



*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:

P-3 Mini Athletics Carnival

The Prep-Grade 3 Mini Athletics Carnival was a hit last Monday with lots of colour and movement as the little athletes rotated through twelve activities. The Grade 6 Specialist Leaders did a super job organising the event and were ably supported by their peers to give everyone a taste of some track and field events plus some novelty activities. House points will be announced at Assembly today and the results go towards the overall House Sports Shield for 2025.



End of Term 3

The special end of term assembly **starts at 1.30pm** with performances and speeches from various student leaders and others. The BBQ is a lovely gesture arranged by School Council as a way of saying good-bye to me. Like the Father's + Special Person's morning, there will be lots of activities available to play so we can all have a bit of fun.

Farewell Reflections

Since announcing my retirement, I have been delving deep into the archives of my brain and reflecting on my 38 years of service. My first 11 years at Craigieburn South PS and Glenroy North PS was as a teacher helping kids every day in the classroom. My eight years at Pascoe Vale PS as a Leading Teacher, driving whole school improvement whilst still teaching everyday, provided me with the stepping stone into Principal Class work. Then the last 19 years as Assistant Principal at Gisborne PS then Principal at both Macedon PS and Bell PS have been the special 'icing on the cake' of a career in education that I am proud of.

However, schools are about working together and not about one person at the top, therefore some thank-yous are in order:

- A special thanks to *School Council* for helping me guide the direction of the school community, *Building Bell* for their advocacy in creating special spaces such as the gym-hall, the *CEF* for promoting engagement and raising funds, and other *Sub-Committees* and *Working Groups* who work tirelessly on their passions that make the school better, and to everyone who volunteered at some point to bring the community together, raise some money or just help the teachers with a special activity.

- A huge thanks to staff for their dedication to improve their practice, work in teams to plan and deliver their lessons, and for caring for the kids above and beyond. Also, I want to acknowledge the way they look after each other, and for the eight years of fun, silliness and laughs.
- And as for the students, they are what schools are all about. Thanks for those calls of 'Hello David!' that make each day worthwhile. Teaching the Preps PE and going on camps kept my passions alive and simply watching them grow from little Preps to almost teenagers with curiosity, a sense of inclusion and care for others within everyone of them.

Lastly, the thing I cherish the most of what Bell has become is not what I have done, rather what WE have done. Collaboration, shared purpose and understanding is what this school now shows in spades. I look forward to seeing what amazing things Team Bell, led by Emma, will achieve in the future.

David Twite
Principal

2025 Calendar:

September

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: Gr4 Celebration of Learning
 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: Gr3 Celebration of Learning
 Wed 3: International Day of People with Disabilities
 Tue 9: Statewide Gr6 to Yr7 Transition Day
 Thu 11: Gr1 Celebration of Learning
 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.

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.

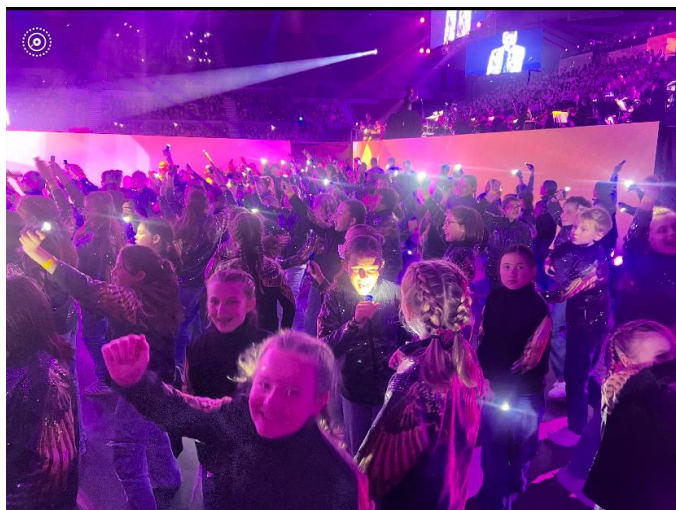
Victorian State School Spectacular:

Throughout the year, schools all around Victoria have rehearsed in their groups, then have all come together as a mass dance to practice and perform eight beautifully choreographed dances. Around 81 schools had 16 children who were a part of mass dance, and they all tried so hard to get into Spec by auditioning at the start of the year.

There was one large dance rehearsal each term, plus two at John Cain Arena days before the show. The whole thing was such a fun experience, and it was so cool to see schools come together into one big, loud group.

Without a doubt, all the hard work paid off as soon we saw it in action. The performance was a big success, and it was all thanks to the teachers. We're all super grateful to Sarah, Miss S, Claire and Ivy, plus all the people who worked on the show like Hara and Yvette. Overall, it was such a pleasant thing to do over the year. Thanks so much for reading!

