



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:

Production Video

We are pleased to advise that the recording of our production, *The Great Primary School Mystery*, is ready for viewing. A video link and password will be sent to all parents and carers shortly via a separate Compass Newsfeed.

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2026 School Captains

Congratulations to Ned, Thomas, Ellie and Zoe, who will be announced at Assembly today as our School Captains for 2026.

During House Meetings today, our current Grade 5 students also had the opportunity to present a speech for the chance to become a House Captain in 2026. Students and teachers across all Houses cast their votes, and we are now in the process of counting and shortlisting candidates. Shortlisted applicants will take part in a round-table discussion with the teacher House Leaders and Paul or myself in Week 10, as part of the selection process for our 2026 House Captains. Congratulations to all students who bravely presented a speech. We thoroughly enjoyed hearing your ideas about how to continue making our houses the best they can be!



Prep Buddies

During Wednesday's Transition Session, our current Grade 5 students met their Prep Buddies for 2026. It was heart-warming to see how seriously and thoughtfully they approached this responsibility. Their warmth, care and friendly encouragement helped our soon-to-be Preps feel welcomed and supported, laying the foundation for a strong and reassuring connection as they begin their school journey.



2025 Fundraising

Throughout the year, Grade 6 students who did not undertake a formal leadership role have been working on a Legacy Project as an opportunity for them to leave a positive and lasting mark on our school. At the end of last term, students presented their proposals to the cohort, along with David and I, with the goal of selecting a project that could be realistically implemented.

While some suggestions were not feasible and others overlapped with initiatives already underway, one idea stood out as both achievable and widely supported: the installation of a Gaga Pit for students to enjoy during break times. Many students have experienced Gaga Pits on school camps, and these spaces are becoming increasingly popular in school settings.

Last night, School Council endorsed allocating a percentage of the 2025 fundraising profits toward the installation of a Gaga Pit. This project will provide a fun, inclusive and low-maintenance play option for students. We anticipate that work on the pit will take place early next year.



Scholastic Book Club

We are striving toward a lofty goal with this edition of book club. We are trying to raise \$2,000 to fill our school library with more books that inspire and excite our students. I'm thrilled to share that we are at 75% of our goal – there are only three more days for us to get over the line. If you are interested in ordering books, please make sure that your order is in by 9.00am this Sunday 30 November via www.scholastic.com.au/loop. Thank you to all the families who have already ordered.

Emma Heywood
Principal



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2025 / 2026 Calendars:

November 2025

Sun 30: Scholastic Book Club Orders **Close 9pm**

December 2026

Mon 1-Wed 3: **Gr5** Camp Anglesea \$472

Tue 2: **Gr2** Celebration of Learning

Tue 2: **2026 Prep Parent/Carer Information Evening #2**
(Bell PS Learning Centre, 6.00)

Wed 3: **2026 Prep Transition Session #4**
(drop off 9.30; pick up 11.00)

Wed 3: International Day of People with a Disability

Fri 5: **Parent/Carer Volunteer Morning Tea, 10am, Gym**

Fri 5: International Day of People with a Disability
Incursion – Whole School - \$3

Fri 5: **2026 Prep Starting School Information**
will be made available on Compass

Tue 9: **Whole School Transition Day #3 (meet the teacher!)**

Tue 9: Statewide **Gr6** to Yr7 Transition Day

Tue 9: **2026 Prep Families Optional Welcome BBQ**
(4.00-6.00, Bell PS – location tba)

Wed 10: **Gr3** Celebration of Learning

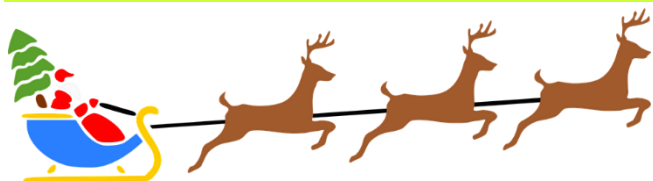
Thu 11: **Gr1** Celebration of Learning

Thu 11: **Gr3-6** Swimming Carnival, \$37, Oak Park AC

Fri 12: **Gr6** Luna Park Excursion

Thu 18: **Gr6** Graduation Night

Fri 19: **Final day Term 4 – 1.30pm dismissal**



2026

January 2026

Sun 04: Final day to order 2026 Book Packs (to ensure delivery before the start of Term 1)

