



*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:

### RAP Survey

The School Council's RAP Working Group is seeking input from the community about the process and, in particular, insights to help form our vision for the Reconciliation Action Plan. In addition, students and staff will be asked for their thoughts as the group want the vision to be a co-constructed one, similar to the school vision and values created in a consultative approach in 2017-2018. I urge everyone to scroll down to page 7 for more information and a link to the Google Form where your input would be greatly appreciated.

### Trivia Night

Another spectacular event was held last Friday with the Annual Trivia Night raising over \$6,500 for Bell and, just as importantly, bringing the community together for some much-needed fun!

The Trivia Night is a great example of the Community Engagement and FUNdraising Group's continued work. In particular, a huge thanks to the Trivia Team of **Kylie Pax, Sofia Ridwan and Maria Barbera** for their super event organisation. It was a strange feeling attending my last community event, and I was extremely grateful for the kind words spoken by a number of parents and carers. May the event grow to be even bigger in the years to come!

### Tournament of Minds (ToMs)

Four teams will compete in this annual challenge at Latrobe University this Saturday. We wish them all the best and I know they will be brilliant in the Main Presentation, as they have worked collaboratively during many lunchtimes in their special Club to plan all the details. The Spontaneous Challenge is the other element that draws on school values such as collaboration, creativity, curiosity, resilience and respect, as they come up with a presentation on the spot. Good luck teams.

### Grade 4 Camp

Congratulations to the 42 students who attended their first real camp at Marysville this week. It was three days and two nights of outdoor activities, including a big focus on bike riding to compliment the Bike Ed Program this term. Their willingness to embrace challenges and work with each other was exceptional and we left the Camp on Wednesday lunchtime feeling proud of everyone's achievements.



Being my last official Camp, it was a special time for me as I watched this group not only push themselves out of their comfort zone but show empathy and care for each other which really shone through. These observations were also noted by our two parent helpers, Dong and Rebekah, as well as the staff from the Camp. Many thanks to our parent helpers and Bell staff, Claire, Ivy and James, who made the time supportive and fun for all.

### Father's and Special Person's Day

Look out for a separate Compass Newsfeed, information on the official Bell WhatsApp groups, or see page 14 for details about this upcoming event that will look very different this year.

*David Twite, Principal*

## 2025 Calendar:

### August

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 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**

## **\*\*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 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



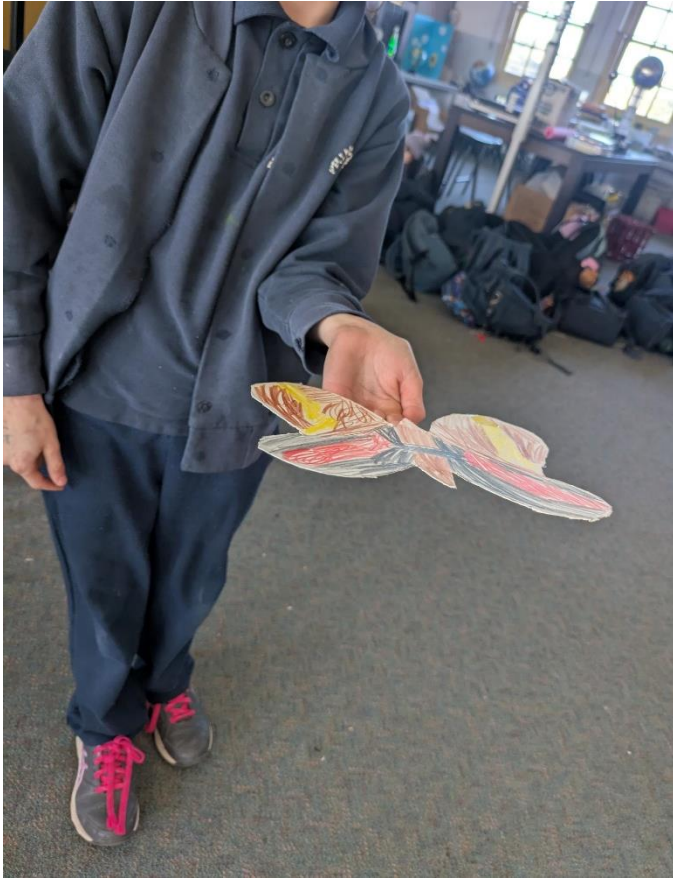
We've been told that head lice are going around again at the moment. **We kindly request that all families check and treat their child/ren's hair if needed over the weekend so that we can help curb this issue as effectively as possible.**

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 STEAM Room:

This week in STEAM, the Grade 3 and 4 students continued their study of *forces* by producing their own balancing **balam-balam** (the Woi Wurrung word for butterfly). This model uses carefully placed weights to move the centre of mass towards the wingtips, allowing the balam-balam to defy gravity! The beautiful designs are based on the colours and patterns of the Imperial Jezebel – a Victorian native species.