By Opella & Elena



Feel Warm Wednesday:

Last Wednesday, the SAU (Student Activist Union) held a schoolwide Feel Warm Wednesday, where the whole school rugged up to save energy. We turned off all of the heaters in the school which led to saving around 8kw of power. For context, this is easily enough energy to power an electric car or power a household for one day!

It was great to see everyone in their warm clothes on such a cold day.



From the Art Room:

Grades 3 + 4

Grade 3 and 4 have spent the term planning and producing Pete Cromer inspired puppets. They cut coloured fabric shapes and added patterns to make their animals eye catching.



From the Prep Team:

On Wednesday, the Preps welcomed their parents, carers and friends to school for their Term 3 Inquiry Celebration of Learning. The Preps showcased their Community helper writing, dioramas and stop motion movies. They also taught their grown ups how to make their own movies. If you would like to watch the Prep stop motion movies, they can be found via the QR code.



Celebrations of Learning with the Specialist Team:

PE in the Gym: The session kicked off with skipping skills, then wound down with stretching and a relaxing Cosmic Kids Yoga cool-down.

Music Room: Students had a blast dancing and showing off the progress of their school production routine!

Art Room: Students displayed their creativity through colourful monoprints and scratch art.

STEAM Room: *Mr Bump* came to life with student-created sound effects.

Italian Room: Students put their family vocabulary to work by labelling the members of the much-loved Heeler dog family from *Bluey*.



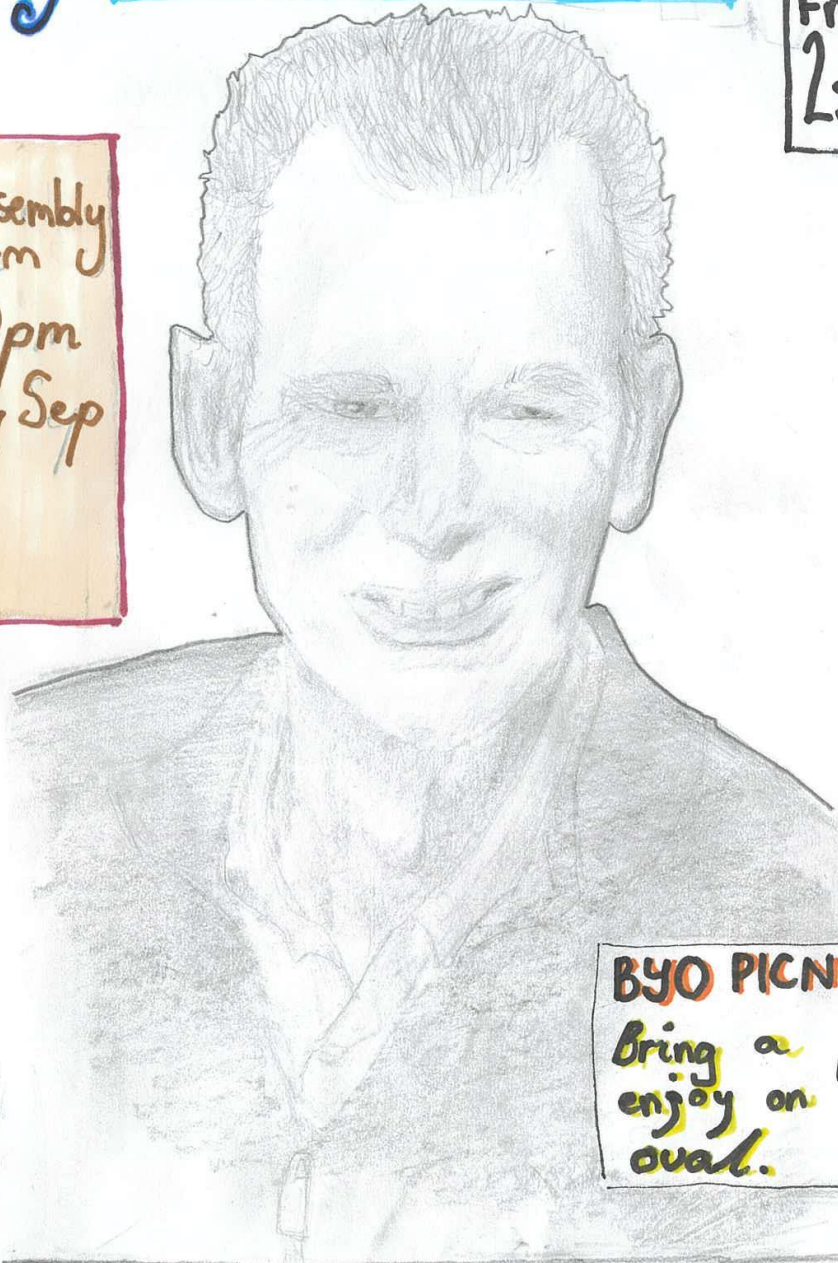


Come and join us:

