



*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

The staggered return for each year level continues next week with the Grade 3 and 4 students finally getting their chance to head back to the classroom. I recognise this staggered transition can be confusing, so each Friday I will continue publishing a straight forward table outlining the learning programs for each grade level for that week.

Week 3 as of Monday 25-10-21:

Year levels	Monday 25 October	Tuesday 26 October	Wednesday 27 October	Thursday 28 October	Friday 29 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	Face to face learning	Face to face Learning	Remote and flexible learning	Remote and flexible learning
Year 5-6	Remote and flexible learning	Remote and flexible learning	Remote and flexible learning	Face to face learning	Face to face learning

All students are expected to attend onsite as their year levels return to face to face learning, unless they are formally registered as being home-schooled, are isolating as per DHHS instructions or have a specific medical condition and absence from school is approved by a medical practitioner.

Parent preference is not an approved absence reason, and the school will not be able to provide both face to face teaching and Remote + Flexible Learning (RFL) simultaneously for those parents who choose not to send their child/ren.

Grades returning so far have brightened up the school atmosphere both inside classrooms and outside during breaks. School Captains have been running on-line mini assemblies welcoming back the Preps then Grades 1 and 2 students, providing some important messages about our current situation and the bright future ahead.

All staff return on-site from Tuesday October 26, and much like the students, can't wait to get back to regular classroom learning for what we hope is a sustained period until the end of the year.

COVID SAFE 3Vs for Bell

Important information about the COVID-safe 3Vs: Ventilation, Vaccinations and Vital COVID-safe steps was sent home at the start of term, and updated information was sent as it came through from DET. Attached with this newsletter is an updated document reiterating the Department's 3Vs action plan plus what it means at Bell PS at this point in time. The latest COVID-safe information will also be available on our website from early next week. This document aims to reassure everyone we are following advice from DET as best we can to limit the COVID risks we are all fully aware of.

Community Forum Postponed

The AGM/Community Forum has been postponed until late November as we are still waiting for VSBA approval allowing us to present the detailed plans for the new gym/hall and upgrades to the main building. Whilst there has been significant progress in the planning and cost analysis at the various stages, there is some fine tuning still to be done to ensure we can deliver the main scope of works within budget.

Final Curriculum Day Reminder

The final pupil free day for 2021 is scheduled for **Monday 1 November**; the day before Melbourne Cup. The professional learning focus for staff will be related to Goal 1 in our new strategic plan around Literacy and Numeracy (Teaching and Learning). We plan to outline many of the new plan's improvement strategies at the re-scheduled Community Forum and we will explain some of the work with staff from the Curriculum Day in that presentation.

SunSmart Hat Reminder

Please ensure your child/ren have their Bell PS broad-brimmed hats at school every day now we are in the warmer weather and UV rays are getting stronger. Hats are even more important as grades spend additional learning time outside and the usual breaks at 11.40am and 2.10pm. Hats can be ordered on-line directly from PSW or check when the Kew store re-opens. At this stage, the second hand uniform shop is unable to re-open due to COVID restrictions; we will endeavour to make it operational again when we are allowed to.

David Twite
Principal

From our Assistant Principal:

Term 4 Parent/Carer Learning Support Document

On Monday, year level collaborative teams will send out the Term 4 Parent/Carer Learning Support document via Compass Newsfeed. As we transition back to onsite learning, this document will assist parents/carers with understanding the learning foci in core curriculum areas for the remainder of the year. Teachers have also provided suggestions for everyday learning opportunities that directly relate back to key concepts and themes that are being taught in the classroom. Parents/carers may wish to explore the suggestions as additional ways to apply the learning in other contexts and involve you in what is happening in the classroom.

Overviews will also be available on the school website from next week. Once again, we thank parents/carers for their ongoing support during flexible and remote learning and look forward to continuing to strengthen our partnership to support your child's learning.

Emma Heywood
Assistant Principal

From the Prep Team:



We were so excited to welcome our Preps back to the classroom on Monday. There were big smiles, plenty of air hugs and lots of enthusiasm as we read, wrote, subtracted, sanitised, collected data and took some of our learning outside. We were even lucky enough to have a Google Meet with our friend William the Giraffe.



