



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 Acting Principal:

Parent Opinion Survey

In the coming week, a link to the Department of Education's Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be distributed to a random sample of families. This annual survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate and student engagement, and provides important data that helps track our performance against the School Strategic Plan goals. The survey results provide themes for School Leadership and/or School Council to explore in greater depth, and helps inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Whilst optional, we encourage all families identified through the random selection to participate. The survey will be conducted online, takes approximately 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period - Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September.

Gym/Hall Update

Earlier this week, the VSBA provided a brief update on the gym/hall build. At this point in time, the project delivery team are in the process of preparing documentation to call for tenders from builders as part of a retendering process. VSBA Project Delivery will appoint a project manager to oversee this process and act as superintendent during construction works once a builder has been appointed. Atelier Wagner Architects will remain involved as the principal design consultants.

While we don't yet have a firm timeframe for when tenders will be released, we will continue to work with the VSBA to ensure the school and construction site is safe and secure until a builder is appointed.

Term 3 Parent/Carer Learning Support Document

Earlier this week, Term 3 Parent/Carer Learning Support documents were sent out via Compass Newsfeed. As part of our work around the explicit teaching of social and emotional learning lessons, year level teams are now incorporating this wellbeing learning foci into support documents to enable parents/carers opportunities to reinforce the language and learning at home.

Parents/carers may wish to use the suggestions to reinforce home-school learning connections in curriculum areas through:

- prompting discussions and questions
- linking everyday learning opportunities back to key concepts and themes that are being taught in the classroom and specialist subjects
- exploring additional ways to apply understandings in other contexts.

These documents will continue to remain accessible on Compass Newsfeeds during the term and are also accessible on our school website under the Communication tab.

Emma Heywood
Acting Principal

From School Council:

CALL OUT FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Diversity, inclusion and belonging sub-committee

JOIN US IN SHAPING A MORE INCLUSIVE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

The **Diversity, inclusion and belonging sub-committee** aims to contribute to an environment where all people feel that they belong, they are valued as they are, their contributions are welcome and they have full and equal opportunity to participate, regardless of sex, gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, age, ability, religion, health or socioeconomic status.

As a committee member, you can expect to participate in regular monthly brainstorming sessions, and collaborative projects. Your commitment is flexible, and we understand that everyone has different schedules and availability. *Even if you can only spare a few hours a year, your involvement will make a difference.*

If you are interested in joining our committee or have any questions, please call or text Mia McDonald (parent to Sidney in 1C) on 0405 343 628 or email miamalamcdonald@gmail.com.

2023 Bell PS Calendar:

Enter dates to remember in your diary, or take a screenshot each week for quick reference!



JULY 2023

- Fri 28: Prep Swimming #2/6
- Fri 28: VSSS Rehearsal #4, Basketball Stadium, Keilor
- Fri 28: Assembly, 3pm (weather permitting)
- Sun 30: Last orders for Term 3 Book Club, 9pm
- Mon 31: Gr 1, 2, 4 Swimming Program #5/6

AUGUST 2023

- Tue 1: Gr 3 + 5 Swimming Program #5/6
- Wed 2: Gr 1, 2, 4 Swimming Program #6/6
- Thu 3: Gr 3 + 5 Swimming Program #6/6
- Fri 4: Prep Swimming #3/6
- Fri 4: Assembly, 3pm (weather permitting)
- Fri 4: Bell Trivia Night
- Wed 9: Grade 4 Celebration of Learning
- Fri 11: FINAL DAY COMPASS PAYMENTS/CONSENTS:
*Grade 6 Kids View Conference Incursion
*Grade 6 Regional Debating Competition
*Prep Werribee Zoo Excursion
- Fri 11: Prep Swimming #4/6
- Fri 11: Assembly, 3pm (weather permitting)
- Mon 14: Grade 6 Kids View Conference Incursion
- Tue 15: Northcote District Athletics Carnival
- Tue 15: Prep Werribee Zoo Excursion
- Wed 16: Grade 6 Regional Debating Competition
- Fri 18: Prep Swimming #5/6

- Fri 18: FINAL DAY COMPASS PAYMENT/CONSENT:
Grade 1 Melbourne Museum Excursion
- Fri 18: Assembly, 3pm (weather permitting)
- Tue 22: Grade 1 Melbourne Museum Excursion
- 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

- Thu 14: Grade 6 Big Day Out
- Wed 20: Final Day Term 4, 1.30pm dismissal

Scholastic Book Club – Term 3 – Last Day for Orders:

Last orders for Term 3 today: Friday 30 July @ 9.00pm.

