



*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:

2022 Transition (Step-Up) Sessions

Yesterday, all students had a taste of next year which was the first step towards a transition to the higher grade in 2022. Students went up as a whole group and worked with the current teachers in that level, however teachers are yet to be allocated to their 2022 roles. This information will be published along with the final grade structures in the coming weeks.

The second session of the Step-Up Program is scheduled for next Friday 3 December and groups will be randomly mixed for a taste of Numeracy. Final grade combinations and their actual teacher for 2022 will be part of session 3 on Friday 10 December. I would like to reiterate the rigorous transition process undertaken this term which aims to give every child and teacher in every grade the opportunity for a positive start to their next year at Bell.

Masks Reminder

I ask all families to seriously consider sending your child to school with their own mask with their name on it if possible. See below for details but our supply is constantly under pressure with some children going through many disposable ones on any given day. In my mind, it is clear that for the isolated outbreaks we have experienced, mask wearing along with natural ventilation and sanitising reduces the risk of COVID transmission.

Farewell from the Office and New Role

It is with great sadness that we farewell Claudia Appel from the office as she moves into her chosen career within the legal profession. After completing studies earlier in the year, it is time to embark on her passion for the law and we wish her all the very best. Her work with enrolments, attendance, medications and first aid have been enormous.

We are fortunate to be able to transition one of our existing Education Support staff members from an Integration role to an Admin Assistant. Jessie Storm will be trained in her new administration roles overtime, and we are confident she will be a wonderful asset in the office just as she has been an outstanding support for our children with additional needs.

Camps and Swimming Carnival

The Grade 4 and 5 students will finally get to their camps that were postponed earlier in the year for one obvious reason. The Grade 4s head to the Bike Ed camp in Maldon next Monday to Wednesday and I hope it is a blast for them as they had the disappointment of not going in Term 2, and no lead up sleepover last year either. The Grade 5s have an action-packed week starting with their camp to Anglesea from Tuesday 7 to Wednesday 8 December, with an extra 'fun-filled Friday' of that week to round off their Outdoor Ed experience. This group missed out on the Maldon Camp last year and the sleepover the year before, therefore it's wonderful they can get to a camp after two years of missed opportunities.

The inaugural Bell PS Swimming Carnival is on Thursday 9 December and this is an event Josh and I have been keen to introduce for a number of years. As explained in the information out on Compass, it's a program for Grades 3-6 students to promote aquatic activities for all levels of ability.

The aim is for maximum participation in the novelty/fun events, whilst also running some more formal swimming trials for those who want to be considered for the swimming squad that will represent the school at the District Carnival early next year. Hence, the reason to take Grade 3s along with the older years.

There will be more information about our general swimming program at the start of next year but we are excited that the annual carnival and expanded swimming lessons from Prep to Grade 5 will establish a more comprehensive swimming and aquatic program at Bell PS. After all, we do live on a giant island.

Current Assembly Arrangements

In recent weeks we have re-commenced assemblies on Mondays on the Astroturf, but we are alternating between Prep-2 and Gr 3-6 each week due to the necessity of COVID restrictions and the bubbles we have in place. This Monday is the Gr 3-6 and the following week is P-2 for those who can make it down. Parents are welcome and are asked to still QR code at this point in time if you enter a building.

Final Day - Dismissal Time

As is the usual arrangement, the last day of the school year will **end at 1.30pm**. Restrictions around large gatherings are easing and we hope to run a whole school assembly leading up to the early finish time. More details to come once the revised Operations Guide arrives.

David Twite
Principal

FACE MASKS

The Bell PS Admin Office does have *some* masks available in the event of **damage or loss**, however this supply is very limited. We are still waiting on the delivery of children's masks promised by the DET but have not yet arrived. Please ensure your child/ren (Grades 3-6) leave home with a mask **every morning**. Thank you for assisting us with this important health issue.



From the Office:

Event Payments/Consents:

EXCURSIONS ARE NOW A TWO STEP PAPERLESS PROCESS:

1. All Event Consents are to be provided online on Compass – **DO NOT PRINT!**
2. All Event Payments are to be paid on Qkr!