## From the Italian Room:



The **Specialist Award** winners for this fortnight are...

**2B!**

This award goes to a class that has shown the school value of **RESPECT** through their learning. This class has been consistently showing up with smiling faces, kind words of encouragement, and enthusiasm for their learning.

The students work hard to consider the perspectives of others and really look for the positives in each lesson.

A **big congratulations** to 2B for winning the **Specialist Award** this week!

Keep up the positive work!

Lavoro brillante, 2B!

**The Specialist Team**

## From the Student Activist Union:

Last term, the SAU (Student Activist Union, in case you were wondering) did an energy audit with a visitor from Ceres. We found that many classrooms have their heaters set too high.

Heating is one the biggest users of energy in buildings. Setting heaters to a lower temperature or wearing warmer clothing are two ways we can help to reduce the amount of energy we use and save money. Basically, it is cheaper and uses less energy to heat one person than a whole building.

**So, on the coldest day in the coming weeks, the SAU will be asking all teachers to look after our planet and save electricity by turning off all heating systems in the school. That means everyone is going to need to rug up!**

**We are asking all students to come to school dressed in their cosiest clothing. Oodies, dressing gowns, pyjamas, scarves, beanies, down jackets and woolly jumpers are all encouraged.**

We'll be watching the forecast closely for the next super cold day and will announce an official date soon. **Keep an eye on your Compass Newsfeeds for an announcement soon!**

We can't wait to see everyone dressed as snug as a bug in a rug soon!



## From the RAP Group:

Dear Families,

Bell Primary is creating a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). Please follow this link to learn more and contribute to creating a 'Vision for Reconciliation at Bell Primary': <https://forms.gle/1919L2ownasrdQNC8>

You can learn about RAPs at <https://www.narragunnawali.org.au/raps/what-is-a-rap>

We're seeking new members for the Bell RAP Working Group. If you have suggestions for Bell's RAP process, experience with RAPs, any questions, or would like to be involved with the RAP working group, please reach out through the Bell Primary Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Communications on WhatsApp.

You can also contact Kate, Dorothy or Lucy on [RAP@bellps.vic.edu.au](mailto:RAP@bellps.vic.edu.au)

**Kate, Dorothy + Lucy**

# 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'.





Wed 15th & Thurs 16th October  
6:00pm

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.**

## From the Trivia Night Team:

### To the Amazing Bell Primary School Community - Oh, What a Night!!!

Thank you to everyone who made the Trivia Night such an unforgettable evening - full of good vibes, energy and pure fun. The enthusiasm was off the charts, from the amazing outfits and how fully everyone committed to their characters (all night long!), to the brainpower on display during trivia rounds, and the epic moves at the dance-off. It truly was a night that brought our school community closer together.

A huge congratulations to our winners:

#### Trivia Champions:

1. *Some Like It Yacht* (yes... the staff table, of course!)
2. *Trivia Mortis*

#### Best Dressed:

*Yakult* - for their clever and creative take on the "Clubs or Cults" theme.

We'd also like to give a massive shout-out to the incredible local businesses who donated the fabulous prizes - your support made the night even more special. In alphabetical order:

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|----------------------------------|--|------------------------|
| • Anne Gollan Kids Drama Classes | • Moon Dog                                   | • Rhubarb Rhubarb      |
| • Bunnings Preston               | • Museums Victoria (Melbourne Museum & IMAX) | • Sage Pilates         |
| • Eve Studios                    | • Nelson Alexander                           | • Skinny's / Peaches   |
| • Gelato Papa                    | • Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre    | • Tallboy & Moose      |
| • Gioco Giro                     | • Northside Grocers                          | • TeamKids             |
| • Lifestyles Healthcare          | • PEP  | • We Rock The Spectrum |
| • Lucky Things                   |  | • Wellness Social Club |
| • Miss Jays Nails and Beauty     |  | • Woolworths           |

And last but not least, thank you to the volunteers on the night Emma and Jono. Thanks also to Lu, Jo, Tania and Jessie in the office for being such a great support to the operations behind the scenes, from comms, to selling tickets, photocopying and getting us pens! Legends!!!

We would love to hear from you. Please let us know your thoughts by filling out this short [survey](#).

Here's to keeping the *Bell Primary School Club* spirit alive and thriving!

*Kylie, Maria & Sofia*







## From the FUNdraising Team:

Fun activities  
for kids and  
fathers/special  
people!

