



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:

Trivia Night

We had a highly successful event last Friday evening with the two main goals well and truly achieved. Firstly, the engagement, connections and fun for many of the adults in our school community, and secondly the chance to raise some funds for the school. The fundraising focus this year is to raise money for the extra fit-out of some special lighting and audio equipment for the gym/hall. This will enable us to fulfil our full vision of a community hub for school gatherings, sports/PE and performing arts.

The Trivia Night is a great example of the Community Engagement and FUNdraising Group's work this year and I would like to specifically thank Nicole Rose and her team of helpers for the extraordinary job they did. Scroll down to page 12 for the full details from the Trivia Team with a few great visuals of the night's escapades.

Bell Primary Community Forum

You're invited to attend our Community Forum and Annual School Meeting. The Forum is an invaluable opportunity to engage in the life of the school and actively participate in discussions on key aspects of school life including: education, community engagement and fundraising, infrastructure and master planning, diversity and inclusion, and environmental sustainability. Your insights will help to create a stronger partnership between home and school and enhance the educational experience of our students.

Bell Primary School Councillors and myself hope to see many parents engaging in this event, as together we make a real difference.

When/Where: Thursday 7 September at 7.15pm-8.30pm in the Learning Centre

Register here: <https://forms.gle/K5k4UUZXLWjGmzJB9>

101 Days of School

A huge litter of little dalmatians arrived in the Prep rooms on Wednesday to celebrate 101 days of learning. Their teachers Gab, Sarah, Christine and Thom embraced the student-led idea and we had an amazing number of parents and carers join in the fun and learning during the morning sessions. A surprise visit from Cruella de Vil later in the day certainly stirred things up but at the end of the day all the dalmatian puppies went home full of stories and ready for a big night's sleep.



P-5 Swimming

The three week intensive swimming program finished for Grade 1 to Grade 5 students last week and we have received some very positive feedback on the behaviour and enthusiasm of the students from the team at Elite swimming. Parents, carers and staff should be very proud of the way our students conduct themselves when representing the school at events, excursions, and camps for the older ones. We regularly receive similar comments when various groups are out in the community and I will be congratulating them once more at Assembly this afternoon.

I would like to thank all staff on the flexibility required during the three weeks of disrupted classroom and specialist programs, however swimming lessons are an essential part of a comprehensive Physical Education Curriculum. A huge thank you to PE leader Josh Grogan for his excellent co-ordination of the program. The Preps will continue with their lessons on Fridays for a few more weeks.

Parent and Carer Opinion Survey

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

Whilst technically optional, I hope that all families randomly selected to participate will take some time to provide us with their feedback. 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.

Leadership Team

I would like to acknowledge the leadership team's efforts whilst I was on long service leave for the first part of this term. From all accounts, Emma led the school with the extreme competence and super organisation we have grown accustomed to since she arrived over four years ago. Other formal leaders, Xenia Matani and Gab Goss, were also great supports juggling their usual roles with extra leadership tasks while I was indulging in some leave. Thanks also to Paul and Jack (our Maths Specialists) who stepped up when required to help the team.

It is nice to be back this week to see the students and teachers, and greet many parents/carers in the yard.

David Twite
Principal

2023 Bell PS Calendar:

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



AUGUST 2023

- **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**
- **Mon 21:** **Grade 6 Term 3 Sports Day**
- **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:** **Grade 1 Celebration of Learning**
- **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:** **Community Forum + Annual Meeting,**
7.15pm, Learning Centre
- **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**

Scholastic Book Club Thanks:

Hello Parents and Carers,

We would like to thank all of you who bought books from Book Club. We have earned over \$580 dollars in rewards to spend on books that students have requested through our book request boxes, including Ninja Kid 12, Dragon Girl: Grace the Cove Dragon and WeirDo 16: Tasty WeirDo.



Also a big thanks to the parents who spent lots of their time covering the books, a big thanks to Louise Gray for organising the Book Club catalogue deliveries to make sure the orders arrive on time, and Walt Gray for sorting the books so that the books go to the right students and classes.

Maya, GA

101 Days of Prep!

On August the 9th, the preps dressed up as dalmatians celebrating 101 days of their first year at school. They made their puppy costumes at home with their parents by sticking and drawing black spots on white t-shirts and pants. The preps are excited for what will be in for them later this year and into grade 1.

The grade 6 news leaders interviewed a pair of very good doggies to get their insights into life on the leash:

Q: How were your first 101 days of school?

A: *Good*

Q: What was your favourite subject?

A: *Swimming and maths*

Q: What was your favourite part of this year?

A: *Dressing up as puppies!*

Q: How did you make the puppy suits?