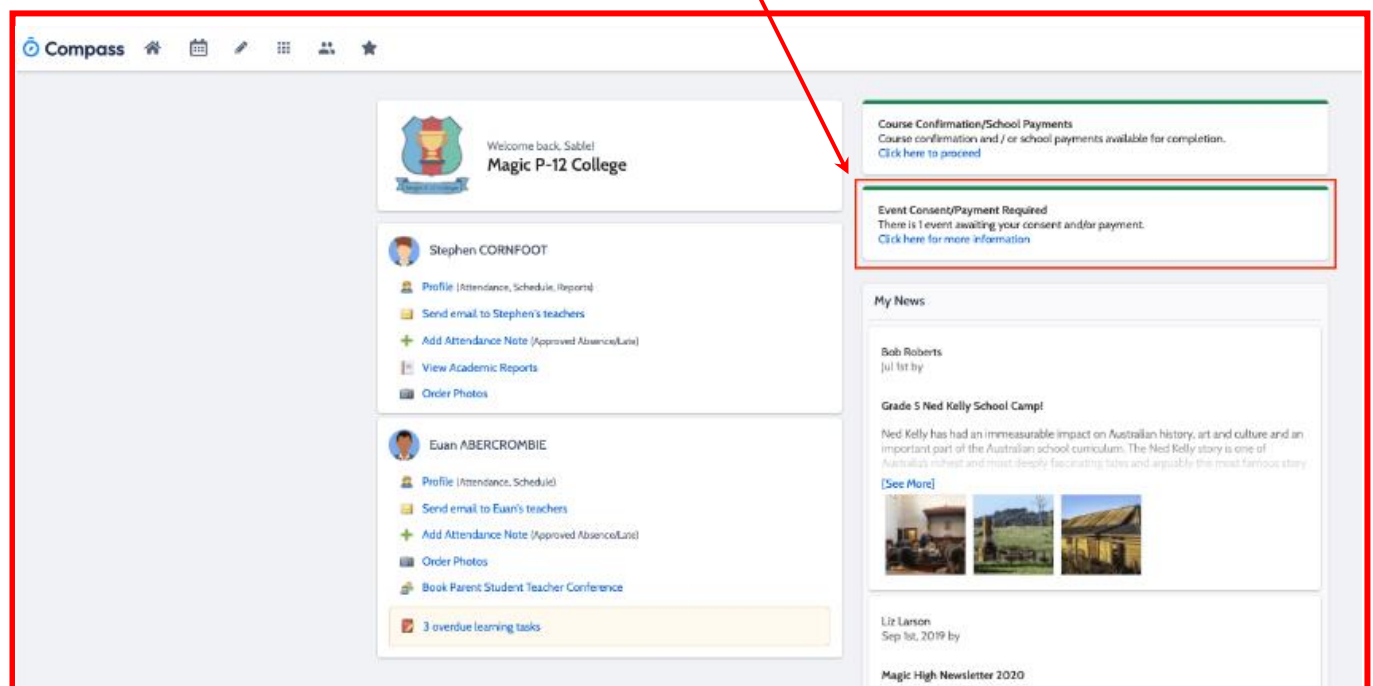
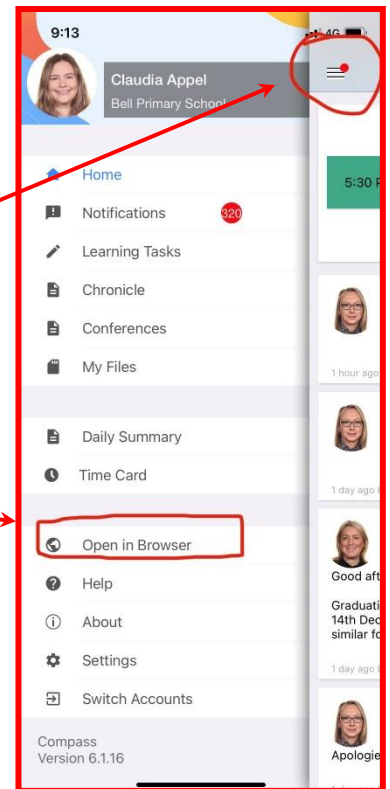
NEED ASSISTANCE WITH EVENT PERMISSION???

As we have moved to a paperless excursion process, all consent for excursions is to be given **online** via Compass Events. **WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING PAPER EXCURSION FORMS.** If you are having issues, please contact us.

Unfortunately, Compass does not allow you to give permission via the notification in the app – you will need to access the Event via a browser. To do this, please click the **menu button** in your app and go to **“open in browser”**.

