



*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 the Principal:

Back to School Vibe

The overwhelming phrase to describe this week at Bell PS is *'vibrant'*. All indications point towards a smooth and upbeat return to classroom learning with everyone working towards re-establishing daily routines, building learning stamina and looking out for each other's wellbeing. Another key focus is supporting students to work collaboratively again in the classroom and outside in the school grounds during break times. After such a significant time in semi-isolation from others, the social and emotional aspects of school life are as important as the academic elements during this transition period.

A massive thank you to parents and carers, and a big hooray to the students who have handled the shift back to school in an incredible fashion. Once more, the confidence and resilience of students re-entering the school gates after such a long break has been clearly evident. It was obvious that several conversations had occurred prior to prepare the children to re-build that important quality of independence.

Parent Opinion Survey

The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted across all Victorian government schools. It is designed to assist us as a school in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and, for this year, experiences of remote and flexible learning. A percentage of parents/carers will be invited to participate in this year's survey. Participants are randomly generated through the school's administration database. Parents/carers who have been selected to participate in the survey will receive an email next week with further information and access to the survey link.

School Review

Due to the disrupted year at a school level, the formal review of our four year School Strategic Plan that was due to be undertaken in Term 3 of this year, has been rescheduled to Term 1, 2021. We will be offering the opportunity for all parents/carers to provide feedback on our 2016-2020 Strategic Plan through a school based survey and parent/carer focus groups later this term.

Both the above mentioned DET Parent Opinion Survey and our school based survey data will be used to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. We encourage all parents/carers to continue to provide us with your valuable insights through participating in both the DET Parent Opinion Survey (if randomly selected) and school based survey which will be open for everyone in the coming weeks. More information regarding our school based survey and parent/carer focus groups will be distributed soon.

Curriculum Day Re-scheduled

As flagged in a separate Compass newsfeed yesterday, the last school-based curriculum day scheduled for Monday 26 October has been postponed. Staff were to attend the final professional learning workshop about the Berry Street Educational Model. However, due to COVID restrictions, the Berry Street providers are unable to deliver the workshop in an effective way to our staff plus the other two schools involved.

Our final curriculum day will be pushed back to late November and I will confirm the exact date once officially approved by School Council. The up-coming school review will be the focus, with staff working on key aspects of the pre-review reflection process. More information about the entire school review process will be published once we have key dates for next year.

Crossings at Bell Street

Darebin Council have indicated their commitment to allocating two crossing supervisors at the intersection of Bell Street and Gilbert Road. This week they have already appointed one of the supervisors, Anita, and will recruit the second supervisor as soon as the current government restrictions are lifted that allow the customer service centre to reopen.

Darebin Council currently have 25 crossing supervisor vacancies; please contact Cassie Pearce (0455 279 339) at City Safety & Compliance division if you are interested in the position.

David Twite
Principal

From the Assistant Principal:

We are thrilled to announce that we will be opening our school Library to students on Monday. There will be a small ribbon cutting ceremony with David/Emma and the School Captains on Monday at 9:30am that will be live streamed to classes.

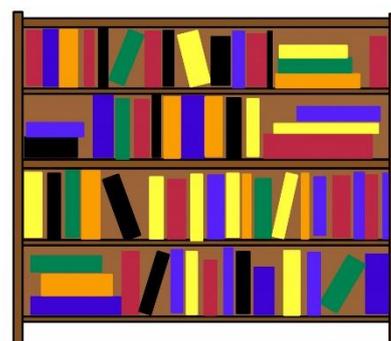


Each class has been allocated a session next week to explore the library space and have discussions around rights and responsibilities for shared spaces and resources. Book borrowing will commence the following week. Our School Captains will be creating a number of short videos for teachers to share with their class prior to your Library session. These videos will focus on explaining the different areas of the library, demonstrating the use of the borrowing system and the book returning process.

A special thank you to Alice Cavina, Rachel Harris and Ceinwen Jones for their assistance with covering books. Also a big thank you to Ceinwen for volunteering her time and expertise as a librarian to help arrange the space and set up the library system. We would like to also acknowledge staff members Lisa McLeish, Gab Goss and Laura Meredith for giving up part of their school holidays to continue setting up the space. We would also like to express our gratitude to the Venuto family for their kind donation of books.

Our Book Week subcommittee and Literacy/Numeracy KIT have been busy organising a range of activities for classes to participate in during Book Week next week to celebrate our love of books and reading. A big thank you to the team for their work with this. Please see Page 6 of the newsletter for further information on Book Day celebrations.

