



*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:

Staggered Drop-offs / Pick-ups

As outlined in the COVID-safe practices attachment with last Friday's newsletter, we need to re-introduce staggered drop off and pick up times to help reduce the mixing of all members of the school community. This strategy, along with classroom/cohort bubbles and staggered break times for P-2 and 3-6 students, helps minimise the risk of COVID transmission. Reducing the mixing of students throughout the day as much as possible also helps with the initial contact tracing done by us if a case does infiltrate the school.

The staggered start and finish times commencing Monday are:

- Family surnames **A-K**: drop off between **8.50-9.00am** and pick up at **3.20pm**.
- Family surnames **L-Z**: drop off between **9.00-9.10am** and pick up at **3.30pm**.

I ask all families not to congregate around the school grounds or at the gates to support us in our efforts to keep Bell PS a COVID free school.

Staggered Break Times- extra snacks

The timetable below illustrates the revised in-class sessions and break times for the Prep-2 and Grade 3-6 students now we are all back to school full time:

P-2 TIMETABLE	9:00-9:50 SESSION 1	9:50-10:40 SESSION 2	10:40-10:50 EATING	10:50-11:30 BREAK	11:30-12:20 SESSION 3	12:20-1:10 SESSION 4	1:10-1:20 EATING	1:20-1:50 BREAK	150-2:40 SESSION 5	2:40-3:30 SESSION 6
3-6 TIMETABLE	9:00-9:50 SESSION 1	9:50-10:40 SESSION 2	10:40-11:30 SESSION 3	11:30-11:40 EATING	11:40-12:20 BREAK	12:20-1:10 SESSION 4	1:10-2:00PM SESSION 5	200-2:10 EATING	210-2:40 BREAK	2:40-3:30 SESSION 6

As mentioned in previous communication, **Classroom Cuisine** will resume from next Friday 5 November. Please be aware that there is **no guarantee** that Classroom Cuisine orders will arrive by the first break eating time for either P-2 (10:40-10:50am) or 3-6 (11:30-11:40am). Therefore, we strongly encourage parents/carers to ensure their child has an additional snack packed in their bag.

Community Forum Rescheduled

The AGM/Community Forum is now scheduled for **Thursday 25 November** as we anticipate the VSBA will have approved detailed plans for the new gym/hall by then. Other topics part of the presentation include: the new school strategic plan, school communication and wellbeing. At this stage we are planning for it to still be an online event.

Final Curriculum Day Rescheduled

Last night School Council approved the new date for the final Curriculum Day being **Monday 22 November**. 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.

Parent Payments

Thank you to the majority of parents/carers who have provided their school payments earlier in the year, therefore showing some financial support to help us deliver the best programs we can for the students. For those yet to pay the school fees, you are still able to contribute via Qkr! at any time. The details for your child/ren's year level/s can be found in the Communication section of our website. Download the relevant Parent Payment Request Form (P-3 or Gr 4-6) and make the relevant contributions from the various sections. Click on the following link: <https://www.bellps.vic.edu.au/page/218/2021-Parent/Carer-Payments>

Term 4 Parent/Carer Learning Support Document

Last week the Term 4 Parent/Carer Learning Support document was sent out via Compass Newsfeed. This document will assist parents/carers with understanding the learning foci in core curriculum areas for the remainder of the year, and provide families with additional activities and/or learning conversations at home. Overviews are now available on our school website for reference anytime. Click on the following link: <https://www.bellps.vic.edu.au/page/224/Term-4,-2021-Parent/Carer-Learning-Support->

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.

David Twite
Principal

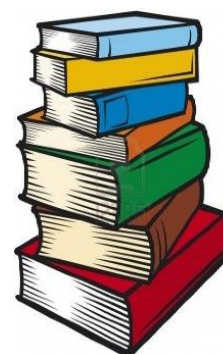
From the Literacy Team:

HELP NEEDED!

Once again we have a number of books that require covering before they can be added to our collection for student borrowing. If there are any parents/carers who would be willing to assist with covering these books, please either email us at bell.ps@education.vic.gov.au or just call past the office to collect what you need.

Any assistance would be appreciated. You will be provided with the books and a roll of contact so it can be undertaken in the comfort of your own home.

Lisa McLeish
Learning Specialist – Teaching + Learning



From the Office:

2021 Calendar – Term 4:

OCTOBER

- Fri 29: Mango FUNdraiser closes on Qkr! @3pm

NOVEMBER

- ~~Mon 1:~~ ~~CANCELLED: Curriculum Day #4~~
- Tue 2: Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
- Fri 5: Classroom Cuisine returns
- Mon 22: RESCHEDULED: Curriculum Day #4
- Tue 23: Gr6: Bully Zero W/shop 'New Beginnings'
- Thu 25: RESCHEDULED: AGM / Community Forum
- Fri 26: Bell Trivia Night – Thornbury Theatre
- Mon 29 – Wed 1 Dec: Grade 4 Camp Maldon

DECEMBER

- Wed 7 – Thu 8: Grade 5 Camp Anglesea
- Thu 9: Bell Swimming Carnival, Oak Park Aquatic Centre
- Fri 17: Final Day Term 4 2021

2022 Calendar – Term 1:

JANUARY

- Mon 31: Grades 1-6: First Day of Term 1

FEBRUARY

- TBA Preps: First Day of Term 1 – to be advised

MARCH

- Mon 14: Labour Day Public Holiday

APRIL

- Fri 8: Final Day Term 1

Classroom Cuisine:

Classroom Cuisine will be back in action **from Friday 5 November**. Don't forget to order before 8.30am on the day, or anytime in advance.



Payments/Consents Due or Outstanding:

ITEM: (under Payments 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 Excursions 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.

Event 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!



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





Come and Try 6th Nov 2021



Looking to get your kids involved in a fun, interactive sport? Try **Coburg Little Athletics** for children aged 5 to 15 years.

Visit www.coburglac.com.au to find out how to register for a free trial and to book a place at our Come and Try day on Saturday 6th November 2021.

Enquiries to coburglac@gmail.com