



*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:

Current On-Site COVID Restrictions

Whilst the return to face to face learning has been welcome by all, there are still restrictions in place until the State Government and DET review them in the weeks to come. There are a number of significant adjustments to school operations to help reduce the risk of COVID -19 spreading.

The staggered start and finish times to help reduce mixing across the school community with:

- Families with surnames A–K drop students off between 8:50 – 9:00am
 - Families with surnames L–Z drop students off between 9:00 – 9:10am
 - The **9:15am** bell signals the beginning of whole class learning time.
 - Students that arrive **after this time** will need to be signed in by a parent/carer at the front office.
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- Families with surnames A–K collect children between 3:20–3:30pm
 - Families with surnames L–Z collect children between 3:30–3:40pm

Visitors to the school (including parents and carers) should be kept to a minimum. If you do need to enter a building, please remember to check in using the QR code provided, wear a mask and maintain 1.5m distance.

Where possible, staff are operating in workforce bubbles to minimise mixing in case of future outbreaks and anyone becoming a close contact. This will not affect the daily teaching programs and support for learning by our integration aides. The high level of collaborative team planning will still continue.

Students will predominately work within their classrooms with grade level mixing kept to a minimum unless outside.

Some extra-curricular activities including lunchtime clubs, Boîte choir and the instrumental music programs during school hours have been put on hold for the time being. However, some out of school hours activities such as Kelly Sports, Funky Glee and French Club are able to continue under current guidelines, with specific requirements.

No large gatherings such as school assemblies for now.

Camps and excursions are able to continue at this point in time and we are currently trying to reschedule events such as the Grade 4–6 Aths Carnival, Swimming for the Grade 4s, 3s and 1s and the Winter Sports Gala Day for Grade 6s. Planning for the Grade 5 camp to Waratah Bay is continuing and detailed information will be sent home shortly to those families

Remote and Flexible Learning Feedback Survey

We would greatly appreciate feedback after the latest round of remote and flexible learning if you are able to commit a small amount of time to fill in the short survey via this link:- <https://forms.gle/52rrfrxAyXj6NTxTA>

The Google Form opened yesterday via a Compass Newsfeed, and closes next Wednesday 4 August at 4pm.

Given the uncertainty about future lockdowns, we are committed to continuously refining the home learning model to best accommodate all stakeholders being students, parents/carers and teachers.

Once more. I'd like to offer a heartfelt thank you to all parents/carers who spent precious time each day supporting their children at home. We recognise the added stresses that home learning creates and staff appreciate everyone's efforts to make the best of a challenging situation. Fingers crossed we can have a smooth run of regular school life and that current restrictions across the state will continue to ease over the coming weeks.

Athletics Carnivals

We have re-scheduled the Grade 4-6 Aths Carnival for Monday 16 August at Coburg Athletics Track as we are allowed to re-commence sporting activities. The aim is to have a sports day where every child participates in the range of events Josh has organised as part of the PE program and also assist us to selected a squad to compete in the District event later in the week.

As the timeline is very tight now, parents of the students selected on the Monday will receive a Compass Event Consent notification for the Districts Athletics as soon as practical after Monday's trials. We ask those parents/carers to (1) provide online Event Consent via Compass and (2) pay via Qkr! by Wednesday 18 August, as the District Athletics is scheduled for Thursday 19 August. At this point in time parents and carers are not allowed to attend, however if the restrictions ease before the day, we will certainly welcome everyone.

We will also organise a mini-aths event at school for the Prep to Grade 3s in the near future as we have done in previous years (except for 2020) so the younger students can get a taste of these types of sports activities. There will also be some novelty activities to make it a fun filled time for all. An exact date will be published soon and we hope it will be at time when parents and carers can attend and enjoy the time with the children and staff.

David Twite
Principal

From our Assistant Principal:

Thank you to all parents/carers who took the time to meet with their child's teacher in the virtual environment on Monday and for your flexibility and understanding around the adjustments to original plans. What is evident is how well our school community continues to adapt to the changing environment.

I would also like to thank our staff for the work that they put in to writing the reports that formed the basis for your discussions on Monday, and in making themselves available for parents/carers into the evening.

