



*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:

A Purple Haze of Inclusiveness

The annual **Wear It Up Purple** Day is coming up next Friday and I invite everyone to join in and help send a positive message that rainbow young people are seen, supported and respected. We are proud to continue supporting this important day for the wider LGBTQIA+ community, as the school remains committed to improve its endeavours within the themes of inclusiveness and diversity.

Bell Primary Community Forum

Thank you to the handful of parents/carers who have already taken up the invitation 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:* focusing on engagement in daily learning
- *Community Engagement and Fundraising:* focusing on improving connections through improved communications and engagement across the community
- *Infrastructure (buildings and grounds):* focusing on an update on the gym/hall and generating ideas for a grounds master plan
- *Diversity and Inclusion:* focusing on ways to make the school more inclusive
- *Environmental Sustainability:* focusing on ways to reduce our environmental footprint and be more sustainable.

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>

Trivia Night

The success of the Trivia Night from a community engagement and a fundraising perspective is very clear by all accounts, from the many stories of fun and merriment plus the amazing profit of a record breaking \$12,810. This is largely due to the superb effort by the team of **Sam Baker** (MC), **Spencer Tennant** (technical expert) and **Nicole Rose** (communications co-ordinator). A special mention also goes out to **Andrew Mansfield** from Northcote Theatre who helped keep the running costs to a minimum. As the Trivia Tri-Team mentioned last week in their wrap-up, we are grateful to the volunteers on the night - **Alice, Charles, Fraser, Rebecca, Mike, Rachael, Shelly and Vanessa**. This amazing list of Bell parents showed us one more time what can be achieved when the school value of collaboration is exercised to such a high level.

The money raised from this event, along with other fundraising this year, will go towards extra lighting equipment for the performing arts aspects of the gym/hall, ie: lighting control systems, motorised lighting bars and lighting fixtures.

Book Week Celebrations

With Book Week upon us next Thursday, and many other events in recent times, eg 101 Days in Prep last week and **Wear It Purple Day** next Friday, we are doing this year's celebration a little bit differently. To keep it manageable for families at home, there will not be an official dress up parade. The activities centred on the shortlisted books will be conducted in multi-age House groups to build connections from Prep to Grade 6, and support the love of literature for everyone.

We are looking forward to seeing students from all ages mixing together and, if families choose to wear something related to a favourite book/character or bring along an artifact related to literature, that will add to the day's atmosphere. However, there is no expectation other than having fun and learning about the shortlisted books.

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 18: Prep Swimming #5/6
- Fri 18: **FINAL DAY COMPASS PAYMENT/CONSENT:**
Grade 1 Melbourne Museum Excursion \$26
Grade 6 Term 3 Sports Day \$25
- Fri 18: Assembly, 3pm (weather permitting)
- Sat 19+Sun 20: Tournament of Minds
- Mon 21: Grade 4 Dream City Incurion
- 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)
- Fri 1: **FINAL DAY COMPASS PAYMENT/CONSENT:**
Grade 6 Museo Italiano Excursion \$25
- Wed 6: Grade 6 Museo Italiano Excursion
- Wed 6: **FINAL DAY COMPASS PAYMENT/CONSENT:**
Grade 3 Scienceworks Excursion \$30

- 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

- Mon 11: **FINAL DAY COMPASS PAYMENT/CONSENT:**
Grade 6 Luna Park Big Day Out \$49
- Thu 14: Grade 6 Luna Park 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

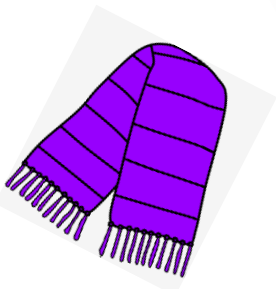
WEAR IT PURPLE

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.

*****Parent volunteers will have hair spray at the gates on the morning for students who wish to colour their hair in support of Wear It Purple*****





Book Week 2023

Book week is fast approaching, and teachers are busy planning and organising lessons to tie in with this years them '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!

WANTED: a volunteer or two...

