



*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:

### Grade 4 Bike Ed and Camp

Grade 4 have been participating in Bike Ed lessons this term, starting with building their skills and knowledge within the school grounds. This week they ventured onto roads close to the school to apply themselves in real situations. Thanks to the two parents (Nic and Zara) who joined the staff to supervise along the route.



Next week they head to Camp where their riding skills and road knowledge will be tested on two longer bike rides, both on bush tracks and into the beautiful township of Marysville. Lots of other Outdoor Ed activities will fill their three days and two nights. We anticipate a strong sense of achievement at the end of their first Bell camping experience. The week following Camp, Bike Ed continues at school with more extensive rides around the local streets to hone their riding skills and safety awareness. Extra helpers are required for the street rides on Tuesday mornings.

### Bell RAP

The Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group is building momentum as a process is developed to engage key stakeholders on what a RAP vision looks like for our community. They are liaising with our area Koorie Education Support Officer (KESO) to analyse where our strengths and gaps are in the various areas of the RAP process. Look out for a RAP WhatsApp post and Compass Newsfeed to collect parent/carers thoughts on the vision.

### Parking Around the School

Parking at Bell is always a challenge, especially in Scotia Street. Drivers need to be considerate of others when parking and, in particular, the local residents. Please ensure there is enough space between vehicles, so no-one is entirely boxed in. Parking in front of driveways *cannot* occur. The Kiss 'n' Go spots are for a quick turnaround; cars in these spaces *must not* be left unattended. One option is to arrive a few minutes earlier for drop offs and pickups and use the surrounding streets where a short walk is necessary. This will help to ease the pressure in Scotia Street, as safety is always the number one priority for all of the Bell Community.

### 2026 Students Numbers

I request that any existing families planning to leave Bell for whatever reason by the end of the year, please contact the office as soon as you have definitive plans to help us adjust our predicted numbers for 2026. With a staffing shortage in the system, the sooner we can establish accurate enrolment numbers for next year, the sooner we have a clearer understanding of staffing requirements.

*David Twite, Principal*

## 2025 Calendar:

### August

Fri 15: Prep Swimming Program #3  
 Fri 15: VSSS Rehearsal #4  
**Fri 15: Bell Trivia Night – Clubs or Cults**  
 Mon 18-Wed 20: Gr4 Camp Marysville  
 Wed 20: Gr5 Sovereign Hill, \$70  
 Wed 20: Prep Firefighter Visit #1  
 Fri 22: Prep Swimming Program #4  
**Sat 23: Tournament of Minds**  
 Mon 25: District Athletics, Coburg Harriers Club, \$30  
 Thu 28: Gr1 Museum Excursion, \$27.50  
 Fri 29: Prep Firefighter Visit #2  
 Fri 29: Prep Swimming Program #5  
**Fri 29: Wear It Purple Day**

### September

Mon 1-Fri 5: Bell Book Week – ‘Book an Adventure’  
 Mon 1: Bell Book Week Parade, 9am, gym  
 Tue 2: Gr1 + Gr2 Celebration of Learning  
 Wed 3: Gr4 Celebration of Learning  
 Fri 5: Prep Swimming Program #6 (final)  
 Tue 9: Gr3 Sleepover Info Session, 5pm, online  
 Wed 10: Gr3 Celebration of Learning  
 Thu 11: VSSS Rehearsal #5  
 Fri 12: VSSS Rehearsal #6  
 Fri 12: P-3 Mini-Athletics Carnival  
**Sat 13: Victorian State School Spectacular!!!**  
 Tue 16: Gr6 Camp Info Session, 5pm, online  
 Wed 17: Prep Celebration of Learning  
 Thu 18: Gr3 Sleepover  
 Fri 19: Final day Term 3 – 2.30pm dismissal  
**Fri 19: Community Celebration for David’s Retirement**  
**2.30-4.00, details tba**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!**

### October

Mon 6: First day Term 4  
 Mon 6-Thu 9: Gr6 Camp Jungai  
**Wed 15: The Great Primary School Mystery, 6-7pm**  
**Thu 16: The Great Primary School Mystery, 6-7pm**  
 Tue 21: Gr5 Yarning Conference  
 Tue 21: Gr3 BYOD Info Session, online  
 Fri 24: International Day of Climate Action  
 Fri 31: World Teacher’s Day