From the FUNraising Team:

Mangoes are on sale NOW – Orders close on Friday 29 October @ 3pm!!!!

Cost: \$21.00 per tray
Order by: 3pm, 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 - POSTPONED
- Fri 29: Mango FUNdraiser closes on Qkr! @3pm

NOVEMBER

- Mon 1: Curriculum Day #4 – Pupil Free Day
- Tue 2: Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
- Fri 5: Classroom Cuisine returns
- Wed 10: District Triathlon tbc
- Tue 23: Gr6: Bully Zero W/shop 'New Beginnings'
- Thu 25: AGM / Community Forum tbc

• 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!

Classroom Cuisine

Classroom Cuisine will be back in action
– with a new menu available –
on Friday 5 November.

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





WEBINAR: Digital technology and how it can work for your family

When: Tuesday 26 October 2021, 7 pm AEDT

Duration: 40 minutes, followed by a 20-minute question and answer session

Technology is a part of everyday life for most families, so it's important for you all to make the most of it. It's also important for you all to **use technology in safe, healthy and positive ways**.

You can start by looking at how your family uses technology now. Then decide as a family on what's going to work best for you all.

In this webinar, we'll explain:

- how to work out whether technology is a problem for your family and what you might want to change
- how a strong relationship with your child can help you to guide them towards safe, healthy and independent technology use
- why playing, having fun, role-modelling and guiding are all important ways to shape your child's relationship with technology
- how to create a family technology plan that focuses on family needs rather than family rules.

This webinar is **suitable for families with children aged 5-11 years** who are interested in a positive approach to technology in their homes.

In the webinar, you'll be able to ask questions, share experiences, and hear other parents' experiences and ideas.

Presented by: Daniel Donahoo

Daniel is Digital Innovation Advisor at the Alannah & Madeline Foundation. He works with educators and teachers, and conducts research into how to help families understand and manage technology.

[More information can be found on the raising children website](#)

Or click here to [sign up](#) to join this free, live webinar on digital technology in your family, or to get a recording if you can't attend the live webinar.

Coming Up

MON
25**Project
Giveback****TUES**
26**Wildlife Heroes****WED 27****Mini Bake-off****THURS**
28**Art Master
Class**

Reminders

Drop Off Policy

Please note that it is within our policy that children are dropped off to the OSHClub room by a parent/guardian and sighted by a staff member before children can be signed in.

Club News

4 New CLUBS

We have been super busy over the lockdown period putting together this purpose built, exclusive OSHClub Clubs!

Beginning next Monday 25, children have the opportunity to engage in four new clubs, all based on their interests.

Over the next 6 fun filled weeks we will be running:

- Project Giveback
- Wildlife Heroes
- Mini Bake-off
- Art Master Class

Week One, consists of the following activities:

- A gift for essential workers
- Zoo: Animal Adoption
- Chocolate Truffles
- Printmaking

In the final week we will get to share and celebrate all the things we have learnt and created.

All clubs will run from 1615 daily.

Each week will be a new and exciting activity!!

Can't wait to see you there 😊

Mon-Fri:
0700-0900 & 1510-1830
0413 123 119
Bell@oshclub.com.au

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1300 395 735

Community Initiatives

Lids 4 Kids

Bell OSHClub is proud to be a collection point for the Lids 4 Kids initiative.

Clean plastic lids from milk, juice, soft drink, and water bottles with the number 2 or 4 can be donated to the program drop-off point located near service entry.

When we have a number collected, children will help wash and sort them into colours and will be taken to the envision collection point by staff.

The Melbourne Envision factory will granulate the lids and using 3D Printers make bespoke mobility devices for children at no cost to families.

Bells Kitchen

This term children and staff will be working closely together to plan, create and execute delicious dishes.

Every second week at 1530 beginning Thursday 28th children will be giving back to the community that has assisted them so much during these tough times.

Dishes will be available for families to take home!!

All ingredients and allergen information will be listed on each container for your convenience.

