



*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:

Reuban's Last Hurrah

Yesterday was an emotional day for the Bell community as we formally said farewell to Reuben. It was also a day to reflect and celebrate this beautiful boy who will always hold a special place in the hearts of everyone who met him. There were many extended family, friends and members of the Bell community who watched the live stream, however those who wish to view it at a time that suits them and/or leave a message in the guest book, the link will stay open for 3 months. The guest book has lots of lovely messages already. [Click here](#) for the link.



Those staff and students onsite had a special moment afterwards when Reuben's final ride came past the school so we could listen to his favourite song again, *Titanium*, pay our respects and give three cheers as he left the school.

Finally, attached to this newsletter newsfeed is the same parent support information I sent home when we first communicated the sad news. This will assist with any further conversations or questions that might arise with your child/ren after yesterday, or in the near future, as everyone continues to work through Reuben's death in their own way and at their own pace.



Final Curriculum Day + Community Forum

School Council has approved the final pupil free day that I proposed to them which will be scheduled for **Monday 1 November**; the day before Melbourne Cup. The focus for staff will be related to our new strategic plan goal around Literacy and Numeracy (Teaching and Learning). All staff will participate in some foundational work on two key improvement strategies, being our whole school instructional model and the development of our coaching/mentoring approach.

In regard to the new 4-year strategic plan, a Community Forum is planned for **Thursday 28 October** where we will unpack the plan and discuss other key themes of interest including communication, wellbeing and present the design drawings for the new gym/hall. More information to follow once we know of the restrictions around that time to help us determine whether it's a face to face or on-line session.

Term 4 School Arrangements

As you are all aware, there is no solid information about what the start of next term looks like yet, although there are plenty of rumours floating around. Once the State Government have released their plan which has been promised this Sunday, I will have to wait for DET's detailed information before I can communicate that to the community. Usually, it takes a number of days or even a week or so for DET to work through the logistics from the Chief Health Officer's advice and then we get a updated Operations Guide to follow.

Keep your Compass App open as Emma and I will send out detailed information about the start of Term 4 once we have digested DET's guidelines and made arrangements for what it looks like at Bell PS. I know we are all hoping for a significant easing of restrictions around school settings.

A Safe School Break Ahead

Finally, as we roll into the Term 3 break, I would like to thank everyone in the Bell community (parents/carers, children and staff) for their herculean efforts, kind gestures and sheer determination during the difficult time of another COVID lockdown and the tragedy of Reuben's death. The way we rally together as a community is quite extraordinary and although these times are tough for us all, I know we will get over every life hurdle as we help each other, starting with the kids in our care.

David Twite
Principal

From the Office:

2021 Calendar

Dates for the Diary:

SEPTEMBER

- 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
- Thu 28: AGM / Community Forum

NOVEMBER

- Mon 1: Curriculum Day #4 – Pupil Free Day
- 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:

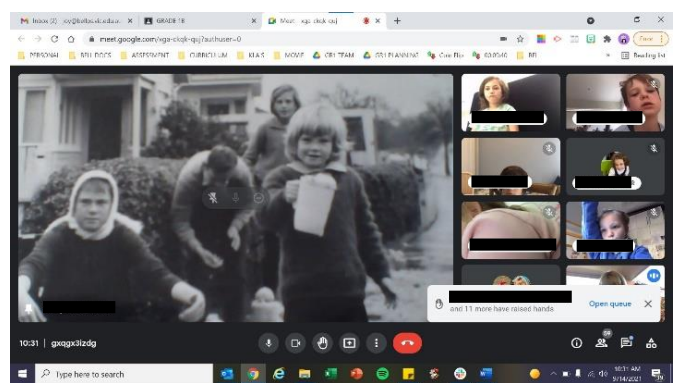
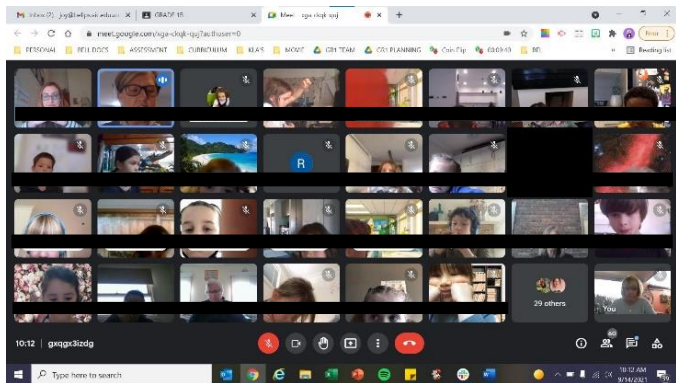
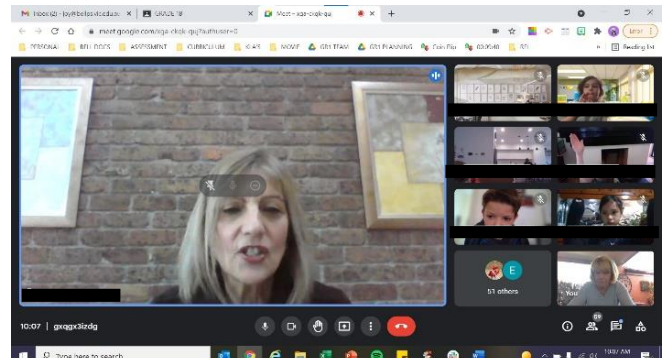
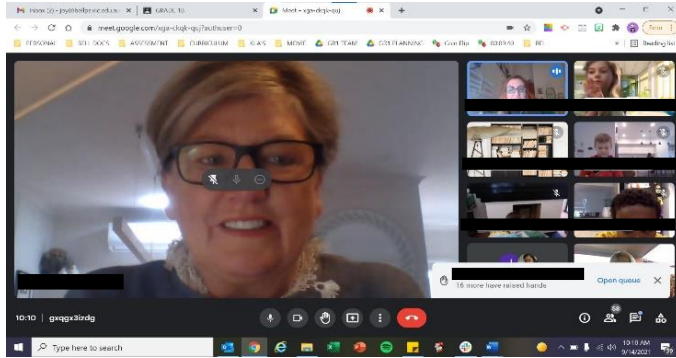
1. All **Event Consents** are to be provided on **Compass**.
2. All **Event Payments** are to be paid on **Qkr!**

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!

From the Grade 1 Team:

GRADE 1 Inquiry Unit – Past and Present

Throughout Term 3, all students in Grade 1 have been learning about things past and present, including transport, technology, clothing and school. We wrapped up our unit this week by getting all students to come online and interview a couple of guest speakers. We had Helen (Joy's sister) and Joanne (Miss Georgiou's mum) come along and talk about what school was like for them when they were little. Needless to say, many of them were very curious about the types of punishment that took place. The kids came up with some great questions for example, how many students were in classes and what were the teachers like. We can all agree, it was a fabulous unit to learn about.

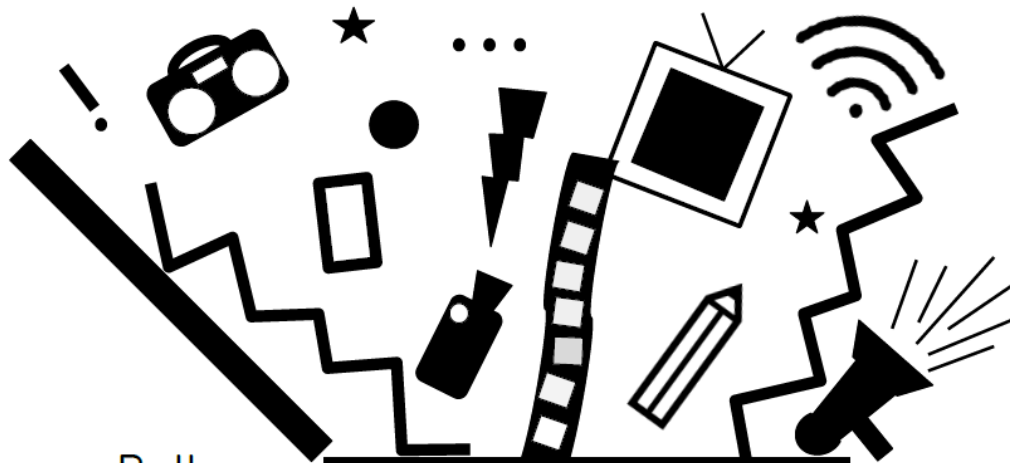


Cooking with Joy – Gr 1B

Today in Grade 1B we did some cooking for our last day before the holidays. Joy demonstrated for the kids how she makes French Toast direct from her kitchen. While it was a juggling act of using two screens, we pulled it off and enjoyed a yummy breakfast together. Thanks, 1B for making this day simply the best. You all deserve a well-earned holiday.



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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LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE 2022 & 2023

marcellin.vic.edu.au/community/enrolment



PLANS FOR THE FUTURE | A NEW BUS ROUTE
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For further information please contact the College Registrar
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