



*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:

### NAPLAN for Grade 3 and 5

By now, parents/carers of Grade 3 and 5 students will have received their child's individual NAPLAN results via mail. Each report has an explanation of how to read the results and a summary of skills assessed that will assist parents/carers to understand how their child performed against national standards.

NAPLAN continues to measure and show student achievement in the assessed areas of numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, and grammar and punctuation. However, in a change to the reporting style nationally, results for each area are now classified into one of four proficiency levels: Exceeding, Strong, Developing and Needs additional support.

While there are some benefits to this change in reporting, including more parent/carer friendly language and more meaningful information provided through the skills summary, at a school level the change to how NAPLAN is reported means that 2023 data and onwards is not comparable to previous NAPLAN data. NAPLAN results provide a snapshot of student performance on the day of the test and is one piece of evidence to line up with the range of school-based assessments taken throughout the year. Parents/carers may make a time to discuss the results with the class teacher if they have concerns or questions.

### Parent and Carer Opinion Survey

The families who have been randomly selected to participate in this year's parent/carer survey would have received an email yesterday inviting them to complete the survey.

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*.

### Oakover Road Crossing Supervisor

We are continuing to express our concerns to the local council regarding the Oakover Road crossing being without a supervisor on a **Wednesday** morning and **Thursday** morning and afternoon. We will try to support families crossing the road with a staff member acting as Crossing Supervisor, however this is not always possible.

In the meantime, if your child/ren cross Oakover Road on the above days, please have a conversation about road safety with them and the importance of taking care whilst crossing roads. The council assure us they are in the process of actively recruiting and training new staff, so we are hoping to have another permanent Crossing Supervisor soon.

### Swimming

This week students in Grades 1 to 5 concluded their participation in the swimming program for the year. It is amazing to see in the short space of a few weeks the development of organisational and self-management skills, particularly in our younger students, as they grow further in their independence over the course of the program.

Again, we would like to thank Josh for his organisation of the program and for staff in their flexibility and adjustments to regular classroom programs.

**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](mailto:miamalamcdonald@gmail.com).

# 2023 Bell PS Calendar:

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



## AUGUST 2023

- **Fri 4:** **FINAL DAY COMPASS PAYMENT/CONSENT:**  
\* **Grade 5** Waratah Bay Camp\*
- Fri 4: **Prep** Swimming #3/6
- Fri 4: Assembly, 3pm (weather permitting)
- **Fri 4:** **Bell Trivia Night**
- Wed 9: **Prep** 101 Days of School
- 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\*  
\***Northcote District Athletics Carnival**\*
- 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
- **Wed 16:** **FINAL DAY COMPASS PAYMENT/CONSENT:**  
\***Grade 4** Dream City Incursion\*  
\***Tournament of Minds**\*
- Fri 18: **Prep** Swimming #5/6
- **Fri 18:** **FINAL DAY COMPASS PAYMENT/CONSENT:**  
\***Grade 1** Melbourne Museum Excursion\*
- Fri 18: Assembly, 3pm (weather permitting)
- **Sat 19+Sun 20:** **Tournament of Minds**
- **Mon 21:** **Grade 4** Dream City Incursion
- **Tue 22:** **Grade 1** Melbourne Museum Excursion
- **Fri 25:** **Wear It Purple Day**

- Fri 25: **Prep** Swimming #6/6
- Fri 25: Assembly, 3pm (weather permitting)
- Tue 29: **Gr5 only** – Fathers + Special Person's Day Stall
- **Wed 30 – Fri 1.9:** **Grade 5** Waratah Bay Camp

## SEPTEMBER 2023

- Fri 1: **Gr P-4+6** - Father's + Special Person's Day Stall
- Fri 1: Assembly, 3pm (weather permitting)
- **Mon 4:** **FINAL DAY COMPASS PAYMENT/CONSENT:**  
\* **Grade 6** Museo Italiano Excursion\*
- **Wed 6:** **Grade 6** Museo Italiano Excursion
- **Thu 7:** **VSSS Rehearsal #5**, John Cain Arena
- **Fri 8:** **VSSS Rehearsal #6**, John Cain Arena
- **Fri 8:** Assembly, 3pm (weather permitting)
- **Mon 11:** **Grade 3** Scienceworks Excursion
- **Fri 15:** Cupcake Stall Fundraiser
- **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**

## 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. Grab one for every member of the family!

**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



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:

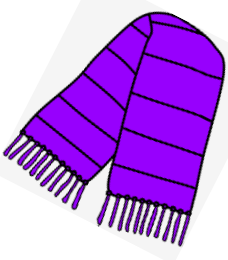
**Keyboard : Guitar : Violin : Ukelele : Singing : Dancing : Computer Programming : Sports**

# WEAR IT PURPLE

On **Friday 25 August 2023** Bell students, staff and community will recognise and celebrate 'Wear it **Purple** Day'. 'Wear it **Purple** Day' was founded by students in response to global stories of LGBTQIA+ youth taking their own lives due to bullying and harassment.

