



*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:

Transitioning Back to School

As referenced in a number of Compass Newsfeeds, including last week's Newsletter, there is a staggered return for each year level over the next two weeks. I recognise this can be confusing so each Friday I will publish a straight forward table outlining the learning programs for each grade level for that week.

Week 2 as of Monday 18-10-21:

Year levels	Monday 18 October	Tuesday 19 October	Wednesday 19 October	Thursday 20 October	Friday 21 October
Prep	Face to face learning	Face to face learning	Face to face learning	Remote and flexible learning	Remote and flexible learning
Year 1-2	Remote and flexible learning	Remote and flexible learning	Remote and flexible learning	Face to face learning	Face to face learning
Year 3-4	Remote and flexible learning				
Year 5-6	Remote and flexible learning				

Please ensure you have a thorough read of the Compass Newsfeed titled 'Transition Back Information Weeks 3-5' which was sent home last night. The two attachments provide relevant details on what each week looks like for every year level in terms of the mix of face to face and remote/flexible learning, as well as operational changes to the school day to reduce the crossover of students and staff as much as possible. Important information about the COVID-safe 3Vs - Ventilation, Vaccinations and Vital COVID-safe steps aims to reassure everyone we are following all advice from DET to reduce the mixing of community members and limit the COVID risks we are all fully aware of.

Vaccinations in Schools

There has been a lot of media attention about authorised worker vaccination requirements since the State Government announcement a few weeks ago. In terms of schools, here is the information from the DET:

From Monday 18 October 2021, unless an employee has a valid medical exception, employees will not be permitted to attend a school if:

- they have not received any COVID-19 vaccine doses and have not made an appointment to receive a dose before Monday 25 October 2021, or
- they have not provided information regarding their vaccination status as set out above, including if the employee has not provided evidence that a medical exception applies.

All volunteers and visitors working on school sites must also provide vaccination information when attending onsite. If they are unable to provide evidence of vaccination, they must be directed to leave the school.

Vaccination requirements for DET staff is being managed at a department level with directions for me to administer in certain circumstances. I am responsible for the operational matters at a school level to ensure there is adequate staff to teach and supervise students onsite each day. The school is responsible for tracking the vaccination status of local contractors, outside agencies, local relief teachers and all volunteers that enter buildings. I will be following all vaccination requirements from this Monday.

Staff vaccination status will not be disclosed to the community and if a staff member is absent in the coming weeks, do not assume it is because of their vaccination status. All staff leave situations are confidential.

North Oval Upgrade

School Council approved some additional funds into the Minor Works budget to complete an important upgrade to the north oval. Evergreen Turf, who also upgraded the south oval in 2019, were able to complete the works in August so this newly grassed area will be opened early next week for use as the students return to school.

With quality soil and turf laid, and correct sloping to the new drainage area, we will now have another natural area for students to play ball games or just run, jump, roll and sit around during playtimes.



David Twite
Principal

From the FUNraising Team:

Mangoes are on sale NOW – Orders close on Friday 29 October

Cost: \$21.00 per tray
Order by: Friday 29 October 2021
Order via: Qkr!
Pick up date: TBC, but expected to be mid-December.
Tray size: Approx. 4.5 kg

We have been advised that the mango crop this year will be reduced and therefore trays will be smaller (4.5kg instead of 7kg). This is reflected in the reduced 2021 price.

Pick up will be conducted in a COVID-safe way.

Please order through Qkr! if you are a Bell Family. However, if you have family, friends or neighbours who would like to order and pay separately, they can order via Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/bell-primary-school-31217315191>

Any questions, please email our wonderful Mango Captain, Kate J at bellpsmangoes@gmail.com



From the Office:

2021 Calendar

Dates for
the Diary:

OCTOBER

- Thu 28: AGM / Community Forum
- Fri 29: Mango FUNdraiser closes on Qkr!

NOVEMBER

- Mon 1: Curriculum Day #4 – Pupil Free Day
- Tue 2: *Melbourne Cup Public Holiday*
- Wed 10: District Triathlon tbc
- 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

Payments / Consents

**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!

Payments/Consents Due or Outstanding

ITEM: (under <i>Payments</i> 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 <i>Excursions</i> in Qkr!)	DUE BY:	AMOUNT:	METHOD:
Grade 4: Camp Maldon	tbc	\$290	Qkr!

Family Accounts

We are currently contacting families who have their Bell PS account in credit. If you know you have funds in credit, please advise via email (joanne.taylor4@education.vic.gov.au) how you would like your funds managed: either donation or refund (please include account details). Thank you.



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:



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Youth Choir Auditions

We are looking for students who love to sing to join our wonderful choral program in 2022 (Year 1- Year 12)

Visit **theyarravoices.com** for more details or email us: **theyarravoices@gmail.com**

COVID VACCINATIONS AT COBURG HIGH SCHOOL

When: Saturday 16 October: 10:00am - 6:00pm (Open to public)
Sunday 17 October: 10:00am - 6:00pm (Open to public)

Where: In the school gym.

Which vaccines are available? Vaccinations of either Pfizer or Astra Zeneca will be available. Anyone aged 12 and over, who is eligible for either their first or second vaccination is urged to attend.

Bookings & Walk-ins: If you are coming on either Saturday or Sunday, you may book [online via this link](#), or simply arrive and wait as a walk-in. Students, parents and carers can book their own vaccination appointments.

Consent: For students, a parent/carer can complete a [consent form for COVID-19 vaccination](#) for you to bring to your appointment, or they can attend with you to provide consent in person. Students aged 12-17 may be able to consent to vaccination themselves if the health professional assesses you to be a mature minor. This means that the health professional assesses that you understand the information relevant to your decision to be vaccinated and the effect of that decision.

This service is being provided by the Department of Health and the Inner North Medical Clinic.

It is crucial that those coming onsite are symptom-free and wearing a face mask covering their mouth and nose. Please do not attend if you have been told to quarantine or have been at a tier one or two site.

Brent Houghton
Acting Principal
Coburg High School

Wonder World Play Centre



CHILDCARE + KINDERGARTEN

3 to 5 years old
Steiner-Inspired Learning

Natural Environment

Vegetarian/Organic food

Small group

Educators speak Mandarin, Japanese + Tamil

Tel: 9478 4433 / 0474 227 049

Email: info@wonderworldplaycentre.com.au

Website: www.wonderworldplaycentre.com.au

Location: At the end of Ford St. Preston