Emma Heywood
Assistant Principal



From the Office:

Important Dates

Dates for
the Diary:

OCTOBER 2020

- Fri 16: **Cover Art** for Bell Family Cookbook – **strict deadline**
- Fri 16: Customised Cookbook sales **close on Qkr!**
- Sat 17 – Fri 23: Book Week
- Wed 21: Bell PS Book Day
- Fri 23: **AFL Grand Final PUBLIC HOLIDAY**
- Thu 29: Mango orders close @ 4pm today
- Thu 29: School Council Meeting @ 7pm

NOVEMBER 2020

- Tue 3: **Melbourne Cup PUBLIC HOLIDAY**
- Thu 5: Proposed Photo Day
- Fri 13: Sales for Bell Family Cookbook **open in Qkr!**
- Sat 21: Bell PS Fete
- Thu 26: School Council Meeting @ 7pm
- Mon 30 – Wed 2: Proposed **Grade 6** Camp tbc

DECEMBER 2020

- Thu 3: International Day for People with a Disability
- Mon 7-Wed 9: Proposed **Grade 5** Camp tbc
- Mon 7 – Fri 11: Mangoes delivered sometime this week
- Thu 10: School Council Meeting @ 7pm tbc
- Fri 11: Bell Family Cookbook **available to collect @ Bell**
- Fri 18: **Final day Term 4**

Arriving Late? Leaving Early? Don't touch Compass!

The ONLY thing we need you to do is either sign in late at the office (WITH YOUR CHILD), or sign out early at the office (YOUR CHILD WILL MEET YOU THERE).

Emailing the teacher to advise details is totally optional.

Curriculum Day (26.10.20) Postponed

Our last school based Curriculum Day was scheduled for Monday 26 October, with staff participating in the final professional learning workshop about the Berry Street Educational Model. Due to COVID restrictions, the Berry Street providers are unable to deliver the workshop in an effective way to our staff, plus the other two schools involved.

Our final Curriculum Day will be pushed back to late November and I will confirm the exact date once officially approved by School Council.

Student Medication – Urgent Reminder

If your child took home any school-based medication before the COVID-19 closure, it is essential you send it back to the school office with your child **URGENTLY**. Also, if you have received an email or phone call regarding expired medication and/or medication plans, these need to be updated and also **URGENTLY** returned to the school office.

Classroom Cuisine – On-line Lunch Orders

They're back for Term 4!!! Please see Term 4 menu further on in this Newsletter...



IMPORTANT: 2021 Prep Enrolments

If you have a child commencing school at Bell Primary in 2021, you will need to complete a Student Enrolment Form which you can download from our new school website located at www.bellps.vic.edu.au and click on the big, purple circle.

As we move closer to the end of year, and for organizational purposes, we would like to have forms submitted via email **as soon as possible**.

Uniform News:

New Uniform Purchases:

Please order through the PSW website and they can deliver to your door (or wherever else suits you).



Bell PS School Uniforms: www.psw.com.au

Second Hand Uniform Shop:

Our two extremely helpful volunteers, Nicole and Kim, are happy to re-open on **Monday and Wednesday mornings** at this stage, albeit with the following strict rules. Give us a ring and book in!!!

- **Bookings by appointment only – 9480 5622**
- **Must** sign in and out at the school office
- Open Monday + Wednesday mornings
- Strictly no walk ups or drop ins
- One person in the Shop per booking
- Cash only (small denominations preferred) – no credit cards



Returning to on-site learning:

PREP B BACK INTO THE SWING OF THINGS!

In Prep B, the kids were so excited to be back at school. Thankfully parents sent along plenty of food and snacks because we don't have a revolving pantry in our classroom. Full tummies make for a brighter day when you are a 5 or 6-year-old. It has been amazing to see the kids return and just get back with their learning, especially as they could now handle books.