You will see a **green notification** in the top right hand corner above your Newsfeeds indicating Event Consent is required.

Please complete this **online** form and submit. You will then need to go straight to **Qkr!** for payment which completes the entire excursion process!



Payments/Consents Due or Outstanding:

ITEM: (listed 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: (listed under <i>Excursions</i> in Qkr!)	DUE BY:	AMOUNT:	METHOD:
Grade 5: Camp Anglesea (7-8 Dec)	Fri 26 Nov	\$245	Qkr!
Grades 3-6: Swimming Carnival (9 Dec)	Fri 3 Dec	\$25	Qkr!
Grade 6: Luna Park (16 Dec)	Fri 3 Dec	\$40	Qkr!

Cancelled Events

Due to the cancellation of Winter Sport, Bell Grade 4-6 Athletics, and Grade 4 Swimming, some parents would have received a request for instruction for the funds already paid for these events. Thank you to the families who have already provided instruction. If you haven't already done so, please return the forms to Jo Taylor at joanne.taylor4@education.vic.gov.au.

Family Accounts

We have contacted families who have their Bell PS account in credit. If you haven't already replied, please do so via email (joanne.taylor4@education.vic.gov.au) to advise how you would like your funds managed: either donation or refund (please include account details). Thank you.

Please ensure you provide consent for all excursions and camp online via Compass. No printouts please.

New School Uniforms - PSW:

To purchase new Bell PS School Uniforms, please see the PSW website [here](#) or phone 9768 0381 with any enquiries.



Second Hand School Uniforms:

At this stage, the Second Hand Uniform Shop will be taking bookings (via the office on 9480 5622) for **Prep Transition Sessions only**. If anybody has uniforms to donate – maybe the kids have grown out of their uniforms during lockdown!!! – please drop them into the office anytime. Please note we are only accepting **Bell-logoed** tops, but will accept any good quality pants, skirts, dresses, etc.



Arriving Late or Leaving Early – STOP WHAT YOU'RE DOING!

Please **DO NOT** enter late arrivals or early departures on your Compass Parent Portal. They must be entered on the Front Desk Kiosk **ONLY**. Please help the admin staff out with this request.

Diary Dates:

2021 Calendar – Term 4:

NOVEMBER

- Mon 29 – Wed 1 Dec: **Grade 4** Camp Maldon

DECEMBER

- Wed 1: Prep (2022) Transition #3, 9.30am-10.30am
- Fri 3: Step-Up Session #2
- **Fri 3: Drop Off Fete Donations, 8.30-10.00am,**
- Tue 7: Prep (2022) Parent/Carer Info Evening #2, 6.00pm
- Tue 7 – Wed 8: **Grade 5** Camp Anglesea
- Wed 8: Prep (2022) Transition #4, 9.30am-10.30am
- Thu 9: Bell Swimming Carnival, Oak Park Aquatic Centre
- Fri 10: Step-Up Session #3 (tbc)
- Tue 14: **Grade 6** Graduation
- Wed 15: Optional #2 Prep (2022) Transition Session, 4-5.30pm
- Wed 15: **Grade 6** Colour Run (*remember the white top*)
- Thu 16: **Grade 6** Celebration @ Luna Park
- **Fri 17: Final Day Term 4 – 1.30pm dismissal**

2022 Calendar – Term 1:

JANUARY

- **Fri 28: Curriculum Day #1 – Pupil Free**
- Mon 31: **Grades 1-6: First Day of Term 1**
- Mon 31: **Grade Prep Drop In Day**

FEBRUARY

- Tue 1: **Prep Group A: First Day of Term 1**
- Wed 2: **Prep Group B: First Day of Term 1**
- Thu 3: **All Grade Preps attend together**

MARCH

- **Sat 5: Bell Community Carnival (Fete)**
- **Mon 14: Labour Day Public Holiday**

APRIL

- **Fri 8: Final Day Term 1, 2.30pm dismissal**

2022 School Terms:

- Term 1: Monday 31 January to Friday 8 April
- Term 2: Tuesday 26 April to Friday 24 June
- Term 3: Monday 11 July to Friday 16 September
- Term 4: Monday 3 October to Friday 20 December

Around the Grounds:

Please take note **and advise your children** that the organisations below have priority use of the designated areas in our School Grounds on the following dates and times, as a formal arrangement has been made with School Council. These tables will be updated as other bookings are approved.

