



*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 and Assistant Principal:

Grade 6 Students:

On Tuesday we had the Graduation Ceremony for our departing Grade 6s here at school in the open-air venue (the south oval). It was a fitting celebration, with speeches that reflected this year, as well as stories from all seven years at Bell. The Rock Band played loud and strong, vocal ensemble sang pure and sweet, whilst the Grade 6s from the Dance Spectacular group moved and grooved to the routines learnt over the year. Each student was presented with a graduation certificate to remember their time at Bell Primary School.

On behalf of the school community, we would like to congratulate the graduates and wish them all the best wishes as they begin the next exciting stage of their educational journey.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Laura Meredith, Dimi Efthymiou, Jack Fray, Belle Braham and Sam Baseggio whose combine efforts and dedication throughout the year guided the students through the ups and downs of COVID 2021. Their organisation and forward planning made this week of graduation events a very special ending for the Grade 6 students.



Bell Families:

At our Graduation Ceremony we also acknowledged those families of Year 6s who are departing the school community. To the following Year 6 families, and other families leaving our school, we thank you for your contributions over the years and hope your futures are bright and successful wherever the next road in life takes you: *Black, Connell, D'Abbs, Fijan, Gilbert, Goddard, O'Halloran, Papaioannou, Soule, Acton, Brennan, Dempster, Forbes, Harris, McGowan, Money, Nance, Nikolarakos, O'Brien, O'Loughlin, Ballard, Creswell White, Fishlock, Hackett, Coates, Murphy, Potter, Silbermann, Taranto, Venuto, Walshe, Weisert, Whitehead, Crouwell, O'Shea, Patel, Welsh.*

Staff:

As the year draws to an end, there are always the sad moments when we say goodbye to teachers as they move on to new pathways in their careers. Today at the final assembly we acknowledged and celebrated the following teachers for their dedication to the Bell team: *Megan McGowan, Christine Rembelos, Brett Allen, Belle Braham and Carly Briant.*

Our last two appointments for next year have been finalised this week with Hannah Jamison (Grade 5) and Teresa Flatman (Grade 2) joining the team. I know the Bell community will give them a warm welcome as they assimilate into the school at the start of next year.

Dedication to Bell:

There are always too many people to mention who contribute to the successes and on-going improvement to our school; we would like to make the following acknowledgements:

- We thank the incredibly dedicated teaching and support staff who always work collaboratively to deliver the quality learning programs for the students each day; this year was another challenging year for obvious reasons and they pushed through with remarkable commitment to the children, their families and each other.
- The parent/carer volunteers who help in various ways, including those in formal positions such as the FUNdraising leader Bridget Ah Ching. Special mentions to Dave Hall, Tash Palich, Francine Bird (Zoom Trivia), and other event captains who ran the activities we were able to run with all the restrictions around us.
- We acknowledge School Council for their key role in the Governance of the school and appreciate their support;
- The admin staff who are the 'rocks' at the front of the school; always adapting, fixing and communicating in an efficient manner, even when the COVID crisis was at its peak again and again.

Welcome to the New Families for 2022

On Wednesday evening we held a welcome barbeque for the 2022 Prep families and it was wonderful to see so many come down to socialise and get to know each other. Some of our Grade 5s helped the younger ones with some games and the sausages were going fast from the catering department. We are looking forward to truly welcoming the new students and their families to the Bell community in the new school year.

Curriculum Days in 2022:

A reminder that two out of the four pupil free days have been allocated and approved by School Council for next year:

- **Friday 28 January:** State-wide Curriculum Day;
- **Friday 11 March** Teacher Professional Development day - 2022 priorities;.

There are two more curriculum day yet to be allocated and this will be determined as soon as practical next year.

End of the Year

Finally, we'd like to thank the entire Bell Community for the way everyone has committed themselves to doing their best for the children in a second roller coaster year when the home-school partnership needed to be strong.

We wish every family and staff member a relaxing, enjoyable and safe summer holiday - as we all deserve it.

