



*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:

Principal Appointment

I would like to add my congratulations to Emma as the successful applicant in the Principal selection process. She has been an integral part of the leadership drive for school improvement at Bell since walking in the door six years ago and I am certain her leadership capabilities will continue to grow as she guides the school to greater heights. The school is in excellent hands with Emma and the capable team of educators at the school. Supporting her are two high level Learning Specialists (Lisa Mc and Xenia) and many middle leaders who are fully committed to enhancing the teaching, learning, wellbeing and engagement approaches for the students. There will be an Assistant Principal appointment in due course; the timing of that process is something that is at the forefront of Emma's mind and she will communicate with the community once she has determined a clear path forward.

I am sure the collaborative team approach will go from strength to strength given Emma's past work in that space, as they launch into a new 4-year Strategic Plan after the review in Term 4.

Induction for Volunteers

Over 200 parents and carers have now attended one of the four online induction sessions we have run, meaning many parents/carers are able to continue volunteering at Bell. However, a reminder that the final step after attending a session is to complete the *Child Safe & OHS Induction Checklist* by signing and returning it to school via email or hard copy. Please contact the office if you have misplaced the checklist from earlier sessions and they can re-send one. You cannot volunteer until you have completed the paper work.

A Special Day of Purple

One of the events so dear to my heart has seen a huge number of families once more show their support for rainbow families and the LGBTIQ+ community. With relevant resources from the **Wear It Purple Day** website, and this event coinciding with our Health and Human Development lessons, it enables our students to gain a deeper understanding of sexuality education delivered in an inclusive and sensitive way. The whole community should be proud of our openness to include everyone, regardless of perceived differences, and this **Wear It Purple Day** is one of many examples.



David Twite
Principal

2025 Calendar:

August

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: **Gr6** Sports Gala, \$25
 Fri 5: **Prep** Swimming Program #6 (final)
 Mon 8: Victorian Primary School Orienteering Championship, selected students, \$25
 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** Bounce and Sleepover, \$76
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, \$595
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 ☺

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

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 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.

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
4. School staff will then remove the lost/overdue book from your child's library account



Head Lice



Head lice are doing the rounds at Bell 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.

! Bell Spotlight !

Meet Ms S. Music Legend

What is your favourite instrument to play?

Hmmm, this is a tough one! I love playing soooo many musical instruments. If I had to pick, I'd probably say the bass guitar because it locks the band in, sitting between the drums and guitar. And it's such a cool instrument!

What are your top three favourite concerts of all time?

Another tricky question! I've been lucky enough to see so many incredible concerts. Three that stand out were all at the Enmore Theatre in Sydney – Jeff Buckley, Morrissey, and Massive Attack on their 'Mezzanine' album tour.

If you could be in a band, which band would it be and what would you play?

I've played in many, many bands over the years in my time as a professional musician. I currently play in the Bell staff band, the legendary Red Hot Bell Peppers! I mainly play bass in the band, but also a bit of guitar and drums.

What do you love the most about being the music teacher at Bell?

Helping young people discover the magic of music. I mean, how many people can say they go to work to help grow the rockstars of the future? That's a VERY important job! Where words fail, music speaks. And as a wise person once said...Rock On!



From the Grade 5s:

Sovereign Hill Visit

Last Wednesday, the Grade 5s went to Sovereign Hill in Ballarat. We went to Sovereign Hill to learn about immigration in Australia. After a long, almost two-hour bus journey, with views so amazing we snapped pictures in our minds, we turned up at Sovereign Hill. First, we broke off into our groups and followed our adults, or as some of the Grade 5 teachers referred to them as, our 'Big People', onto the main street. The path down there had dozens of yellow flowers with beautiful bees buzzing around and a white fence following the path. It was an amazing and wonderful sight that greeted us when we showed up at the main street. A whole street covered with cobblestones, old fashioned shops and two people in old fashioned clothing were singing a song on a bench. We all gazed around in amazement.

This is when we went into the lolly shop and the toy shop. People in old fashioned clothes served us with multiple types of lollies, including Sour Grape, Raspberry and Cola. We couldn't go wrong! Some of the other activities included bowling and panning for gold. We were fascinated by the tiny specks of gold that we found in the lake.

Then we went to a lesson on 'immigration' where a teacher in an old fashioned dress taught us about how thousands of people came to Australia on boats during the Gold Rush. We found out a lot about how school was in the past, and how it was a lot different to the present time. We broke off into groups and were given a box of resources on a person from the Gold Rush. We had to answer some questions about them and then present our findings to the class.

We had a lot of fun and made stronger connections with friends. Then, after a long day, we had to go back to school on the bus. We all really enjoyed it and had a really fun time at Sovereign Hill.