### November

**Mon 3: Common Professional Practice Day (Pupil-Free)**  
**Tue 4: Melbourne Cup Public Holiday**  
 Fri 14: Gr6 Coburg High School Excursion  
 Tue 18: Gr5 Camp Info Session, 5pm, online  
 Tue 25: Funkey Music EOY Concert, LC

### December

Mon 1-Wed 3: Gr5 Camp Anglesea  
 Wed 3: International Day of People with Disabilities  
 Tue 9: Statewide Gr6 to Yr7 Transition Day  
 Thu 11: Gr3-6 Swimming Carnival  
 Fri 12: Gr6 Luna Park Excursion  
 Thu 18: Gr6 Graduation Night  
**Fri 19: Final day Term 4 – 1.30pm dismissal**

## From the Office #1:

### Office Hours: 8.00am – 4.30pm

Lu Paglia, Business Manager:	School Council, Finance, Fundraising	Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri
Jo Taylor, Finance Administration:	Events, Payments	Mon, Wed, Fri
Tania Levens, Administration:	Newsletter, Facilities, OHS	Tue – Fri
Jessie Storm, Student Administration:	Enrolments, Medical, Compass	Mon – Fri

☺ Please email Newsletter items directly to Tania at [bell.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:bell.ps@education.vic.gov.au) ☺

## Update: SSB Use for School Activities

The Department has finalised the transfer of SSB funds to schools for allocation to events. Any new events will now automatically have SSB applied before you give consent, **UNLESS** you have notified Jo Taylor that you would like to save it for future Camp payment.

For existing events, please email Jo Taylor to allocate SSB for your child/ren.

We will distribute Family Statements shortly to advise families of their SSB balances, if any.

Please send all emails to [bell.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:bell.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

## TeamKids:

To enquire about enrolling your child/ren into TeamKids for Before or After School Care, or any Curriculum Day or Holiday Program, please make initial contact at either [www.teamkids.com.au](http://www.teamkids.com.au) or 1300 035 000.

## 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 (far side of the basketball court) run by two fantastic family volunteers twice per week – Wednesday mornings around drop-off time and Friday afternoons from 3:15-3:45. Don't forget your gold coins – **no credit or credit card facility is available**.

## Late Arrivals, Early Departures + Authorised Pick-ups

Don't forget to come through the front office before going to the classroom for any late arrivals (after 9am) or early departures (before 3:30pm). Your child must be signed in/out on the Compass Kiosk and the corresponding card should be taken to give to your child's teacher, indicating that you have completed the arrival/departure process.

**\*\* CHILDREN ARRIVING LATE MUST BE WALKED TO THEIR CLASSROOM BY A PARENT/CARER \*\***

If your child will be collected early for any reason by someone who is not their legal guardian, the school office must be informed in advance as your child cannot be signed out in these instances without authorisation from a parent/carer.

## From the Office #2:

### Extra-Curricular Activities

Please see the Community tab on our [website](#) for details on activities offered both after school and/or during school time in Room 18 + 19 – always make direct contact with the provider:

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



### Working With Children Checks

Parents/carers who intend to participate in any volunteering with the school (eg reading, excursion support, etc) **must** hold a current Working With Children Check card. Even if you don't have your name down for any volunteering on the immediate horizon, we strongly suggest applying for a WWCC as soon as possible- a Volunteer WWCC is free! List Bell Primary on your WWCC application and we will automatically receive a copy in the mail for our records, or you can supply your card to the front office for us to add to our parent/carer register. If you are a current VIT card holder, you can provide to the office in lieu of a WWCC.



NB- if you are volunteering with activities onsite that don't involve working directly with students (eg organising resources, fundraising stall set-up, etc), you must still hold a valid WWCC and supply it to the office.

[Click here to apply for a WWCC.](#)

**PLEASE NOTE:** All school volunteers must also have completed the OHS Volunteer Induction process to be able to volunteer. The fourth Induction Session is likely to be held late this term. Details will be advised via a Compass Newsfeed.

### Lost Library Book Procedure

If your child has lost a school library book, please follow the steps below:

1. On the Qkr! app, select Bell Primary School -> Payments -> Lost library book
2. Make a payment of \$5 per lost book
3. Email a screenshot of your [receipt](#) and child's name to [bell.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:bell.ps@education.vic.gov.au)
4. School staff will then remove the lost/overdue book from your child's library account



### Head Lice



We've been told that head lice are going around again at the moment. **We kindly request that all families check and treat their child/ren's hair if needed over the weekend so that we can help curb this issue as effectively as possible.**

Could we also please request that students with mid-length/long hair have it tied up while at school to minimise opportunities for head lice to spread.

