



*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 the Principal:

Capital Works Project

The Project Control Group (PCG) have appointed Angelucci Architects to oversee the entire process from design to completion of the gym-hall and additional upgrades to the main building. The various planning and tender phases will take the majority of 2021, but we are hoping the first 'turning of the soil' will occur late in the year, rolling into the January holidays. Part of the planning this year is working out access points and safety requirements when students, staff and parents/carers are onsite during construction and the VSBA appointed project manager, Bruno Imeneo, will convene all site and PCG meetings, with community safety and OHS always the highest priority.

In the coming weeks we will create a new page on the website outlining the Buildings Master Plan and provide updates throughout the project.

School Council Elections

A reminder that there are three parent representative positions to be decided in the upcoming elections; self-nominations will be available at the office or it can be emailed. The timeline for the election process is as follows:

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| • Notice of Election and call for Nominations: | Friday 12 February |
| • Nomination forms available via email: | Monday 15 February |
| • Closing date for Nominations: | Monday 22 February at 4.00pm |
| • List of eligible candidates will be posted in our Newsletter: | Friday 26 February |
| • Ballot papers will be prepared and distributed (if required): | Tuesday 2 March |
| • Close of Ballot (if required): | Tuesday 9 March |

If an election is required, more detailed information about the process and candidates' requirements will be distributed to the school community. For details about the role of School Council, follow the link: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/management/community/Pages/schoolcouncilsfunction.aspx>.

Those parents/carers who pick up a self-nomination form from the office will also be given a document outlining roles and responsibilities of school council. This provides greater details about the distinction between responsibilities of council compared to the role of the principal. Alternatively, feel free to contact me directly about council elections and related topics regarding school governance.

School Review Term 1

As flagged in several newsletters last year, the school will soon undertake a comprehensive review of the strategic plan that has been a key driver in school improvements over the last four years. The aspects of the review include:

- A core panel with representation from School Leadership, School Council, DET Regional Office, Principal Challenge Partners and an independent reviewer.
- The process started with the consultation activities in Term 4 seeking input from students, teachers on the curriculum day, and parents/carers via the online survey.
- A 3-day program over three weeks in March commencing with a Validation day, where the panel work through the School Self-Evaluation Report and discuss terms of reference focus questions for investigation

throughout the field work. Day 2 is the Fieldwork day where some panel members complete additional classroom visits and run stakeholder focus groups. The final panel day concludes the process through reporting back on Fieldwork day findings, and culminates in the creation of the key directions for the 2021-2024 School Strategic Plan.

- Each year the Strategic Plan is unpacked into Annual Implementation Plans (AIPs) with targeted strategies and actions to work towards our new 4-year goals and targets.
- The School Strategic Plan and the current AIP appear on the school's website once endorsed by School Council and approved by DET.
- The Annual General Meeting and Community Forum Plan for Term 2 is an opportunity for the community to be taken through the new strategic plan once developed at the end of this process.

David Twite
Principal

From the Assistant Principal:

Getting to Know You Meeting Updates

We can now confirm that Getting to Know You Meetings will be conducted onsite in Week 7 of this term. Getting to Know You Meetings facilitate individual time for parents/carers to share information about their child. These meetings are an important opportunity for you to:

- meet and get to know your child's teacher(s)
- help your child's teacher(s) understand more about your child
- exchange information to support your child's learning, social and emotional needs
- make plans with the teacher(s) about how you can both support your child
- continue to strengthen the crucial home-school partnership

These meetings, whilst about your child as a learner, are not designed to give detailed progress reports of student achievement given the early scheduling.

Getting to Know You Meetings will occur for year levels on the following days and times in your child's classroom.

Prep:	Tuesday March 9	(3:00pm-5:00pm, 5:30-8:00pm)
Year 1:	Thursday March 11	(3:40pm-5:00pm, 5:30-8:00pm)
Year 2:	Wednesday March 10	(3:40pm-5:00pm, 5:30-8:00pm)
Year 3:	Thursday March 11	(3:00pm-5:00pm, 5:30-8:00pm)
Year 4:	Thursday March 11	(3:00pm-5:00pm, 5:30-8:00pm)
Year 5:	Wednesday March 10	(3:00pm-5:00pm, 5:30-8:00pm)
Year 6:	Tuesday March 9	(3:00pm-5:00pm, 5:30-8:00pm)
Specialists:	Wednesday March 10	(3:40pm-5:00pm, 5:30-8:00pm)

Parents/carers will be able to book 1 x 10 minute time slot within the above indicated time frames. Please note that teachers will have a scheduled break between 5:00-5:30pm and will not be available to meet during this time.

