



*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' went on sale Wednesday via a Compass Newsfeed containing ticketing information and a link to purchase the tickets. A **four-tickets-per-family limit** is in place to allow all families a chance to attend. If some families choose not to use their quota of four, additional tickets will be available during the first week of Term 4. Whilst most families will attend on one particular night, we anticipate that all students will perform on both nights, so everyone gets the full show on both nights.

Parent Opinion Survey

The annual Department of Education survey is open for all families to complete via a Compass Newsfeed sent recently. I urge all parents/carers to engage to allow the leadership team and School Council to analyse the results later in the year.



P-3 Mini Athletics Carnival

The Prep-Grade 3 Mini Athletics Carnival is taking place this **Monday 15 September** 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. House points will be allocated for all participants and extras for those who excel. As usual, **house colours** are **highly encouraged**. Parents/carers are most welcome to attend and can head straight to the south oval.

VSSS Dancers

Tomorrow, 16 Bell PS dancers will head to John Cain Arena for two sessions of this performance extravaganza. It will be an energetic and fun filled time for them all! I want to acknowledge the students' commitment and staff dedication to the many hours of lunchtime rehearsals. Thanks to Sarah Mc, Ivy, Claire and Milica for guiding the dancers through to the big day.

End of Term 3

As usual, there will be a special end of term assembly with some performances and speeches from various student leaders. **Assembly starts at 1.30pm**. Following the **2.30pm dismissal**, there will be a BBQ put on by School Council which I humbly accept as a way of saying good-bye. There will be lots of activities available in a similar way to the Father's / Special Person's morning a few weeks ago, so we can all have a bit of fun on what we hope is a sunny Friday afternoon.

David Twite
Principal

2025 Calendar:

September

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 Assembly - **1.30pm**
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, 6-7.30
Thu 16: The Great Primary School Mystery, 6-7.30
 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
 Wed 29: **Gr5** Celebration of Learning
 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 ☺

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.

From the Sports Department:

Divisional Athletics

On Monday the 8th of September, Bell PS had 13 students participating in the Divisional Athletic Carnival. It was a very successful day for all of the students and they should be incredibly proud of this achievement. We have also had a number of students progress through to the Regional Athletics Carnival next term on the 15th of October. We would like to wish them the best of luck.

Congratulations to Olive from Grade Four. Amelie, Isabella, Jude, Maharani and Fin from Grade Five and Jack, Hazel, Sonia, Fergus, Ngiya, Ave and Phoenix from Grade Six.



Respectful Relationship Student Forum:

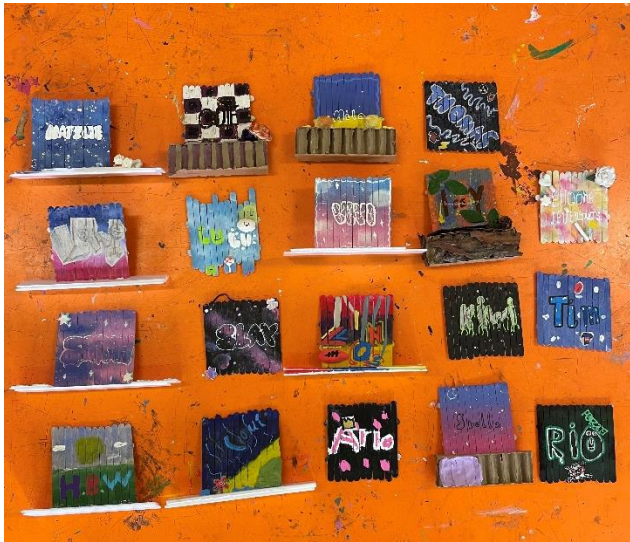
Last Thursday, two members of our Junior School Council, Luke and Ashley from Grade Six, headed out to Preston Primary for the inaugural Respectful Relationships Student Forum. This was an opportunity for students from seven schools within our local area to meet and share about being a young leader. Students had ten minutes to present what they, as leaders, are doing and their goals around inclusion at each school. Ashley and Luke both presented with confidence and should be incredibly proud of the work they, along with our JSC, are doing to promote Inclusion in our school. They decided to focus on how the JSC promote inclusion, as a school, through days of celebration such as the recent 'Wear it Purple Day'. A special thank you to Ciara Power for supporting the day.



