



*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:

### School Concert Tickets

Tickets for the school production 'The Great Primary School Mystery' will go on sale early next week via a Compass Newsfeed containing ticketing information and a link to purchase the tickets. There will be a **four-tickets-per-family limit**, which means a total of four tickets for one night **or** a combination over the two nights. Allocated seating means you can book early, allowing for a better selection of seats. If there are families who choose not to use their quota of four, additional tickets may become available closer to the events for other families to purchase.

### Absences throughout the Community

We are experiencing a high number of illnesses from staff, students and possibly parents/carers, as we transition from Winter. Staff absences are being managed as best we can with significant challenges in terms of the unavailability of relief teachers on any given day. Splitting grades is something we do on a semi-regular basis; however this is currently required more often. Ultimately, for staff or students, you need to stay at home when you are ill until you are healthy.

### SunSmart Time

As we roll into Spring, it is time to find our hats, dust them off and begin wearing them again. Students who do not have their hat and cannot access one of the spare hats in classrooms, will need to find shade in the shelter shed at break times. The school broad brim hats are available via PSW, our contracted uniform supplier.

### Biodiversity Garden Development

Work is continuing along the front of the school between the gym and Scotia Street with the Sustainability team of students, staff and parents/carers, developing the plans for an indigenous garden, another aim of providing crucial flora for the endangered blue banded bee. There will be a Bell Blitz Working Bee early next term to complete the works once Brett Allen, Ivy Callander and Julie Garbutt have finished the main works, with help from various student leaders.



### Parent Opinion Survey

The annual Department of Education survey will be available for all families to fill in once it is released via a separate Compass Newsfeed next week. I urge all parents/carers to engage to allow the leadership team and school council to analyse results later in the year. We'll examine what's going well and what needs further improvement from a parent perspective.

### P-3 Mini Aths

The Prep-Grade 3 Mini Athletics Carnival has been re-scheduled for the last week of term, Monday 15 September running from 9.15am to 11.30am. It will be held on the South Oval and in the gym. Grade 6 Specialist Leaders have organised a range of modified athletic and novelty activities to give the younger students a taste of a sports carnival. Many of the other Grades 6s will be there to help run the event. House points will be allocated for all participants and extras for those who excel. Parents/carers are most welcome to attend.

### **Fathers' / Special Persons' Day**

It was amazing to see so many families join in the celebration of this special day in our calendar. School Council tried something different this year and it was clearly something that resonated with many from the community, judging by the numbers. We know to cater for even more next year! Many thanks to key players from School Council and the CEF, including Vaia, Ceinwen, Harriet, Maria, Bridget, Anja and Sienna.

### **Term 3 Special Events**

It was wonderful to see so many parents, carers and some grandparents attend the Book Week Parade on Monday. So much effort resulting in so much engagement and fun for the students. The references to staff dress-ups were greatly appreciated by the teachers and ES who continue to step up.

This has been a hectic term with many excursions, swimming and other special events, including the termly celebrations of learning for every year level and specialists. We do acknowledge a few events were late in terms of communication to families, and we will continue to refine these processes within our operational systems. Remember, when in sync, we have several layers of communication including the weekly newsletter, particularly the '2025 Callendar' section, separate Compass Newsfeeds and the Community WhatsApp that has a new section for school events.

***David Twite***

***Principal***

## 2025 Calendar:

### September

Mon 1-Fri 5: Bell Book Week – ‘Book an Adventure’  
 Fri 5: **Gr6** Sports Gala, \$25  
 Fri 5: **Prep** Swimming Program #6 (final)  
 Mon 8: Victorian Primary School Orienteering Championship, selected students, \$25  
 Mon 8: Divisional Athletics Carnival, selected students  
 Tue 9: **Gr3** Sleepover Info Session, 5pm, online  
**Wed 10: Feel Warm Wednesday – heaters off/rug up!**  
 Wed 10: **Gr3** Celebration of Learning  
 Thu 11: VSSS Rehearsal #5  
 Fri 12: VSSS Rehearsal #6  
 Fri 12: **Gr5** Celebration of Learning  
**Sat 13: Victorian State School Spectacular!!!**  
 Mon 15: **P-3** Mini-Athletics Carnival, 9.15-11.30  
 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  
 Sun 12: Bell Blitz Working Bee  
**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: Biodiversity Garden Planting Day  
 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.

