



*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:

Cupcake Stalls Success

A big thank you to the school community for contributing to the success of the Cupcake Stalls on the final day of Term 3. We had many wonderful parent volunteers involved in sales, and over 1,000 cupcakes baked by mums, dads, carers and our clever students. Over \$1,500 was raised, so thank you to all bakers, sellers and consumers.

As always there were Captains for the event to organise the team and oversee the day, and I would like to acknowledge Clancy Riddiford and Alice McAvoy for their efforts co-ordinating another of our wonderful traditions. We are climbing towards our goal of purchasing lighting equipment for the gym/hall, with every event from the Community Engagement and Fundraising (CEF) Team making a difference.

Referendum Day at Bell

Once again, we have been given the opportunity to be a ballot centre and this is an extremely important voting day for our nation's future. Another member of our CEF team, Bridie Murphy, has volunteered to Captain the fundraising event next Saturday at short notice. I hope we can get plenty of volunteers for the day, with a BBQ and cakes, books and toys stalls being run - please scroll down to pages 6 + 7 for details. I also hope lots of the school and wider community resist the temptation to vote early and pop down to the Learning Centre, cast a vote then buy something from the stalls whilst catching up with others from our connected and inclusive community.

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.

Assembly Survey

During Term 3, we trialled a change of assembly from Monday mornings at 9am, to Friday afternoons at 3pm. We sought feedback from students, staff and parents/carers to help us decide what is best for Bell Primary moving forward. The results will be analysed by our Consultative Committee which will help me make an informed decision about this matter early next week. Assembly will still be Friday afternoons for the time being, with a separate Compass Newsfeed mid next week to inform the community if the change is permanent.

Sustainability and Infrastructure Tree Planting

There was team of amazing workers who planted 90 trees on the first Saturday of the school holidays. The funds were sourced from the Queens Jubilee Grant and the balance will go towards installing an irrigation system utilising the water tanks behind the shelter sheds and old canteen.



Thanks goes to: Ivy Callander, Julie Garbutt, Gemma Peirce Cook, Emma Heywood, Andrea Kneen, Natalie Jiricek, Natalie Funtera, Gareth and Ben Holmes, Kale Sniderman, Oanh Tran, Esther Hutchinson, Jeremy King, Ed Kus, Chris Hotham, Andrea Dlouhy, Leonie Ellis, Jack Fray and Heidi, James Tresise, Rachael Bohan, Megan Holloway, Gerard Fennessy, Scott Fraser, Tim Fisher, Matthew Swinson, The Cullen Crokes - Nina, Andrew and Liam, Melinda Denham, Mike Pottenger, Katie Harding and Liz Molina. Our apologies if any names have been omitted.

Now our job as a community is to show the utmost respect towards all the new plants and it starts with the students in the way they play during school time and when here after hours. We want them to grow into mature trees to create a larger canopy and some engaging natural places to play in areas such as the Northern PlaySpace and the area near the boat down at the south end.

David Twite
Principal



2023 Bell PS Calendar:

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



OCTOBER 2023

- **Fri 6:** **FINAL DAY COMPASS PAYMENT/CONSENT:**
Selected Gr5 NAIDOC Yarning Conference \$26
- **Mon 9:** **FINAL DAY COMPASS CONSENT:**
Selected Gr6 NHS Public Speaking Comp \$0
- Tue 10: Selected Gr5 NAIDOC Yarning Conference
- Wed 11: Regional Sports Carnival
- Thu 12: NHS Public Speaking Competition
- **Sat 14:** **Referendum Voting Day Stalls + BBQ**
- Tue 17: Prep Celebration of Learning
- Sun 22: Scholastic Book Club Orders Close @ 9pm
- Tue 24: Mango Orders Close
- 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
- Sat 11: Bell Working Bee, 9am-12pm
- **Mon 13:** **FINAL DAY COMPASS PAYMENT/CONSENT:**
Gr6 Set for Secondary Online Sessions \$13
- Wed 15: Prep 2024 Transition #1, 9.30-11.00
(parents/carers to drop off and return)
- Wed 15: Grade 6 **Parents** Online Webinar #1
- Thu 16: Grade 6 Set for Secondary Online Session #1

- Fri 17: Grades 4-6 Swimming Carnival, Oakpark
- Wed 22: Prep 2024 Transition #2, 9.30-11.00
(parents/carers to drop off and return)
- Wed 22: Grade 6 **Parents** Online Webinar #2
- Thu 23: Grade 6 Set for Secondary Online Session #2
- **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 Dec:** **Grade 4 Anglesea Camp**
- Wed 29: Grade 6 **Parents** Online Webinar #3
- Thu 30: Grade 6 Set for Secondary Online Session #3

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)
- Wed 6: Funkey Music EOY Concert, Learning Centre
- **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**

Term 4 Book Club:

Students should have received a copy of the Term 4 Scholastic Book Club catalogue this week – please see your eldest child's teacher if they haven't. Now is the time to think about ordering for Christmas and the summer holidays!