From the Art Room:

Grades 5 + 6

The grade 5 and 6s completed their street art inspired fence sculptures. They constructed their fences out of popsicle sticks and painted them using sponging techniques. They used paint pens to write a word or their name, inspired by different typography styles. To decorate them, they made paste-ups, clay pieces, a stand or a hanger to present their completed fences.



From the Art Room:

Art Extension!

In Art Extension this term, students used acrylic paint, impasto and palette knives to create their paintings. They painted a background, middle ground and foreground showing a variety of textures and techniques.





METAL OF HONOUR

WINNERS - TERM 3

1C!

The Specialist Leaders (Maggie, Ave, Poppy, Phoenix and Celeste) were excited to present the Metal of Honour for Term 3 at last week's assembly.

Whilst the Specialist teachers had noted that every grade has shown dedication to their learning, the winning class not only display the school values of Creativity, Collaboration, Respect, Resilience and Curiosity on a weekly basis, but have also shown a passion for taking control of their learning through their Student Agency.

3rd place was...2C!

2nd place was...4A!

But coming home at the top of the pile for Term 3 was...1C!!!

Congratulations!

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

A poster for a 'Working Bee' event. The background is a light beige with a subtle floral pattern. At the top left is an orange watering can. In the center, the words 'Working Bee' are written in a large, green, rounded font. To the left of the text is a dark green shovel with a wooden handle. To the right is a pair of orange gardening gloves. Below the title, the text 'Sustainability House Points for participating families!' is written in a brown, sans-serif font. Below that, 'Focus Area: New Indigenous Biodiversity Garden' is written in the same font. To the right of this text is a QR code. Below the focus area, the text 'Volunteer or find out more here' is written in brown. At the bottom, there are illustrations of a pair of orange and yellow rubber boots, a pair of green and black pruning shears, a coiled green garden hose with an orange nozzle, and a brass faucet with a grey pipe.

DATE

SUNDAY 12TH 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**

! Bell Spotlight !

Meet Lu Paglia, Business Manager

What do you do in your spare time? I am a foodie, so I enjoy visiting markets, restaurants and attending food events. I also enjoy taking my little pooch Milly for walks.

What is your favourite thing about bell primary? My favourite thing about Bell are the people! The amazing students who are always so friendly and the lovely staff.



What is a quote you find really inspiring? "Sometimes the bravest and most important thing you can do is just show up."

What is your favourite book and why? *April Fool's Day* by Bryce Courtney. I enjoy reading non fiction books and this book is a very interesting & emotional story.

What did you want to do when you were a kid? I wanted to be a Primary School Teacher!!! I used to pretend to be a teacher when I played with my sisters and we had a little blackboard with chalk, and we took turns being the teacher.



Meet Kerry Georgiou, Grade 2A Teacher

What do you do in your spare time? I like to spend my spare time being active, mostly in the gym. If I'm not in the gym, it's a very high chance I'm on an outdoor adventure in the sunshine or having a swim at the beach.

What is your favourite thing about bell primary? The community and students at the school.

What is a quote you find really inspiring? "The mind is everything. What you think you become." by Lao Tzu

What is your favourite book and why? *Oh, The Places You'll Go!* By Dr. Seuss. I love the message the book delivers; To not give up and try your best, even when things get tough. As long as you believe in yourself, you can succeed.

