



*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:

### ToMs

In extraordinary news, one of our four Tournament of Minds (ToMs) teams competed in the State Final last weekend and won the Arts category! We are so proud of their efforts, in particular to stay calm and use their learning assets as thinkers, creators, self-managers and most of all collaborators when given the challenge on the morning. They had only three hours with limited materials to organise their presentation for that afternoon.

Congratulations to Sara S-C (Gr 6), April S, Evie W, Lucy B, Marita W (Gr 5), Henry S, James B (Gr 4) who now head to the Internationals in early Term 4, which this year is held at La Trobe University (our home ground). It is a two day event on a Friday and Saturday which makes it extra special as they will meet and compete with students from all over Australia, New Zealand and many other Asian countries. Thanks to Grade 5 teacher Stacey V who supported the team and helped facilitate the event all day on Sunday.



### VSSS

It was a huge three days for our 16 Victorian State School Spectacular (VSSS) dancers with two massive rehearsals on Thursday and Friday then two performances on Saturday at John Cain Arena. All the practise paid off as they showcased the eight dances they had learnt. It was a remarkable statewide event celebrating the wonderful performing arts programs that are delivered in State Schools across Victoria and we are proud to be part of this extravaganza once again. More photos on page 7.



Thanks to the parents/carers for their support and a huge thanks to the dedicated dance teachers from Bell, being Sarah M, Milica S and Ivy C who were ably supported by Joy O and Emma H.

### Sustainability and Infrastructure Update

Thanks to the following team of dedicated gardeners who helped prepare specific areas of the school for the planting of trees sourced from the Queens Jubilee Grant: Ciannon Cazaly, Gemma Peirce Cooke, Allison Farley, Gerard Fennessy, Anna Forsyth, Scott Fraser, Julie Garbutt, James Lakin, Christine Rembelos, Clancy Riddiford and Matt Swinson.

With a large number of trees ready to be planted tomorrow by another team of volunteers, we are working towards bolstering the Northern PlaySpace, sections along the western fence line and south oval with more canopy trees to create exciting nature play areas and greater shade for the students now and long into the future.

This is the first stage of a grand idea to develop a master plan for the grounds inspired by our 5 school values- *Resilience, Creativity, Curiosity, Collaboration and Respect*.



### Pupil Free Day

As part of the DoE and AEU Agreement, schools are able to allocate one of their Professional Practice Days as a common day where students do not attend school, enabling teachers to work on key tasks related to their role. After consultation with staff, I have determined that a Pupil Free Day will be held on **Monday 6 November** (the day before Melbourne Cup) where teachers will work on the end of year student assessment and reporting process.

This gives families the opportunity for an extended weekend if work arrangements allow. OSHClub will run a service for the day if enrolments justify a program.

### Mini Aths

This annual event is back after a few interrupted years with the Prep-Grade 3s having some fun in the sun this week. Some of our Grade 6 leaders did a great job running the 12 events with six adapted athletic sports (sprints, hurdles, long jump, shot put, discus and javelin), and 6 novelty activities to add some more challenges for House groups. In particular, thanks to the PE leaders Jacques and Ivy for their super planning and organisation.



Whilst the main purpose is for everyone to have a go, we did have a scoring system for the athletics activities with everyone getting points for trying and some extra points for excelling.

The winning House will be celebrated at the final assembly this afternoon at 1.45pm.

### Assembly Survey

During Term 3, we trialled a change of assembly from Monday mornings at 9am to Friday afternoons at 3pm. We are seeking feedback from students, staff and parents/carers to help us decide what is best for Bell Primary moving forward: [CLICK HERE](#).

### Last Day of Term – Today!

Our special assembly will start at 1.45pm this afternoon. The Community Engagement and FUNdraising team will hold the annual cupcake stall immediately after assembly –cakes are \$2.00 each. Stalls will be spread out in various areas: **Prep-2** on basketball court in front of Prep A; **Grades 3-4** near the Italian Room under the shade sails; **Grades 5-6** in front of the shelter shed; **Allergy Friendly** in front of the canteen.

I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing school holidays and that we can all enjoy a bit of warmer weather.

**David Twite,**  
**Principal**

# 2023 Bell PS Calendar:

Enter dates to remember in your diary, or take a screenshot each week for quick reference!



