



*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:

Continued Wellbeing Focus

Staff have spent time in recent professional learning meetings sharing ideas and researching additional wellbeing lessons from resources such as the Berry Street Educational Model and the Respectful Relationships Curriculum to deliver explicit social and emotional lessons to support the wellbeing conferences. Whilst there is a continued focus on academic subjects including Literacy, Numeracy and Inquiry, targeted teaching on key themes from those two wellbeing resources is even more important as we go further into remote learning and family lockdowns.

Digital Technology Protocols

Overall, teachers have been very impressed with the behaviours and attitudes of students using the online tools for Remote and Flexible Learning, with everyone giving new platforms and links a go to help with daily learning. However, we need to remind parents/carers that as we introduce new web tools and platforms for educational purposes, these can be monitored to a high degree during school time with expectations set by the teachers along the way. Sometimes children are able to move outside the school's G-Suite platform and create their own accounts to use these web tools without teacher monitoring. Whilst the intentions are clear that the children are desperate to connect in any way possible, this is where parents and carers need to regularly monitor their child/ren's online activities at other times.

With eSmart week scheduled across the nation next week, we will expand on this matter and provide some guidance and tips on the types of tools we are using so parents/carers are clear about their purpose during school time. In morning meetings, teachers will revise eSmart practices to remind everyone once more how to be safe and responsible cybercitizens.

Tournament of Minds

A huge congratulations goes to the four teams who competed in the annual tournament last week. The mix of grade 4-6 students worked in teams of seven on a themed challenge with the additional hurdle this year of rehearsing and presenting online. Several teams received outstanding results but, more importantly, all four teams were given such positive feedback on their achievements. From a school perspective, we are so proud of the collaborative and resilient manner they kept on planning and rehearsing to finish the challenge. A special mention to the supporting teachers Laura Meredith, Mollie Zammit and Lisa McLeish who committed their time to this special extra-curricular club. Please scroll down to page six for more details.

School Playgrounds Now Open with QR Codes

Playgrounds are open for community use after school hours but families must use the specific QR codes now posted nearby as instructed by the State Government under the Chief Health Officer's advice.

This is great news for families and I hope this provides some sense of encouragement that we are moving in the right direction with the current outbreak, as everyone plays their part to help reduce cases and vaccinations across the state continue to rise.

David Twite
Principal

From our Assistant Principal:

NAPLAN

As per reports communicated in the media, Victoria as a state has overall done extremely well in the National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN), particularly given the challenges of 2020. Generally speaking, Bell Primary School has contributed to that success story and we are proud of the efforts and participation of all of our Year 3 and 5 students.

2021 NAPLAN reports for individual students will be mailed out directly to Year 3 and 5 families next week.

VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOL SPECTACULAR (VSSS)

We are saddened to announce that the 2021 Victorian State Schools Spectacular has been cancelled as a result of advice from the Public Health team due to current COVID-19 restrictions. The VSSS student group have been learning routines and rehearsing for a number of months now, even continuing with rehearsals online during Remote and Flexible Learning. We are incredibly proud of the commitment, resilience and flexibility that they have shown.

Upon a return to school, we will explore options for the group to share their performance with their peers and celebrate all of their hard work.

We would like to say a big thank you to our teachers Megan McGowan, Milica Stefanovic and Joy O'Neill for the extra time they have dedicated to this. Also, a big thank you to parents Bridget Ah Ching, Jane Moyle and Jacinta Love for their support.

Emma Heywood
Assistant Principal

From the Office:

2021 Calendar

Dates for
the Diary:

SEPTEMBER

- Fri 3: Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey **Closes**
- Fri 3: Northcote Dist. Basketball, Coburg Stadium
- 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 (tbc)**

- 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!



100

DAYS OF SCHOOL

Recently the Preps had a day of online celebrations to commemorate their first 100 days of school. It was great to see so many spritely 100 year old's dancing, laughing and celebrating online!



