



*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:

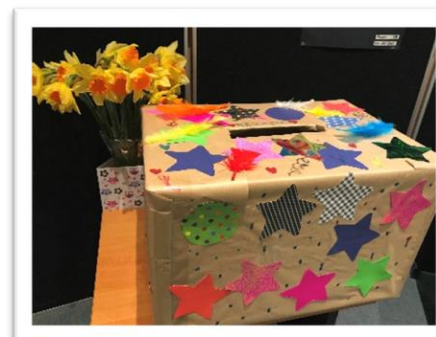
Sad Community News

This week has been like no other as the community begins to come to terms with the sudden death of Reuben last Sunday. Firstly, the Fijan's – Kim, Mario and Dom are very much aware of the love and best wishes from our community in their time of grief and are so appreciative of the support from all.

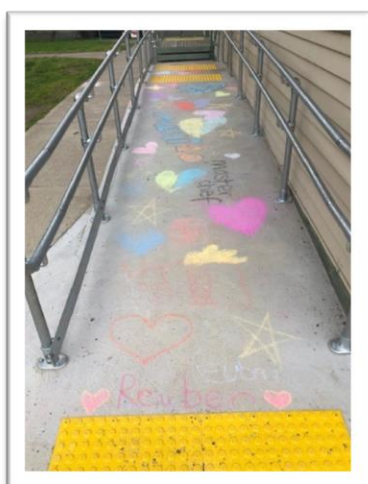
After Tuesday morning's meeting, staff have continued to support students throughout the week if additional questions or comments have come up during meetings and conferences, whilst also doing their best to provide the usual routines of remote and flexible learning. We know everyone deals with grief in their own way and the regular things in a child's life can create a sense of comfort during difficult times; that goes for all of us to some degree.

Staff have been provided with professional support through department services and I would like to remind parents and carers that counselling is still available for any children who might benefit from that professional support. Contact Emma Heywood, Xenia Matani or myself for a discussion on what assistance might be appropriate.

Finally, there are various ways of expressing the affection for Reuben and assisting with the grieving process. As referenced earlier in a Newsfeed, there is now a box in the foyer where creations can be posted and we will pass them on to the Fijan's at the appropriate time in the near future. Creations about Reuben, and for Dom, his brother, are most welcome. Email messages of condolence can be sent to the Bell PS account and will be forwarded from there.



If we can please keep the creations to craft-type things at this point, and we will consider a more permanent memory of Reuben at a future time. Some of his peers were creative with chalk this week and decorated his ramp at Room 14. I am sure this has helped those involved with their tumultuous feelings and certainly placed a warm feeling in the hearts of Kim, Mario and Dom when they saw the photos.



Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey

The closing date for this annual survey has been extended until the end of term, **Friday 17 September**, for those randomly selected parents/carers who were sent the email link. With about a 50% response rate so far, it would be greatly appreciated if those yet to do so, can find some time this week to complete the survey.

Early Finish for End of Term 3

A reminder for those few families attending on-site learning - school finishes **at 2.30pm** next Friday as per normal end of term arrangements. I will confirm OSHClub availability as soon as I can.

David Twite

Principal

From the Office:

2021 Calendar

Dates for
the Diary:

SEPTEMBER

- 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–Thu7: **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

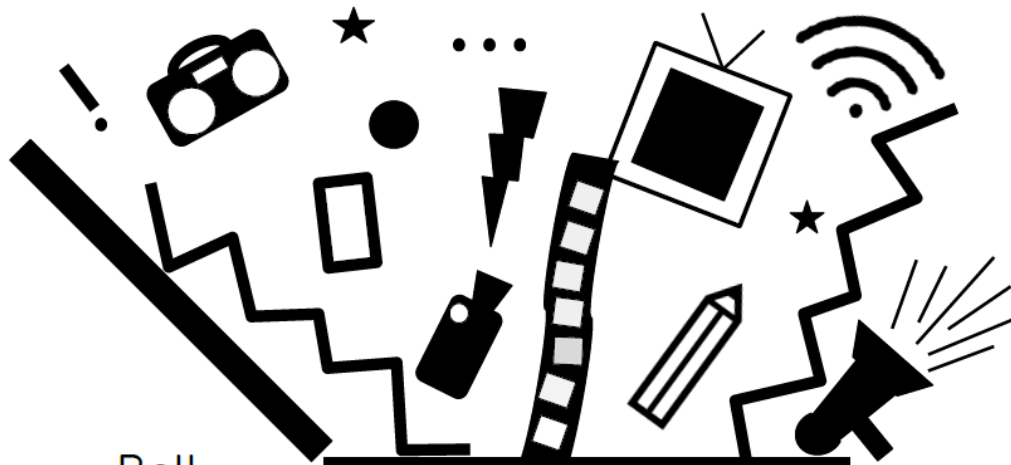
Payments/Consents Due or Outstanding

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!

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



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



For the Bell Community:



Online Music Lessons- Term 4

Direct to your home via video link to our tutor



Lessons still available for Term 4 !

- Primary Music Institute now offer online instrumental music lessons – a fun, flexible option that students can access from home whilst they are learning remotely. All you need is an instrument, and an internet connection!
- Lessons are held once per week- private lessons (1-on-1) and pair lessons (max 2 students) are available
- Lessons are typically on campus, but currently are being offered online
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination, IQ, abstract reasoning, performance confidence... and is great fun!
- Please **ENROL TODAY** via PMI's website.

P: 1300 362 824

E: admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au

www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au

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marcellin.vic.edu.au/community/enrolment



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via email registrar@marcellin.vic.edu.au

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Fitzroy Baseball Club

Junior Baseball



**BOYS & GIRLS
AGES 4-18**



Fitzroy Baseball Club is an excellent, community-focused club whose skilled coaching staff create a safe & supportive environment for learning the life-long skills that come with our fun-filled game.

Our season will begin immediately at the end of lockdown, until March (with an extended break during the school holiday period).



Tball
Ages 4-9
Play Wed. 5.30pm

Baseball
Ages 10-18
Train Wed. 5.30pm
Play Sun. 9-11am



We will be holding a Zoom webinar to provide parents with information & a chance for Q&A.

When restrictions allow, we will be holding a Come & Try Day for your child to try our great game, and see whether they would like to play.

**Our season begins post-lockdown
Online events now running!**

If trying baseball sounds like something your child would be interested in, we would love to hear from you. For more information or to register, see our website or contact us via email.

Location: Merri Park, St George's Road Northcote

www.fitzroybaseball.com.au/juniors

Email: juniors@fitzroybaseball.com.au



Our Website