Tue 27: **Statewide Curriculum Day (pupil-free)**
Grade 1-6 families welcome to drop in to their new classrooms **between 2.40-3.30**

Wed 28: **Grades 1-6 commence**

Wed 28: Prep Drop In Day (scheduled times only)

Thu 29: **Prep Group A commence**

Fri 30: **Prep Group B commence**

February 2026

Wed 4: Prep entry assessment (scheduled time only)

Wed 11: Prep entry assessment (scheduled time only)

Wed 18: Prep entry assessment (scheduled time only)

Wed 25: Prep entry assessment (scheduled time only)

Prep students attend on only one of the Wednesdays in February, at the time scheduled for their Prep Entry Assessment

March 2026

Fri 06: **Curriculum Day (pupil free)**

Mon 09: **Labour Day Holiday**

Sat 28: **Bell School Fete!**

April 2026

Thu 02: **Last Day Term 1 - Happy Holidays!**

Mon 20: **First Day Term 2**

May 2026

Fri 22: **Curriculum Day (pupil free)**

June 2026

Mon 08: **King's Birthday Holiday**

Tue 09: **Curriculum Day (pupil free)**

Fri 26: **Last Day Term 2 - Happy Holidays!**

July 2026

Mon 13: **First Day Term 3**

August 2026

September 2026

Fri 18: **Last Day Term 3 - Happy Holidays!**

October 2026

Mon 05: **First Day Term 4**

November 2026

Mon 02: **Common Professional Practice Day (pupil free)**

Tue 03: **Melbourne Cup Day Holiday**

December 2026

Fri 18: **Last Day Term 4 - Happy Holidays!**

Helpful Info From the Office:

Office Hours: 8.00am – 4.30pm

Lu Paglia, Business Manager:	School Council, Finance, Fundraising	Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri
Jo Taylor, Finance Administration:	Events, Payments, SSB, CSEF	Mon, Wed, Fri
Tania Levens, Administration:	Newsletter, Facilities, OHS	Tue – Fri
Jessie Storm, Student Administration:	Enrolments, Medical, Compass	Mon – Fri

😊 Please email Newsletter items directly to Tania at bell.ps@education.vic.gov.au 😊

SSB Use for School Activities

SSB amounts will now be automatically allocated to the next event your child is participating in; there is no need to contact the school. ****Due to recent issues with SSB, the International Day of People with a Disability cost of \$3 will not be automatically allocated.****

Assemblies

All Assemblies are held on Friday afternoons at 2.50pm in the gym. A Compass Notification will be sent to parents to advise if there is a cancellation.

Uniforms

- NEW** Bell PS uniforms can always be purchased from PSW.
- SECOND-HAND** Uniforms can be purchased from our Second-Hand Uniform Shop (far side of the basketball court) run by two fantastic family volunteers twice per week – **Wednesday mornings around drop-off time and Friday afternoons from 3:15-3:45**. Don't forget your gold coins – **no credit or credit card facility is available**.

TeamKids

To enquire about enrolling your child/ren into TeamKids for Before or After School Care, or any Curriculum Day or Holiday Program, please make initial contact at either www.teamkids.com.au or 1300 035 000.

Late Arrivals, Early Departures + Authorised Pick-ups

Don't forget to come through the front office *before* going to the classroom for any late arrivals (after 9am) or early departures (before 3:30pm). Your child must be signed in/out on the Compass Kiosk and the corresponding card should be taken to give to your child's teacher, indicating that you have completed the arrival/departure process.

**** CHILDREN ARRIVING LATE MUST BE WALKED TO THEIR CLASSROOM BY A PARENT/CARER ****

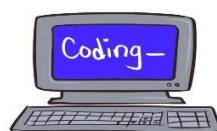
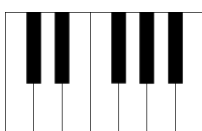
If your child will be collected early for any reason by someone who is not their legal guardian, the school office must be informed in advance as your child cannot be signed out in these instances without authorisation from a parent/carer.