### 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



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.





### Specialist Award Winners

This award goes to **1A** who have shown the school value of **creativity** through their learning. This class consistently brings creativity and positivity into the learning environment, showing up with eagerness to explore new ideas.

The students approach each lesson with open minds, thoughtfully considering different perspectives and finding imaginative ways to engage with the content.

*The Specialist Team  
(Josh, Professoressa Sam, Julia, Ms S and Jack)*

## Book Week Gallery:



**BOOK-WEEK-2025**





## From the Art Room:

Preps completed their 3D art tangles. To celebrate Book Week, they started making a crayon collage inspired by the story, *The Day the Crayons Quit*.





## From the Grade 1 Team:

Last week, the Grade 1 students enjoyed an excursion to the Melbourne Museum where we explored how things have changed over time, as part of our Inquiry Unit this semester. Students were so excited to observe how technology, clothing, transport, toys and Melbourne have all changed and it was wonderful to hear all of their curious discussions throughout the day.

We participated in a presentation called 'My Grandmother's Toybox' which explored how toys have changed over the many years, and we also had fun putting these toys in chronological order with a large timeline.

We are very thankful to all of the wonderful parent helpers who volunteered their time and effort to assist with supervising students throughout the day.

**Rosie Serratore**  
**1A Classroom Teacher**



The poster features a light beige background with a subtle floral pattern. Various gardening tools are illustrated in a stylized, hand-drawn manner: an orange watering can in the top left, a green shovel with a wooden handle on the left, a pair of orange gloves on the right, a pair of orange and yellow rubber boots at the bottom left, a pair of green-handled pruning shears in the center, a coiled green garden hose with a yellow nozzle at the bottom right, and a brass faucet with a grey pipe on the right. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical layout.

DATE

**SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> OCT**

TIME


**9:30AM - 12:30PM**

# Working Bee

**Sustainability House Points  
for participating families!**

**Focus Area: New Indigenous  
Biodiversity Garden**

**Volunteer or find out more  
here**





## From the SAU:

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 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 **Wednesday 10 September** the SAU have asked all the 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 can't wait to see everyone dressed as snug as a bug in a rug soon!



**feel warm**

**wednesday**

**heaters off - rug up!**

**10/9/25**

**RUN BY THE**  
**SAU**

The poster features two illustrations: a pair of blue gloves with white stitching on the left, and a pair of blue boots with white fur trim and laces on the right.

