

# **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:

### **School Reports**

Staff have been working away on mid-year reports for quite some time during Term 2 and they will be ready for distribution via Compass in the first week of Term 3. Following on will be Parent-Carer/Teacher Conferences in Week 2 which is outlined below in the Assistant Principal section.

Whilst assessment is ongoing throughout the year, staff have spent many hours this term collating, analysing and identifying where all students are currently at for several purposes:

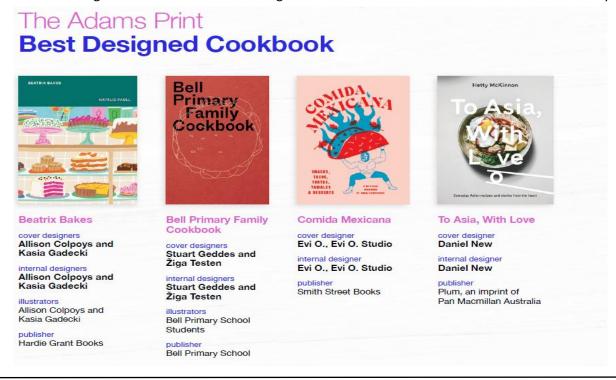
- The allocation of progression points against the Victorian Curriculum Standards for relevant learning areas
- Creating purposeful comments about achievement and personal attributes including the Learning Assets
- Identify future learning foci in areas for improvement that are particular for each student
- To use the assessment data and evidence in an on-going way with their year level team to collectively plan learning experiences targeting individual, group and whole grade point of need teaching.

Teachers have put significant time into the assessment and reporting process with the aim to provide parents/carers and each student a point in time determination of learning progress.

More information about the reports and conferences will be sent via Compass with the student reports Week 1 of Term 3.

### **Bell Cookbook Award**

Breaking news that our wonderful Bell Primary Family Cookbook just won a big national design prize in the 69<sup>th</sup> Australian Book Design Awards. This is such amazing news that needs to be celebrated with the community.



Congratulations to Hannah Matthews and the cookbook team, all the contributing students/families and to Anna Buchanan (2020 Art Teacher at Bell) for the collaborative effort and show of our community expertise and talents.

Have a relaxing and safe winter break; looking forward to seeing everyone back in mid-July for a fun filled and eventful Term 3.

David Twite Principal

# From the Assistant Principal:

As per the newsfeed posted earlier this week, bookings for Parent-Carer/Teacher Conferences opened at 9:00am today and will close at 4pm on Wednesday July 14.

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

Parent-Carer/Teacher Conferences will occur for year levels in Week 2 of Term 3, on the following days-

Prep:	Thursday July 22	(3:00-5:00pm, 5:30- 8:00pm)
Year 1:	Monday July 19	(3:40-5:00pm, 5:30- 8:00pm)
Year 2:	Tuesday July 20	(3:40-5:00pm, 5:30- 8:00pm)
Year 3:	Tuesday July 20	(3:00-5:00pm, 5:30- 8:00pm)
Year 4:	Tuesday July 20	(3:00-5:00pm, 5:30- 8:00pm)
Year 5:	Monday July 19	(3:00-5:00pm, 5:30- 8:00pm)
Year 6:	Wednesday July 21	(3:00-5:00pm, 5:30- 8:00pm)
Specialists:	Thursday July 22	(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.

Please note that at present, parent-carer/teacher conferences will take place on in your child's classroom and will follow health and safety measures and physical distancing requirements, as advised by the Department of Education. More information regarding these measures will be communicated early next term, to ensure we are enacting the most up to date advice.

Wishing all Bell families a safe and relaxing break.

Emma Heywood Assistant Principal

# From the Office:

## 2021 Calendar



\* Please note change of dates for Grade 4 Camp

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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: Gr4-6: 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' • Thu 22: Gr4-6 Bell PS Athletics Carnival • Thu 22: Victorian State School Spectacular Workshop • Mon 26: **Gr6** Northcote District Winter Sports Carnival • Tue 27: Gr5-6: Bully Zero W/shop 'Resilience'

### **AUGUST**

• Thu 5: Boîte Chorus, Melbourne Town Hall

# •Fri 6: Bell Trivia Night

Thu 19: District Athletics
 Mon 23: Victorian State School Spectacular Workshop

• Fri 27: Victorian State School Spectacular Workshop

### **SEPTEMBER**

Thu 2: Bell Writer's Festival
 Fri 3: District Basketball

• Fri 3: Father's + Special Person's Day Stall

• Thu 9+Fri 10: Victorian State School Spectacular Rehearsal

• Sat 11: Victorian State School Spectacular \*\*Refeasular\*\*!!!