Do you happen to have a spare half an hour ~ maybe once per week ~ morning or afternoon ~ to open our **Second Hand Uniform Shop** to parents? We have lots of stock to sell, with donations arriving regularly, so we now need a friendly face or two to open up, sort through donations, look after the gold coins, and lock up again. We can step you through it!

As a volunteer, you decide which day/s and time/s the Shop will be open.

If you think you could help us out, please contact the office on 9480 5622 or bell.ps@education.vic.gov.au

A very big thank you to Kate S (Eve's mum) for being our brilliant, ever-reliable volunteer this year.

Please Note: The Second Hand Uniform Shop is closed until further notice.

Regional Debating Day:

On Wednesday 16th August, nine Grade 6 students participated in the Regional Debating Day hosted at St Raphael's Primary School and run by the Debaters Association of Victoria. In the lead up to the competition, students worked collaboratively, researching their arguments and carefully crafting their speeches ready to present. Many lunch times were sacrificed, and a large portion of the speech writing was completed at home in their own time, with teachers praising their commitment.

The first debate *'That the government should not pay grandparents who babysit their grandchildren'* was argued by Charlie, Rosa and Sara with their team winning and Charlie being awarded best speaker.

The second debate *'That we should turn books into television shows and films'* was argued by Leilani, Kate and Lucinda. While the team highlighted some fantastic arguments, St Raphael's won by a hair.

With 45 minutes to prepare, all students worked together to argue the secret topic *'All school projects should be group projects'*, with Leilani, Charlie and Kate presenting the speech on behalf of the team, taking home the win.

Well done to the following debating students: Leilani AC, Sara SC, Amelia G, Rosa S, Abby T, Charlie F, Kate F, Jo H and Lucinda C.

Keara McIntyre & Ramzey Fayad



Specialist Award:

The Specialist Award winners for this fortnight are...

2A!!



A big **CONGRATULATIONS** to 2A.

They have been showing **Curiosity** by thinking deeper and asking great questions about their learning.

Great work 2A!

The Specialist Team

Josh, Ms S, Miss Corinne and Professoressa Sam

From the Music Department:

Didjeribone Star!

In Music this term, we've been exploring First Nations Music. Ben from Grade 2 brought in a special instrument to show us called the Didjeribone. The Didjeribone is a multi-note slide didgeridoo that allows you to change the key as you play it. It was invented by Charlie McMahon and is made from PVC. McMahon was one of the first non-Aboriginal musicians to gain fame as a professional player of the didgeridoo. Ben performed a little concert for the Grade 6 and Prep students.

Ben says, *"My Dad taught me everything about playing the didgeridoo. My Dad had a few famous teachers like Charlie McMahon and some First Nations people. At the start it's hard to play but then with practise you get really good at it. Once you get used to it, you can play a lot of different things"*.

Click on the link below to see a bit of Ben playing the didjeribone!

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iLpoEvB89fBDykAS_qjJ7sNS1tLzS7q6/view?usp=sharing



From the Prep Team:



On Tuesday, the Preps went to the Werribee Zoo to become 'Habitat Heroes'. They participated in a guided zoo program, had fun on the safari bus and got to see so many amazing animals up close. A big thank you to the parents who volunteered their time to come along. It was a great day!

From the Sports Department:

On Tuesday this week, a squad of 47 Bell athletes made their way to Coburg Athletics Track to compete in the 2023 Northcote District Athletics Carnival.

What started as a frosty morning turned into a beautiful day for everyone. All the students represented Bell proudly and improved on their results at our own school carnival earlier in the term.

The students returned with plenty of ribbons for their efforts and 18 students have progressed through to the Divisional Carnival on the 7th of September.

We would like to congratulate all of the students who competed on the day and wish those 18 students the best of luck for the next round.

