



*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:

### **Step Up Session 3 and Grade Allocations**

The third Transition Session will be held next Tuesday 9 December. During this session, students will meet their 2026 teacher and classmates in their future classroom. Our usual comprehensive transition process has given students and parents/carers the opportunity to provide input before staff and leadership made final decisions on grade combinations. We have carefully considered each child's academic, social and emotional development, as well as group dynamics, to determine the best possible grade structures for both learning and teaching.

### **Key Points about the Final Step-Up Session on Tuesday:**

- Each student will receive a note informing parents/carers of their grade placement.
- The aim of the session is to make it enjoyable, with a strong focus on building connections with new peers and new teacher/s.
- Your child will receive a profile page from their new teacher/s, sharing some information about themselves to help strengthen the connection. This idea came from student feedback in last year's reporting survey and is another example of student voice being enacted.
- I ask for parent/carer support afterward to help keep children in a positive mindset about their new teacher/s and changes in classmates. Collective support is key to helping children embrace the exciting opportunities, and occasional challenges, in the year ahead.
- In previous years, the school has received late requests from parents to make changes after Session 3. Please be aware that we will not be altering student placements unless there are rare or special circumstances to be considered.

### **Staffing Adjustments for Next Year**

At the end of every year, there are staff who leave or join the Bell community for a variety of reasons. This year, we farewell Lauryn who has been half of the Grade 5C teaching team and Daniela, who has been with us in an Education Support role during Term 4. We thank Lauryn and Daniela for their contribution and wish them both all the very best in her future endeavours.

Through a merit-based process, selection panels have appointed several new teachers for next year. Decisions are informed by written applications, interviews, and referee checks, and are always guided by which candidates are the best fit for our school context and who will support the strongest long-term outcomes for student learning.

I am pleased to welcome the following staff:

- **Brett Allen** – Many of you will know Brett who has been both a contracted teacher and a casual relief teacher at Bell for many years. We are delighted to welcome him back.
- **Aimee Caputo** – Aimee joins us after two years of teaching at Preston PS.
- **Pip McNee** – Pip joins us after two years of teaching at Reservoir Views PS.
- **Nicholas Hessenkamp** – While not a new staff member, Nicholas will transition from his current role as an ES Integration Aide into a classroom teacher position next year.
- **Kaylee Muhar** – Has successfully graduated this year and is now joining us after completing casual relief teaching at other schools.

### **Grade 5 Camp**

Earlier this week, our Grade 5 students attended camp at Anglesea where they enjoyed a variety of beach-based and adventure activities. These opportunities not only provided plenty of fun but also helped develop key skills including teamwork, problem-solving and resilience. A special thank you to our parent helpers, Cathryn and Angie, and to our staff - Paul, Laura, Mollie and Sarah - for giving up their time to support our students on camp and ensuring it was a memorable experience.



### **International Day of People with Disability**

On Friday 5 December, we recognised the International Day of People with Disability. As part of Bell Primary's commitment to inclusion and the celebration of diversity, we welcomed Paralympians Naz and Al to our school today to run an incursion for our whole school. They shared their sporting achievements and supported students to understand different types of disabilities, emphasising the importance of seeing the person before the disability. They also helped students identify barriers to inclusion, consider adaptations to the physical environment, and explore what an inclusive environment looks like, sounds like, and feels like.

Thank you, Josh for coordinating this event.



### **Parent/Carer Volunteer Morning Tea**

This morning, we welcomed community members who have volunteered at the school this year to our Volunteer Morning Tea. The event served as a symbolic gesture of appreciation for everyone who has supported the school in countless ways. This included those who helped with major events such as our Trivia Night and other fundraising activities; those who provided invaluable assistance in classrooms, on excursions and on camps; and the members of School Council, sub-committees and working groups who continue to support valuable school initiatives. We also acknowledge the unsung heroes who take on quieter but essential roles, such as supporting the second-hand uniform shop, Book Club and library book covering, to name just a few. Thank you to you all.