## SEPTEMBER 2023

- Fri 15: Winter Woollies Day (*no donation*)
- Fri 15: Cupcake Stall Fundraiser
- Fri 15: **Prep 2024** Parent/Carer Questionnaire closes
- Fri 15: Assembly, **1.45pm** (weather permitting)
- **Fri 15: Final Day Term 3, 2.30pm dismissal**
- Sat 16: Tree Planting Day, 9am-1pm (*child-free*)

## OCTOBER 2023

- **Mon 2: First Day Term 4**
- **Fri 6: FINAL DAY COMPASS PAYMENT/CONSENT: \*Selected Gr5 NAIDOC Yarning Conference \$26\***
- Tue 10: **Selected Gr5 NAIDOC Yarning Conference**
- Wed 11: Regional Sports Carnival
- Tue 31: **Prep 2024** Parent/Carer Info Evening #1, 6pm (School Operations, Q+A)

## NOVEMBER 2023

- **Mon 6: \*\*Pupil Free Day\*\***
- **Tue 7: Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday**
- Wed 8: **Prep 2024 Optional** Transition Session (9.30-10.30 : parents/carers remain onsite)
- Fri 10: World's Greatest Shave Event
- Wed 15: **Prep 2024** Transition #1, 9.30-11.00 (parents/carers to drop off and return)

- Wed 22: **Prep 2024** Transition #2, 9.30-11.00 (parents/carers to drop off and return)
- Fri 17: **Grades 4-6** Swimming Carnival, Oakpark
- **Tue 28: Whole School Transition #1/3**
- Wed 29: **Prep 2024** Transition #3, 9.30-11.00 (parents/carers to drop off and return)
- **Wed 29 – Fri 1.12: Grade 4 Anglesea Camp**

## DECEMBER 2023

- **Tue 5: Whole School Transition #2/3**
- Tue 5: **Prep 2024** Parent/Carer Info Evening #2, 6pm (A Day in the Life of a Prep, Q+A)
- Wed 6: **Prep 2024** Transition #4, 9.30-11.00 (parents/carers to drop off and return)
- **Mon 11: FINAL DAY COMPASS PAYMENT/CONSENT: \*Grade 6 Luna Park Big Day Out \$49\***
- **Tue 12: Whole School Transition #3/3**
- Tue 12: Statewide Year 6→7 Transition
- Tue 12: Optional Welcome BBQ for **Prep 2024** Families (4.00-6.00, LC Courtyard/Northern grass area)
- **Thu 14: Grade 6 Luna Park Big Day Out**
- Mon 18: **Grade 6** Colour Run + Picnic
- **Wed 20: Final Day Term 4, 1.30pm dismissal**

## End-of-Term Assembly Performances

We are excited to announce performances by **Grade 4B, Senior Vocal Ensemble, Rock Band** and the **Victorian State School Spectacular** at the end-of-term assembly on **Friday 15 September** on the Basketball Court at 1:45pm.

We hope you can join us!

**Ms S**





## From the Admin Office:

### ADMINISTRATION STAFF:

**Lu Paglia:** Business Manager (Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri) : **Jo Taylor:** Finance/Excursions (Mon/Wed/Fri)  
**Tania Levens:** Facilities/OHS/Communication (Tue-Fri) : **Jessie Storm:** Attendance/Enrolments/Medical (Mon-Fri)  
**OFFICE HOURS: 8.00am – 4.30pm**

## 2024 Prep Enrolments Due



We kindly ask any current Bell families with a 2024 Prep child to submit an enrolment form **as soon as possible** for planning purposes. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website or collected from the front office. We look forward to welcoming the next cohort of Bell siblings to the school! Please contact Jessie in the office with any questions about the enrolment process.

### **LATE ARRIVALS, EARLY DEPARTURES OR STUDENT ABSENCES**

1. **Late Arrival:** **ONLY** enter this on the Compass Kiosk at the office on arrival.
2. **Early Departure:** **ONLY** enter this on the Compass Kiosk at the office on arrival.
3. **Whole Day Absence:** **MUST** be entered on your Compass Parent Portal either in advance, or on the day by clicking the absence SMS link.

Please help the Admin Team out by NOT entering medical/dental appointments, etc, through your Compass Parent Portal – simply follow the early departure / late arrival procedure when you come in to drop off or collect your child.

### COVID Requirements Update

As of July 10, Victorian schools are no longer required to keep records of student COVID cases, however the DET recommendation remains in place that any staff or students who test positive for COVID should stay home for 5 days minimum and only return to school when they are symptom-free. We kindly ask that you continue to inform office staff or your child's teacher if your child tests positive for COVID. Free rapid antigen tests are still available at the front office. **Thank you for your continued co-operation.**

### **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 run by a parent volunteer once per week. **The Shop will now be open every FRIDAY afternoon from 3.15-3.45pm.** Don't forget your gold coins – no credit or credit card facility is available.

### EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please see our website for details on these activities offered both after school and/or during school time in Room 14 – please make direct contact with the provider:

**Keyboard : Guitar : Violin : Ukelele : Singing : Dancing : Computer Programming : Sports**

## Term 3 Clubs Fun!

This term, students have had lots of fun at break times going to LegoLand Club, Coding Club and Clean Up Crew. There was also a session of Greek Dancing!





## From the Sports Department:

On Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> of September, 17 students headed out to Meadowglen Athletics Track to represent Bell Primary at the Darebin Divisional Carnival

The students did an amazing job with 12 students progressing through to the Regional Carnival next term on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October. We would like to wish the following students all the best at their next event: Findley S, Sami C, Jack S, Hazel L, Luca F, Atticus V, Jack Z, Charlie F, Sylvie C, Chloe V, Liv H and Leilani A.