Inventors of 1C:

As part of our Inquiry unit on History, Grade 1 students have been practising the Learning Asset of Researchers and Thinkers to find out about how various things have changed over the years. So far this term, we have looked at changes to and advances in technology, toys, transport, fashion and school life/education.

We have been looking at many different pictures and artefacts of toys and technology from the past, and thinking about how they compare to those we use in the present time.

As part of a writing task during remote learning, students were asked to come up with their own clever technology that has not been created yet that they think would be useful for the future. They drafted, re-read, revised and edited their writing, then used their own creative thinking to present their work. Some students chose to finalise their writing with neat handwriting, whilst others chose to present using technology such as a 'pic collage', slide or word documents on a laptop device.

Have a look at the creative, unique and clever technological inventions of students in 1C!

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Jw176JsWRZmagXQNSObae2tjUN3eyCUSsB2G4mRPHYg/edit?usp=sharing>



1C Inventions

The unique, clever and original inventions of the amazing students of 1C! By 1C 2021
docs.google.com

Ange Georgiou
Teacher, 1C

Tournament of Minds:



Twenty eight of our fabulous students from grades 4, 5 and 6 have spent the past few of months taking part in **Tournament of Minds (ToMs)**. A program that sparks creativity, problem solving and teamwork.

ToMs is challenging enough for students, but throw in stop/start lockdowns and the absence of face-to-face contact this is even trickier than ever. Throughout this time however, these students have shown their dedication, flexibility and resilience to produce their own unique way of presenting their challenge.

In a pre-COVID world, their presentations would be held at La Trobe University in front of a panel and adoring family and teachers. However, in these conditions, the students had to film themselves online in a Google Meet and what a fantastic job they have all done.

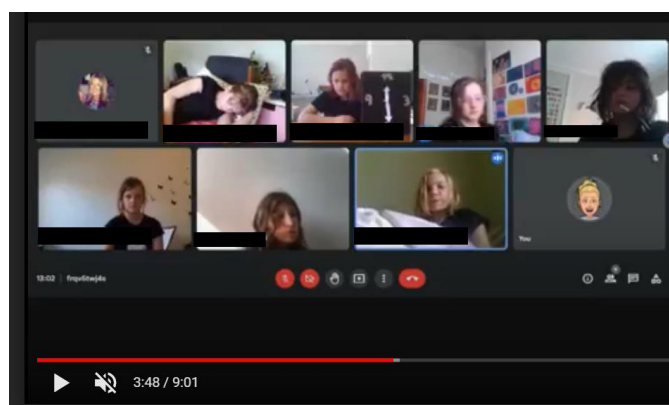
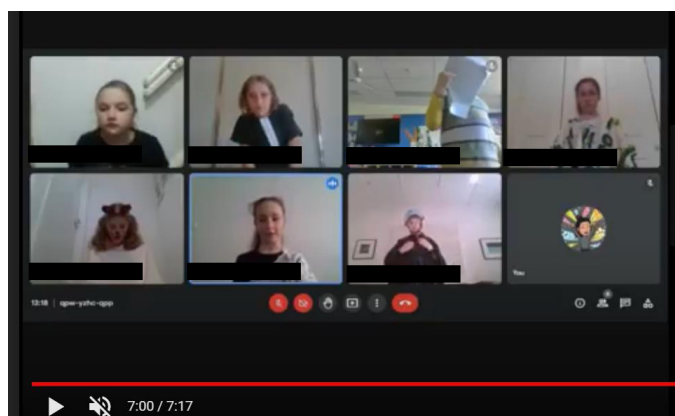
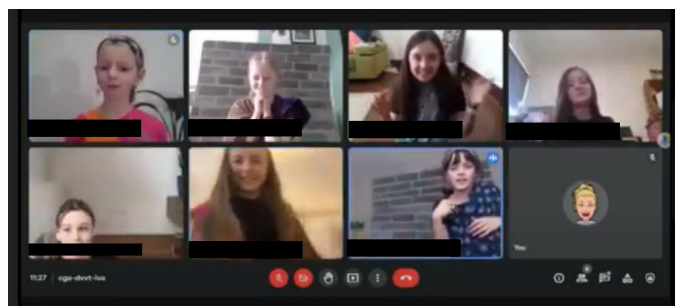
A huge well done to these students, and a special mention to Teams 1 and 3 who received Honours

