japanese word that means 'harbour wave'?*

On Tuesday the 23rd of May, Year Five students experienced their first incursion!

Lydia from PrimeSC, a science outreach program, came to Bell Primary to share her knowledge of natural disasters. She taught the Year Fives all about earthquakes and volcanoes, which was fitting as we have been writing and learning about Natural Disasters in our Inquiry unit. We experimented with Oobleck and even made our own explosions.

Overall, the experience was really fun and extremely helpful, and we are very grateful that Lydia came to Bell to share her wealth of knowledge with us.

**By Tia, Jonathan and Ollie**

*Did you know that the tallest volcano in recorded history was called 'Mauna Laura', and that it was taller than Mount Everest?*





## From the Sports Department:

On Friday 19 May, almost 50 students from Bell ventured out to Bundoora Park to participate in the Northcote District Cross Country Carnival for 2023.

After the success of our first school Cross Country Carnival earlier in the term, it was great to see all the students representing our school proudly and being very competitive in all races. All the students should be commended on their effort on a cold Autumn morning.

A special mention to Carmen and Jack who both progressed through to the Divisional Competition and have now progressed through to the Regional Competition next week. All of the Bell community would like to wish them the best of luck for the next round.

**Josh Grogan**





## State School Spectacular News:

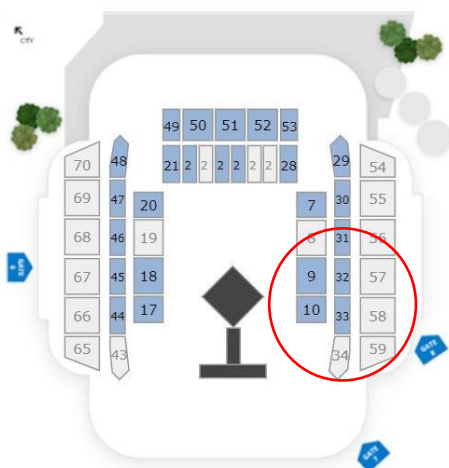
On Monday, the 2023 Victorian State School Spectacular mass dancers had the opportunity to perform to an audience at Assembly. It was fantastic performing one of the songs titled 'Dance Like Yo Daddy' by Meghan Trainor and, as a team, we felt it went really well. We all danced our hearts out!

All members of the team look forward to going to the off-site rehearsals like the one we went to last Tuesday in Ivanhoe. All the dances vary in different styles. This year, the theme for School Spectacular is 'All Around the World'. The next rehearsal we will be attending will be at Keilor Basketball Stadium. Hopefully we will get our costumes at this venue which we are all really excited about!

The teachers helping us learn the dances are Sarah McNamara, Ivy Callander, Joy O'Neill, and Ms. S. They are all so enthusiastic and kind in getting us ready for the performance scheduled for September the 9th.

If you are interested in attending the School Spectacular performance at John Cain arena on Saturday 9 September, you can purchase tickets via this link [www.ticketek.com.au/spectacular](http://www.ticketek.com.au/spectacular). If purchasing tickets, look at the seating arrangements below. We are classified as Quadrant 3 and these seating areas will allow sight of our mass dancers.

### *The 2023 School Spec Mass Dancers Group*





**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](mailto: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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[www.heydeeho.com.au](http://www.heydeeho.com.au)



## **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 13<sup>th</sup> Jul to 7<sup>th</sup> Sep 2023

Fill out the form online by  
**Thursday 22nd Jun 2023**



[www.digimaker.com.au/enrol](http://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](mailto: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/>





**WANT AN EASY  
WAY TO KEEP YOUR  
KIDS ACTIVE?**



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## **THEN KELLY SPORTS IS YOUR ANSWER!**

Want your kids to be more active? Time poor and looking for an easy, affordable & reliable option to get your kids active? Then Kelly Sports may be what you are looking for.

Our Wicked Winter Sports weekly programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm and participation and gives the kids the life skills that such involvement brings – giving them increased confidence in the future.

Our experienced coaches aim to develop and enhance the wide range of sporting skills of your child including kicking, catching & throwing while also improving strength, flexibility, hand-eye coordination, spatial awareness, co-operative skills and teamwork. For Term 3 we are focusing on Soccer, AFL & Athletics

WHEN: Tuesday's

DATES: 11th July - 12th September

TIME: 3.30pm - 4.40pm

LOCATION: On school grounds, straight after school

YEAR LEVELS: Prep - Grade 3's

COST: \$160 (10 weeks)

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT**

**[WWW.KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU/INNER-NORTHERN](http://WWW.KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU/INNER-NORTHERN)**

**Website:** [kellysports.com.au/inner-northern](http://kellysports.com.au/inner-northern)

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**Facebook:** #KellySportsInnerNorthern



### **EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES @ BELL**

Please see our [website](#) for details on the following activities offered after school and/or during school time – please make direct contact with the provider:

Keyboard : Guitar : Violin : Ukelele : Singing : Dancing : Computer Programming : Sports

NORTHERN PARX NETBALL CLUB

# CALLING ALL 10 & 11 YEAR OLDS

## COME AND TRY NETBALL

BOYS AND GIRLS WELCOME  
ALL ABILITIES & BEGINNERS WELCOME



TRAINING HELD AT J.E. MOORE RESERVE  
WEDNESDAYS 5-6PM

GAMES PLAYED ON SATURDAYS AT 8:30AM & 9:30AM  
AT NARRANDJERI STADIUM, THORNBURY

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:  
MAGGIE CROWE (0400 025 333) OR EMAIL  
NORTHERNPARXNETBALLCLUB@GMAIL.COM

NORTHERN PARX NETBALL CLUB

# CALLING ALL 12 & 13 YEAR OLDS

## COME AND TRY NETBALL

BOYS AND GIRLS WELCOME  
ALL ABILITIES & BEGINNERS WELCOME



TRAINING HELD AT J.E. MOORE RESERVE  
WEDNESDAYS 6-7PM

GAMES PLAYED ON SATURDAYS AT 9:30AM &  
10:20AM AT NARRANDJERI STADIUM, THORNBURY

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