David Twite
Principal

Emma Heywood
Assistant Principal

Diary Dates:

2021 Calendar – Term 4:

DECEMBER

- Fri 17: Whole School Assembly, 12.45pm, South Oval
- Fri 17: Final Day Term 4 – **1.30pm 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

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
- Thu 17: Northcote District Swim Carnival, Fitzroy Pool

MARCH

- Fri 4: Summer Sport v Fairfield (home)
- Sat 5: Bell Community Carnival (Fete)
- Fri 11: Curriculum Day #2 – Pupil Free
- Mon 14: Labour Day Public Holiday
- Thu 17: Divisional Swim Carnival
- Fri 18: Summer Sport v Thornbury (away)
- Tue 22: Regional Swimming, WaterMarc
- Fri 25: Summer Sport v Wales Street (home)

APRIL

- Fri 1: Summer Sport v Northcote (away)
- Mon 4: Regional Tennis
- Fri 8: Final Day Term 1, **2.30pm dismissal**

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.

2022	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Darebin Falcons Women's Soccer Training	South Oval 5.00-8.00pm 14 Feb-8 Apr APPROVED	South Oval 5.00-8.00pm 14 Feb-8 Apr APPROVED	South Oval 5.00-8.00pm 14 Feb-8 Apr APPROVED	South Oval 5.00-8.00pm 14 Feb-8 Apr APPROVED			

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:

Details regarding the Second Hand Uniform Shop will be advised early in 2022.



Fete Fun in the School Holidays

12 weeks to go now, is **only 4 weeks when we come back next year!** You can make a great contribution during the holidays. Here are **some ideas to stick on the fridge** to keep in mind!

Create & Craft

Can you or family members and friends create or have fabric, wool or **craft supplies you could donate** to be used? A glue gun can make anything! Can be simple.

Do you have or need some **ideas** on what you could make? Share them on Bell Fete or Parents Facebook page if you do. Would you like to come along to a **craft session**?

Please contact Jess (Craft Captain) on 0432426643.



Plant

Pot cuttings if you still can. **Protect and water** those you have already potted, especially when the heat hits. If you are away, call a friend or neighbour if you need help looking after them.



Save to bring in

Store up old **shopping bags** to donate. Save jars and **make Mystery Jars** with New Year playroom and bedroom clean up items. Donate little unwanted items for **prizes**.

Origami

Pre-make Origami, or **donate** origami / craft or edgy magazine **paper** to use for our Origami Stall. Contact Tash 0425723735.



Purchase to Donate

Please look out for specials on family blocks of **chocolate** for the Lob A Choc Game, **soft drinks** for Can Toss and the Drinks Stall and **wine** for the Wine Tombola Stall to bring in to school next year.

We hope you have had a chance to donate to your **classroom collection box** this year. We will need to top them up again if required.

Big thanks to those families who have.



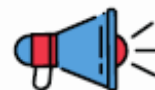
Preserve

With all the beautiful abundant summer fruits make some Chutney, Jam or Spreads as a holiday activity. New Jars only please.



Promote

Tell all your neighbours, family and friends about our Fete and get them to **SAVE THE DATE** to come along. **Make them an invitation** and follow us on Bell Primary School Fete on Facebook.



Unwanted Gifts

Might you have any **unwanted gifts** you could donate to the raffle or silent auction?



Contact us if you need bellprimaryfete@gmail.com

Bell Community Carnival
Saturday 5th March

From the Grade 6 Team:

Graduation:

On Tuesday 14th December, parents, siblings, grandparents, teachers and students gathered on the south oval to watch the 6s graduate from primary school. There were speeches, dances, songs, more speeches and some awards. There was artwork and posters displaying photos along with special moments of the students' time at school. But best of all, there was the opportunity to celebrate seven wonderful years with the people that mean the most to our 6s. We are incredibly proud of our students for their dedication to their learning this year and wish them the very best of luck as they leave the Bell PS gates and enter the next chapter of their education in high school.

Miss Meredith, Jack, Dimi and Belle + Sam.

Merri Creek Clean Up!

The grade 6 students have just finished reading the text 'Atmospheric'. On Wednesday, they walked down to the Merri Creek to continue their discussion on the impact of human activity on our waterways and climate change. Our students did a fabulous job of cleaning up rubbish around the creek. A big thanks for our parent helpers: Jacinta, Jason, Belinda and Catherine.



Colour Run:

Continuing the end of school celebrations, our students were treated to a colour run on Wednesday afternoon. The students were asked to wear light colour clothing to bring out the colour even more so! How awesome does this look!



Luna Park:

The moment the students were anxiously waiting for - their big day out at Luna Park! What an awesome day it was. Rides, laughter, fun bus rides and access to the food trucks, our students celebrated their hearts out with their friends and teachers. Check out the fabulous photos from their special day!



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