To enable Getting to Know You Meetings to take place onsite, the following COVIDSafe practices will be implemented.

- All parents/carers **must** wear a mask in any indoor environment and outdoors if 1.5m distance is not able to be maintained.
- Parents/carers are asked to undertake regular hand hygiene.
- We ask that parents/carers come onsite only a few minutes prior to your designated meeting time and leave promptly following. If you remain on the school grounds for more than 15 minutes, you must come past the office to complete a map as we are required to track and record your movements around the school.

Bookings will open via Compass at 9:00am on Monday February 22 and will close at 4:00pm on Wednesday 3 March.

Emma Heywood
Assistant Principal

From the Office:

Important Dates 2021

Dates for
the Diary:

FEBRUARY

- Mon 22: Closing Date for SC Nominations, 4pm
- Mon 22: Compass Bookings Open at 9am for Getting to Know You Meetings
- Mon 22: Grade 1 Information Session, 5.30pm
- Mon 22: Grade 2 Information Session, 6.35pm
- Tue 23: District Swimming
- Tue 23: Prep Information Session, 5.30pm
- Tue 23: Grade 6 Information Session, 6.35pm
- Wed 24: Preps to attend for interview time only
- Wed 24: Grade 5 Information Session, 5.30pm
- Thu 25: Grade 3 Information Session, 5.30pm
- Thu 25: Grade 4 Information Session, 6.35pm
- Fri 26: Eligible SC Candidates listed in Newsletter
- Fri 26: Gr6 Sport v Fairfield (H)

MARCH

- Tue 2: SC Ballot Papers distributed (if required)
- Wed 3: Compass Bookings Close **at 4pm** for Getting to Know You Meetings
- Wed 3: Preps to attend for interview time only
- Fri 5: Gr6 Sport v Preston South (A)
- Mon 8: Labour Day Public Holiday
- Tue 9: Close of SC Ballot (if required)
- Tue 9: Prep Getting to Know You Meetings
- Tue 9: Grade 6 Getting to Know You Meetings
- Wed 10: Grade 2 Getting to Know You Meetings
- Wed 10: Grade 5 Getting to Know You Meetings
- Wed 10: Specialists Getting to Know You Meetings
- Thu 11: Grade 1 Getting to Know You Meetings
- Thu 11: Grade 3 Getting to Know You Meetings
- Thu 11: Grade 4 Getting to Know you Meetings
- Fri 19: Gr6 Sport v Wales Street (H)
- Wed 31: Last Day Term 1 for Students, 3.30pm dismissal

APRIL

- Thu 1: Curriculum Day #3 (Student Free)
- Mon 19: First Day Term 2

MAY

- Thu 20: District Cross Country
- Tue 25 – Fri 28: Proposed Gr6 Camp

JUNE

- Fri 11: Winter Sport Carnival
- Mon 14: Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
- Mon 21 – Fri 25: Proposed Gr4 Camp
- Fri 25: Last Day Term 2, 2.30pm dismissal

JULY

- Mon 12: First Day Term 3

AUGUST

- Thu 19: District Athletics

SEPTEMBER

- Fri 3: District Basketball
- Wed 15 – Fri 17: Proposed Gr5 Camp
- Fri 17: Last Day Term 3, 2.30pm dismissal

OCTOBER

- Mon 4: First Day Term 4

NOVEMBER

- Tue 2: Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
- Wed 10: District Triathlon

DECEMBER

- Thu 9: Bell Swimming Carnival
- Fri 17: Final Day Term 4 2021

2021 STUDENT TERM DATES:

- Term 1: Friday 29 January – Thursday 1 April
- Term 2: Monday 19 April – Friday 25 June
- Term 3: Monday 12 July – Friday 17 September
- Term 4: Monday 4 October – Friday 17 December