*Emma Heywood, Principal*



# Back to School

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child's school pack  
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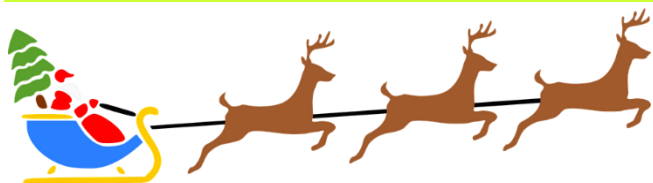
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## 2025 / 2026 Calendars:

### December 2026

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  
 Fri 30: NO ASSEMBLY TODAY

### 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](mailto: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.

## 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](http://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

Please see the Community tab on our [website](#) for details on activities BTS2026-Parents and/or during school time in Room 18 + 19 – always make direct contact with the provider:

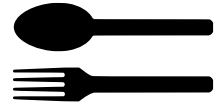
**Keyboard : Guitar : Violin : Ukelele : Singing : Dancing : Computer Programming**



## 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.



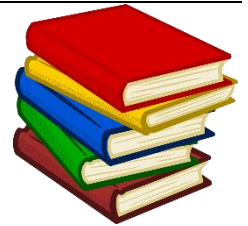
### Sign Ins and Sign Outs

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](mailto: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 <sup>st</sup> Eating Time
11.40-12.20	1 <sup>st</sup> Play Time
12.20-2.00	Sessions 4 + 5
2.00-2.10	2 <sup>nd</sup> Eating Time
2.10-2.40	2 <sup>nd</sup> Play Time
2.40-3.30	Session 6
3.30	Home Time
3.45	Yard Duty Ends

## From the Art Room:

The Preps have finished creating their coral reefs. They moulded bases from Model Magic clay, then added different types of coral and sea creatures made from clay. They also used pipe cleaners, cutting and shaping them to craft seaweed and coral that poked out of the reef.



## From the Prep Team:



This term, the Preps have had two visits from our local fire fighters. We learnt about what to do in an emergency, who and how to call for help and where to go if there is a fire at our house. During the second visit, the Preps (and teachers) were lucky enough to see the fire truck up close and have a go using the fire hose!



### 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](mailto:harris.nicholas@gmail.com)

Ceinwen Jones [ceinwenju@gmail.com](mailto:ceinwenju@gmail.com)

Rock on!

**2026 Bell Fete Entertainment Team**



From the SAU:



THE SAU'S

# bake sale

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**MONDAY 15 DECEMBER 2025**

BELL PRIMARY

# Cash Only

The SAU (Student Activist Union) is holding a bake sale on the last Monday of the term, after school, in the shelter shed. All money raised will go toward replacing old fluorescent tubes around the school with more energy efficient LED lights. All items will be below \$3 - CASH ONLY.

We hope to see you there!

**Team Kids Bell Primary** *Holiday Program!* 

**7:00 AM START**  
**6:30 PM END**

PLEASE  
ARRIVE BY 9AM  
ON EXCURSION DAYS

 **IN-HOUSE**  **INCURSION**  **EXCURSION**

<b>MON - 22nd DEC</b>	<b>A White Christmas</b>	
	We're dreaming of a white Christmas... Today TeamKids is super excited for Christmas craft! We're going to make awesome clay gingerbread, elf hats and Christmas Musicals! Get ready for a jingly good time!	<b>Daily Fee</b> \$82
		<b>After Max CCS*</b> \$8.20

<b>TUE - 23rd DEC</b>	<b>Aussie Christmas</b>	
	Santa's swapping snow for sand this year! Join us for a fair dinkum festive celebration filled with backyard cricket, beachy vibes, and Christmas cheer – Aussie-style! Slip, slop, slap and get ready for the jolliest day Down Under.	<b>Daily Fee</b> \$82
		<b>After Max CCS*</b> \$8.20



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- EPIC EVENTS**
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**6:30 PM END**

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**IN-HOUSE** **INCURSION** **EXCURSION**

MON - 5th JAN	TUE - 6th JAN	WED - 7th JAN	THU - 8th JAN	FRI - 9th JAN
<b>Wanderful Wizards</b>	<b>The Spongebob Movie</b>	<b>Jellyfish Jamboree</b>	<b>Metart World</b>	<b>Arts &amp; Design</b>
Ready to make some magic? It's a day of wand-waving, potion-brewing, and spell-casting fun! Enter a world where imagination rules, mischief sparkles, and every child becomes a wizard of wonder.	Today you're off to the movies to join SpongeBob's journey to the ocean's depths to face the Flying Dutchman's ghost, encountering challenges and uncovering marine mysteries. *Rated PG/Allergy Alert	Hold onto your flippers and dive into this underwater adventure for all hands on deck in creative chaos, sea-riously silly challenges, and waves of laughter!	Get ready for an exhilarating adventure at MetArt World, home to the world's largest metal art gallery! Enjoy the starry sky exhibition, have some thrilling VR fun, and plunge headfirst into an interactive art experience that's sure to tickle our creative senses! *Flashing Lights Alert	Get ready to unleash your creativity with TeamKids! We'll dive into vibrant colors, cool techniques, and hands-on fun to create masterpieces worthy of an exhibition! Please wear old clothes or bring an art shirt.
<b>Daily Fee</b> \$82	<b>Daily Fee</b> \$120	<b>Daily Fee</b> \$107	<b>Daily Fee</b> \$133	<b>Daily Fee</b> \$105
<b>After Max CCS*</b> \$8.20	<b>After Max CCS*</b> \$12.00	<b>After Max CCS*</b> \$10.70	<b>After Max CCS*</b> \$13.30	<b>After Max CCS*</b> \$10.50