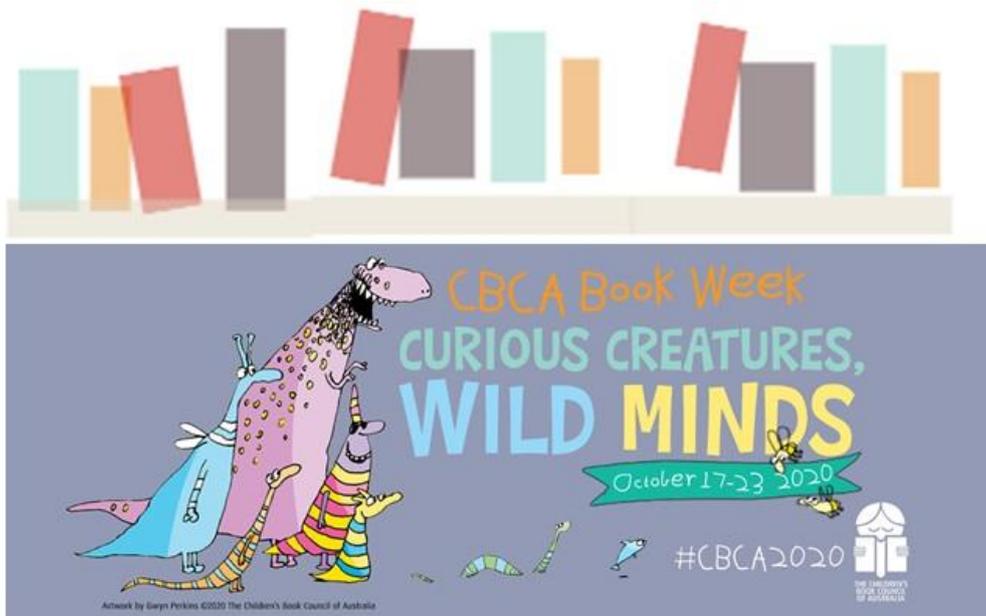


Returning to on-site learning:



We have had a great return to onsite learning in Prep. We have loved being able to chat, play and collaborate. Some of the highlights for the Preps have been writing stories from a writing seed, reading from our new reading baskets, learning new maths games and playing with our friends!

Book Day:



THIS YEAR FOR BOOK WEEK WE ARE CELEBRATING WITH...

BOOK DAY

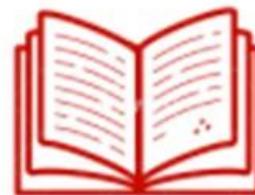
WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER

STUDENTS FROM BELL ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE CHARACTERS FROM THE LITERARY WORLD ON BOOK DAY!

WE ARE COMMITTED TO ENSURING THAT ALL STUDENTS AND FAMILIES HAVE AN OPTIMUM DAY WITH MINIMAL FUSS.

STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE IN THEIR OWN WAY. THIS INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:

- DRESSING IN COSTUME
- WEARING A SPECIAL MASK
- BRINGING THEIR FAVOURITE BOOK TO SCHOOL



MORE INFORMATION TO COME SOON

ADD THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW!



From the Fundraising Crew:

2020 Customised Cookbook Sales close THIS WEEKEND!!!

Be sure to purchase your Customised Bell Family Cookbooks NOW or you will miss out on seeing your child's artwork on the cover.

Buy a family cookbook as a keepsake and purchase another copy to get your Christmas shopping organised – the Bell Primary Family Cookbook will make the perfect Christmas present for grandparents, family, neighbours and friends.

Qkr! is set up and ready to take your orders. \$40.00 for a Customised Cookbook (with up to three student's artwork on the cover) and \$35.00 for a Standard Cookbook.



Please send through any questions about the Cookbooks to bellcookbook2020@gmail.com

Mango Fundraiser Orders are NOW OPEN:

How to Order:

- Bell Families – *please order through Qkr! only*
- Non-Bell Families (ie: neighbours, family, friends etc) – order through the Eventbrite Link below:



<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/2020-mango-fundraiser-bell-primary-school-tickets-121456851713?fbclid=IwAR2AbbgEecSk9ulY0xvzbz2YBfC6Wji9waZ6aPtT4Tsw28gpBjIMDGO3skKk>

- Cost:** \$28 per tray (Each tray is approximately 7kg of mangoes. The number of mangoes per tray depends on the size of the fruit and may vary from 12 large mangoes up to 23 small mangoes).
- Delivery:** will be confirmed a few days prior, but expected to be 7-11 December 2020. Please note this is subject to the farm/courier and out of our control.
- Orders close:** 4.00pm on Thursday 29 October.
- Collection:** from Bell PS (or local to) depending on COVID restrictions.
- Queries:** Please contact bellpsmangoes@gmail.com