Payments Due or Outstanding

ITEM:	DUE BY:	AMOUNT:	METHOD:
Prep, 1, 2, 3: Essential Student Learning Items (stationery) per child	Fri 19 Feb	\$125	Qkr!
Prep, 1, 2, 3: Essential Learning Items (bulk/online) per child	Fri 19 Feb	\$105	Qkr!
Gr 4, 5, 6: Essential Student Learning Items (stationery) per child	Fri 19 Feb	\$115	Qkr!
Gr 4, 5, 6: Essential Learning Items (bulk/online) per child	Fri 19 Feb	\$95	Qkr!
All Grades: Educational Program Voluntary Contribution per child	Fri 19 Feb	\$50	Qkr!
Grade 6: Polo Tops	Tue 23 Feb	\$35	Qkr!
Grade 6: Bomber Jackets	Tue 23 Feb	\$72	Qkr!
Grade 6 (selected only): Summer Interschool Sport	Wed 17 Feb	\$25	Qkr!
Grades 4-6 (selected only): District Swimming Carnival	Fri 19 Feb	\$25	Qkr!

Classroom Cuisine Lunch Orders

Important note to Parents/Carers: lunch orders cannot be guaranteed to arrive in time for the 11.30am eating time. As the next eating time is at 2.00pm, it is important to put extra food/snacks in your child's lunchbox just in case they have to wait until 2.00pm to eat their lunch order.



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund Applications

The **C**amps, **S**ports and **E**xcursions **F**und helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a **Veterans Affairs Gold Card**, **Centrelink Health Care Card** or **Pensioner Concession Card**, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

The payment amount this year is **\$125** for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 9480 5622 to request an application form. You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page.

Please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

New Uniforms - PSW

All Bell Primary School uniform pieces, including hats and bags, can be purchased directly from PSW, 12 Strathalbyn Street, Kew East, or anytime online at [PSW](#). You can contact PSW on 9768 0381.



Second Hand Uniform Shop

Good news! Our Second Hand Uniform Shop will be opening again at 9.00am – on Mondays (volunteer Nicole) and Wednesdays (volunteer Kim) – from Monday 8 February. The following regulations apply:

- Bookings must be made via the office on 9480 5622;
- No walk-ups;
- Bookings are for up to 10 minutes in length;
- STRICTLY CASH ONLY (gold coins and small notes);
- One adult per visit;
- Masks must be worn.

UNIFORM DONATIONS: Donations of 'Bell-branded' tops only, or non-branded dresses/shorts/pants – in good condition - can be made to the office at any time.

GOLD COIN DONATIONS: All monies raised from the Second Hand Uniform Shop is donated to State School Relief.

Arriving Late? Leaving Early? Don't touch your Compass App!

The ONLY thing we need you to do is either sign in late at the office (WITH YOUR CHILD), or sign out early at the office. Emailing the teacher to advise details is totally optional.

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.

PROTECT

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.

No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.

It's everyone's responsibility.

Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse.

If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

Further information & resources
www.education.vic.gov.au/protect

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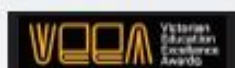
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- Please **ENROL TODAY** via PMI's website
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – with lessons typically during & outside school hours
- Only \$18.50 per child per small group lesson (2-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Our small group lessons provide a fun and affordable opportunity to learn instrumental music
- Private lessons (1-on-1) and pair lessons (max 2 students) are also available
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P: 1300 362 824

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Bell French Club

French Club is back!
Thursdays: 3.45 – 4.45pm

We have places available starting T1 – this is VERY rare!

We have been operating at Bell PS for 10 years, almost always at capacity. We help foster curiosity and a sense of achievement. Our early cohorts are now in Years 11 and 12 and embracing French at VCE level.

Foreign language learning strengthens critical and creative thinking, informs one's mother tongue, and opens up a world of possibilities.

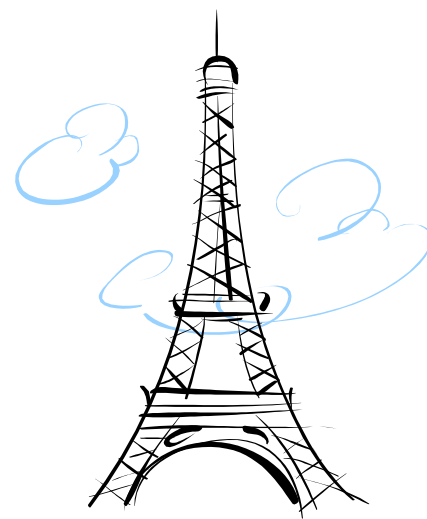
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