



# Bell PS Newsletter

## 23 June 2023

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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:

### **2023 Trivia Night – Decade Dance!**

Newsflash – all tables sold out in less than 24 hours! That's great news for those who have booked but not so great for those who have missed out. There is some extra good news though...

A special **Cocktail Lounge** area has now been organised - **from 9.30 pm** - at the Northcote Theatre on the big night, so you will now be able to purchase **\$20** tickets via Qkr! for that specific area – see poster on page 8 for further details.

All proceeds are going towards the additional high end audio-visual equipment required to make our gym/hall a truly multi-purpose venue where we can hold our own concerts, graduations and other exciting community events.

### **Access via Oakover Road Gate**

With an uncertain restart date for the building works, we have reviewed access options into the school and will re-open the Oakover Road gate for families to access the school from the south. We are working with the VSBA to create a safe and accessible passage from the south oval. Whilst the pathway into the centre of the school is currently not ideal, some families might choose to wind their way through the temporary fence channel onto the basketball/netball court for quicker access to the main building or Leaning Centre. This will reduce the traffic pressure on the busy Scotia Street footpaths, especially with many bikes and scooters being used as active transport options.

We are hoping to rearrange the temporary fences so a small area of the bike racks will be re-opened to also ease the pressure at the north end.

***I ask those using the south gate to stay on the concrete path to reduce the wear and tear on the south oval.***

### **Assembly Today and Next Term**

Today's Assembly will be outside if weather permits, however if the showers persist we will make a call at 11.30 am to shift it into the Learning Centre in a modified format. This would mean most grades would view the Assembly from their rooms via an internal stream with the Senior Vocal Ensemble, the VSSS Dance Squad and our Rock Band performing in the confined space with a few grades.

With limited space, only parents/carers of those performing and presenting would be able to attend in the Learning Centre. This is not ideal but necessary whilst we are still at the mercy of the weather for outdoor community events. We are all looking forward to the day when the gym/hall gives us total control and much flexibility. ***Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm regardless of the assembly format.***

Next term, we will be trialling a change to our weekly Assembly which will take place on a **Friday at 3.00pm** to maximise Monday mornings as optimal learning time. We hope that it increases the number of parents/carers that attend. Feedback will be sought from the community (students, teachers and parents/carers) post-trial.

### **Celebrations of Learning**

Thank you to the waves of parents and carers who have taken time to pop into their child/ren's classrooms this week to engage in the various celebrations of learning. With a range of foci from Literacy, Numeracy and Inquiry units of work, we hope these visits stimulate some in-depth discussions and further positive celebrations at home. It is clear that those meaningful conversations about learning at school have a significant impact on the children in terms of motivation, confidence and persistence to do their best every day to achieve their next level of success.

### **Semester Two Swimming Program**

The expanded swimming program re-commences next term for Grades 1-5 students at Elite Swimming in Pascoe Vale, the same venue as last year. The six lessons in blocks of two per week for three weeks are scheduled for early Term 3. The Preps will have the more traditional one lesson per week for the first half of the term, allowing them more time between lessons as we think that is a better way to introduce them to the school swimming program.

I urge families to engage in the swimming program that the Department and Bell PS are committed to delivering for all students regardless of prior swimming experience. Afterall, we do live on an island surrounded by water around this beautiful country.

*I wish everyone a safe and relaxing mid-year break and look forward to seeing everybody in early August upon my return from my central Australian adventure.*

**David Twite**  
**Principal**

## **From our Assistant Principal:**

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

Semester reports will be made live to parents/carers via Compass today. 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.

Conferences are currently open for 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 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**
- Wed 12: Parent/Carer-Teacher Conf Bookings CLOSE
- 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: **Gr 4-6** Bell Athletics Carnival
- 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)
- Tue 15: Northcote District Athletics Carnival
- 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**

## 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**

### **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 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.

### **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.**



## From the JSC:

### Wear it Yellow Day Thank You and NAIDOC Week Recognition

The JSC would like to thank everyone for their participation on 'Wear it Yellow' day. It was so great to see so many people wearing yellow and making friendship bracelets. Thank you to the parents who donated wool and to the staff who helped us run the workshops.

During school holidays in the first week of July, National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth.

This year's theme is **For Our Elders**. Across every generation, our Elders have played, and continue to play, an important role and hold a prominent place in our communities and families. We will be acknowledging NAIDOC week during the first week back of Term 3.

*Claire, Hannah & The JSC.*



## Term 2 Clubs News:

In Term 2, students have been able to visit a variety of clubs at break times. Today we are having a peek at Zine and Card Clubs.