A: *Stapled, stuck and drew spots on*

Q: Who made them?

A: *My mum*

Q: Are you excited for the next 101 days?

A: *Yeah*

Margot, Xavier, Nicolas, Hamish and Sam

Bell PS News Leaders

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.



Term 3 Clubs:

New Clubs for term 3 have begun this week. Teachers will supervise a range of activities that students can participate in at break times throughout the week. Students can choose the ones they wish to go to each week. At eating time each day students will be reminded of the Clubs that are on for that particular break.

<p>Monday</p>	<p><u>First break:</u></p> <p>*Card Club in the Learning Centre with Ramzey</p> <p>*Sustainability Club - Clean Up Crew (Weeks 5, 7, 9, T4 - W2) - Grades P-2 meet at the Italian room with Ms G (Weeks 6, 8) - Grades 3-6 meet at the Italian room with Ms G (Week 10, T4 - W1) - Grades 3-6 meet at the Italian room with Prof Sam</p> <p>*State School Spectacular (selected students only) inside the Learning Centre with Ms S and Sarah (Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8, 10).</p> <p><u>Second Break:</u></p> <p>*Lego Club in the Learning Centre with David</p>
<p>Tuesday</p>	<p><u>First Break:</u></p> <p>*Debating (Grades 5 and 6) upstairs in the Main Building with Mrs Mac and Ramzey</p> <p>*Just Dance Club (Grades 1-3) Room 18 with Kerry</p> 
<p>Wednesday</p>	<p><u>Second Break:</u></p> <p>*Tournament of the Minds (Grades 4 -6) select students only - upstairs in the Open Space with Stacey and Mr Nicho</p> 
<p>Thursday</p>	<p><u>First break:</u></p> <p>*Sustainability Club (Grades 3-6) in Room 11 with Ivy and James</p> <p>*Reading Club in the Library with Ms Elsbury</p> <p>*AUSLAN Club upstairs in Room 2 with Mr Singh</p> <p>*Basketball Tournament (Grades 4-6) on the basketball court with Dimi</p> 
<p>Friday</p>	<p><u>First break:</u></p> <p>*Dungeons and Dragons Club (Invite Only) upstairs with Ramzey</p> <p>*State School Spectacular (selected students only) in the Learning Centre with Ivy and Sarah (Weeks 1, 3, 5, 7, 9)</p> <p>Coding Club (Grades 4-6) in Learning Centre Room 2 with Thom</p> <p>Basketball Tournament (Grades 4-6) on the basketball court with Dimi</p> 

101 Days of Prep!



On Wednesday, our Preps celebrated 101 days of school by dressing as dalmatians.

We were lucky enough to have a large number of Prep families join us for some fun activities in the Learning Centre in the morning. Thank you to everyone who was able to come along.

The puppies did cause some (fun and welcomed) chaos throughout the day though! They sneakily went into lots of classrooms and areas of the school to practise their barking and celebrate this milestone with their buddies and friends in other year levels.

Thankfully, they had lots of barking practice during those visits so were able to scare away Cruella and Jasper when they showed up unannounced!!

A big thank you to the Prep families for the effort that went into the outfits for the day. The creative ways that you all came up with to turn your Prep into a dalmatian for a day were nothing short of amazing!

Congratulations on reaching 101 days of school Preps, we are very proud of all of you!

101 Days of Prep!

A collage of 15 photographs showing children and adults in Dalmatian-themed costumes and face paint, celebrating 101 Days of Prep. The photos are arranged in a grid-like fashion, with some images overlapping. The subjects include: a family of four (father, mother, and two children) in the top left; a boy with a Dalmatian mask and headband; two girls in Dalmatian costumes; a boy in a Dalmatian costume; a girl with purple glasses and a Dalmatian headband; two girls in Dalmatian costumes; a girl with a Dalmatian mask and headband; a girl with a Dalmatian mask and headband; a girl with a Dalmatian mask and headband; a girl with a Dalmatian mask and headband; a girl with a Dalmatian mask and headband; a girl with a Dalmatian mask and headband; a girl with a Dalmatian mask and headband; a girl with a Dalmatian mask and headband; a girl with a Dalmatian mask and headband. The background of the collage is a black and white pattern of Dalmatian spots.

From Grade 1B:

In 1B during Inquiry, we have been learning about how things have changed over time.

For example, we have learned that in the past people had to be at home if you wanted to call them because nobody had mobile phones. Houses in the past did not always have a kitchen or a bathroom inside.

In our Inquiry lessons, we have looked at pictures of clothes, phones, household items, and other technology that has changed. We have also brought in items from our homes that people don't really use any more like cassette tapes and CDs, dolls made of wood, a mobile phone that could only be used to make phone calls and send messages.