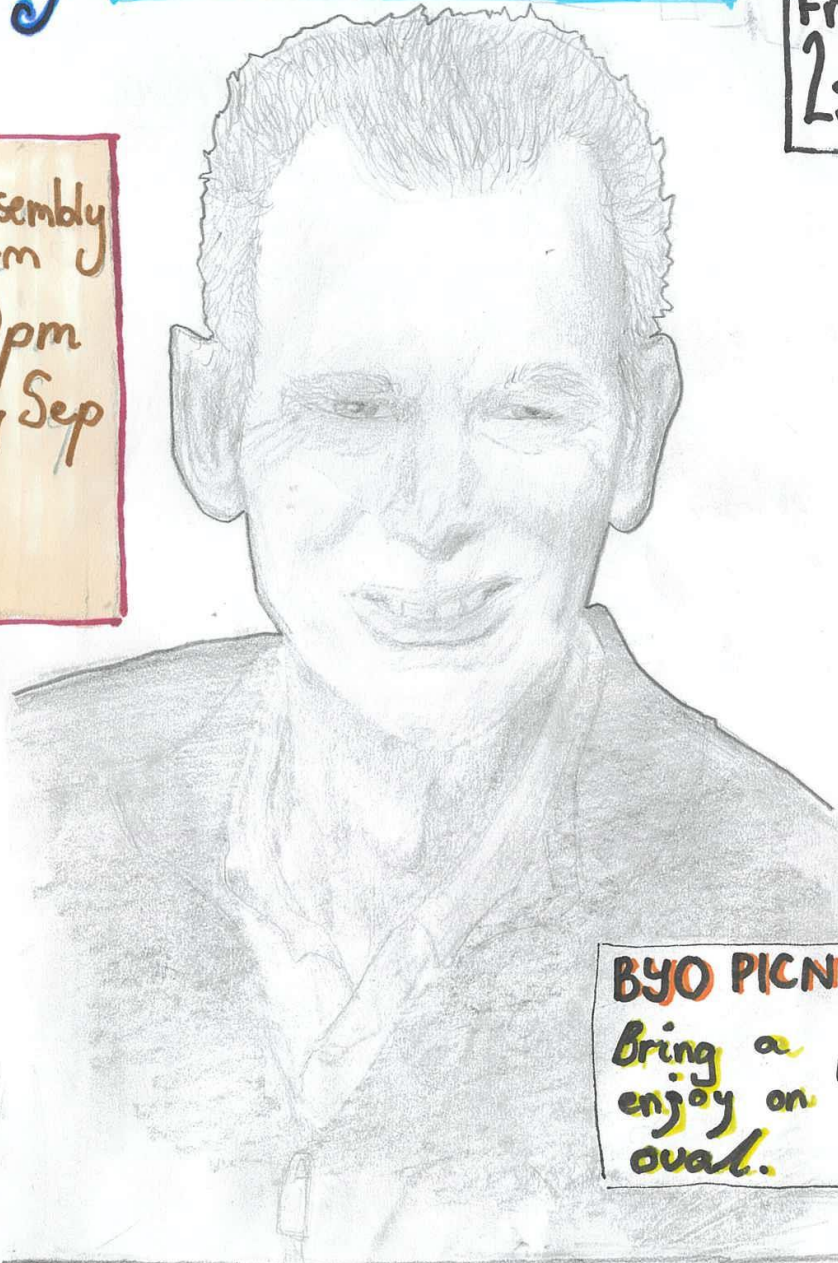
What did you want to be when you were a kid? I was convinced I was going to be Australia's number one professional tennis player.

Come and join us:

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

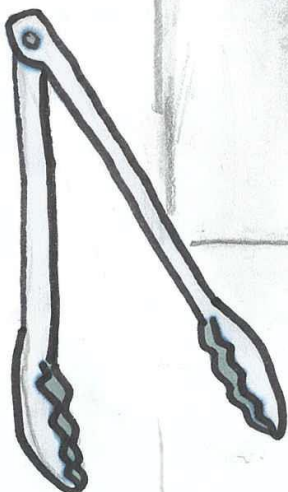
Final Assembly
of term
1:30pm
Friday Sep
19.