Josh Grogan
PE Teacher





INTRODUCING: THE BELL PS SICK BAY



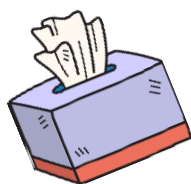
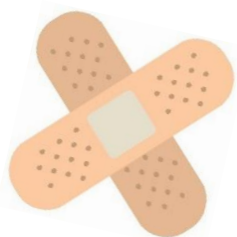
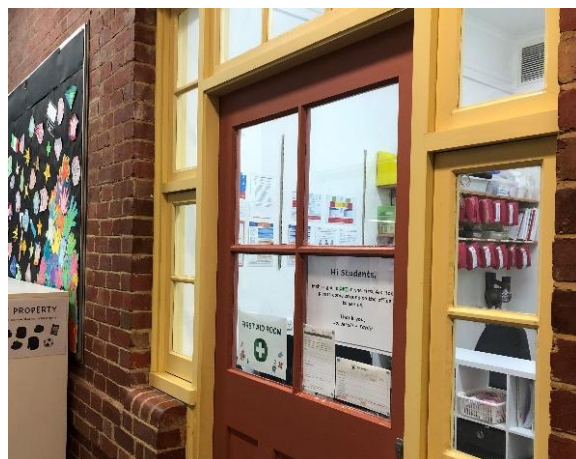
At the start of this term, we opened the doors on our brand-new Sick Bay, next to the front office in the main building. Having a designated space for the many bumps, bruises and other ailments of the school yard has been an exciting development, and with the delivery of our sick bay bed scheduled for later this month, we are all set to be “like a proper hospital”, as some of the students have commented. In fact, the Sick Bay has been such a success that you might say it’s a *little too popular* amongst some of our more frequent flyers!



A reminder to families that if your child receives a head bump at school, they will be assessed by a staff member using a DET Concussion Recognition Tool, and if the bump is deemed to be minor with no signs of further injury, both parents/carers will be sent a Compass SMS notification to ensure monitoring can continue at home after school. If your child is feeling nauseous, persistently dizzy, or very sore as a result of their head bump, you will be contacted via phone call rather than SMS.

All visits to Sick Bay are recorded and your child will be sent home with a paper slip detailing what happened, who provided First Aid to your child, and what treatment they received. Not all injuries necessitate a call home, so we encourage you to check in with your child after school and ask them if they have a slip in their bag.

Wishing everyone a relaxing and injury-free weekend!
See you next week.



BELL PS INJURY REPORT SLIP

Incident: ☐ Before school ☐ After school

Grade: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Child's name: _____

Your child received/treated at school today for the following:

☐ Bruise ☐ Cuts/Lacerations ☐ Head Injury ☐ Head Injury (concussion) ☐ Head Injury (other) ☐ Stomach Issues ☐ Other (specify): _____

INCIDENT: _____

Teacher on duty: _____

FIRST AID TREATMENT GIVEN: _____

Parent called? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ No ☐ No ☐ No ☐ No

First aid officer on duty: _____

Notes: _____

SICK BAY SLIP

Date: ____/____/____ Time: ____:____ AM/PM

Student name: _____ Class: _____

Sent to sick bay by: _____

Details of illness or injury: _____

Action already taken (if any): _____

Additional considerations (e.g., recently unwell, previous injury): _____

Treat and return to class ☐ Contact family to collect child ☐ Wait in sickbay, family already contacted ☐

Seen in sickbay by: _____

NOTES: _____

_____ had a minor head bump at school. Staff will monitor your child and call if needed. No response required.

From the F+SPD Stall FUNdraising Team:

Fathers and Special Persons Day Stall

Grade 5s: Tuesday 29 August (on camp on Friday)

Main Stall: Friday 1 September

This is an annual highlight for the kids so we'd love your help making it extra special by donating your time and/or making, baking, creating or collating items for the stall!

Donating:

There is now a tub in the office **foyer** just waiting to collect your goods. We need LOADS to make sure everyone has the chance to buy a gift **and we'll need some extra non-perishable items for the Grade 5s a little earlier!**

Volunteering

Below is the link for volunteering to help set up and work on the stalls. We need extra help because of the Grade 5's camp and the need for an extra stall so please consider signing up. It's really fun to work on and the kids appreciate all the help they can get choosing the perfect gift!