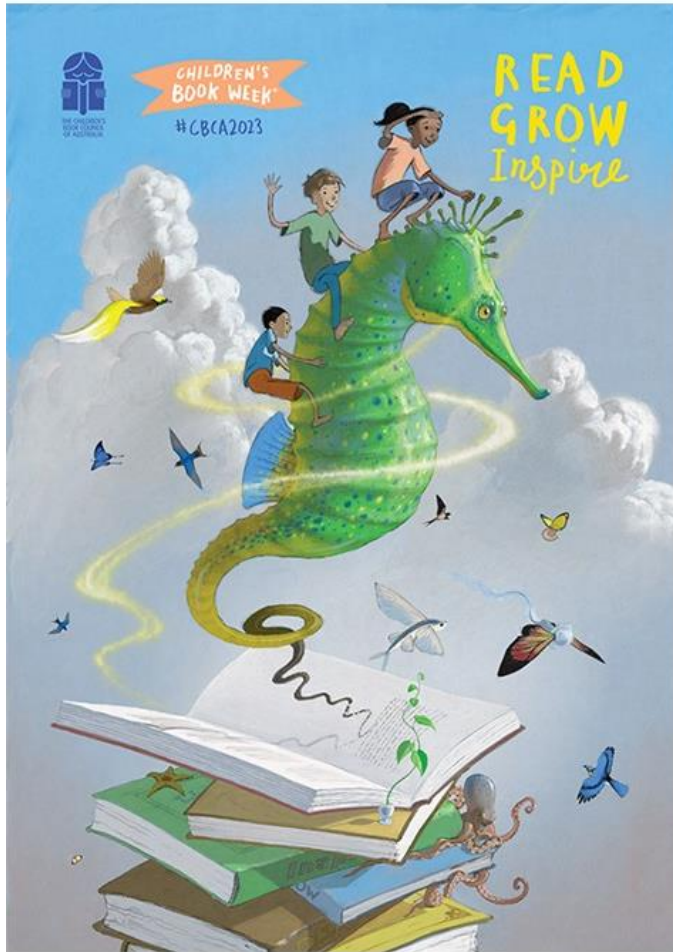
We have also been doing research at home with our parents about a subject that we are interested in. We are finding information about cars, houses, games, toys and food and describing what they were like in the past and what they are like now.

To learn even more, we will be going to the museum on an excursion in Week 7 and we are so excited!



↑ Some pictures of objects from our home that are from the past. ↑

Hannah Jamieson
Grade 1B Classroom Teacher



Book Week 2023

Book week is fast approaching, and teachers are busy planning and organising lessons to tie in with this year's theme 'Read, Grow, Inspire' for their classes.

To celebrate Book Week as a whole school this year, students will be participating in cross-age activities within their house groups on the morning of Thursday August 24th.

During the house group activities, students of all ages will read several of the short-listed picture books for this year and work together to complete some fun activities!

From the Trivia Night FUNdraising Team:

DECADE DANCE



CELEBRATING AN UNFORGETTABLE TRIVIA NIGHT!

We are thrilled to share the incredible success of our School Fundraising Trivia Night! Thanks to your overwhelming support and enthusiasm, the event was an absolute blast, filled with laughter, excitement, and memorable moments.

AMAZING ACHIEVEMENTS:

Together, we raised a staggering **\$12,810.35** profit, setting a record for the event and bringing us one step closer to our goal of purchasing sound and lighting equipment in our highly anticipated school gym/hall. Your generosity has made an impact and we could not be more grateful!

HEARTFELT THANKS:

A special shout-out to Bell parents Andrew and Steve from Northcote Theatre! They were an absolute dream to work with and I think you would all agree that the venue on the night was perfection! Show your appreciation by getting to a gig, movie or show soon.

NORTHCOTETHEATRE.COM

AMAZING SUPPORT RECEIVED FROM LOCAL TRIVIA HOST

Tom from The Merri Bar! Solid questions, witty delivery and donating his time and energy to our Bell community. Support the legend by dropping by The Merri Bar at miller st stops and if you want to prepare for 2024, Trivia kicks off at 7pm Tuesdays @MERRIBAR

COMMUNITY SUPPORT:

A huge thanks to all the amazing donors who generously contributed prizes, vouchers, and support to our event. Your contributions added an extra spark of excitement and made our night truly memorable. Let's get behind these businesses and continue to support our amazing local community

WE HAVE UNCLAIMED PRIZES FROM THE NIGHT SO WE WILL RANDOMLY GENERATE TABLE NUMBERS AND CONNECT THE WINNING TABLE CAPTAINS.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY:

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our wonderful community for showing up in full force! Your presence and participation made the evening even more enjoyable. Also, to those that donated before and on the night, we could not have achieved this remarkable success without you.