By Ava L. and Eira B



From our TOMs Club:

On Saturday the 23rd of August, a group of 28 selected students went to LaTrobe University in Bundoora to compete in Tournament of the Minds, or TOMs. TOMs is a creative club where you compete in groups of seven and present a play, presentation or project explaining your resolution and interpretation of the challenge for your group's chosen topic. The topics were Languages and Literature, The Arts, STEM, and Social Sciences.

Before we made our teams, we participated in a number of smaller puzzles and challenges, like making animals out of marshmallows and toothpicks and other team building activities to help Sarah P and Stacey choose our teams. Then, once our teams were decided, we had meetings during school at first break on Thursdays and at each other's houses to practise, rehearse, create and build. We continued until we were finished and ready.

On the day, all the students selected went to LaTrobe University to present their performances to the judges. There were lots of different schools, such as St Raphael's Primary School and several high schools. Everyone was very excited and nervous, but we had all been practicing hard, and everyone did their best.

As well as the long term challenge, there was also a spontaneous challenge, where we were judged on creativity, quick thinking and collaboration. The spontaneous challenge was *The number zero has been deleted*, and we had to figure out who would have done it, why, and what would the impact be? Everyone thought of really creative ideas, and groups thought of ideas like number one got jealous, mathematicians got lazy, world peace protesters deleted it so that there would be no nothing, and everyone has something, as well as heaps more great ideas.

Everyone did really well, and we are all looking forward to hearing the judges' feedback soon. Until next year!

By June F and Eva H and Scarlett M





THIS WEEK IN 3A

INQUIRY

This week we started a new Inquiry project. Delving deeper into Australia's history, students will write a biography on an Australian historical figure, using Chromebooks to research and present this project.

MATHS

We have been exploring maths scenarios in the real world. This week students created a restaurant and menu, and used division to create an equal seating plan.

READING

This week we drew maps of (pretend) buried treasure in our school, inspired by our class novel, *Treasure Fever* by Andy Griffiths.



THIS WEEK I ENJOYED... BY MARLEY J

I really liked the restaurant activity in maths because it was really fun and we got to work in groups and decide what food to put on the menu and the seating plan.

From the Art Room:

Grade 1 and 2 students have just completed their Pete Cromer inspired collages. Each student designed an animal using small, medium and large shapes of different colours. They painted paper using different watercolour techniques and cut their own paintings to create these striking collages.

Julia Scarmozzino
Art Specialist







The Great Primary School Mystery



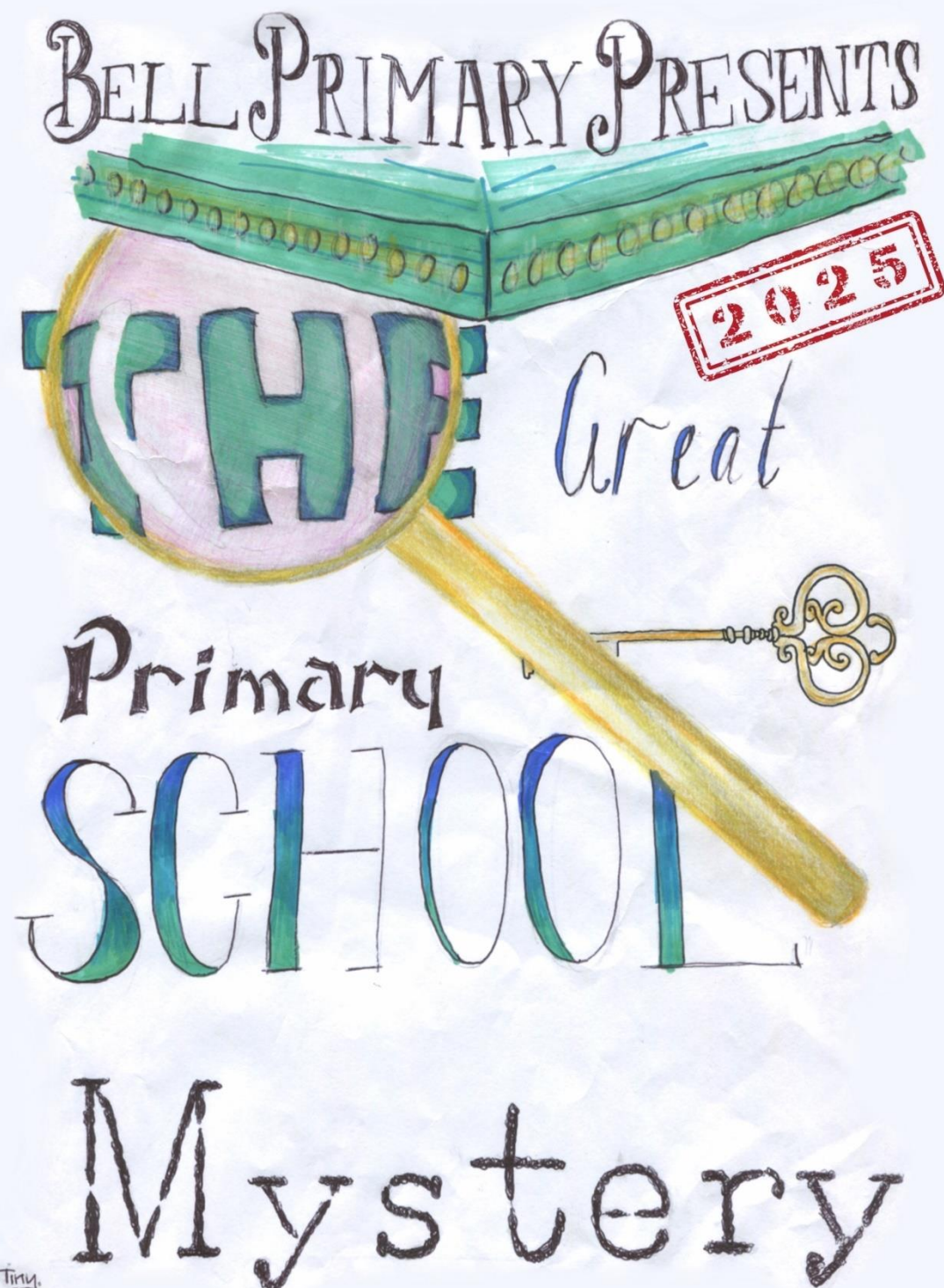
- What?** Whole-School Arts Production
Who? All Bell Primary School students (Grades P-6)
When? Two performances: Wednesday 15 & Thursday 16 October 2025 (6:00pm-7:30pm)
Where? Bell Primary School Sports and Performing Arts Hub (SPAH)