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



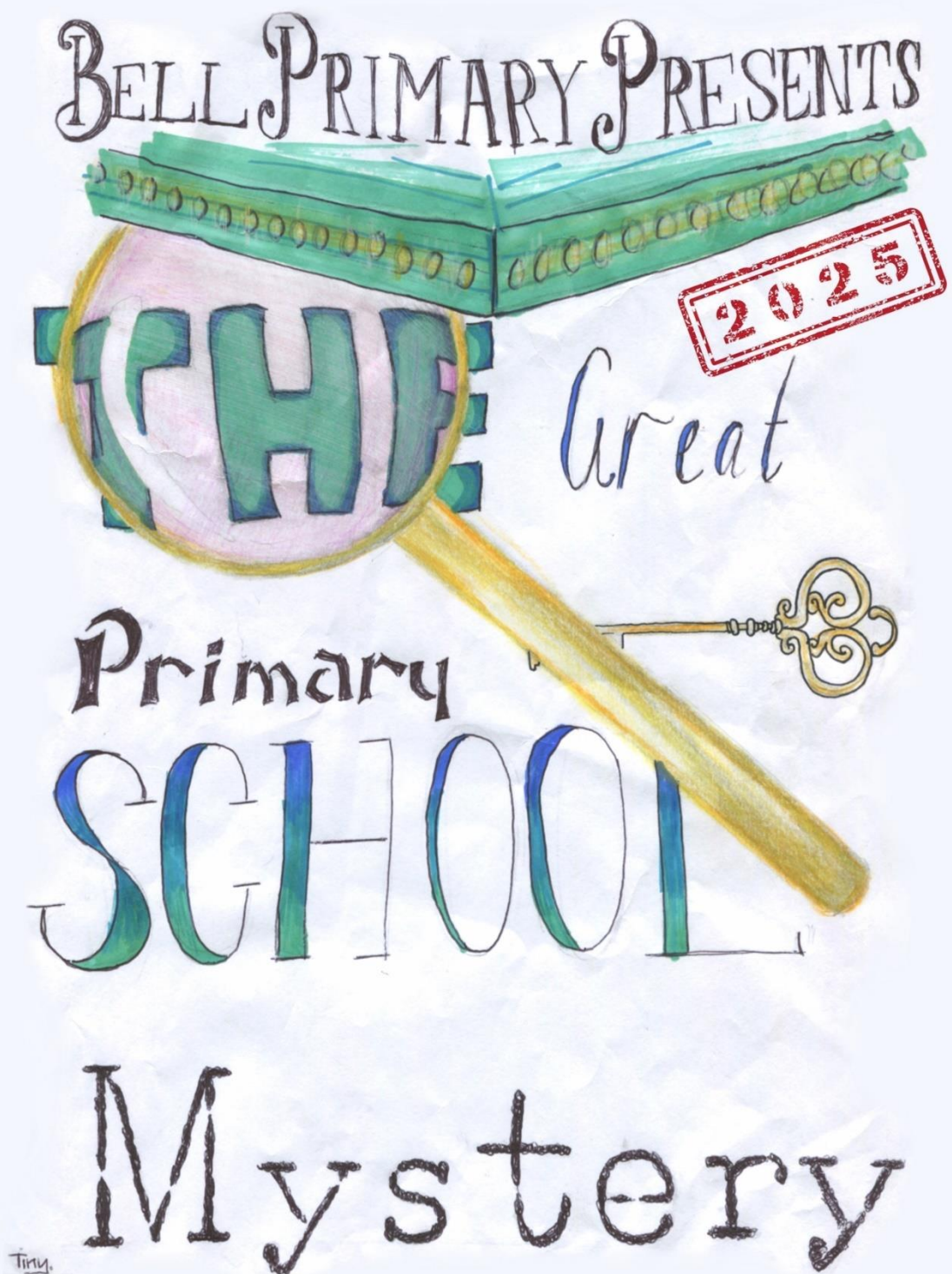
- What?** Whole-School Arts Production
Who? All Bell Primary School students (Grades P-6)
When? Two performances: Wednesday 15 & Thursday 16 October 2025 (6:00pm-7:30pm)
Where? Bell Primary School Sports and Performing Arts Hub (SPAH)