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

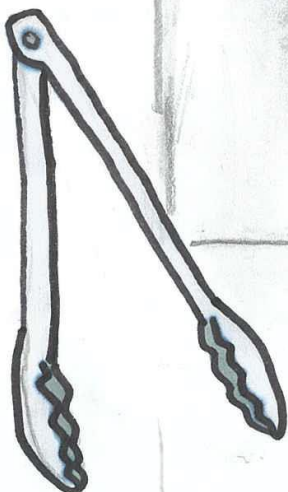
Final Assembly
of term
1:30pm
Friday Sep
19.

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)

Dear Bell Families

We are all excited to be getting close to showcasing our whole-school production 'The Great Primary School Mystery' on Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 October in the Sports and Performing Arts Hub.

Please make sure you have read the Compass Newsfeed regarding the costumes for your child's class. Their costume will need to be ready for Day 1 of Term 4.

Details of when your child will need to bring their costume to school will be communicated in Week 1 of Term 4.

Ms. S





Wed 15th & Thurs 16th October
6:00pm

Bell Primary School SPA Hub (Sports and Performing Arts Hub – Gym/Hall)

Poster Artwork by Ave, 6A



The poster features a vibrant background with abstract brushstrokes in yellow, orange, green, and blue. The title 'Join the Bell Primary Fete Team' is prominently displayed in large, colorful, bold letters. Below the title, the date '28 March 2026', location '78A Oakover Rd Preston', and time '12pm - 6pm' are listed, separated by vertical dotted lines. The text is enthusiastic and welcoming, stating that no experience is needed and that everyone has a role. It lists five key roles: Fete Co-Captain, Entertainment, Marketing & Promotion, Sponsorship, and Risk & Safety, each with a brief description. A 'How to Get Involved' section encourages participation and provides contact information for Vaia Smirneos. The poster ends with a motivational phrase: 'Let's make our 2026 Fete one to remember!'.

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 🧩

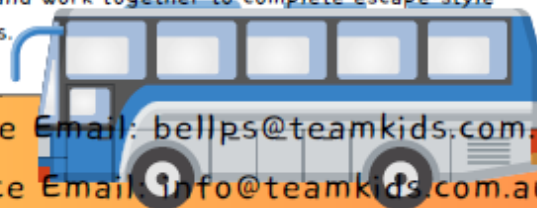
The final day of the program will challenge children's problem-solving and teamwork skills. They will rotate through puzzle stations, crack secret codes and work together to complete escape-style challenges.

Service Mobile: 0434 416 584

Service Email: bellps@teamkids.com.au

Office Phone: 1300 035 000

Office Email: info@teamkids.com.au





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.

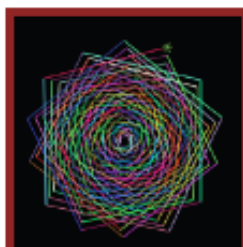
For further information on enrolment, please email **bell.ps@education.vic.gov.au** or call **(03) 9480 5622**.

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

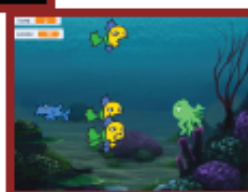


LEARN

- 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

shane@kellysports.com.au



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PRESTON DRUIDS CRICKET CLUB

Come & play cricket with the Druids!

A community based club for everyone.

**Celebrating 100 years of community
cricket for Preston in 2025/26**

We offer junior girls + boys u10 to u16,
Woolworths Cricket Blast, women's and men's teams.



Season Starts 8 October

REGISTER NOW

or contact us for information

1 Saturday 6th September

W H Robinson Reserve, Preston



Phone - 0409 400 280

Email - prestondruidsjuniors@gmail.com



BEGINNERS, ALL-GIRLS AND DOMESTIC CAMPS

*Mondays & Tuesdays
22nd, 23rd, 29th, 30th Sep*

TERM 3 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS



BEGINS 22ND SEPTEMBER

BIGGER THAN BASKETBALL

Community basketball program for young men & women aged 10 – 17 years old

Drop in to Collingwood College & play.

Bring your friends & family, get shots up, play some competitive games or socialise on the side lines. Any level of basketball is welcome!

Food & Drinks provided

School Holidays 4.30PM – 6.30PM
Wednesdays & Sundays

Starts Wednesday 24th
September @ 4.30PM