Extra-Curricular Activities

BTS2026-Parents

Please see the Community tab on our website for details on activities offered both after school and/or during school time in Room 18 + 19 – always make direct contact with the provider:

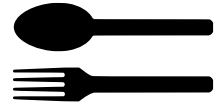
Keyboard : Guitar : Violin : Ukelele : Singing : Dancing : Computer Programming



More Helpful Info From the Office:

Lunch Utensils

If you are sending your child/ren to school with delicious food that requires a spoon or fork, please include a spoon or fork in their lunchbox! Much appreciated.



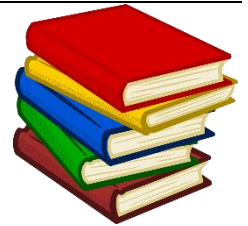
Sign Ins and Sign Outs

To ensure the important details of a late arrival or early departure are correct, please do not allow your child/ren use the kiosk at the front desk. *The kiosk is not to be used by students.*

Lost Library Book Procedure

If your child has lost a school library book, please follow the steps below:

1. On the Qkr! app, select Bell Primary School -> Payments -> Lost library book
2. Make a payment of \$5 per lost book
3. Email a screenshot of your receipt and child's name to bell.ps@education.vic.gov.au
4. School staff will then remove the lost/overdue book from your child's library account



Working With Children Checks + Volunteer Inductions

Parents/carers who intend to participate in any volunteering with the school (eg reading, excursion support, etc) **must** hold a current Working With Children Check card. Even if you don't have your name down for any volunteering on the immediate horizon, we strongly suggest applying for a WWCC as soon as possible- a Volunteer WWCC is free! List Bell Primary on your WWCC application and we will automatically receive a copy in the mail for our records, or you can supply your card to the front office for us to add to our parent/carer register. If you are a current VIT card holder, you can provide to the office in lieu of a WWCC.



NB- if you are volunteering with activities onsite that don't involve working directly with students (eg organising resources, fundraising stall set-up, etc), you must still hold a valid WWCC and supply it to the office.

[Click here to apply for a WWCC.](#)

PLEASE NOTE: All school volunteers must also have completed the OHS Volunteer Induction process, and returned their Induction Checklist to the office, to be able to volunteer.

Daily Structure Reminder

8.45	Yard Duty Starts
8.50-9.00	Get ready and head to class
9.00-11.30	Sessions 1, 2 + 3
11.30-11.40	1 st Eating Time
11.40-12.20	1 st Play Time
12.20-2.00	Sessions 4 + 5
2.00-2.10	2 nd Eating Time
2.10-2.40	2 nd Play Time
2.40-3.30	Session 6
3.30	Home Time
3.45	Yard Duty Ends

From the Specialist Team:



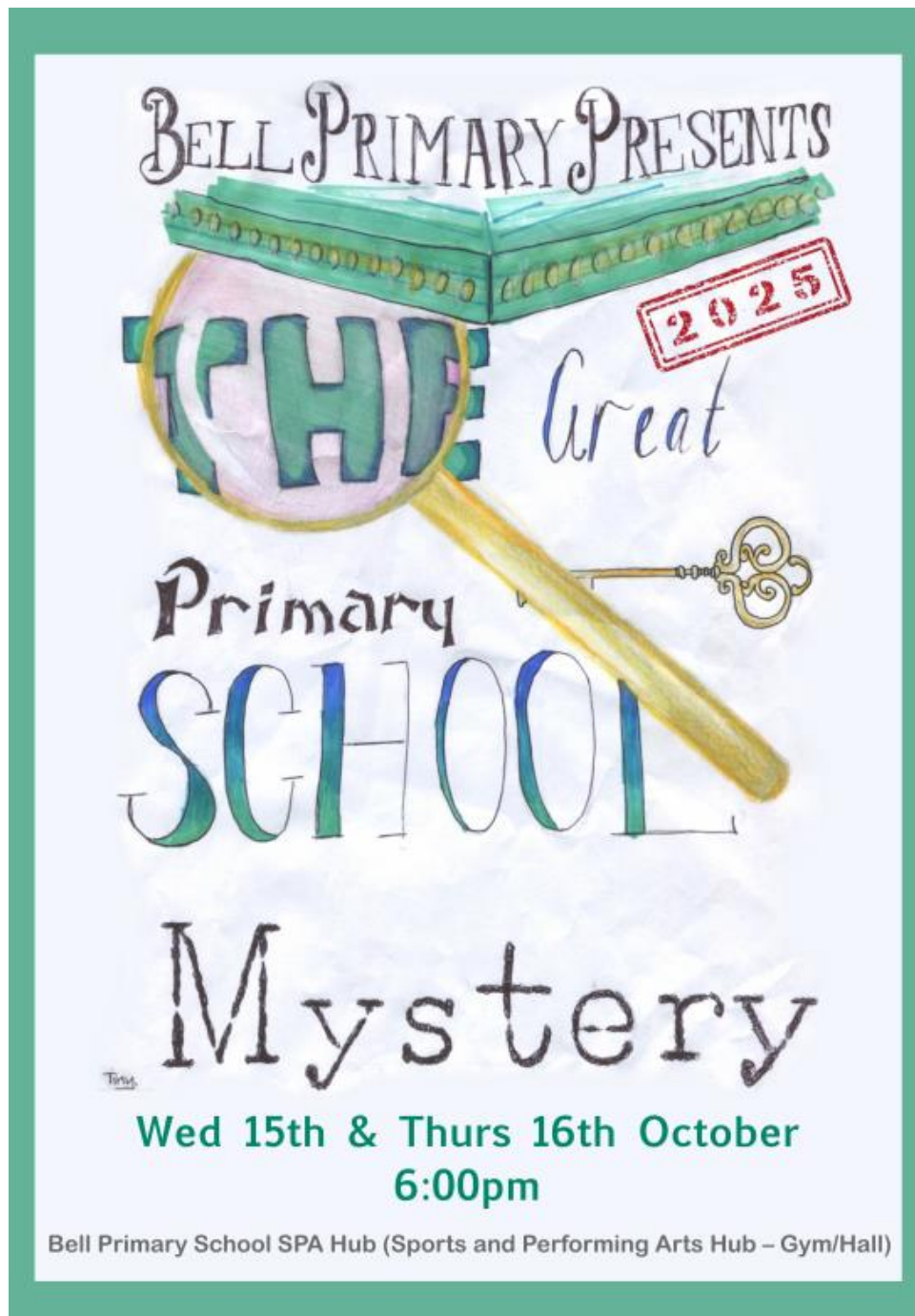
The Specialist Award winners for this fortnight are...

1B!

This award goes to a class that has shown the school value of **Creativity** through their learning. This class consistently brings creativity and positivity into the learning environment, showing up with eagerness to explore new ideas. The students approach each lesson with open minds, thoughtfully considering different perspectives and finding imaginative ways to engage with the content.

Well done, 1B!
The Specialist Team

The Great Primary School Mystery – Production Video:



We are pleased to announce that the recording of the production '**The Great Primary School Mystery**' is ready for viewing! A video link and password will be sent to all parents and carers via a separate Compass newsfeed.

Thanks to the incredible Jerome Cole (parent of Aisha and James), for filming and editing this masterpiece! We are so proud to share this celebration of student creativity and talent with our Bell community.

We encourage families to enjoy the production together at home. To protect the privacy and safety of our students, we kindly ask that you do not distribute the link or password to anyone outside your household. Additionally, please do not upload any video snippets or still images from the production to social media. This helps ensure that all students are represented safely and in line with our school's media permissions.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Enjoy and Rock on!

Milica (Ms S) & Claire
2025 Bell Production Team



Stall Captain Volunteers - Expressions of Interest

The Fete Committee has commenced planning for our **2026 School Fete** which will be held on **Saturday 28 March 2026**. This much-loved community event simply wouldn't be possible without the wonderful support of our families.