Just a reminder that UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES are footy or soccer boots to be worn on our Ovals.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2021							
Darebin Falcons Women's Soccer Training		South Oval 5.30-8.00pm 16 Nov-16 Dec APPROVED		South Oval 5.30-8.00pm 16 Nov-16 Dec APPROVED			

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2022							
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14 weeks to our Fete - Let's Get Going.....

Questions and Offers of Help please contact us on bellprimaryfete@gmail.com

Last Donation Day for Bric a Brac - Fri Dec 3rd 8.30 - 10am

Last chance to donate good condition books, toys, household goods and laundered clothes.

Where : Good weather come to tables outside shipping container near bike shed south oval,

Poor weather outside old canteen basketball court

Look out for your class **Raffle Donation List** and bring **Items In ASAP**

Entertainment

Cool tunes and great voices ... do you know anyone who might like to perform and create an awesome and diverse vibe for the day?



Get Crafting

Sew, glue gun, paint, knit and glitter items of your imagination for us to sell at the craft stall. Be in contact with us to be connected to other crafters.



Bottle Some Preserves

Get your pickle on and cook up a chutney, jam or preserve with all new season fruit and vegetables.



New jars only please!

Planting ?

Green and even black thumbs get some cuttings in a little pot. If things are flowering now and might not be for March 5th, take a photo, we can pop it on the pot to look pretty!





BELL COMMUNITY CARNIVAL

Class Collections

Bell Families – get in early to donate to the fete!

We are collecting items for the fete raffle before Christmas. If you are able, please send a donation with your child to their classroom and placed in the class tub (except donations of wine – please take those to the office). We have made suggestions for each year level, but feel free to choose a different category or give to multiple!

The Bell Community Carnival is on **Saturday 5 March 2022** so please only donate non-perishable items and long expiry dates. Thanks everyone!

CLASS LISTS:

Prep A	Raffle Basket: Pamper/Bath	2C	Raffle Basket: Sports
Prep B	Raffle Basket: Pamper/Bath	3A	Raffle Basket: Gourmet, preserves & chocolate
1A	Raffle Basket: Gardening	3B	Raffle Basket: Gourmet, preserves & chocolate
1B	Raffle Basket: Gardening	3C	Raffle Basket: Gourmet, preserves & chocolate
1C	Raffle Basket: Entertainment/Games	34A	Raffle Basket: Gourmet, preserves & chocolate
2A	Raffle Basket: Entertainment/Games	4A 4B 5A 5B	Bottles of Wine for Wine Tombola (office only) OR 200g Blocks of Chocolate for the Lob-A-Choc Game
2B	Raffle Basket: Sports	5C 6A 6B 6C	Canned Soft Drinks (4 or 6 packs) for the Can Toss Game and sale at Drinks Stall

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:



Education
and Training

Support for your kids to get active

Does your child love sport and being active? Does your family have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card? You may be eligible for up to \$200 to put towards the cost of your child's participation in physical activities.

As children return to sport over the coming months, the Get Active Kids Voucher Program helps [eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and active recreation activities](#).

Under the program, children may be eligible to receive up to \$200 to help with the cost of membership and registration fees, uniforms, and equipment. The program also provides a special consideration stream to support children residing in care services as well as temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants or international students.

Applications for vouchers in round three of the program **close at 5pm on Tuesday 30 November**. For eligibility requirements and to apply, visit the [Get Active Victoria website](#).



Instrumental Music Lessons - on school campus
Places available for Term 1, 2022



Small Group & Private Lessons

- Primary Music Institute offer instrumental music lessons right here on school campus!
- To find out all about the music lessons please visit PMI's website. You can check which instruments are available, get up to date program details and apply for lessons online
- Please **ENROL TODAY** via PMI's website
- Lessons are held once per week on campus – with lessons typically during and outside school hours
- Only \$19.50 per child per small group lesson (2-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Private lessons (1-on-1) and pair lessons (max 2 students) are also available
- Online lessons (after hours) are also available direct to your home – contact us to find out more
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination, IQ, abstract reasoning, performance confidence... and is great fun!