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



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! ✨

BELL PRIMARY TEAMKIDS NEWSLETTER



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 excursion. 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 🧩

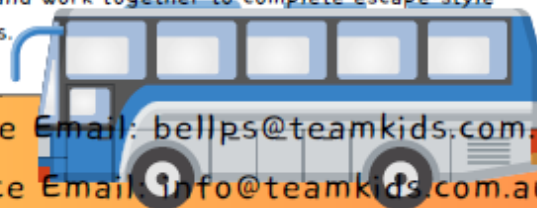
The final day of the program will challenge children's problem-solving and teamwork skills. They will rotate through puzzle stations, crack secret codes and work together to complete escape-style challenges.

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Journalism club TeamKids newsletter

In journalism club we ask people questions and write it down on paper. Some of the questions we ask are: what are some of your favourite things about Team kids? and what is your favourite book?

PET CARE CLUB

Pet care club is a club that runs on Monday afternoons and wendsday. At Pet Care Club you make posters on the computer. Then you put the posters around the school.

fun fact!

The CEO is a teacher at Teamkids.



*Organised and
written by Rosie, Zoe
and Eve.*



JOURNALISM CLUB TEAMKIDS NEWSLETTER



What's new at Team Kids?

At TeamKids this term, we have been working really hard on our journalism club where students can help write and lead our weekly newsletter.

So what else has been happening at Team Kids?

We introduced a new system that helps toilet trips be more organised, now when you need to go, students can see an educator with a partner and collect a toilet pass, they then return that to the educator after.

Fun Fact!

TeamKids had a record number of students this term! We reached 93 kids for one afternoon!

Journalism club is a program that you can participate in if you go to TeamKids. It is fully child led and we interview people about different topics including favourite colours, favourite food and much more. If you are in journalism club, you can ask questions to anyone from your peers to teachers!

100 Acts of Kindness!

At TeamKids, challenge yourselves to do 100 acts of kindness. Once we reach 100 act of kindness, we will donate \$50 to a charity of our choice. Well done to everyone at Team Kids for reaching this goal and donating \$50 dollars to Wildlife Victoria!

Organised and
written by Toni,
Harriet, Isabella
and Chloe

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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.

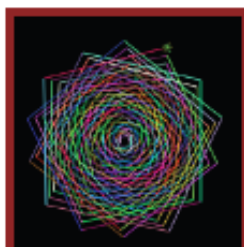
For further information on enrolment, please email **bell.ps@education.vic.gov.au** or call **(03) 9480 5622**.

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

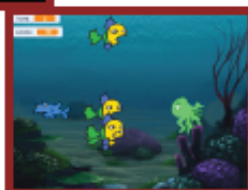


LEARN

- 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 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/>



KELLY SPORTS



BELL PRIMARY TERM 4 2025

Kelly Sports Is The Easiest Way To Get Your Kids Active

END OF YEAR CHEER – DANCE

Prep - Grade 6

When: Tuesday's 7th October - 9th December

Time: 11.30am - 12.20pm Cost: \$171 for 9 weeks



SEPTEMBER HOLIDAY FUN!

Antonine College St Joseph Campus
71 Grandview Parade, Pascoe Vale South

Tues 23rd - Thurs 25th Sept

Tues 30th Sept - Thurs 2nd Oct

8am - 5.30pm \$65 per day

To see daily schedule click [here](#)



For bookings or further information visit

[Kelly Sports Inner Northern & Strathmore](#)

or scan the QR Code.

For more information contact Shane Oliver at

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