Students with live head lice must receive treatment before being able to return to school.



## From the *Directed Drawing Club*:

This week at Directed Drawing Club we learnt how to draw a pizza! At this Club, you can follow the instructions on a video on the big screen or choose from a variety of printed instructions. If you love drawing, come along on Mondays during second break to Lisa and Christine's room in the Learning Centre.

If you'd like to try drawing the pizza at home, you can find the video instructions [HERE!](#)





## From the *Green Thumbs Club*:

Green Thumbs is on every Wednesday with Christine! If you care about your school and the environment, come along to Green Thumbs Club where we help by picking up and sorting rubbish we find around the school. We also do some gardening from time to time.



## **\*\*Cardboard Boxes Needed\*\***

We still need many, many more flatpacked cardboard boxes to stop weeds from growing in the newly developing garden areas so, if you have any large boxes to spare, please flatpack them and drop them off at the office any time.





## From the Music Room:

### BELL PRIMARY 'SCHOOL OF ROCK 2025' PERFORMANCE

The Bell Primary School **Rock Band**, 'Bangers and Mash,' took to the stage to perform at the **19<sup>th</sup> SCHOOL OF ROCK** event on July 1<sup>st</sup>. They 'rocked out' along with many other Primary and Secondary schools in the North-Western Region of Victoria.

To view a video of their performance, please click [here](#)!

To read about the talented members, please visit the following pages!

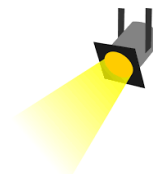
Rock on!

**Ms S**





## ! Bell Spotlight !



### Say Hello To Our Rock Band: “Bangers + Mash”

#### Felix:

**What is your favourite thing about the Rock Band?**

Being the one that gets forgotten about the most because people don't notice the bass until it's gone and then they freak out, ha ha.

**Is this your first time in a band?**

Nope, I was in it last year and had a blast; would do it a 3rd time. 10/10.

**Have you been to any concerts? If so, which was your favourite one?**

Oasis. Went to it. Liked it. It was fun.

**What is your favourite genre of music?**

Indie! Surprisingly, mostly a band called AJR. They're good, trust.



#### Ngiga:

**What is your favourite thing about being in the Rock Band?**

I get to sing and learn new music with my amazing colleagues!

**Who is your favourite artist and why?**

My favourite band is Radiohead; one of my favourite songs is Creep by Radiohead.

**Have you been to any concerts? If so, which was your favourite one?**

I've been to six concerts and my favourite ones were Olivia Rodrigo and Katy Perry because they were very fun and interactive.

**What is your favourite genre of music?**

I like Pop/Rock because I can relate to the music, and I like what the genre sounds like.



#### Ave:

**What is your favourite thing about the Rock Band?**

Hanging out and working with friends and bandmates.

**Have you played an instrument? If you have, what is it?**

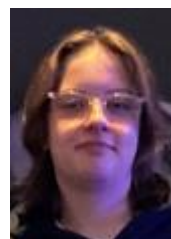
Yes, I played the piano while Bastian was away (I also sang).

**Have you been to any concerts? If so, which was your favourite one?**

Yes. Billie Eilish or PJ Harvey.

**What is your favourite genre of music?**

Metal, Indie and 2000s Rap.



#### Alfie:

**What is your favourite thing about the Rock Band?**

The fun, crazy vibe when we play and perform. We also have fun and not just play.

**Have you been to any concerts? If so, which was your favourite one?**

Yes, I have been to one which was Coldplay. It was very fun because the vibe was great. I'm about to go to another (Tyler the Creator).

**What is your favourite genre of music?**

Probably Hip Hop, Rock, Folk or Rap because Rock is a great vibe and so is Rap and Hip Hop. Folk is very smooth and fun to sing.

**Do you play an instrument? If so, what do you play?**

Nah, I don't. I only sing but I am going to start learning keyboard.





## Bastian:

**What is your favourite thing about the Rock Band?**

Having fun during practice and performing.

**Have you been to any concerts? If so, which was your favourite one?**

I have been to an Elton John concert when I was little, but I don't really remember it.

**Is this your first time in a band?**

No. I'm in a band with some other people from school and it's really fun!

**What is your favourite genre of music?**

Rock and lofi are my favourite types of music.



## Jack:

**What is your favourite thing about the Rock Band?**

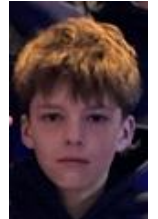
I like the feeling of playing songs and doing solos on electric guitar with distortion, which is like a rock slash heavy metal sound.