P: 1300 362 824

E: admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au

www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au



What you need

- Good judgement and general knowledge of the road rules
- Reliable transport to get to and from your rostered crossing
- Availability to work shifts in the morning, afternoon or both
- Ability to lift, utilise and operate safety equipment
- Hold a Working with Children Check or willing to apply for one

For more information or to apply, please email recruitment@darebin.vic.gov.au

Darebin City Council are currently recruiting for a number of local School Crossings Positions that service our school to start in February 2022. Vacant Crossings are currently located at:

- St George's Road in Thornbury and Northcote
- High Street in Thornbury and Northcote
- Merri Parade
- Arthurton Road
- Station Street
- Dundas Street
- Victoria Road
- Bell Street
- Gilbert Road
- Murphy Street



24 November 2021

Reminder: Preston Level Crossing Removal Project – 24 hour works, November and December 2021

Four level crossings will be removed as part of the Victorian Government's commitment to remove 85 dangerous and congested crossings across Melbourne.

The Preston Level Crossing Removal Project will be undertaking 24-hour works within the rail corridor between Croxton Station, Northcote, and Regent Street, Preston from:

- 8pm Monday 29 November to 3am Friday 3 December; and
- 8pm Thursday 9 December to 3am Tuesday 14 December 2021

During these times the project will install essential rail bridge and station infrastructure; continue piling works on the north and south abutments; install signalling and overhead power infrastructure; and remove redundant cabling and services.

Changes to the way you travel

There will be traffic management in place during both work periods to provide project vehicles and equipment safe access to the rail corridor. There may be some delays for vehicles at these locations. Please follow signage and instructions to move safely around work zones.

Road closure at the level crossing on Cramer Street:

- 7pm Tuesday 30 November to 5am Wednesday 1 December 2021

Single lane closures on Murray Road from:

- 8pm Monday 29 November to 3am Friday 3 December; and
- 8pm Thursday 9 December to 3am Tuesday 14 December 2021

Traffic will be maintained in both directions.

Pedestrian rail crossing closures

To safely carry out works, the following pedestrian rail crossings will be closed throughout both work periods:

- Olver Street (along Railway Reserve Bike Path)
- Regent Street (southern footpath crossing)

CONTACT US

levelcrossings.vic.gov.au
contact@levelcrossings.vic.gov.au
1800 105 105

Level Crossing Removal Project,
GPO Box 2392, Melbourne VIC 3001

     @levelcrossings



Translation service – For languages other than English, please call 9209 0147.

Please contact us if you would like this information in an accessible format.

If you need assistance because of a hearing or speech impairment, please visit relayservice.gov.au



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Preston Station and Bell Station will be closed for the duration of works. Please follow signage to bus replacement services.

Railway Reserve Bike path closure

The Railway Reserve Bike Path will be closed between Murray Road and Regent Street from:

- 8pm Monday 29 November to 3am Friday 3 December; and
- 8pm Thursday 9 December to 3am Tuesday 14 December 2021

Cyclist and pedestrian detours will be in place. Please follow any instructions from traffic management to help you safely move around the area. Local access to private properties and businesses will be maintained.

Rail disruption

To allow for Preston level crossing removal works, Metro maintenance works and Metro Tunnel project works, buses replace trains on sections of the Mernda Line on various weeknights and weekends during November and December.

For more information visit ptv.vic.gov.au or call 1800 800 007.

What to expect

The 24-hour works will include:

- Increased activity along the rail corridor between Croxton Station, Northcote and Regent Street, Preston.
- Traffic management at Normanby Avenue, Hutton Street, Oakover Road, Bell Street, Cramer Street, Murray Road and Regent Street that may cause traffic delays.
- Varying levels of noise from vehicles and machinery 24 hours a day
- Temporary lighting towers and generators in place for night works

Health and safety

Works on the Preston Level Crossing Removal Project are progressing with strict COVIDsafe plans in place to help protect workers and the community. Strict processes are in place to check and record the vaccination status of workers entering construction sites.

For more information about coronavirus COVID-19, please visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au

More information

If you have any questions or would like more information about the project, call us on 1800 105 105 or email contact@levelcrossings.vic.gov.au 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Sign up for regular project updates at levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/subscribe. You can also register for SMS updates by texting PRESTON to 0428 581 917.

Every effort will be made to complete these works on scheduled however dates are subject to change.

Kind regards,
The Preston Level Crossing Removal Project





COME & TRY

2 FREE CLASSES

AGES 3 - 26 PLUS

Classes begin 31st Jan & 1st
of Feb @ Glenroy College
Performing Arts Centre
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