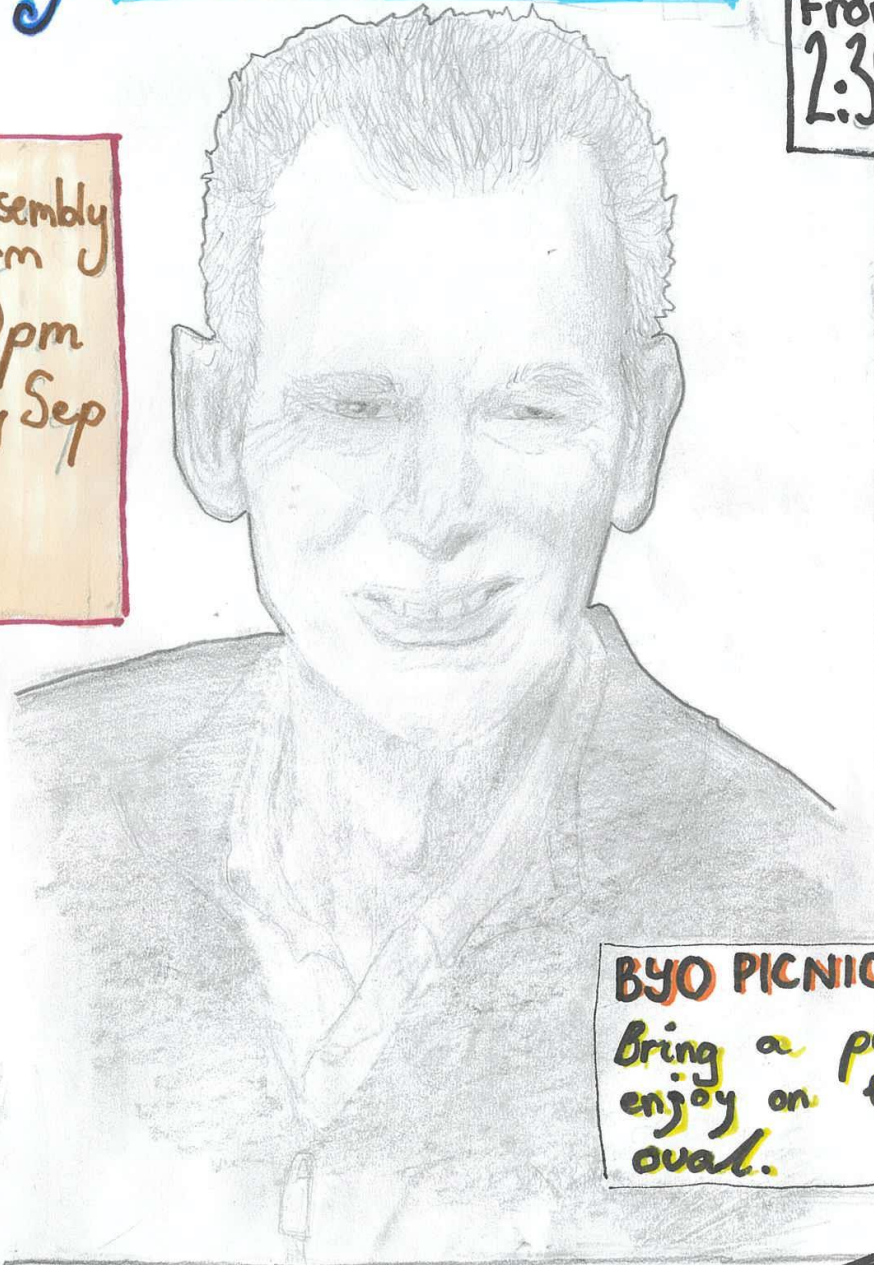


Come and join us:

Join us for an afternoon  
to celebrate David's  
**Retirement!**

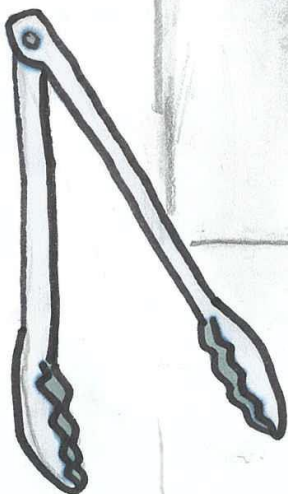
Final Assembly  
of term  
1:30pm  
Friday Sep  
19.

From  
2:30-4:00pm



**BYO PICNIC!**

Bring a picnic to  
enjoy on the south  
oval.



GOLD COIN  
**Sausage  
Sizzle!**





# 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'.







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

Poster Artwork by Ave, 6A



Fun activities  
for kids and  
fathers/special  
people!

Meet at the  
amphitheatre  
behind the  
gym!

# 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! ✨



**SPRING** Holidays

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HOLIDAY  
PROGRAMS  
IN AUSTRALIA**

**BOOKINGS OPEN NOW! >>**

Spring into fun with TeamKids these school holidays!

There's something for everyone:

- New experiences and activities every day
- Qualified and remarkable Educators
  - Healthy and yummy snacks
  - CCS-approved care

Click on the following link to check out **Bell Primary's** program + secure your spot today –  
<https://downloads.teamkids.com.au/bell-primary.pdf>



# BELL PRIMARY TEAMKIDS NEWSLETTER

Team  
Kids

## SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Mon 22nd Sep – Pot It Like It's Hot 🌱

Children will become little gardeners for the day. Each child will pot their own plant to take home and learn how to care for it. Educators will guide children through fun discussions about nature, sustainability and how plants help our world.

