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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 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:

### Transition Back to School

As we transition back to on-line learning, I would like to thank families for their support and engagement during the two week burst of remote and flexible learning. Firstly, the vast majority of families were able to remain at home which helped reduce movement and unnecessary contact during this last COVID outbreak. Secondly, the essential worker families who had to send their children to school were re-assured that they were well supported by the many Bell staff who volunteered to work on-site. And most importantly, the efforts of students was outstanding with wonderful help from adults at home and the dedicated staff working on-line with them throughout the time.

Today has been a joyous day seeing, hearing and feeling the presence of students everywhere and teachers engaging in person with their class and colleagues. Re-igniting face to face academic lessons and balancing those with a few fun and social activities to re-connect everyone was the aim of today. Acknowledging students' resilience and persistence in this two week burst of lockdown learning has also been a focus of the day.

After a well-earned long weekend for one and all, we can get back into the vitally important rhythms and routines of school that the students need in these uncertain times.

### COVID Safe Requirements

As mentioned in the important newsfeed yesterday, the Bell Community must follow DET and State Government advice in and around the school grounds for the next period as restrictions are gradually lifted:

- Non-essential visitors should be kept to a minimum inside the school grounds for the moment;
- Avoid groups congregating around the school and all visitors must comply with physical distancing (1.5m) and face mask requirements (indoors and outdoors);
- If entering any buildings, please be aware we have density limits with signs indicating maximum numbers on all doors;
- There will be no community assemblies or large gatherings for this period.

As more restrictions ease, we hope to re-introduce more of the usual activities and events allowing parents/carers greater involvement in school life. Clearly QR codes are becoming one of the longer term keys to opening up again.

### QR Codes at School

To support contact tracing we are now using the Vic Government QR code system for all parts of the school. This means all visitors must:

- Use the QR code signs at all gates when entering the school grounds regardless of the time you plan to spend inside the grounds. This includes routine drop-offs/pick-ups;
- If entering any classroom or building, please use the separate QR code at the door of that particular classroom/building.
- If attending a meeting for a period of time, you must to come past the front office to enter your name in the Compass Kiosk. This is standard expectation for emergency management procedures.

I urge every adult entering the school grounds and buildings to be diligent with the QR code contact tracing regime we have adopted; it only takes a few seconds.

**David Twite (Principal)**

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# From the Office:

## 2021 Calendar

\* Please note change of dates for School Photos  
\* tbc = to be confirmed



### JUNE

- Fri 11: Winter Sport Carnival
- Mon 14: Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
- Tue 15: Grade 4 Swimming #4
- Thu 17: Grade 4 Swimming #5
- Thu 17: Carnival Donation Day, 8.30-10.00am
- 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**.



# 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.

### 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](http://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.

### 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.

# 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!

## Bell Community Carnival News

### MORE STORAGE SECURED!

Our great fete shipping container has arrived at Bell and we are ready for more donations while you are all sorting for hard rubbish collections in our neighbourhood. We would also love any **spare moving house boxes** asap to help sort and store items until November.

**DONATION DAY** is next **Thursday 17 June** at the **Second Hand Uniform Shop** between **8.30am - 10.00am** only, for clean and good condition clothes, toys and home bric-a-brac. Also we are happy to take books again!

Anyone dropping off goods **MUST:**

1. **wear a mask,**
2. **scan the QR code on the gate,**
3. **go straight to the Second Hand Uniform Shop (no need to sign in at the office),**
4. **drop off your goods to the organisers outside the Shop,**
5. **move on promptly after delivering your goods.**

Do not hesitate to contact us at [bellprimaryfete@gmail.com](mailto:bellprimaryfete@gmail.com) with any ideas or questions, plus we still need stall captains *please!* You can follow us on Facebook at **Bell Primary School Fete**.

**Kate, Selin, Mel, Chris, Mel, Ange & Adam**





## Bell Community ..... your 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](mailto:bellprimaryfete@gmail.com)

*Kate, Selin, Mel, Ange, Chris, Mel & Adam*

### 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.

**PROTECT**

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.

No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.

It's everyone's responsibility. Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse.

If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

Further information & resources  
[www.education.vic.gov.au/protect](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/protect)

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