Order online only – see the back of the catalogue for details. Remember that the Book Club is a fundraiser - 15% of all sales are returned to Bell PS as vouchers so educational materials and/or books can be ordered for the school.

Any questions, please email louisegrays@gmail.com



Beanies : Beanies : Beanies : Beanies : Beanies : Beanies:

Bell Beanies are again available for order **via Qkr!** for **\$20 each**.

Keep those heads warm on freezing cold Winter mornings. They're handy for early morning sport on the weekends! The whole family might want one!

Liz Waygood

Beanie Co-ordinator



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

2024 Prep Enrolments Due TODAY



We kindly ask any current Bell families with a 2024 Prep child to submit an enrolment form as soon as possible 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 Requirements Update

As of July 10, Victorian schools are no longer required to keep records of student COVID cases, however the DET recommendation remains in place that any staff or students who test positive for COVID should stay home for 5 days minimum and only return to school when they are symptom-free. We kindly ask that you continue to inform office staff or your child's teacher if your child tests positive for COVID. Free rapid antigen tests are still available at 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.**

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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

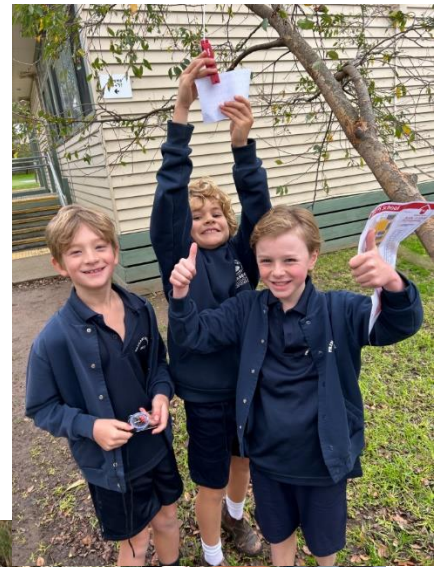
Keyboard : Guitar : Violin : Ukelele : Singing : Dancing : Computer Programming : Sports

From the Grade 4 Team:

This week in year 4, students took part in an orienteering challenge to consolidate our Maths Location unit. This required students to use a range of skills we have learnt in Maths, for example, reading a map including the legend, scale and compass, and orienting the map while running to find clues and complete the set course. This was a fun and active way for students to finish the unit of work.

James Lakin

4A Classroom Teacher



From the Specialist Team:

Specialist Award

This week's Specialist Award winners are

6B!!!!



A HUGE congratulations to 6B for winning the Specialist Award for this week!

They have been doing a fabulous job at showing their creativity within their learning in all specialist classes.

Awesome work, 6B!

Josh, Professoressa Sam, Miss Corinne and Ms S.

Recognise these anyone?

If your child has lost their swimming goggles recently, please have a good look at the photo below in case one of these pink, black or blue ones look familiar. If you believe one belongs to your child, please contact the office on 9480 5622 or bell.ps@education.vic.gov.au. Might come in handy for the next few weeks!



From the FUNdraising Team:

	<h1>Father's & Special Person's Day Stall</h1>
<h2>Friday 1st Sept</h2>	<h3>Friendly Reminder:</h3> <p>It's time to get creative and start thinking about gifts to be made and donated for the stall.</p> 

*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 11th Annual Cocktail Lounge Bar,
With Dance Floor And DJ's To Keep The Party Going

**1 Week Until Trivia
Last Chance For Tickets**

Trivia Is An Enthusiastic Local Community
Trivia Tables Have Sold Out In Record Time,
To Be 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



**CALLING ALL
2024 PREP
ENROLMENTS**



We are 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

For planning purposes, we ask that 2024 Prep enrolment submissions are made by **Friday July 28th 2023**.

Please contact Jessie in the office for any questions about enrolment.



HANDS AROUND PRESTON MARKET

The time has come for everyone who loves **Preston Market**
to come together and show our community strength
and solidarity by holding hands around the entire market!

We want 100% of Preston Market and ALL its traders to STAY!
Public Acquisition is the only solution!

SATURDAY 12th AUGUST
11am @ UNDER PRESTON STATION

Wear bright colours, bring a sign, your families, pots
and pans and be prepared to make some noise!



SCAN ME

#SAVEPRESTONMARKET



HOOKIN2 HOCKEY

COME AND TRY HOCKEY



Hookin2Hockey is an introductory program that caters for all abilities and is super fun!

Ages from 5 and up

\$70 for 8 weeks with our first session for FREE!

All equipment except mouthguards is supplied



Starting Saturday 22nd of July for 8 weeks

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT Rachael Bannan
juniorscoordinator@latrobeunihockey.com