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 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.

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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

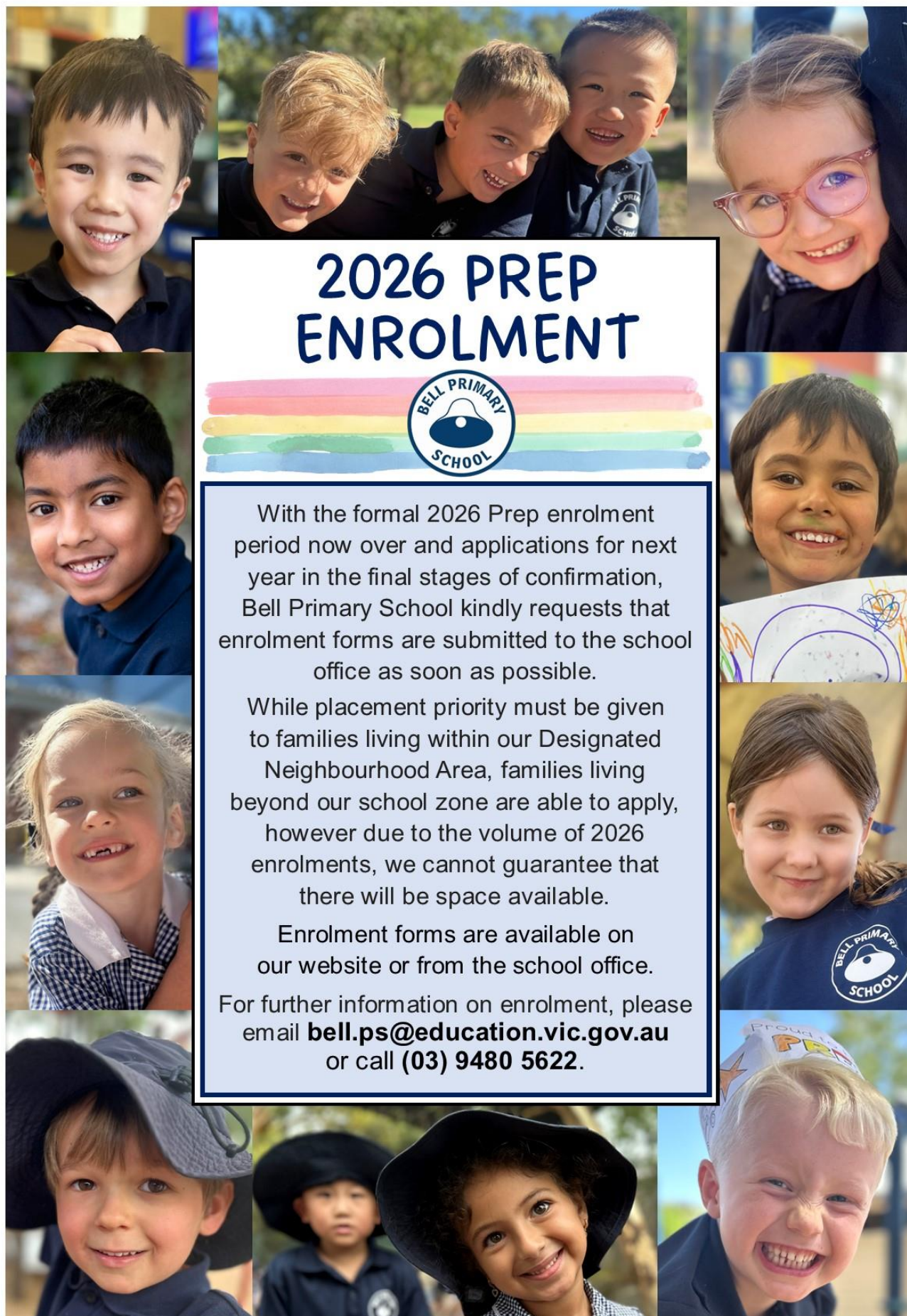
- Fete Co-Captain**
The Co-Captain shares that leadership role an equal partners with the Captain, Together, they make decisions, divide tasks, and support each other throughout the planning and on the day.
- Entertainment**
Book and manage our stage performers and keep the day lively.
- Marketing & 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