If you were unable to attend a parent/carer-teacher conference last Monday, please email your child's classroom teacher, to arrange an agreed time to discuss your child's progress.

It has been so great to see students smiling as they returned to onsite learning this week and hear the familiar sounds of joy and laughter coming from the school yard once again.

While most students return to school routines happy and confidently, for some the return to onsite learning is a more difficult adjustment.

Staff will be closely monitoring any children who may be struggling with the transition back, however if you have concerns about how your child is transitioning back to school, please contact your child's classroom teacher. Ongoing contact and a partnered approach in these situations is paramount to ensure we can all work together to support the child.

Emma Heywood
Assistant Principal

From the Office:

2021 Calendar

Dates for
the Diary:

AUGUST

- **Sun 1:** *Scholastic Book Club Orders Close*
- **Wed 4:** Remote + Flexible Learning Feedback Survey closes 4.00pm
- **Thu 5:** ~~Boite Chorus, Melbourne Town Hall~~
Boite Chorus- Final performance date tba

• **Fri 6:** *Bell Trivia Night*

- **Mon 16:** Gr4-6 Athletics Carnival, Coburg Aths Track
- **Thu 19:** District Athletics
- **Mon 23:** Vic State School Spectacular *Workshop tbc*
- **Fri 27:** Vic State School Spectacular *Workshop tbc*

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!!!!
- **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 3: Monday 12 July – Friday 17 September

Term 4: Monday 4 October – Friday 17 December

Payments/Consents Due or Outstanding

EXCURSIONS ARE NOW A TWO STEP PAPERLESS PROCESS:

1. All **Event Consents** are to be provided on **Compass**.
2. All **Event Payments** are to be paid on **Qkr!**

ITEM: (under Payments in Qkr!)	DUE BY:	AMOUNT:	METHOD:
Prep, 1, 2, 3: Essential Student Learning Items (<i>stationery</i>) per child	Wed 19 May	\$125	Qkr!
Prep, 1, 2, 3: Essential Learning Items (<i>bulk/online</i>) per child	Wed 19 May	\$100	Qkr!
Gr 4, 5, 6: Essential Student Learning Items (<i>stationery</i>) per child	Wed 19 May	\$115	Qkr!
Gr 4, 5, 6: Essential Learning Items (<i>bulk/online</i>) per child	Wed 19 May	\$90	Qkr!
All Grades: Educational Program Voluntary Contribution per child	Wed 19 May	\$55	Qkr!
ITEM: (under Excursions in Qkr!)	DUE BY:	AMOUNT:	METHOD:
Selected: Tournament of Minds	Fri 23 Jul	\$10	Qkr!
Grade 4: Camp Maldon	tbc	\$290	Qkr!
Grades 4-6: Bell PS Athletics Carnival	Tue 10 Aug	\$13	Qkr!
Gr6: Northcote District Winter Sport Carnival	tbc	\$22	Qkr!
Selected: District Athletics	Wed 18 Aug	\$20	Qkr!

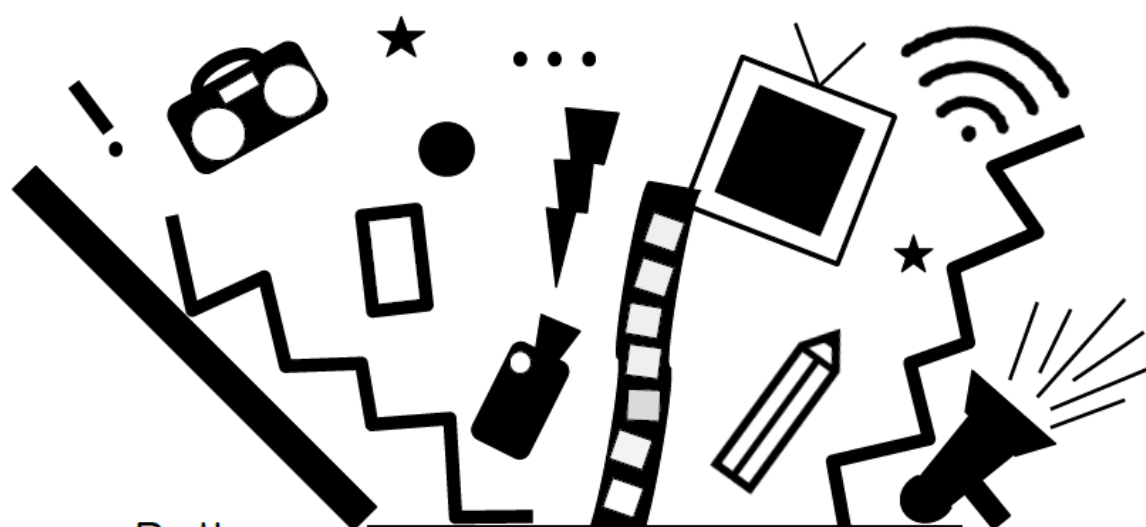
Scholastic Book Club Orders: Close SUNDAY 1 AUGUST