We are always open to feedback and ideas, please email through to BELLTRIVIANIGHT@GMAIL.COM

APPLAUSE FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS AND SCHOOL STAFF:

A big round of applause to our dedicated volunteers who were instrumental in making the night a success - Rebecca, Fraser, Rachael, Shelly, Charles, Alice, Vanessa and Mike.

A huge thanks to school staff who supported behind the scenes, we couldn't do it without you -Tania, Jessie, Joanne, Luisa, Emma, David and Miss S.

An extra big thank you to Sam Baker, Spencer Tennant and Nicole Rose who put in countless hours to ensure the smooth running of the event. Your hard work and commitment were instrumental in making this night a resounding success.

RELIVING THE FUN MOMENTS:

As we reflect on the night, we cannot help but smile at the sight of everyone having a fantastic time. The trivia challenges, paper plane comp, and outstanding themed dress added a special charm to the event, leaving us with cherished memories.

Congratulations to the Trivia Masters **Peaky Blinders** and for Best Dressed – **Fantales!**

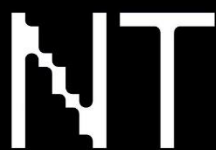
TOGETHER, WE MADE A DIFFERENCE:

Once again, thank you all for making our School Fundraising Trivia Night a resounding success. Your unwavering support continues to inspire us and reinforces the strength of our community.

OVER AND OUT, TEAM TRIVIA NIGHT



A HUGE THANKS TO OUR TRIVIA NIGHT 2023 SUPPORTERS



NORTHCOTE THEATRE
northcotetheatre.com

FS8 PILATES STUDIO
fs8.com

LUNATIC ENTERTAINMENT
(on behalf of students Rosie and Timmy)
lanewayfestival.com

THE LOCAL DROP
thelocaldrop.com.au

WHITES BIKES
whitesbikes.com.au

BAKES & BAGELS
Insta: @bakesandbagels

THE PEACOCK HOTEL
peacockinnhotel.com

RETROPOLIS
retropolis.com.au

CASA NATA
casanata.com.au

GIOCO GIRO
giocogiro.com.au

MEDSAFE PHARMACY
medsafepharmacy.com.au



QUEST PRESTON
questapartments.com.au

MERRI BAR
Insta: @themerribar

GILLS FISH & CHIPS
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CLASSROOM CUISINE
classroomcuisine.com.au

GREEN ON MILLER
greenonmiller.com.au

TWISTED VINE
twistedvinewines.com.au

OLD PALM LIQUOR
oldpalmliquor.com.au

NORTHERN BARBER SHOP
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DEN DEKE
dendeke.com.au

FLIPPED HAIR
flipped.com.au

SEANORA FISH & CHIPS
Insta: @seanorathornbury

NOKIA MOBILE PHONES

LET'S CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR AMAZING LOCAL BUSINESSES!



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**

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.



KICKING GOALS

WOMEN AND GIRLS

A NIGHT OF CELEBRATION

Come and join the Preston Bullants Junior Football Club (PBJFC) to celebrate women and girls at our club's open night.

In a family friendly environment, we welcome women and girls to come and have a go!

Listen to our female players share their journey from playing with the Bullants through to the big time with the AFLW.

Enjoy time with new and old friends.

NEW and **EXISTING** families are welcome!

Expressions of interest for the 2024 season will be taken on the night.

6.00-7.00pm: Skills clinic for ages 7 – 18

7.00-7.30pm: Special guest presentations including North Melbourne's Emma King

7.30 – 8.30pm: Pizza /Social Night

Invite a friend or family member to come and enjoy this **FREE** club event!

Friday August 25th 2023

6.00pm Start/8.30pm Finish

W Ruthven Vc Reserve

2-24 Malpas Street Preston 3072

RSVP: secretary@prestonbullantsjfc.com.au

REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE BEFORE 23RD OF AUGUST 2023



A FAMILY FRIENDLY CLUB, FULL OF FUN AND HEALTHY COMPETITION

#ChangeOurGame

This project is generously supported by the Change our Game Community Activation Grants program.



Weekly sessions to introduce children aged 6–9 to netball in a fun and engaging way.

- Learn new skills
- Make new friends
- Prepare for joining a playing team in 2024

Contact

netsetgo@brunswicknetballclub.org
to register interest.

St. Raphaels Basketball



Our mission is to make basketball participation accessible, foster friendships, teamwork, sportsmanship and a appreciation of playing the game.

Boys and Girls aged 5 - 19

All contact welcomed

Instagram: straphaelstars

Email: straphsbasketball@gmail.com