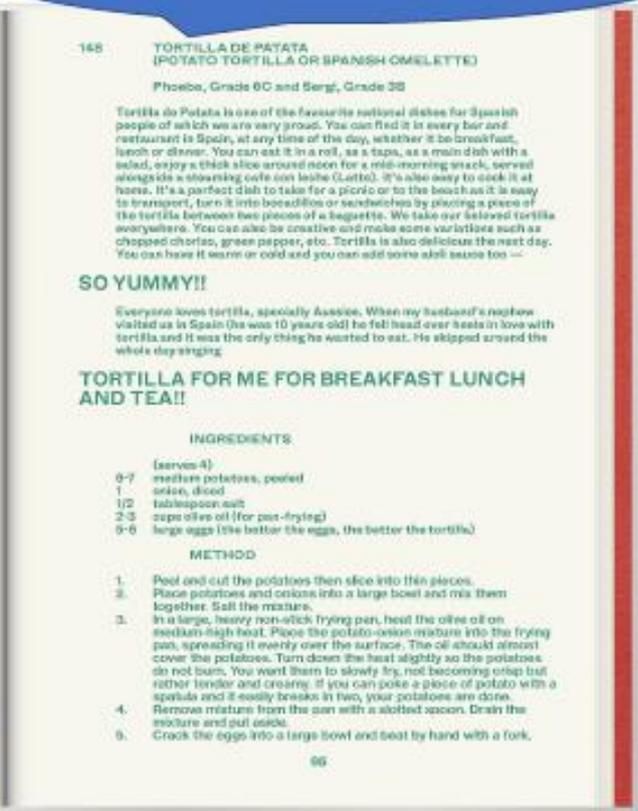
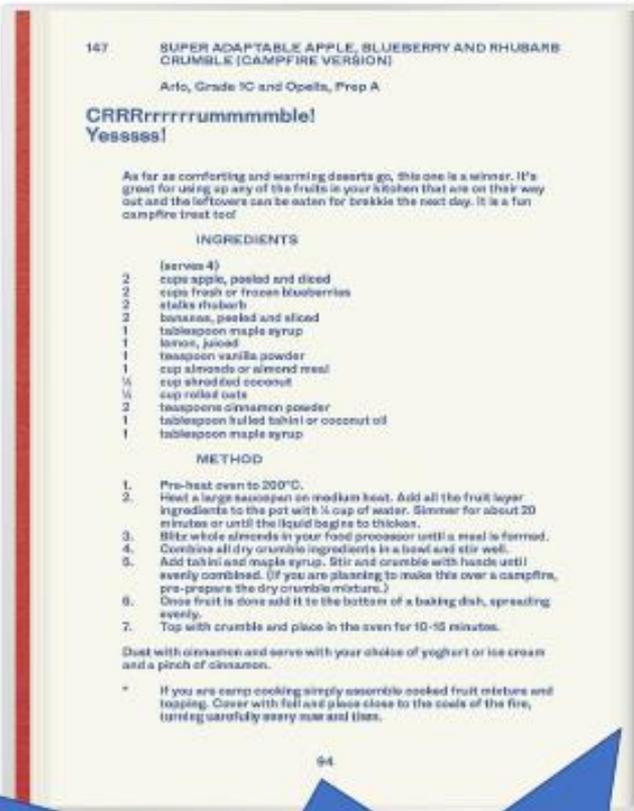
NEW Fundraising Email Address

We have a new email address for all things fundraising. If you want to contact fundraising, please email bellprimaryfundraising@gmail.com - pop it in your phone so you have it handy for any queries you may have.

Thanks,
The Bell FUNdraising Team
bellprimaryfundraising@gmail.com

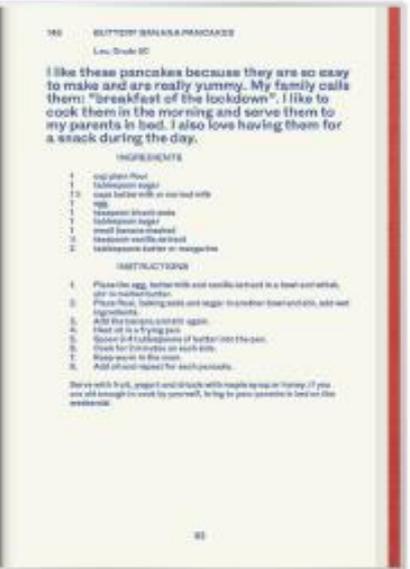
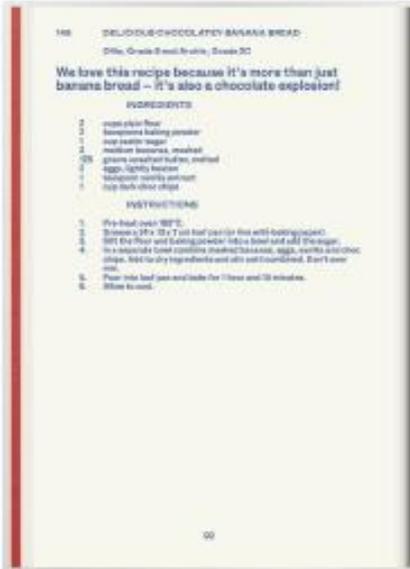
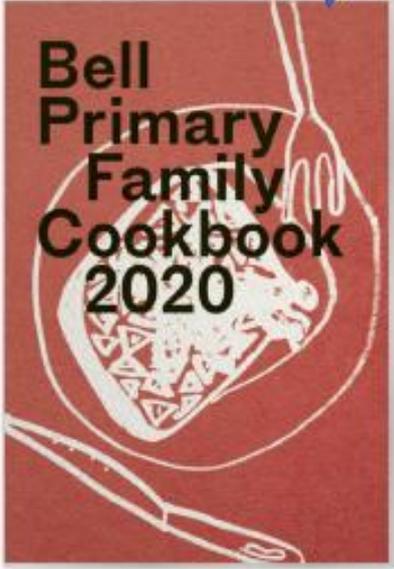
Get your Bell Primary Family Cookbook