These dishes include:

- Pasta Sauce
- Lasagna
- Soup
- Sausage Rolls

We can't wait to see you all at the Shelter Shed 😊

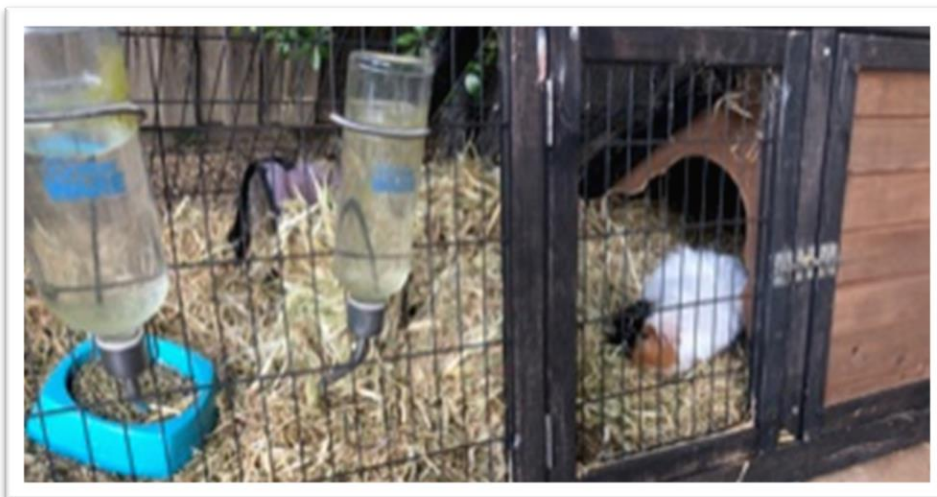
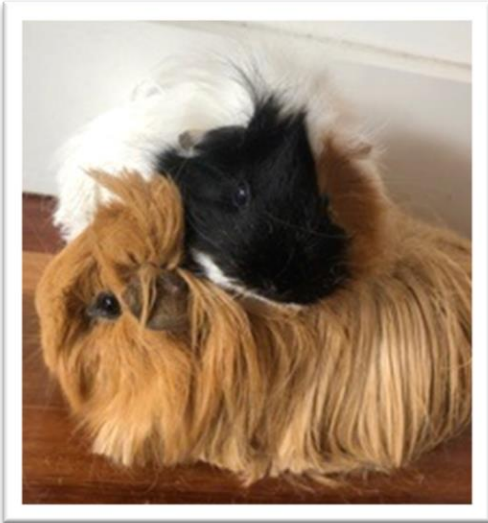
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TWO FEMALE GUINEA PIGS - FREE TO GOOD HOME

We have two female guinea pigs, both aged nearly three years old, which we would like to give away to a new happy home. The guinea pigs come with a hutch, water bottles and food bowl.

Please note the guinea pigs can only be given away as a pair. If you are interested, please contact **Frances** on **0413 417 820**.





READY SET REGISTER

Looking to get your kids involved in a fun, interactive sport? Ideal for children aged 5 to 15 years. Register your child's interest in joining Little Athletics for 2021-22 Summer season by emailing us at- coburglac@gmail.com



PRESTON RESERVOIR LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE

Edwardes Park Lake, Reservoir

Find us on Facebook, Instagram, Team App

www.prestonreservoirlac.com.au

Preston Reservoir Little Athletics Centre will be returning to the track this coming season after a phenomenal Olympic Games that inspired our community. Households around Australia passionately watched Aussie athletes take on the world for Olympic gold and this is the chance for our next Olympians to begin their athletics journey.

Little Aths caters for children aged 5-15 of all abilities with a focus on FAMILY, FUN and FITNESS. With lockdown ending and reaching vaccination targets, our season is set to commence in early November. Announcements regarding the start of the season will be posted on our website, Team App and social media in the coming weeks. In the meantime, registrations are now open (<https://lavic.com.au/centres/preston-reservoir/>) and there is a FREE TRIAL offer for athletes new to Little Athletics to give athletics a go for two weeks without any financial commitment required.

Contact details:

Website: www.prestonreservoirlac.com.au

Email: prestonreservoir@lavic.com.au

Phone: Joanne (Secretary) 0411 755 865 or Shayne (President) 0413 138 552

Social Media: Find us on Facebook, Instagram and Team App.