**Have you been to any concerts? If so, which was your favourite one?**

Yes, I went to John Butler's performance, which was my favourite, because it had good guitar parts that were complex.

**What is your favourite genre of music?**

Rock, Pop and Hip Hop. If I had to choose one, it's Rock, because it's fun to play.



## James:

**What is your favourite thing about the Rock Band?**

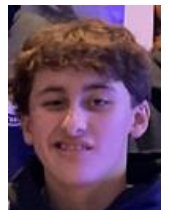
My favourite thing about Rock Band is playing music with my friends and playing the drums and playing can't stop.

**Have you been to any concerts? If so, which was your favourite one?**

My concert is my favourite.

**What is your favourite genre of music?**

My favourite genres of music are Rock, Rap and Pop but my favourite is Rap. My favourite artist is Kendrick Lamar.





# 101 Days of School!

















### From the Art Room:

The Preps have celebrated their *101 Days of Prep* by making some pop up artwork. They painted paper, decorated it with paint pens, folded it, and made it pop out. These finished artworks are on display outside the office and in the Learning Centre for all to appreciate.

***Julia Scarmozzino***  
***Art Specialist***



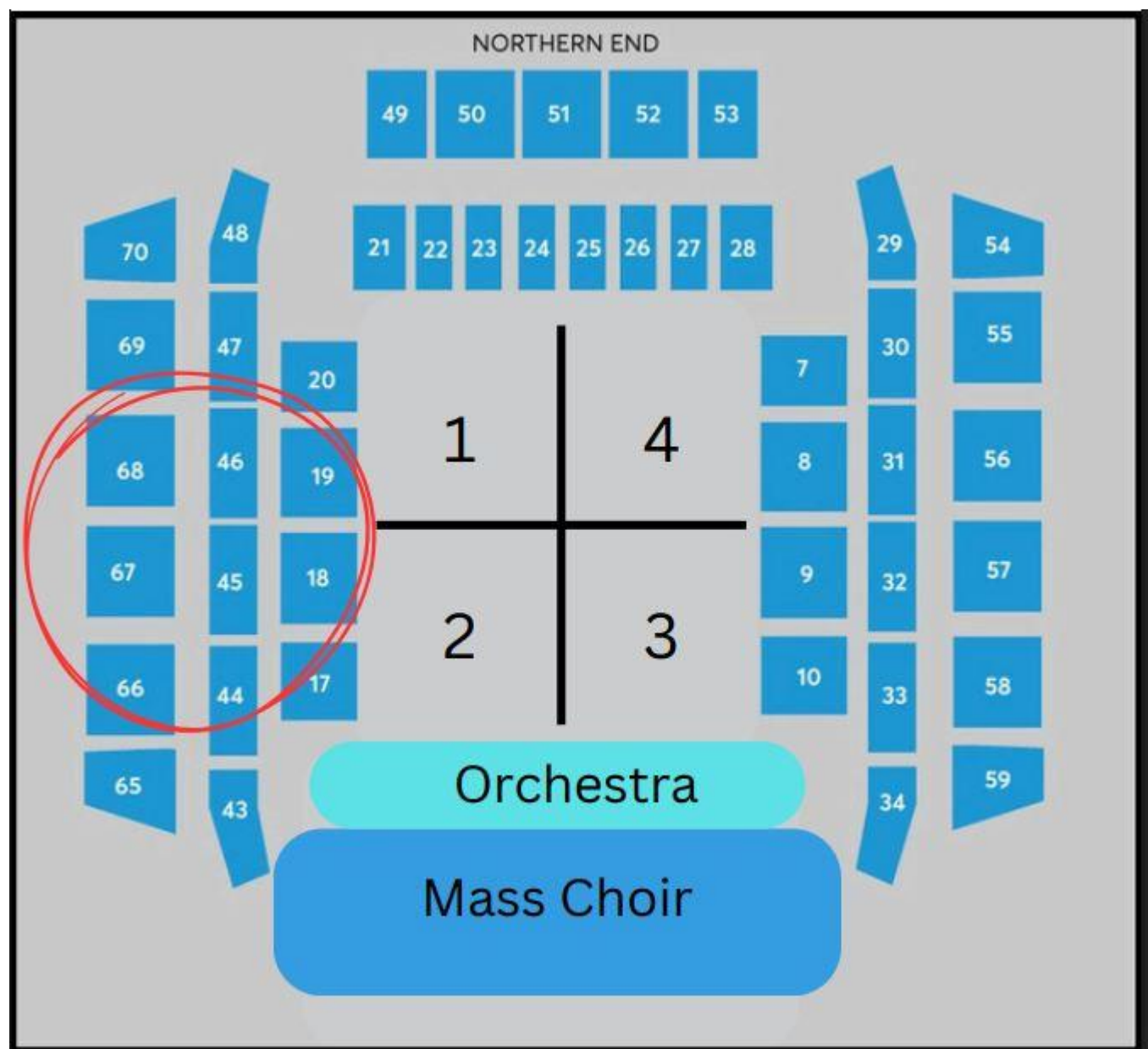
# Victorian State School Spectacular Tickets!