Orders close on Sunday 22 October at 9.00pm.

To save \$5 off your order, use the promo code **SAVEEXTRA** (note: \$5 off applies to orders over \$25 and is only available for orders placed before midnight on Friday 6 October).

To order, visit www.scholastic.com.au/loop.



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



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



Year 4-6 World's Greatest Shave Sign-up

On November 10, the Junior School Council of Bell will run a World's Greatest Shave fundraising event to support the Leukaemia Foundation.

Students in Grades 4-6 who are interested in becoming fundraisers and shaving their heads will be able to register their interest with a JSC representative who has visited their classroom in Week 1.

Students who register will need their parents' permission and to sign up as a fundraiser. This can be done by [signing up using the link here](#) or the QR code attached. Students and their parents should complete the online sign up for the Bell Team as soon as possible, and by 22 October (end of Week 3) at the latest. Once students are signed up they can get fundraising!

All students will be able to donate to the Leukaemia Foundation as we will have a gold-coin donation Special Hair Day as part of our World's Greatest Shave event on November 10.

Get in touch with Claire or Hannah if you need further information.

Thank you for your support!
Claire, Hannah, and the Junior School Council



Referendum 2023 Fundraiser

Cast your vote at
Bell Primary School
and help raise money for the school

BBQ*
**CAKE
STALL**
BOOKS
TOYS

* Includes egg and bacon
rolls and vegetarian
options until sold out

Saturday 14 October

8am – 2pm

EFTPOS available



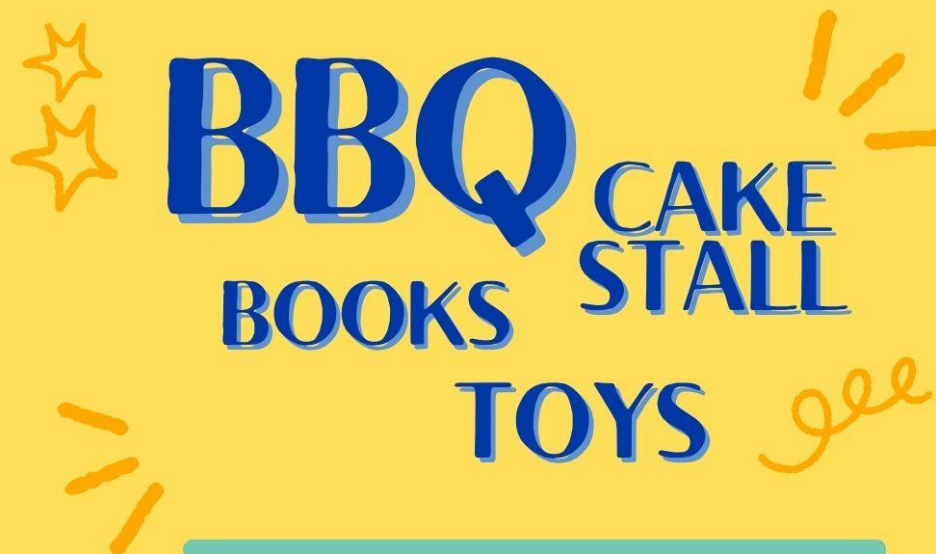
Referendum 2023 Fundraiser

Help wanted!

**Bell community we need your help to make our
voting day fundraiser successful!**

**Please help by donating items (baked goods, toys or
books) or volunteering for a shift on a stall on
Saturday 14 October.**

**Pledge to bake or volunteer here:
<https://signup.com/go/DXeJCYe>**





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: 24th 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**

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

THORNBURY'S **R**ossmoyne rummage

**HIGH STREET TO DAREBIN CREEK
2.5KM LONG GARAGE SALE**

SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER
10AM TO 3PM
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Druids



CALLING ALL GIRLS AGED 7-10

If you love cricket, or you would just like to try a new sport, then join the **Preston Druids U10's girls team!**

Cricket is fun, active and our team gives girls the opportunity to learn skills through play.

We play games on **Monday night**, and train at **W H Robinson Reserve** on **Wednesday** from **4:30-6:00pm**

Anybody is warmly welcomed!

If you would like to know more and/or you are interested in playing, feel free to come down to training on Wednesday or call:
Frank Maher (Juniors coach) on **0431 311 184**



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