MON - 12th JAN	TUE - 13th JAN	WED - 14th JAN	THU - 15th JAN	FRI - 16th JAN
<b>Dashing Drip Bears</b>	<b>Let's Street Dance</b>	<b>Explore and Create Nature Play</b>	<b>Melbourne Sky Deck</b>	<b>Boomwhackers</b>
It's time to unleash your inner artist - bear-style! Pour, swirl, and drip your way through a kaleidoscope of colour as you create your very own Drip Bear Keyring masterpiece. It's bright, bold, and gloriously messy... just the way art should be	Today we'll be locking, hip hopping, popping and breakdancing as we flex our style and get down and groovy in an epic ENERGETIC street dance lesson! We'll learn the moves, then perform to some bopping jams!	Calling all green thumbs! Get ready to dig into the fun with TeamKids at the Royal Botanic Gardens. Uncover secrets of plant growth and unleash your creativity with nature play. We'll have a rootin'-tootin' good time in nature. *Closed toe shoes required	Are you ready to embark on an exciting Melbourne adventure?! Today we visit the Melbourne Sky Deck to discover breathtaking views and iconic Melbourne landmarks. It's an unforgettable journey through our vibrant city.	Have you heard? TeamKids is playing with Boomwhackers! We'll learn to use colour-coded, plastic percussion tubes to create a perfectly pitched song. Then, we'll each take a tube home to continue the fun.
<b>Daily Fee</b> \$107	<b>Daily Fee</b> \$102	<b>Daily Fee</b> \$122	<b>Daily Fee</b> \$132	<b>Daily Fee</b> \$102
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**6:30 PM END**

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**IN-HOUSE** **INCURSION** **EXCURSION**

MON - 19th JAN	TUE - 20th JAN	WED - 21st JAN	THU - 22nd JAN	FRI - 23rd JAN
<b>Shell Yeah!</b>	<b>Grand Prix of Europe</b>	<b>Water Warriors</b>	<b>AFL Max</b>	<b>Jolly Jugglers</b>
Crabs that dance, turtles that chill, and jellyfish that jiggle – our underwater world is full of character! This day's got more fins, flippers, and fun than a coral reef party! Shell yeah, it's going to be totally jaw-some!	Today you're off to the movies to help Edda, a young mouse with BIG dreams, seize her chance to race in the Grand Prix disguised as her hero, Ed. She must outwit her rival's sneaky sabotage and show that even the smallest racer can make a huge impact. <i>*Rated PG/Allergy Alert</i>	Join the Water Warriors for a splashing good time! Kids will gear up for epic water games, challenges, and a tidal wave of fun. Ready to make a splash? Let's dive in! <i>*towel and change of clothes reqd.</i>	Be one of the first to visit the brand-new AFL MAX for a day of epic footy fun! From speccy marks to wild inflatables, whether you're a handball hero or just here for the bounce, this day's a winner!	Run away with the circus and tumble into a whirlwind of trickles, tumbles and learn to juggle like a pro! Wobble on the balance board, spin hula hoops, and tackle silly challenges. Clown around, show off your skills, the spotlight's all yours!
<b>Daily Fee</b> \$82	<b>Daily Fee</b> \$120	<b>Daily Fee</b> \$99	<b>Daily Fee</b> \$135	<b>Daily Fee</b> \$100
<b>After Max CCS*</b> \$8.20	<b>After Max CCS*</b> \$12.00	<b>After Max CCS*</b> \$9.90	<b>After Max CCS*</b> \$13.50	<b>After Max CCS*</b> \$10.00

**TUE - 27th JAN**

## Shipwreck Shenanigans

Ahoy, matey! A mysterious shipwreck's been spotted – and it's packed with adventure. Join the crew for treasure hunts, sea shanties, and plenty of pirate mischief. X marks the fun

**Daily Fee**

\$82

**After Max CCS\***

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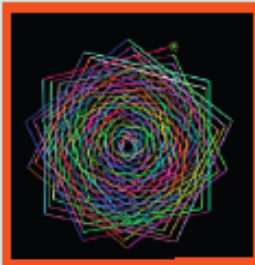
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