# Let's Celebrate

Meet at the  
amphitheatre  
behind the  
gym!

To celebrate fathers, parents and carers this year we are trying something new!

**Come and enjoy a coffee and a pastry  
Friday, 5 September from 7:30am – 8:45am.**

Coffee and pastries will be available for **\$3 each**, so kids can put their pocket money to good use and celebrate all the special people who love and raise them.

It'll be a breakfast party, proudly sponsored by Grain Peddler and Stephanie Lentini and Anthony Lapadula for Woodards Inner North.

There won't be a stall this year, BUT, if you are on the hunt for a last minute gift, Bell water bottles and coffee cups will be available for purchase, along with raffle tickets for a special gift package! The winner will be announced at assembly.

Sponsored by



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## 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 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.
- Entertainment**  
Book and manage our stage performers and keep the day lively.
- Marketing & Promotion**  
Design flyers, organise signage, and spread the word to the community.
- 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.

#### 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! ✨**



## 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**.

# Northern Rebels Basketball Club

The Northern Rebels Basketball Association has a proud local history and is run by a team of dedicated volunteer parents. We welcome new players and their parents to join our growing club.

Our aim is to provide an opportunity to all children and give them the ability to play a team sport while having fun, learning skills, making new friends and working as a team.

Northern Rebels compete in the Coburg Basketball League. Games are held on Saturdays and trainings take place on Thursday afternoons.

**WE ARE A PASSIONATE FAMILY FRIENDLY CLUB.**

## ***INTERESTED IN JOINING?***

To enquire for the upcoming season, please email us at [northernrebels@outlook.com](mailto:northernrebels@outlook.com) or alternatively contact Michelle on 0401 884 498.

For more information head to our website [www.northernrebelsbasketball.com](http://www.northernrebelsbasketball.com)



## SUMMER SEASON AGE GROUPS

Under 8s: 2019, 2020, 2021

Under 10s: 2017, 2018

Under 12s: 2015, 2016

Under 14s: 2013, 2014

Under 16s: 2011, 2012

Under 18s: 2009, 201

Under 20s: 2007, 2008

## SEASON INFO:

Commences

11th October 2025

Term 4 2025 & term 1 2026.





# ***DAREBIN FALCONS WOMEN & GIRLS***

# ***CRICKET***

**Make new friends with short, fast games with a focus on participation and fun! No experience necessary.**

**Looking for Women, Girls and Gender diverse people for the following teams-**

**Senior Women's team**

**Girls: Under 10/12/14/16**

**Under 10s Cricket Blast Program**

**Scan to Express Your Interest**

**Contact: Drew George 0401 161 535**

**Email - [cricket@falcons.org.au](mailto:cricket@falcons.org.au)**



**Come & Try Day**

**Sunday 14 September 10am**

**Capp Reserve, Halwyn St, Preston**



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# JOIN US TODAY!

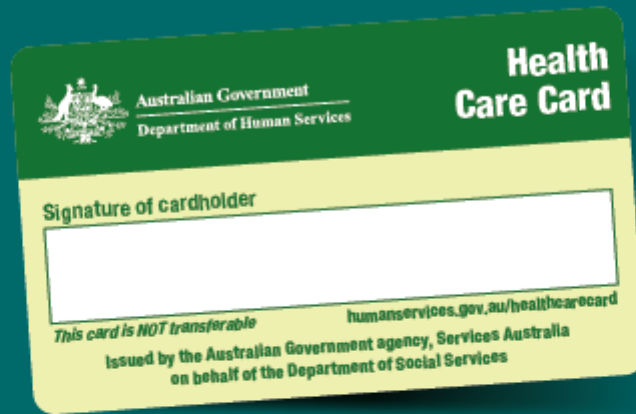
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WE WELCOME PLAYERS  
OF ALL LEVELS OF EXPERIENCE,  
AND WE CATER TO ALL AGE  
GROUPS - FROM UNDER-8'S  
THROUGH TO UNDER-20'S  
FOR BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS.

WE ARE PARTICULARLY LOOKING  
FOR PRIMARY-SCHOOL-AGED  
PLAYERS, BUT WELCOME ENQUIRIES  
FROM PLAYERS OF ALL AGES.



FOR MORE INFORMATION AND DETAILS : [WARRIORSBASKETBALLCLUB.COM.AU](http://WARRIORSBASKETBALLCLUB.COM.AU)



# Do you have a health care card? You could be eligible for Saver Plus.

For every dollar you save, you'll get a dollar from ANZ to spend on educational costs, up to \$500.

To join, you need to meet all of these requirements:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops



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