We are now seeking **Expressions of Interest for Stall Captains** to help lead and coordinate individual stalls on the day. Stall Captains play a vital role in supporting stall volunteers, helping organise materials and set up, and being a key point of contact for your stall. No prior experience is needed—just enthusiasm and a willingness to help!

If you are interested in becoming a Stall Captain, please complete the online form via the link below and a committee member will be in touch:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScDG4AKiYmhAg3LggZ6pfAejlxc7CA1laRS0eD9gnZqpHzb3g/viewform>

Thank you in advance for your support. With your help, we can make the 2026 School Fete a fun and memorable event for our whole school community.

2026 Bell Fete Committee



Calling all Bell ROCKSTAR parent/carers - Expressions of Interest



- Are you a Bell parent/carer?
- Are you secretly (or not so secretly) a musician/DJ/MC/entertainer of some sort?

Well, the **BELL FETE** on **Saturday 28 March 2026** needs you!

If you have a band/act and are keen to perform, please drop an email to the Entertainment Coordinators below to register your interest:

Nick Harris harris.nicholas@gmail.com

Ceinwen Jones ceinwenju@gmail.com

Rock on!

2026 Bell Fete Entertainment Team



From the Prep Team – 2026 Buddies:



On Wednesday, the Year 5 students and 2026 Preps got to meet their buddies for the first time. It was wonderful to see the Year 5 students welcome our newest Preps to the Bell community. They worked together to make a poster about their house groups, shared a buddy book and got to know each other a little bit before they work together next year.

Final Book Club of the Year:

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SCHOLASTIC Book Club

ONLY THREE MORE DAYS TO ORDER...

We are on track to meet our goal of raising \$2,000 for the school library. **We are three quarters of the way there!!!!** If you want to help expand the school library, please make sure that you order online by **9.00pm** on **Sunday 30 November**.

Order at www.scholastic.com.au/loop.

OUR GOAL!!!
\$2000



Bookclub orders close 9pm on **Sunday 30 November**. Order online to help us reach our goal and grow our school library.

Meet Mollie Zammit, 5B Classroom Teacher

What did you want to be when you were growing up?

I wanted to be a vet; I always had a love for animals. I had many pets growing up - chickens, guinea pigs, rabbits, budgies, hermit crabs, dogs, and a cat. Not all at the same time though (unfortunately).

What inspired you to become a teacher/work in a school?

My own primary school teachers from when I was younger. They made learning fun and were very caring. Just like I believe teachers should be.

What is your favourite quote?

'If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all', because I think the world needs nicer people.

What would we find you doing outside of school hours?

In my spare time you could find me swimming laps, cooking delicious food, or just hanging out with my friends!

What do you love about teaching?

The thing I love most about teaching is being able to make our students feel like they have a safe space to be themselves and have fun whilst learning, all while learning about the world around us.



From the Art Room:



The Grade 3 and 4 Art Extension students created pencil and paint tube sculptures using recycled materials. They made their shapes out of toilet rolls and egg cartons, then covered it with newspaper and glue. They used paint, paint pens and clay to further decorate their creations.



Grade 1 and 2 students created a collaborative artwork. Each student decorated a tile with different materials and joined it with three others to make a puzzle.

Julia Scarmozzino
Art Specialist



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INTEREST FOR

Youth Boys: Players wanted
U16 Boys: Players wanted
U16 Girls: Players wanted
U15 Boys: Team is full
U14 Girls: Players wanted
U14 Boys: Limited spaces
U13 Boys: Players wanted
U12 Mixed: Players wanted
U11 Mixed: Players wanted
U10 Mixed: Players wanted
U9 Mixed: Players wanted
U8 Mixed: Players wanted



Invite someone to join you at a special training this
December.
It's the perfect opportunity to learn some skills, and have a
great time together.
Let's share the love of the Preston Bullants!



BRING A FRIEND

Wednesday December 10, 2025
4:30 - 5:15pm
Training sessions for all ages
Sausage sizzle

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