A particular thank you to all the parents and carers for taking the students to the event and supporting them on the day.

*Josh Grogan, PE Teacher*



**Plant trees  
at Bell  
Primary  
this  
September!**

**Please join us for a  
working bee!**

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup> September  
9am – 1pm**

- Note this is a kid free working bee due to OH&S, apologies to those that this is tricky for!
- Please bring gloves, eye protection, hats, waterbottles, pruning saws, wheelbarrows, snips/loppers, garden forks, shovels, picks. All the gardening things!
- Refreshments provided!
- RSVP by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2023 to [Ivy.Callander@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Ivy.Callander@education.vic.gov.au) for further details.

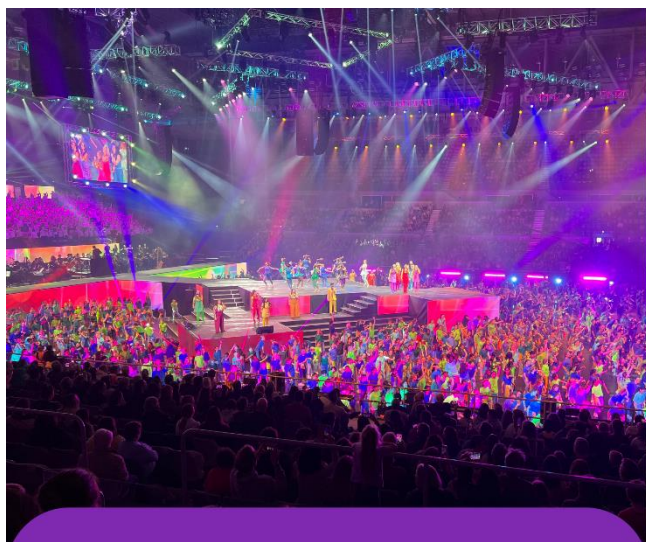
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**It's not too late to sign up!! We have close to 90 trees to plant and, at this stage, we could still use some more hands to get them all in the ground.**

**Any time you can spare would be greatly appreciated.**

**If you can make it, please RSVP here - <https://forms.gle/fnV2U2tJQbFWrYyr6>**





## State School Spectacular 2023

A huge congratulations to these 16 students who, after 8 months of hard work, dedication and lunch-time rehearsals, danced up a storm last Saturday in two truly **spectacular** performances at John Cain Arena! You all shone and we couldn't be prouder of you.

Sarah, Ms S, Emma, Joy and Ivy.







Fresh North Queensland Mangoes

Direct from the farm to you!

## Support Our Mango Fundraiser

If you *love mangoes*, here's your chance to indulge in fresh juicy Kensington Pride mangoes and support our fundraising drive.

We are selling trays of mangoes picked and packed during the premium harvest.

Cost per Tray is: **\$26 - only available via Qkr!**

Place your order by: 24<sup>th</sup> October

Delivery: Late November / Early December

Money raised will be used for: Audio Visual equipment for the Gym Hall





**CALLING ALL  
2024 PREP  
ENROLMENTS**



With planning for next year now underway, we ask that any families who have not yet submitted a Prep enrolment form for their child please do so as soon as possible.

Enrolment forms are accessible on our website or in the school office, and can be submitted in person or to **[bell.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:bell.ps@education.vic.gov.au)**

Please contact Jessie in the office for any questions about the enrolment process.



# Woolworths Cricket Blast



**Whether you're a first-time batter or backyard cricket superstar, get ready to embark on an exciting journey.**

- Everyone welcome - Kids aged up to 10 years old
- Saturday morning 10am
- 60-90 minutes of fun each session in a safe and inclusive environment

How to register: <https://play.cricket.com.au>



**Keon Park Cricket Club**

CRICKET AUSTRALIA





**U14's Champions 22/23**



# JUNIOR PLAYERS WE WANT YOU!!

## About Keon Park:

Keon Park Cricket Club is a family orientated club and would love for you to get in touch if you are interested in joining our family.



### J C Donath Reserve - Oval #1

Corner of Harmer Street & Wagga Road  
Reservoir VIC 3073

### Mixed teams - U16's, U14's, U12's

Games are Friday Nights at 5pm

Training on Sunday at 10am

### Mixed teams - U10's

Games are Sunday morning at 10am

Training on Sunday at 10am

### Junior Blasters - Ages 5 - 8

Saturday Mornings at 10am - 11am

Teaches kids to bat, bowl & field

From 11 October training moves to Wednesday at 4.30pm



**President: Shane Baker 0417670206**



Dear Parents,

This season Preston Druids is close to fielding its first Girls Under 10s Team. At the moment we have 6 players and we are looking for a few more girls to join us. Games are played Monday nights from 5.45pm to 8.00pm and training will be Wednesday nights from 4.30pm to 6.00pm. If you would like to know more and/or are interested in playing, please contact Frank Maher on 0431 311 184.

Look forward to seeing you join us for an exciting season.

**Frank Maher**  
**Preston Druids Juniors**  
**0431 311 184**



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