• Wed 15 – Fri 17: Grade 5 Camp Waratah Bay

• Fri 17: Last Day Term 3, <u>2.30pm</u> 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

Grade 4 Camp Maldon

• Mon 29 – Wed 1:

# 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 Payments in Qkr!)		DUE BY:	AMOUNT:	METHOD:
Prep, 1, 2, 3:	Essential Student Learning Items (stationery) per child	Wed 19 May	\$125	Qkr!
Prep, 1, 2, 3:	Essential Learning Items (bulk/online) per child	Wed 19 May	\$100	Qkr!
Gr 4, 5, 6:	Essential Student Learning Items (stationery) per child	Wed 19 May	\$115	Qkr!
Gr 4, 5, 6:	Essential Learning Items (bulk/online) 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	tbc	\$290	Qkr!
Selected:	Boîte Chorus	Thu 24 Jun	\$50	Qkr!
Selected:	Tournament of Minds	Fri 16 Jul	\$10	Qkr!
Grades 4-6:	Bell PS Athletics Carnival	Mon 19 Jul	\$13	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 <u>ONLY</u> thing we need **you** to do is either sign in LATE <u>at the office</u> (WITH YOUR CHILD), or sign out EARLY <u>at the office</u> **before** collecting your child.

# **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund Applications**

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund 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 <u>PSW</u>. 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) <u>and</u> 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 — <u>www.bellps.vic.edu.au</u> - 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.







We are very excited to announce the arrival of our school playground piano, 'Freya'. Thanks to **Pianos Recycled** and the 'Program for Recycled Educational Pianos in Schools' for this wonderful addition. 'Freya' is a Fritz Kuhla piano that was manufactured in Germany in the 1920s. The students at Bell Primary School are very excited to be able to play her during our playtimes!



# From the Sports Department:

## **BELL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

On Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July, the year 4, 5 and 6 students will be attending the annual Bell Athletics Carnival at the Coburg Harriers Athletics track.

This day is to give all students an opportunity to participate in an athletics carnival and to promote participation in sport across the Bell community. The second goal of the day is to act as a fair and equitable opportunity for students to trial to represent Bell at the Northcote District athletics carnival later in August. All traditional events will be run as well some fun activities to cater for all students abilities.

If there are any parents who area available and willing to support the carnival on the day could you please contact Josh via <a href="mailto:joshua@bellps.vic.edu.au">joshua@bellps.vic.edu.au</a> the more help available on the day, even if only for a short period, will go a long way in ensuring the day is a success.

### **NORTHCOTE WINTER SPORT CARNIVAL**

On Monday 26 July, the Year 6 students will be representing Bell at the Northcote District winter sports carnival. This Year the winter competition will be run as a whole day round robin.

The students will be involved in one of the four interschool sport teams: Mixed AFL, Mixed soccer, Girls Netball and Mixed Netball. Teams that win the round robin will progress through to a final against the winners from the other half of the district on a later date.

We want to wish all the students the best of luck for the day.

Josh Grogan Physical Education Teacher

# **Bully Zero Workshops:**

Next Term, Grades 4, 5 and 6 will be participating in a series of evidence-based bullying prevention workshops which will be facilitated by representatives from Bully Zero. Workshops will focus on:

- Defining bullying and how it impacts young people.
- Developing strategies to help students assess and respond to bullying situations.
- Unpacking the terms 'cyberbullying' and 'online safety' how students can recognise cyberbullying and ways they can protect themselves online.
- Young people will be supported and empowered to recognise the impact of their choices on both themselves and others.

In Term 4, Grade 6 students will also participate in an additional workshop designed to support the transition from primary school to high school, with the aim to help and support them through the uncertainty and challenges such as bullying that may arise during this period.

A parent information session, called 'It Takes a Village,' will be held in the Learning Centre 6:30pm to 8:00pm. This session recognises the importance of the whole school community coming together to help recognise and prevent all types of bullying. The session provides understanding of bullying behaviours, how to recognise it and how to prevent it and manage it.

We encourage you to come along! You will be able to RSVP to attend this information session via a google form which will be sent out in week 1 next term.

Ivy Callander Wellbeing Team





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 <a href="mailto:bellprimaryfete@gmail.com">bellprimaryfete@gmail.com</a>

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.

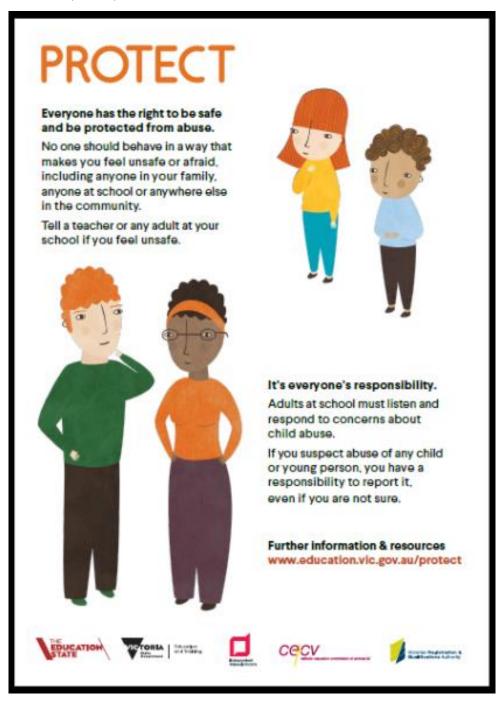
Bell Primary School has zero tolerance for child abuse.

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.



# For the Bell Community





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