



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:

Gym/Hall Update

The latest communication from the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) was sent via a Compass Newsfeed earlier this week informing us that the completion of the gym/hall will go back to tender in the near future. Unfortunately, this all takes time and I am very limited in that process until we re-instate the Project Control Group (PCG) at re-tender stage. In the meantime, I am working with the VSBA Project Manager to at least get the works at the front of school completed prior to the re-mobilisation of the whole project, as the limited access is very annoying for everyone.

One piece of good news is that we were able to take over some aspects of the upgrade to the admin area, with the completion of the new First Aid Room to be available for use in Term 3. This room is adjacent to the office and will enable a better level of care when students are sick or injured. One small but important step forward during this frustrating time.

I thank everyone for their patience and I can assure the community that the project will be completed, just later than we expected. It will be a significant 'game changer' for our school and the local community once fully operational.

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, the VSSS Dance Squad and our Rock Band. All parents/carers are invited to attend and celebrate the final day of Term 2. **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 **3.00pm** to end the week. This enables classroom teachers to maximise Monday mornings as optimal learning time and settle into their routine 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.

Long Service Leave

For the first four weeks of next term, Emma Heywood will be Acting Principal in my absence as I will be taking some extended leave until the second week of August. I have full confidence in Emma's leadership capabilities and she will be fully supported by our other senior leaders - Xenia Matani and Gab Goss - during the time I spend on my road trip to central Australia.

Next term we welcome back some staff temporarily back from Maternity Leave - Lisa McLeish and Maria Seneca. They will be grade sharing in 3A, and then 1A, as Rosie Serratore and Joy O'Neill take some leave for their overseas adventures. We wish Rosie and Joy safe travels and look forwards to Maria and Lisa re-joining the Bell team for Term 3.

David Twite
Principal

From our Assistant Principal:

Semester Reports & Parent/Carer-Teacher Conferences

Semester reports will be made live to parents/carers via Compass next Friday June 22. 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.

As per the Newsfeed this morning, Conferences are now open for booking. Bookings will remain open over the holidays and will close at 4.00pm on Wednesday 12 July.

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

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 16: **Parent/Carer-Teacher Conf. BOOKINGS OPEN**
- Mon 19: **Prep** Celebration of Learning
- Wed 21: **Trivia Night Tickets go on sale at midday!**
- 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**
- Wed 12: **FINAL DAY CONSENT Gr6 Northcote HS Musical – We Will Rock You**
- Fri 14: Assembly, 3pm (weather permitting)
- 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: **Grade 6 Northcote HS Musical – We Will Rock You**
- 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: **FINAL DAY CONSENT Gr6 Preston HS Musical - Matilda**
- Fri 21: **Prep** Swimming #1/6
- Fri 21: Assembly, 3pm (weather permitting)
- Wed 26: **Grade 6 Preston HS Musical - Matilda**
- Fri 28: **Prep** Swimming #2/6
- Fri 28: **VSSS Rehearsal #4, Basketball Stadium, Keilor**
- Fri 28: Assembly, 3pm (weather permitting)

AUGUST 2023

- Fri 4: **Prep** Swimming #3/6
- Fri 4: Assembly, 3pm (weather permitting)
- Fri 4: **Bell Trivia Night**
- Fri 11: **Prep** Swimming #4/6
- Fri 11: Assembly, 3pm (weather permitting)
- Fri 18: **Prep** Swimming #5/6
- Fri 18: Assembly, 3pm (weather permitting)
- Fri 25: **Prep** Swimming #6/6
- Fri 25: Assembly, 3pm (weather permitting)
- Wed 30 – Fri 1.9: **Grade 5** Waratah Bay Camp

SEPTEMBER 2023

- Fri 1: Assembly, 3pm (weather permitting)
- Thu 7: **VSSS Rehearsal #5, John Cain Arena**
- Fri 8: **VSSS Rehearsal #6, John Cain Arena**
- Fri 8: Assembly, 3pm (weather permitting)
- 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**

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 invite any current Bell families with a 2024 Prep child to submit an enrolment form before the end of this term for planning purposes. 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! Please contact Jessie in the office with any questions about the enrolment process.