- Group 1:** Eloise, Izzy, Tilly, Liam, Tess, Edie, Charlotte H
Group 2: Adelaide, Rory, Toby, Lily, Ava, Lucy, Harriet
Group 3: Indigo M, Dot, Reuben, Milly, Indi K, Molly, Charlotte WG
Group 4: Sara, Abby, Frances, Quinn, Masie, Sylvie, Maggie

If you would like to check out the presentations with your child, please check out your child's Google Classroom. The videos have been shared with the Google Classrooms.

Well done to ToMs 2021!

Miss Meredith, Lisa and Miss Zammit



National eSmart Week:



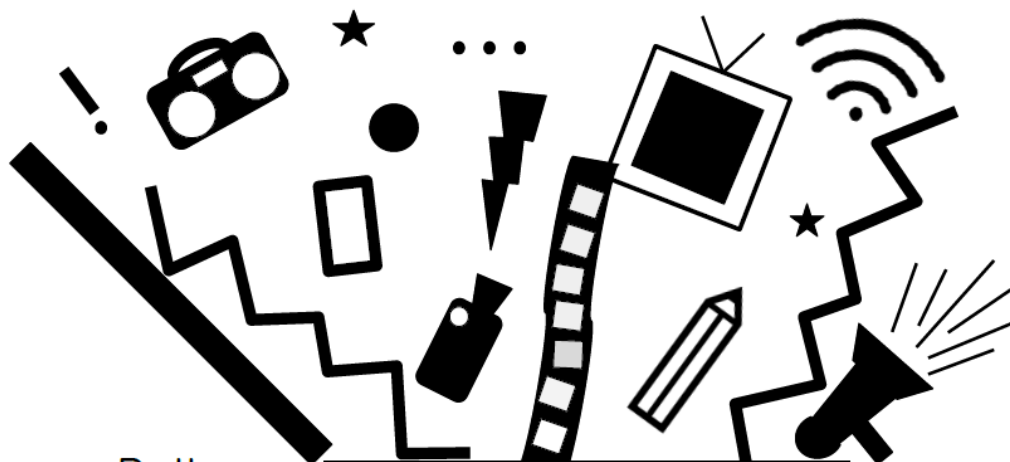
eSmart
alannah & madeline foundation

What is National eSmart Week?

- National eSmart Week is an opportunity for communities to share their knowledge and celebrate being smart, safe and responsible when using digital technology. The week runs from Monday 6 September to Sunday 12 September 2021.
- It's a day to create more awareness and community education on issues of cyber safety, bullying and wellbeing.
- This year's theme is 'Responsible Action'. By taking responsibility for our actions we can all play a part in creating a safer environment online and offline.

esmart.org.au

Bell Writers Festival 2021:



Bell
Writers
Festival
2021!

Save the date!

**NEW DATE
TO BE
CONFIRMED!**

4:45-5:00
Opening
Ceremony

5:00-7:00
Student
Work
showcase



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



DAREBIN BASKETBALL

HOLIDAY CAMPS

From beginners to elite level players, the Darebin Basketball Association has camps suited to your needs.

- Professionally designed programs
- Fun learning environment
- Free T-Shirt and tones of prizes
- Guest coaches

DOMESTIC REGOS

Want to get started in the game of basketball. Register you and your mates into the Darebin Domestic teams and get playing.

- Local games every Saturday
- Free uniform (this season only)
- Getting active and learning the game
- Coach and player development
- Term 4 start



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