Book Club OUT NOW!



SCHOLASTIC

Bell Writers Festival 2021:



Bell
Writers
Festival
2021!

Save the date!

2nd of
September
Week 8

4:45-5:00
Opening
Ceremony

5:00-7:00
Student
Work
showcase



STATE SCHOOL SPECTACULAR



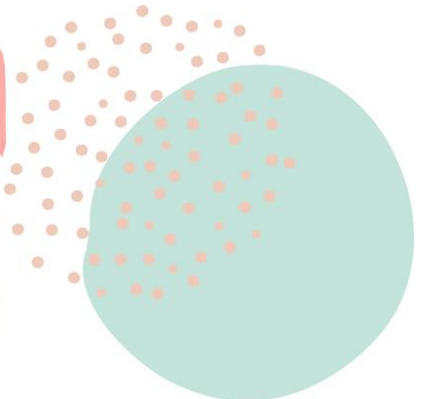
THE VSSS HAS BEEN PRACTISING ALL SIX DANCES DURING LOCK DOWN AND HAVE BECOME MORE CONFIDENT WITH THEM. DUE TO COVID-19 OUR SECOND WORKSHOP HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO A LATER DATE THAT HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED. WE HAVE LEARNED ALL SIX DANCES AND ARE BECOMING SPECTACULAR FOR THE PERFORMANCE. THE PERFORMANCE IS ON SEPTEMBER THE 11TH AND IS AT THE JOHN CAIN ARENA. LAST TERM THE SPEC CAST ATTENDED A WORKSHOP AT IVANHOE EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL. WE LEARNED FOUR DANCES WITH THE HELP OF DION AND A LOVELY WOMAN WHOSE NAME WE CAN'T REMEMBER.

EVERY WEDNESDAY ON THE FIRST BREAK, THE BELL SPEC CLASS AND MRS MCGOWAN GO TO THE MUSIC ROOM AND PRACTISE THE DANCES. THE OTHER TEACHERS COME IN AND WATCH US AND BOOST OUR ENERGY WITH A LIVE AUDIENCE.

ALSO A BIG THANK YOU TO MRS MCGOWAN FOR SPENDING HER BREAKS WITH US SO THAT WE CAN NAIL THESE DANCES. IT SHOWS US THAT SHE CARES MORE ABOUT DANCING WITH US, THAN HAVING A BREAK FROM STUDENTS AND BEING AT MORNING TEA WITH OTHER TEACHERS. SO THANK YOU MRS MCGOWAN.

ALSO THANK YOU MISS S FOR LETTING US USE THE MUSIC ROOM FOR DANCING.

thank you to all the teachers that have helped us with our dances!!!



Bell Trivia Night 2021:



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!

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.



Parentline:

Parentline is a phone service for parents and carers of children from birth to 18 years old. They offer confidential and anonymous counselling and support on parenting issues.

What they do:

The qualified counsellors are available to:

- talk about any issues to do with parenting and relationships
- help with ways to cope and be a positive parent
- help with families' wellbeing and resilience
- connect parents with services in their area.

Your call:

- Calls are confidential and anonymous.
- Calls are not time limited and parents can call back as often as needed.
- Qualified and experienced counsellors have social work or psychology backgrounds.

Some reasons to ring Parentline include:

- child behaviour and development
- parent / carer child relationships
- education
- bullying
- living with teenagers
- family violence
- family breakdown
- parental stress