Tue 23rd Sep – Bundoora Park Farm (Excursion) 🐾

We will head out for a farm adventure at Bundoora Park. Children will meet friendly animals, learn about farm life, and explore the adventure playground. Please pack a hat, drink bottle, lunch and ensure children wear closed-toe shoes.

Wed 24th Sep – Pit Stop Pro's 🏎️

Get ready for a high-energy day of racing challenges. Children will work as teams to create their own pit stop stations, test their racing skills and join in fast-paced activities that combine creativity, problem solving and movement.

Thu 25th Sep – The Bad Guys 2 (Excursion) 🎬

We are off to the movies to watch the much-anticipated sequel, The Bad Guys 2. Children will enjoy a fun cinema experience while exploring themes of trust and teamwork in the story. Please be aware of the PG rating and check allergy alerts for movie snacks.

Fri 26th Sep – TK Spy Academy 🕵️

Today, children will step into the world of secret agents. They will crack codes, solve mysteries and complete top-secret missions. The day focuses on teamwork, problem solving and creative thinking.

Mon 29th Sep – Mini Golf (Excursion) 🏌️

Children will enjoy a TeamKids mini-golf tournament full of challenges and sensory surprises. They will test their coordination, patience and focus while having fun with friends. Closed-toe shoes are required for this excursion.

Wed 1st Oct – Kangaroo (Excursion) 🦘

We are off to the movies to see Kangaroo, a heartwarming Australian story where Chris and a young Indigenous girl, Charlie, team up to rescue orphaned joeys. This PG-rated film offers opportunities for reflection and discussion about nature, culture and community.

Thu 2nd Oct – Arts and Design 🎨

Children will dive into colour and creativity in this art-based incursion. They will experiment with different materials and techniques to create their own masterpieces. Please wear old clothes or bring an art shirt as it may get messy.

Fri 3rd Oct – Puzzle Palace 🧩

The final day of the program will challenge children's problem-solving and teamwork skills. They will rotate through puzzle stations, crack secret codes and work together to complete escape-style challenges.