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** or call **(03) 9480 5622**.

BELL PRIMARY TEAMKIDS NEWSLETTER



WEEK 7 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Next week at TeamKids we have an exciting program planned with a mix of active games, creative projects and mindful activities. Our themes will focus on Sports Skills, Pet Care, Gardening and Dreaming.

Active Fun



Children will be challenged in the Cone Dribble Relay and Target Kicking as they practice ball control and teamwork. The Pet Rescue Chase will get everyone moving as children race to save hidden pets around the yard. Skipping skills will be tested at our Skipping Stations, while Hula Hoop Pass will bring plenty of laughter as teams work together to pass the hoop. For a calming twist, Dreamy Yoga Stretches will guide children through animal-inspired yoga poses.

Creative and Imaginative Play

Our craft tables will be filled with opportunities to design and create. Children can fold Origami Animals, weave Dream Catchers with feathers and beads, or design their own Sports Jersey. Pets are a big focus too, with children making Pet Fact Cards and drawing their own Pet Care Comic Strips. Dreaming will spark storytelling with Story Stones and inspire imagination during our Dream Walk.



Exploring the Garden

Gardening activities will help children connect with nature. They will record plant growth on our Garden Growth Chart, take part in a Garden Relay Planting challenge and use magnifying glasses for Insect Observation.

Crafting and Knitting

Finger knitting remains a favourite with children. This week they can extend their skills by making Beaded Bracelets and Headbands to wear or share. We are looking forward to another week of fun, creativity and learning together.



Service Mobile: 0434 416 584

Service Email: bellps@teamkids.com.au

Office Phone: 1300 035 000

Office Email: info@teamkids.com.au



PRESTON DRUIDS CRICKET CLUB

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A community based club for everyone.

**Celebrating 100 years of community
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We offer junior girls + boys u10 to u16,
Woolworths Cricket Blast, women's and men's teams.



Juniors Come & Try Day

11am Saturday 6th September

W H Robinson Reserve, Preston



Phone - 0409 400 280

Email - prestondruidsjuniors@gmail.com



Preston Symphony Orchestra



2025 Youth Concerto Competition

Elgar

Cello Concerto no. 1

Gabriel Liu

Lalo

Symphonie Espagnole

Yuelin Cui

Rachmaninoff

Piano Concerto No. 2

Tyler Li

Saint-Saëns

Violin Concerto No. 3

Raistlin Chan

Mozart

Piano Concerto No. 13

Jayden Wayne

Schumann

Cello concerto Op. 129

Lieun Park

Conductor: Carlos del Cueto

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\$10 Secondary School Students

Children 12 and under Free

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OUR CLASSES

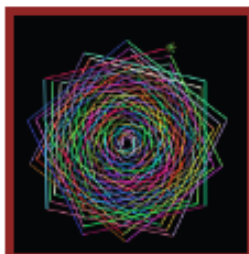
- KangaGym - ages under 3
- KinderGym - 3-5
- Rec A - prep-6
- Rec B - 7-8
- Intermediate - 8-11
- Advanced Rec - 11-18

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

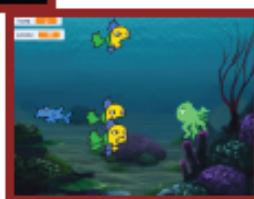


LEARN

- 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 2025 is as follows:

Year levels: 3 to 6

Term Fee: \$315 incl GST

AFTER SCHOOL

3:40pm – 4:40pm

BATCH

Thursdays 9th Oct to 4th Dec 2025

To enrol, fill out the form online:

www.digimaker.com.au/enrol



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/>

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