### Zine Club

'In Zine Club, we are making mini magazines which are like mini books. You can make them about anything you like. Some have made ice-cream themed zines, some people have made zines about animals. My zine is about a kitten that is trying to find a friend and ends up in a mystery land.' **by Eve**



### Card Club

In Card Club, students get to share their card collections. Students enjoy seeing cards other students have collected.



**Christine Rembelos**  
**Prep A Classroom Teacher**



### Sustainable Schools Program – Fundraiser Update

A huge THANK-YOU to all the families who participated in our Sustainable School's Fundraiser in partnership with Zero Co. Not only are you helping to reduce single use plastics in our community, you also raised **\$1460** for Sustainability at Bell Primary School!!

Another big thanks goes out to all the families who donated money for sustainability directly through the school. With your help, we raised a further **\$420**.

**That's \$1880 altogether!! We are so grateful for your support and generosity.**

With the money raised, we are looking forward to improving waste management at Bell Primary to ensure as much waste as possible stays out of landfill.

Any students who earned prizes through the program should have received an email containing their gift card or voucher by now. Please contact Ivy if you have not received anything yet:

[ivy.callander@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:ivy.callander@education.vic.gov.au)

Next term we are looking forward to launching a Zero Co. pouch collection point and a community collection of hard to dispose of waste items. More information to come!

*From the Sustainability Working Party and Student Sustainability Club*

## SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS

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## Bell Primary School

*Bell Trivia Night  
Presents*

# DECADE DANCE

## COCKTAIL LOUNGE



*Northcote Theatre  
Friday August 4th  
9.30pm til Late*



# \$20

### **Cocktail Lounge Fundraising Ticket**

(Cocktail Lounge Included In All Trivia Tickets Already Purchased)

**New Venue Brings New Possibilities**

**As Trivia Winds Down, Dress Up And Join The Celebration As  
We Toast The Winners In Our Upstairs Cocktail Lounge Bar,  
With Dance Floor And DJ's Til Late**

**Thanks To An Enthusiastic Bell Community  
Trivia Tables Have Sold Out In Record Time,  
To Be A Part Of The Event Of The Year  
Grab Your Lounge Pass Soon**

**Tickets On Sale Now Via Qkr**


**All Proceeds Going Towards Future Bell Gym Fit-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 <sup>th</sup> Jul to 7 <sup>th</sup> 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](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  
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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](http://WWW.KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU/INNER-NORTHERN)**

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

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## 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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**NOW ACCEPTING  
2024 PREP  
ENROLMENTS**



We are now inviting Bell families to submit 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 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 2023.**

We look forward to welcoming a new bunch of younger siblings to the school!



**10 am to 4 pm**  
**Wed to Sat**  
**June & July**



**25 Separation Street Northcote**

## **A great place to bring the kids**

**for art and craft feebies at the  
rePurpose station, and other free and  
low-priced shopping, showing that  
preloved can be good as new**

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With grants from:  
Darebin City Council's Community Grants Program  
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**As always, proceeds support running costs,  
future events & local charities.**



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## **YEAR 7 2025 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING**



**Wednesday, 2 August 2023 at 7pm**  
Marcellin College Functions Room  
**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

Year 7 2025 Enrolments

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE 18 AUGUST 2023**

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**St Joseph's**

**OPEN DAY**

**Thurs 06 July**

**10 am - 6 pm**

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**CONTACT ST JOSEPH'S  
ENROLMENTS TEAM**

**0417 204 268  
[nm.enrolments@stjosephs.vic.edu.au](mailto:nm.enrolments@stjosephs.vic.edu.au)**



## School Holiday Programs for Teens at Bridge Darebin

### SEWING

Looking to learn a new skill and discover the world of sewing? Bring 2.5 metres of woven fabric of your choice and learn how to make a pair of pants. For teens aged 12+, no experience needed!

**When: Tues 27 June 10am – 1pm**

**Where: 131 Shaftesbury Parade, Thornbury**

**Booking and details: [HERE](#)**

### GARDENING

Dive into the world of backyard gardening, as you get your hands dirty and learn the art of growing your own food. You'll get to take home your own winter seedling! For ages 10+

**When: 9.30am–1.30pm Wed 6 July**

**Where: 220 High Street, Preston**

**Booking and details: [HERE](#)**



Bridge Darebin | Preston | Thornbury | [bridgedarebin.org.au](http://bridgedarebin.org.au) | Tel: 03 9484 5806

# KARATE

**Just for Kicks!** program

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in Central Coburg  
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**PLUS** High quality  
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