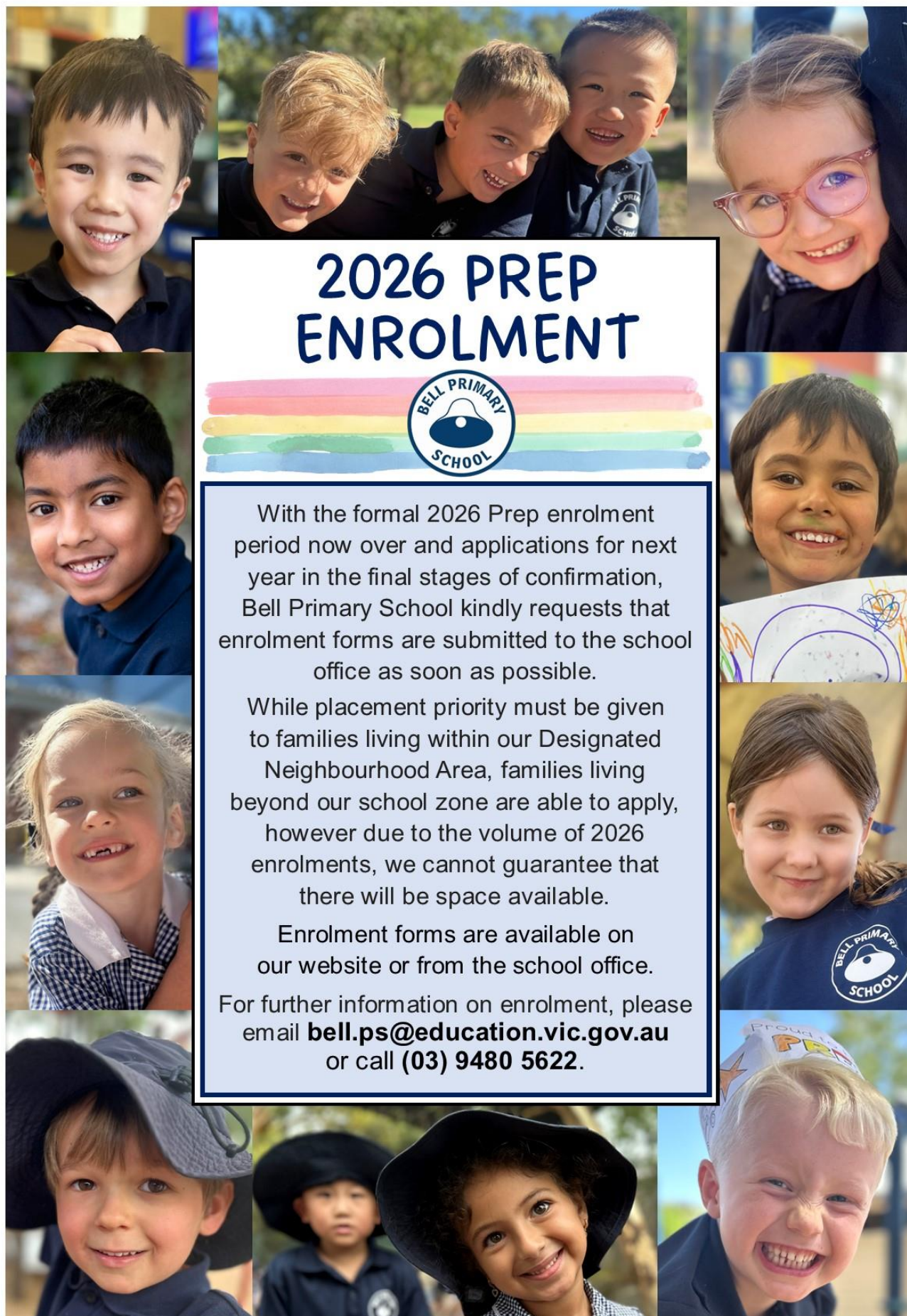
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**2026 PREP  
ENROLMENT**



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.

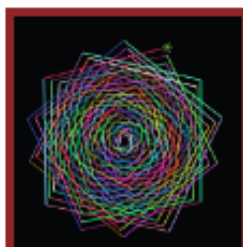
For further information on enrolment, please email **[bell.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:bell.ps@education.vic.gov.au)** or call **(03) 9480 5622**.

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

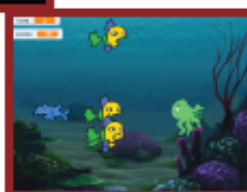


## LEARN

- 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 9<sup>th</sup> Oct to 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025

To enrol, fill out the form online:

[www.digimaker.com.au/enrol](http://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/>





# KEON PARK CRICKET CLUB

## Players wanted

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME  
ALL SKILLS  
ALL AGES**

Training:

U11 Monday

U13/15 Wednesday

U17 Tuesday & Thursday

Games:

U11 Wednesday

U13/15/17 Friday

**Fees: \$100 +Uniform**

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**CONTACT MARK SMITH: 0407 855 700**





**ALL GIRLS  
GROUPS  
AVAILABLE**

# SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SORTED

## CLIFTON HILL

**RAMSDEN ST RESERVE**

**FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER**

**9AM - 3PM**

**ONLY  
\$55!**

REGISTER  
HERE! →



# AFTER SCHOOL BEGINNER PROGRAMS



**GIRLS-ONLY  
SESSIONS  
AVAILABLE**

Our Beginner Programs are designed to develop love of the game. The **Aussie Hoops Program** is full of fun & games! developing skills & encouraging teamwork and connection. The **Future Phoenix Program** teaches transitional game-simulation & drills to prepare kids for organised basketball. Our coaches are experienced hoopers & teachers and provide a fun and inclusive environment for all athletes.

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GAME-BASED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM!  
WITH LOWERED RINGS & ADJUSTED RULES.

**AGES 5 - 10**



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