Tickets for the 2025 Victorian State Schools Spectacular are now on sale through Ticketek!  
[www.ticketek.com.au/spectacular](http://www.ticketek.com.au/spectacular)

If you are keen to come along to support our students and see what all the hype is about, here are the key things you need to know:

- **Date:** Saturday 13 September
- **Performance times:** 1.00pm and 6.30pm
- **Venue:** John Cain Arena
- **Our students are dancing in Quadrant 2:** the seats that offer optimal viewing are in sections 18, 19, 17, 45, 46, 66, 67, 68
- **Ticket prices are as follows:** Adult \$40, Concession \$30, Child (under 15) \$20

Alternatively, there are four tickets to the 6.30pm show up for grabs in section 69! These seats will have a good view of the Bell dancers. If you are interested, please contact Louise Gray: [louisegray@gmail.com](mailto:louisegray@gmail.com) or 0412 004 569.





# The Great Primary School Mystery



- What?** Whole-School Arts Production  
**Who?** All Bell Primary School students (Grades P-6)  
**When?** Two performances: Wednesday 15 & Thursday 16 October 2025 (6:00pm-7:30pm)  
**Where?** Bell Primary School Sports and Performing Arts Hub (SPAH)



## Stomp Dance Company Incursions

In support of our whole-school production, 'The Great Primary School Mystery', Stomp Dance Company is coming to Bell Primary School every Tuesday in Term 3 to teach classes their dance. Students will also be practising their dance in Music classes with Ms S to help get them 'performance ready'.

**\*A reminder that permission/payment for the Stomp Dance Sessions has once again been extended on Compass. Please action this urgently. (Email [bell.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:bell.ps@education.vic.gov.au) if you would like to use your SSB for this.)**







Bell Primary School SPA Hub (Sports and Performing Arts Hub – Gym/Hall)

Poster Artwork by Ave, 6A

BOOK AN  
*Adventure*



**Children's Book Week®**



**Bell Primary School  
Book Week**

**1 - 5 September**

**Book Parade**

**1 September @ 9 a.m.**





# Join the Bell Primary Fete Team

**28 March 2026**      **78A Oakover Rd Preston**      **12pm – 6pm**

We're excited to bring the Bell PS community together for another fun and fabulous Fete in 2026 – but we need your help to make it happen! No experience needed – just enthusiasm, some spare time, and a willingness to pitch in. Whether you've got project management skills, a knack for organising, or just love being involved, there's a role for you!

## Key Roles to Fill

-  **Fete Captain** – role already taken  
Help steer the ship! Work with the team to coordinate the whole event. Great for big-picture thinkers and natural organisers.
-  **Fete Co-Captain**  
The Co-Captain shares that leadership role an equal partners with the Captain, Together, they make decisions, divide tasks, and support each other throughout the planning and on the day.
-  **Treasurer** – Role already taken  
Are you good with numbers? Track our fundraising, manage payments and keep us on budget.
-  **Secretary** – Role already taken  
Love lists and staying organised? Help schedule meetings, take notes, and keep everything on track.

## We Also Need Coordinators For:

Additional information about the roles – available upon request

-  **Entertainment**  
Book and manage our stage performers and keep the day lively
-  **Social Media & Website**  
Keep everyone informed with posts, photos and updates online.
-  **Marketing & Promotion**  
Design flyers, organise signage, and spread the word to the community.
-  **Rides**  
Work with the carnival ride provider to confirm bookings and logistics.
-  **Sponsorship**  
Contact local businesses to help support our fete – either with money, prizes or services.
-  **Risk & Safety**  
Keep everyone safe! Check plans and help make sure we're covered with insurance and permits.
-  **Stall Coordinators**  
Coordinate specific stalls like books, plants, toys, cakes or games.
-  **Food & Beverage**  
Help organise food trucks and drink stalls. Got hospitality connections? Even better!

