



*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:

Wear It Purple Day

At this morning's meetings, we had a purple haze across many screens as families showed their support for rainbow families and LGBTQI+ young people. This year's theme 'Start the Conversation ...Keep it Going' is a compelling message that the Bell community clearly supports with some lessons and meaningful discussions happening this week whilst working on-line. Please scroll down to the sea of faces and rainbow/purple colours from this morning meetings.

School Council Fundraising Decisions

At last night's School Council meeting, there was much discussion and debate over the list of fundraising ideas that have been generated from the community over the last 18 months. Council made a unanimous decision to fund air conditioning in the Learning Centre with general fundraising that was raised in 2020 and 2021 so far. We feel it's important to ensure the comfort levels of the students and staff to then maximise learning and engagement levels when the weather is on the warmer side. This means all learning spaces across the school will now have the ability to control temperatures. DET does not fund cooling for classrooms in schools other than relocatable portables when they arrive on-site. Therefore, the main building and now the learning centre air conditioners have had to be funded by locally raised funds.

School Council, in consultation with the Fete team and FUNdraising leader Bridget, are now looking at exciting packages of teaching/learning resources and innovative classroom furniture as the target for future funds raised at the Community Carnival and other fundraising activities down the track. More details to come once we have consulted with classroom teachers about the exact items to be pursued to make classrooms even more stimulating and positive learning environments for all. This will be a great opportunity for Junior School Council to facilitate more student voice across the school, as we value the students' input along with teacher's ideas.

New Community Carnival Date

Adding to the separate Compass Newsfeed announcement earlier today that the Community Carnival has been re-scheduled to early March next year, it is important that everyone reads the communication to fully understand the considerations when making this tough decision. I would like to acknowledge the amazing forward planning that has gone into giving this event every possible chance of occurring; whether it was to be later this year or now re-scheduled for early next year, the Fete team, stall captains and their crew are showing enormous determination to deliver what will be a truly special community event. Alas, we just have to wait a little longer.

Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey – Reminder

Approximately 50 per cent of parents were randomly selected to participate in this year's survey. Firstly, thanks to the 58 (34%) of that group who have already completed the survey. Those who were sent the email link and yet to contribute their thoughts have until next **Friday 3 September** to do so.

School Ground Restrictions - Reminder

Regrettably, I must continue to re-enforce the Government's restrictions about **no community use** of the school's playgrounds, basketball/netball court and the oval. There are signs at every gate and tape around the two play equipment areas until further notice. As per DET guidelines, students attending on-site learning are able to use these areas during breaks with daily cleaning happening as part of the additional cleaning arrangements organised for schools.

I hope we can announce a re-opening of these outdoor areas for community use soon when restrictions are eased again as I am fully aware of the importance of playgrounds and open spaces in these lockdown situations

David Twite
Principal

From the Office:

2021 Calendar

Dates for
the Diary:

AUGUST

- Fri 27: *Wear It Purple Day*

SEPTEMBER

- Thu 2: Bell Writer's Festival
- Fri 3: Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey **Closes**
- Fri 3: Northcote Dist. Basketball, Coburg Stadium tbc
- Fri 3: Father's + Special Person's Day Stall
- Thu 9+Fri 10: Victorian State School Spectacular *Rehearsal*
- Sat 11: Victorian State School Spectacular!!!!
- Wed 15–Fri 17: **Grade 5** Camp Waratah Bay
- Fri 17: Last Day Term 3, **2.30pm** dismissal

OCTOBER

- Mon 4: First Day Term 4
- Wed 6–Thu 7: **Grade 3** Camp Sovereign Hill

NOVEMBER

- Tue 2: Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
- Wed 10: District Triathlon tbc

- **Sat 13: Bell Community Carnival (Fete)**

- Tue 23: **Gr6:** Bully Zero W/shop 'New Beginnings'

- **Fri 26: Bell Trivia Night – Thornbury Theatre**

- Mon 29 – Wed 1 Dec: **Grade 4** Camp Maldon

DECEMBER

- Thu 9: Bell Swimming Carnival, Oak Park Aquatic Ctr
- **Fri 17: Final Day Term 4 2021**

2021 STUDENT TERM DATES:

Term 3: Monday 12 July – Friday 17 September

Term 4: Monday 4 October – Friday 17 December

Payments/Consents Due or Outstanding

EXCURSIONS ARE NOW A **TWO STEP** PAPERLESS PROCESS:

1. All **Event Consents** are to be provided on **Compass**.
2. All **Event Payments** are to be paid on **Qkr!**

ITEM: (under Payments in Qkr!)	DUE BY:	AMOUNT:	METHOD:
Prep, 1, 2, 3: Essential Student Learning Items (<i>stationery</i>) per child	Wed 19 May	\$125	Qkr!
Prep, 1, 2, 3: Essential Learning Items (<i>bulk/online</i>) per child	Wed 19 May	\$100	Qkr!
Gr 4, 5, 6: Essential Student Learning Items (<i>stationery</i>) per child	Wed 19 May	\$115	Qkr!
Gr 4, 5, 6: Essential Learning Items (<i>bulk/online</i>) per child	Wed 19 May	\$90	Qkr!
All Grades: Educational Program Voluntary Contribution per child	Wed 19 May	\$55	Qkr!
ITEM: (under Excursions in Qkr!)	DUE BY:	AMOUNT:	METHOD:
Grade 4: Camp Maldon	tbc	\$290	Qkr!