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 Prep Team:

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL INCURSION

We were very excited to have our very first incursion last Thursday. Tara from the City of Darebin came and we discussed how to walk safely when we are outside the school grounds. We then went on our first walking excursion and practiced crossing the road, with Tara being the Crossing Inspector. We had so much fun practicing. We now know how to cross the road safely!

Thank you to the parent volunteers who came to help us.

Christine Rembelos
Prep A Teacher



1C at Hands on Science

The Grade 1s had an incursion from Hands on Science. Here are some of 1C's thoughts.

On Thursday at school my class had an incursion for weather. We made tornados. That was my favourite part of all. The others were fun too. I did it with my class. It was really fun.

On Thursday 1C went up and did weather science. We made a cloud, and we made a tornado. We learnt how trees get water. We learned when it doesn't rain big cracks go in the ground.



We made rain clouds. They were made out of water and blue food dye and shaving cream. We loved it.

I went upstairs to do a weather incursion. I did science and it was about weather.



We went to an incursion on weather. We made a tornado. We made rain. One time we made clouds. Two times we broke a sugar square with water.

On Thursday we had a science incursion. We made a tornado and a cloud and rain with shaving cream. We learnt about weather and had lots of fun.

From the Cross Country Regionals:

Bell Primary School was proudly represented on Wednesday at the Cross Country Running Regional Championship. **Jack** in Grade 4 had a great run and is off to State Finals. **Carmen** in Grade 6 was thrilled to knock five minutes off her best time. All the best to **Jack** for his next race!



*Bell Trivia Night
Presents*

DECADE DANCE

*Northcote Theatre
Friday August 4th
7pm til Late*



Dress As A Decade

Adults Only

DJs

Trivia

Paper Plane Comp

Games

BYO Food

Prizes

Drinks @ Bar Prices

\$400

Per Table Of Ten

(Always Sells Fast)

Tickets On Sale Midday Wednesday 21st June Via Qkr

All Proceeds Going Towards Future Bell Gym Fit-out



**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.

The Rotary Club of Preston proudly presents...

CIRCUS QUIRKUS 2023

Relaxed Performances for children and young adults who might require a more flexible environment when going to the theatre. Enjoy the "live performance" experience with a casual attitude to audience noise and movement in an inclusive, accessible, safe environment where you feel welcomed and free to be yourself without restriction or judgement. A one-hour show, suitable for all ages.

All tickets are COMPLIMENTARY and generously sponsored by businesses across Greater Melbourne.

Ideal for school and community group excursions, and families.



Jonas Jost: Show Host & Magician



Luke Forrester: Mouth Balancer



James Bustar: Comedy Juggler

<u>VENUE</u>	<u>SHOWS DATES</u>	<u>SHOW TIMES</u>
THE THORNBURY THEATRE (MELBOURNE SHOW)	SUNDAY, 13 AUGUST	11.00 AM, 1.30 PM & 4.00 PM
THE THORNBURY THEATRE (MELBOURNE SHOW)	MONDAY, 14 AUGUST	10.30 AM, 12.30 PM & 6.00 PM

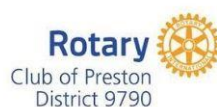
**TO BOOK, PLEASE EMAIL OR TEXT YOUR
TICKET ORDER AND CONTACT DETAILS TO...**

✉ MEREDITHNEWMAN@SHOWINTENT.COM.AU 📞 0404-367-782

-Bulk and individual ticket orders from schools, organisations, families and carers are welcome, including tentative bookings.

-All tickets are complimentary - One ticket per person is required when booking tickets.

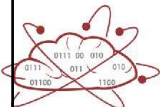
- Bookings for multiple dates and showtimes are welcome. Tickets available until booked out.



Extra-Curricular Activities @ Bell:

Please see our [website](#) for details on the following activities offered both after school and/or during school time in Room 14 – please make direct contact with the provider:

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




DIGIMAKER

Programming for young Makers

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:

AFTER SCHOOL	BATCH
3:40pm – 4:40pm	Thursdays 13 th Jul to 7 th Sep 2023

Year levels: 3 to 6

Term Fee: \$210 excl GST

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/>



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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

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- * Learn choreographed dances
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Bell Primary Students

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