By wearing **purple** on this day, we are demonstrating to rainbow young people that they are seen, supported and respected. We want them to be proud of who they are and who they are becoming. This year's theme is "Write Your Story", which speaks to the importance of personal expression and individuality.

Everyone at Bell is invited to wear a splash of **purple** on this day to celebrate and promote the value of diversity and inclusion.





## From the Prep Team:

During Inquiry this week, the Preps have been researching animals and what makes them special. We have been discussing different features that animals may have such as claws, teeth, beaks and their coverings. Using inspiration from our favourite animals, we are taking these special features and have begun to design our own unique animals. Using different materials, we have turned our designs into 3D models. To continue our Inquiry, we will be going to the Zoo to get up close to our favourite animals. Stay tuned!

**Thom Chandler**

**Prep B Classroom Teacher**



## From the Grade 2 Team:

In Grade 2 Reading, students have been exploring fables and making inferences about characters, their personality traits and the lessons they learned. In fables, there is always a moral to the story to help teach us a lesson. In Writing, students had a go at writing their own fables using their own characters who needed to learn a lesson from their mistakes.

**Miss Georgiou**  
**2B Classroom Teacher**

### **Fable: The Cow and the Snake**

**by Indie, 2B**

"There once was a cow who was as sharing as a sharing machine, but one day she met a mean snake. He was vicious, nosy, selfish, bad, carefree, fast, mean, impatient and cool. He huffed, puffed and panted as he quickly slithered across the grass.

Cow said "Hop on my back, I can carry you".

"NO!!" yelled snake. "This is my space and it will stay like that!"

The next day, snake tripped on a tree root and nearly drowned in a pond as he tried to escape humans from capturing him. He went to cow's backyard. There he saw cow having a picnic with her teddy. Then snake asked "why can't I be treated nicely?".

The wise and patient cow explained "You need to learn how to share".

"OK!" shouted snake. So from then on, he did."

### **Fable: The Bear and the Skunk**

**by Leo, 2B**

"Once there was a mean skunk. He was having a bad DAY! He decided to calm down and go for a walk. He bumped into a bear. Just then he got mad and shouted at the bear. He saw RED! He said to the bear he only cared about himself so get out of my way said the skunk. Then he kept walking but then he tripped on the floor then came the bear who helped the skunk get up. He said thank you and the skunk learned a lesson which was not to take your anger out on other people!"



# Father's & Special Person's Day Stall



## It's time to get creative

Here are some ideas to make or donate:

- BBQ rubs & sauces
- Braided keyrings
- Bookmarks
- Secondhand books
- DIY stress balls
- Seeds & Seedlings
- Flannels & soap
- Jams & Relishes
- Bath Bombs
- Special person day coupons
- Snack bags & baked goodies
- Painted picture frames
- Home drawn coasters
- Home made keyrings
- Decorated jars as organiser
- Sleeping eye masks
- Decorated mugs
- Rocks Paperweights

**Grade 5's**  
(on camp on Fri)  
**Tue 29th Aug**

**Main Stall**  
**Fri 1st Sept**





**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](mailto:bell.ps@education.vic.gov.au)**

For planning purposes, we ask that Prep enrolment submissions are made as soon as possible, as the formal enrolment window has now ended.

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





## Get Registered for 23-24

**ROSEBANK CRICKET CLUB**  
**JUNIORS REGISTRATION**  
Day 10<sup>TH</sup> September



**Age Groups**  
**Under 10's, 12's, 14's**  
**16's and Under 18's**

**For All Enquiries Email:**  
[juniorsrosebank1922@gmail.com](mailto:juniorsrosebank1922@gmail.com)

**REGISTRATION DATE:**  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept  
**TIME:** 10am

**HOME OF ROSEBANK CC:**  
**LE COTCHIN RESERVE**  
Cnr Hughes Pde & Massey Ave  
Reservoir



# 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**





**SANTA MARIA  
COLLEGE**

A CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

**YEAR 7 2025 APPLICATIONS  
CLOSE AUGUST 18 2023**

**VERY LIMITED PLACES FOR  
YEAR 7 2024**

**ENROL NOW -  
APPLY ONLINE**



**Contact the College:**

**Phone:** 9488 1600

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