Book Week @ Bell:



Book Week 2021

Students have been celebrating Book Week this year by reading shortlisted books and doing special activities in their classes. Grade 3-6 students were also given the opportunity to record themselves reading their favourite stories at home to then share with the rest of the school.

You can check out some of the recordings here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/148EoRkq45jAlhAkKp9IntovHzGALiRFH?usp=sharing>

We look forward to celebrating Book Week again with a dress up day when school returns!

Bell Writers Festival 2021:



**NEW DATE
TO BE
CONFIRMED!**

Bell
Writers
Festival
2021!

Save the date!

**Broadcasting
Bell**

4:45-5:00
Opening
Ceremony

5:00-7:00
Student
Work
showcase

Bell Community Carnival:



Fete Planning Continues

In and out of lockdown fete planning is at full steam. Lets give the kids something to look forward to! A huge thank you to all the people who have stepped up to help plan and run stalls for our event so far.

We need to fill a final few! No experience necessary and help on hand!

Final Stall Captains Needed

- Bar Manager
- Event Photographer
- Photo Booth / Green Screen
- Side Show Alley x3 people
- Action Games
- Kindy Raceway
- Face Painting
- Kids Corner / Craft

Please be in contact with Mel, Ange & Mel on bellprimaryfete@gmail.com

Bottle Some Preserves

Get your pickle on and cook up a chutney, jam or preserve.



New jars only please!



Got Spare Lemons ?

Got more lemons than you know what to do with?

Our Lemonade stall will need cordial and now is the time to make it!

From the Wellbeing Office: Child Safe

Bell Primary School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making.

Bell Primary School has zero tolerance for child abuse.

We are committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Particular attention will be paid to the cultural safety of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as the safety of children with a disability and children who are vulnerable.

Every person involved in Bell Primary School has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role they play individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

On arrival at Bell Primary School, all volunteers, visitors and contractors **must** make contact with the office, sign in at the front desk and wear a visitor's badge while on site.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to see specific policies on our website.



Parentline:

Parentline is a phone service for parents and carers of children from birth to 18 years old. They offer confidential and anonymous counselling and support on parenting issues.

What they do:

The qualified counsellors are available to:

- talk about any issues to do with parenting and relationships
- help with ways to cope and be a positive parent
- help with families' wellbeing and resilience
- connect parents with services in their area.

Your call:

- Calls are confidential and anonymous.
- Calls are not time limited and parents can call back as often as needed.
- Qualified and experienced counsellors have social work or psychology backgrounds.

Some reasons to ring Parentline include:

- child behaviour and development
- parent / carer child relationships
- education
- bullying
- living with teenagers
- family violence
- family breakdown
- parental stress





Road Management Plan 2021

Have your say!

In accordance with the Road Management Act, Darebin City Council proposes to amend its Road Management Plan and is ready for you to take a look.

The Road Management Plan outlines the principles, methods and systems used in managing Darebin's road network. The plan includes:

- Details the road management function under the control of Council.
- Set the relevant standards of how Council carries out road management function.
- Sets the standards based on policy and operation objectives within the resources available.
- Ensures the provision of a safe

and efficient road network for users and the community.

- Minimises road safety hazards and disruption to traffic.

In summary, the internal review has proposed the following minor changes:

- Administrative changes to make the Road Management Plan easier to read.
- Inspection changes where officers will inspect bike lanes concurrently with other parts of the road assets.
- The addition of emergency works being carried out within 36 hours (e.g. flooding).
- Inspections including inspections for tree obstructions from private and Council owned trees being added to the plan.

To view a copy of Council's Road Management Plan and relevant written reports, and to make a formal submission visit www.yoursaydarebin.com.au/rmp2021 by 22 September 2021.



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Community Concerns- Bell Street Bridge

Many Bell parents and others in the local area are concerned about the Bell Street bridge over Merri Creek and the danger it poses for pedestrians and cyclists. I draw your attention to a petition calling for action (see the link below). With the bridge being a well-travelled link across Merri Creek and a thoroughfare for Coburg High Students coming from this area, it is an issue worthy of our attention as the safety of our children and the wider community should always be a high priority.

The link to 'No More Accidents in the Bell Street Risk Zone' petition is <http://chng.it/JxkDdQ4Gj4>



Spaces Available

Sunrise Preschool Thornbury

Integrated Kindergarten and Long Daycare
For children 3 - 5 year olds
Hours: 8am – 6pm (Monday – Friday)

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email: sunrisepreschool.thornbury@gmail.com
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Call us now or organise a visit!

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