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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:

### Parent Payments and Donations.

As we head towards the mid-year break, I would like to thank the majority of families who have made parent payments towards the essential learning items and the educational/wellbeing voluntary contributions. In addition, so far this year there have been 56 families kindly donate additional money towards the Buildings Fund (\$3,660), Grounds Levy (\$1,946) and/or Library Fund (\$914).

In the last four years, the Building Fund has raised \$18,934.35 which has now been allocated to the conversion of the shelter shed into a Kids Hub play space. Each year the Grounds Levy goes towards general maintenance such as the on-going care of the south oval by Evergreen Turf, which includes mowing, aerating, fertilising and weed spraying. The new Library Fund will target the re-stocking of books after the refurbishment and the re-distribution of many books to classroom libraries in every room. Donations to these three initiatives can be done at any time, with the Buildings and Library Funds being tax deductible.

The shelter shed project is currently with the Department's facilities division being the VSBA and we are hoping for approval of the design and working drawings soon. Once we get the green light, a tender process can then select a builder to convert the shed into a stimulating semi-enclosed area for students to gather and engage in a range of passive and social activities. I would like to acknowledge one of our parents, Dion Keech, for his in-kind work and passion to design and help project manage this exciting initiative.

### On-site Learning and Visitors

I would firstly like to acknowledge the overall ability of the students to slot back into learning routines in the past week as we transitioned back from lockdown. Whilst most children were eager to get back and learn in the face to face and social environment of the classroom, we are aware that some might take a bit longer to settle in. As we always say, the grade teacher is the first point of contact to establish that partnership approach to support a reluctant child. Additional support can be called upon from members of the Leadership Team (Xenia, Lisa, Emma or myself) if more substantive plans need to be made.

I would also like to thank the adults visiting the school who have followed the QR code check-in procedures. We now have greater clarity regarding these requirements. QR code check-ins are no longer required for parents/carers who come onto the school grounds for drop off or pick up, but do not enter buildings. **QR codes are still required when entering a building or classroom**, so please ensure you check-in with the QR code provided on each building. Please remember that mask wearing and density limits still apply when inside.

**David Twite**  
**Principal**

# From the Assistant Principal:

## Semester 1 Student Reports & Parent-Carer/Teacher Conferences

Teachers are currently in the process of completing written reports for Semester 1. These reports form an important part of our formal reporting processes to parents/carers and provide an understanding of your child's achievement and progress against the curriculum standards.

Reports will be available in Compass by the end of Week 1 next term, Friday 16 July.

Parent/Carer and Teacher Conference will be conducted in Week 2 of Term 3, following the distribution of Semester 1 student reports in Week 1. Further information regarding Parent/Carer and Teacher Conferences will be provided next week.

**Emma Heywood**  
Assistant Principal

# From the Office:

## 2021 Calendar

\* Please note change of dates for Grade 4 Camp



### JUNE

- Mon 21 CSEF Applications close for 2021
- Tue 22: ~~the~~ **Grade 4 Swimming #6**
- Tue 22 – Wed 23: **Gr6 Achieve Fest Conference (online)**
- 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

- Thu 5: Boite Chorus, 9.00-2.30, Melbourne Town Hall
- **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'**
- Mon 29 – Wed 1: **Grade 4 Camp Maldon**

### 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:
<b>Prep, 1, 2, 3:</b> Essential Student Learning Items ( <i>stationery</i> ) per child	Wed 19 May	\$125	Qkr!
<b>Prep, 1, 2, 3:</b> Essential Learning Items ( <i>bulk/online</i> ) per child	Wed 19 May	\$100	Qkr!
<b>Gr 4, 5, 6:</b> Essential Student Learning Items ( <i>stationery</i> ) per child	Wed 19 May	\$115	Qkr!
<b>Gr 4, 5, 6:</b> Essential Learning Items ( <i>bulk/online</i> ) per child	Wed 19 May	\$90	Qkr!
<b>All Grades:</b> Educational Program Voluntary Contribution per child	Wed 19 May	\$55	Qkr!
ITEM: (under <i>Excursions</i> in Qkr!)	DUE BY:	AMOUNT:	METHOD:
<b>Grade 4: Camp Maldon</b>	tbc	\$290	Qkr!
<b>Selected: Boite Chorus</b>	Thu 24 Jun	\$50	Qkr!

## 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.





**SAVE THE DATE! THE FAMOUS BELL PRIMARY SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT RETURNS IN 2021!**

**Friday 6 August : Doors open 7pm : Trivia starts 8pm : Thornbury Theatre, 859 High St, Thornbury**  
**Tickets \$300 per table of ten : Games, raffles, prizes, dancing – bring your bag of gold coins!**

Due to the current Covid restrictions, we have postponed ticket sales until Tuesday 13 July.  
 Get your tables of ten ready and find a table captain!





## 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.