-  **Infrastructure & Setup** – Role already taken  
Help set up marquees, tables, power and equipment before and after the event.

### How to Get Involved

If you're keen to join the committee or help in any way – big or small – we'd love to hear from you!

**Contact:** Vaia Smirneos, [vaia.smirneos@gmail.com](mailto:vaia.smirneos@gmail.com)

Let's make our 2026 Fete one to remember! ★



# BELL PRIMARY TEAMKIDS NEWSLETTER



## WEEK 5 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

During week 5, our activities are brimming with creativity, learning, and fun.

- Exploring with Warren – A hands-on club where children dive into exciting STEAM-based activities, sparking curiosity and encouraging problem-solving.
- Finger Knitting Club – We're transforming string into beautiful décor, with children learning new crafting skills and creating pieces to brighten up our space.
- Boat Off – Our teams are putting the finishing touches on their boats for the TeamKids competition. Our design is truly unique – combining LEGO building with recycled materials for an eco-friendly twist.
- Pet Care Club – Children are researching animals in need of homes and creating eye-catching posters to raise awareness and encourage care for our furry friends.
- Gardening Club – On Monday, children will be planting tomato seeds and learning how to care for them as they grow, developing responsibility and an appreciation for nature.

## Student Voice at Assembly

Each Friday, different children are given the opportunity to speak at the school assembly and assist Nilay with handing out awards to their peers. This not only allows them to play an active role in celebrating the achievements of others, but also helps build their confidence and public speaking skills. It's wonderful to see how proud and excited they are to take on this leadership role and represent our TeamKids community.

Our TeamKids educators have been completing additional training on inclusive practices, ensuring every child feels supported, valued, and able to fully participate in our program. This training equips our team with new strategies to celebrate diversity, adapt activities to individual needs, and foster an environment where all children can thrive.



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TeamKids is celebrating **Book Week 2025** with a special day of adventure on **Thursday 21 August!** 📖 📖

This year's theme is '*Book an Adventure*,' so you're invited to dive into scavenger hunts, map-making, comic strips, dress-ups, & more! 🕵️ 🗺️

**BOOK NOW** to join the **FUN** at **TeamKids Bell Primary** 👉  
[www.teamkids.com.au/venues/bell-primary-oshc/](http://www.teamkids.com.au/venues/bell-primary-oshc/)



## 2026 PREP ENROLMENT



With the formal 2026 Prep enrolment period now over and applications for next year in the final stages of confirmation, Bell Primary School kindly requests that enrolment forms are submitted to the school office as soon as possible.

While placement priority must be given to families living within our Designated Neighbourhood Area, families living beyond our school zone are able to apply, however due to the volume of 2026 enrolments, we cannot guarantee that there will be space available.

Enrolment forms are available on our website or from the school office.

For further information on enrolment, please email **[bell.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:bell.ps@education.vic.gov.au)** or call **(03) 9480 5622**.





All training sessions are FREE!  
PLUS, receive a FREE drink bottle

# BASKETBALL

## PROGRAM

**GIRLS AGED 8-12 YEARS OLD**  
(BORN 2014-2018)

**Where:** Thornbury High School 10:00-11:00am

**When:** Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Aug - Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Aug - Sun 31<sup>st</sup> Aug

Existing players are invited to bring a friend

The first 10 NEW players who attend the Spitfires program and register for the Jets Summer Season will receive an exclusive discount on their registration!



Register your interest at:  
[northcotejets.org](http://northcotejets.org) or scan here



# SEPTEMBER SKILLS SESSIONS

## FREE

BOYS & GIRLS  
ALL AGES

Saturday September 13  
Saturday September 20  
Saturday September 27

9.30am-11.30am

Clifton Park (Grass)  
Victoria Street,  
Brunswick

**Register Your Interest**

<https://form.jotform.com/200295793001853>







DAREBIN BASKETBALL  
HOME OF THE GIANTS (EDJBA) & PHOENIX (VJBL, BIG V)

GIANTS  
BASKETBALL

# SUMMER SEASON

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

**STARTS OCTOBER 11**

*Early-Birds*  
\$20 OFF REGO UNTIL AUGUST 19

Rego includes 2 FREE Holiday clinics, weekly  
1-hour training sessions + 15% sibling discount.

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\$370pp



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