Here's the link for signing up: <https://signup.com/go/qAeQDND>





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**



With planning for next year now underway, we ask that any families who have not yet submitted a Prep enrolment form for their child please do so as soon as possible.

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

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



FUSE Family Free Movie Matinee – Come along !

**FUSE is bringing the movies to you to in Preston Central
on SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER
at Preston City Hall, 280 Gower Street, Preston.**

Event Schedule

1.30pm	Doors open pre-screening
2.00pm	Clifford the Big Red Dog (Film runtime 1hr.37min)
4.00pm	Lyle, Lyle Crocodile (Film runtime 1hr.49min)
6.00pm	Event concludes

Clifford the Big Red Dog

When Emily Elizabeth meets a magical animal rescuer who gives her a little red puppy, she never anticipated waking up to find a giant, 10-foot hound in her small New York City apartment.

With her single mother away on business, Emily, and her fun but impulsive Uncle set out on an adventure that takes a bite out of the Big Apple.



Lyle Lyle Crocodile

When the Primm family moves to New York City, their young son, Josh, struggles to adapt to his new school and friends.

All of those changes when he discovers Lyle, a singing crocodile that loves baths, caviar and great music. The two become fast friends, but when evil neighbour Mr. Grumps threatens Lyle's existence, the Primm's must band together to show the world that family can come from the most unexpected places.



BYO Snacks & Drinks - Some Bean Bags will be available, but you can also bring your own bean bags and blankets.

[Darebin Festivals - FUSE Films - Family Movie Matinee \(fusedarebin.com.au\)](http://fusedarebin.com.au)

Preston
W. H Robinson Reserve
Goodwin Street
West Preston 3072
prestdruids@club.cricketvictoria.com.au



Cricket Club
AIN: A0006853M. ABN: 53-798-720-317
Founded 1926
Affiliated: North West Metropolitan Cricket Association

Dear Parents,

This season, Preston Druids is fielding Girls and Boys U10s and U12s Teams and looking to encourage girls and boys to join us. We would welcome anyone new to cricket and also those returning players to join us.

Games are played on Monday nights from 5.45-8.00pm, with training likely to be Wednesday nights from 4.30-6.00pm (TBC). If you would like to know more and are interested in playing, please contact Frank Maher on 0431 311 184.

Our home ground is WH Robinson Reserve at the end of Oakover Road on the Merri Creek:
<https://goo.gl/maps/1omN1wKcfYoXA1Mv6>

Look Forward to seeing you join us for a exciting season.

Kind regards,

Frank Maher

Preston Druids Juniors

COME & TRY DAY



BASEBALL

SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER
9AM-11AM

Boys & Girls

Any Skill Level

T-Ball: 5 – 8 year olds

Baseball: 9 – 17 year olds

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In a world where technology touches every aspect of our lives, it is crucial that our children understand how it works. To accomplish this objective, there is an exciting coding club running at the school.



DEVELOP SKILLS

- Creativity
- Logical thinking
- Problem solving



LEARN

- Computer Science Concepts
- Fundamentals of programming
Loops, Events, Randomness and more

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

- Scratch
- Python
- Javascript
- .. and many more



MAKE

- Games
- Web pages
- Apps

Digimaker structured program runs each term and is charged on a per-term basis.
Students to bring their own device for the lesson.

9 WEEK TERM PROGRAM

Program for **Term 4 2023** is as follows:

Year levels: 3 to 6

Term Fee: \$210 excl GST

AFTER SCHOOL

3:40pm – 4:40pm

BATCH

Thursdays 5th Oct to 30th Nov 2023

Fill out the form online by
Thursday 14th Sep 2023



www.digimaker.com.au/enrol

Digimaker will confirm your child's spot via email**

** All important emails from Digimaker will be sent from info@digimaker.com.au. Please ensure this address is whitelisted in your Junk Email filters or added as a Trusted contact.

HOLIDAY E-LEARNING PROGRAM

2 HOURS OF FUN FILLED CODING
FULLY SUPERVISED OVER ZOOM
(5 DAYS A WEEK!)

<https://www.digimaker.com.au/events/school-holiday-coding-program/>