Order online now on Qkr!



Custom orders - featuring your child's artwork on the cover - must be made on Qkr! by Friday 16 October.

Orders close **THIS FRIDAY 16 October!!!!**





MENU – TERM 4, 2020

Order ONLINE until 8.30am on the DAY LUNCH IS REQUIRED.
Please see Website 'Order Now' page for Days we deliver to your School!

LUNCH ITEM ONE

SALADS

- Greek Style Salad with Feta and Olives (V, GF)
- Pic(k)nic Box – Vegetarian (V, GF)
- Pic(k)nic Box with Ham (GF)

SAVOURY MUFFINS

- Zucchini, Pea & Mint Homemade Muffin (V)
- Pumpkin & Feta Homemade Muffin (V)

SUSHI

- Teriyaki Chicken Hand Rolls (2)
- Cooked Tuna Hand Rolls (2)
- Avocado Hand Rolls (2)
- Cucumber Hand Rolls (2)
- Vegetarian Hand Rolls (2)

BAKERY

- Cheese and Bacon Roll
- Cheese and Vegemite Scroll (w/m)
- SCROLL with Ham & Cheese
- Semi Dried Tomato and Olive Scroll
- Topped with Only Cheese Roll

PITA PIZZA'S

- Margherita Pita Pizza
- Ham and Pineapple Pita Pizza
- Fresh Tomato and Italian Herb Pita Pizza
- Spinach and Feta Pita Pizza

SANDWICHES, ROLLS & WRAPS

- Turkey, Cranberry, Lettuce and Cheese Sandwich
- Gluten Free Ham & Cheese Sandwich (GF)
- Cucumber & Ham Sandwich (GF)
- Vegemite Sandwich
- Mild Salami and Salad Roll
- Roast Beef, Fruit Chutney, Cheese and Lettuce Roll
- Cheese and Salad Roll
- Wholegrain Cheese and Tomato Sandwich
- WRAP (GF) Ham and Salad
- GF Vegemite & Tasty Cheese Sandwich
- Chicken and Salad Roll

LUNCH ITEM TWO/THREE

FRESH FRUIT & VEG

- Fresh Fruit Combo
- Freshly chopped Strawberries & Grapes
- Apple with Lemon Juice, Brown Sugar & Cinnamon
- Freshly chopped Watermelon
- Celery & Carrot Sticks with Sultanas
- Chopped Carrot, Cucumber, Red & Yellow Capsicum
- Whole Fruit – Banana
- Lightly Steamed Corn Wheels with Broccoli
- Sugar Snap Peas, Beans & Cherry Tomatoes
- Edamame (Lightly Salted)
- Freshly Chopped Orange Segments
- Cherry Tomatoes with Tasty Cheese & Rice Crackers

BAKED GOODS

- Choc Chip Cookie
- Finger Bun with Sprinkles
- Hedgehog Slice
- Choc Cup Cake (GF,DF)
- Blueberry Muffin

YOGHURT

- Strawberry Chobani Yoghurt
- Blueberry Chobani Yoghurt
- Plain Chobani Yoghurt
- Passionfruit Chobani Yoghurt

DIPS & CRACKERS

- Tzatziki Dip with Rice Crackers
- Avocado Dip with Rice Crackers
- Spring Onion Dip with Rice Crackers

POPCORN/SNACKS

- Popcorn, Lightly Salted
- Popcorn Slightly Sweet, Lightly Salted
- Lightly salted Fav'va Beans

DRINKS

- Apple Juice
- Orange Juice
- Full Cream Milk
- Nippy's Chocolate Milk
- So Good Soy Milk

Healthy, Interesting & Affordable Lunches Delivered to School!

For more information; Ingredients, Portion Size and Pricing visit the Our Menu Page at

www.classroomcuisine.com.au