

Bell PS Newsletter

12 March 2021

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Principal: David Twite Assistant Principal: Emma Heywood

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.



Phone: 9480 5622

From the Principal:

School Council Elections- Update

We have three nominations for the one remaining vacancy in this election process. The following candidates are on the ballot papers sent home yesterday with your eldest child:

Ellen Corovic Nina Cullen Gerard Fennessy

As the ballots went home a day later than planned, the adjusted timeline for the election process is as follows:

- Ballot closes at 4.00pm on <u>Thursday 18 March</u> (even though the ballot states Wednesday);
- Votes counted on Friday 19 March with the declaration of the poll before COB on that day. Candidates will be informed by the Principal that afternoon;
- Community will be notified as soon as practical after the declaration via a Compass newsfeed;
- The new School Council will hold their first meeting on **Thursday 25 March.**

<u>School Review – Stakeholders Focus Groups</u>

A reminder about the Fieldwork Day happening next week when school reviewer, Robert Miller, and regional office representative, Graham Stevenson, will facilitate some stakeholder focus groups. The aim is to dig deep and explore key themes from the Terms of Reference, seeking feedback across samples of students, teachers and parents/carers.

We are inviting any parents and carers who are keen to be involved and are available on Thursday 18 March from 2.15-3.15pm to register at the office. There will be face to face focus groups with COVID safe practices in place.

Bell FUNdraising Facilitator/Convenor

We are seeking one or two additional FUNdraising facilitators/convenors this year to work alongside our current convenor, Bridget Ah Ching. The role of the team of convenors is to oversee the planning of events for 2021; it is not to captain events, or do all the organisation for planned activities, rather support and encourage the effective and efficient operation of our school's Fundraising activities. Some key points about the role are:

- The FUNdraising group is an important part of our school and is made up of parent volunteers who usually meet at a convenient scheduled time throughout the year to oversee all Fundraising activities. Meetings might be face to face or online or a mix.
- The facilitators/convenors lead that group and ensure event captains and their teams are on track leading up to their particular event.
- The FUNdraising group do not get bogged down by formal meeting procedures, standing orders and labels such
 as presidents, etc. There are reporting requirements to the Finance Sub-committee of School Council, but they
 are handled by members of the Finance sub-committee, including me as Principal, who are the direct links to
 School Council.
- Financial accountabilities for each event and the FUNdraising activities overall, will be supported by a member of the Finance sub-committee with accounting qualifications.

So, if you have an interest in being part of the convening team organising, planning, and supporting others, this would be a great opportunity to make a real difference at Bell. Please contact Bridget (0409 253 942) or me for further details.

Bikes and Scooters

It is wonderful to see so many families riding to school on bikes and scooters each day, However, I need to remind everyone (adults and children) that they <u>must walk them when inside the school grounds</u> before school and after school <u>until after 3.45pm</u>. With so much foot traffic, the safety of everyone is always the highest priority. As adults, we must be the role models so the young people will follow our behaviours.

David Twite Principal

From the Assistant Principal:

Thank you to parents and carers for your attendance at Getting to Know You Meetings this week, to establish the foundations for positive and productive teacher-parent/carer partnerships for the year ahead. We would also like to thank staff for staying late to conduct these conferences.

When schools and families work together, children become more engaged with their learning and develop a positive attitude towards school, ultimately leading to positive academic results and consistent school attendance. We know there would have been many useful discussions and some plans set in place to strengthen the partnership between home and school to support your child/ren's academic, social, emotional and physical needs.

If for some reason you were unable to attend your Getting to Know You Meeting, please contact your child's classroom teacher to establish a mutually agreeable time to meet in the coming weeks.

Emma Heywood Assistant Principal

From the Office:

Important Dates 2021



MARCH

Mon 15: Harmony Day – wear something orange!

• Fri 19: Orders close for Carnevale Treats via Qkr!

• Fri 19: **Gr6** Sport v Wales Street (H)

• Fri 19: National Day of Action against Bullying + Violence

• Thu 25: Bell PS Whole School Carnevale

• Thu 25 School Council Meeting @ 7pm

• 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

• Tue 1: School Photos

• Fri 11: Winter Sport Carnival

• Mon 14: Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

• Mon 21 – Fri 25: Proposed **Gr4** Camp

• Mon 21 CSEF Applications close for 2021

• 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: (under Payments in Qkr!)	DUE BY:	AMOUNT:	METHOD:
All Grades: Bell PS Carnevale Day Treats (Bombolone or Pancakes)	Fri 19 Mar	\$2.50	Qkr!
ITEM: (under <i>Excursions</i> in Qkr!)	DUE BY:	AMOUNT:	METHOD:

External Providers

Details regarding lessons offered by our External Providers, eg: keyboard, violin, guitar, French, sport, singing/dancing, can be found on our website under the 'Community', 'External Providers' tab. Please make direct contact.

Parent Messages for Students

To ensure 'change of plan' messages are communicated to your child/ren in time, please ensure you contact the office as early in the day as possible. Ideally, 'end of day' messages (3.20-3.30pm) via the office should be avoided as much as possible, given the challenge of communicating details to students in the midst of busy packing-up time in a classroom.

Messages to remind students to attend OSH Club are unnecessary as OSH Club staff always make 'reminder' announcements for students who are booked in but have not yet shown up.

Missed Calls

Please do not call the school if you have received a 'missed call' notification. Bell PS Staff are advised they must leave a message where possible which may take a minute or two to arrive on your phone, so please wait to check. Many messages are just a 'courtesy' call and do not require a reply.

Arriving Late? Leaving Early?

PLEASE 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 **before** collecting your child. Emailing the teach to advise details is TOTALLY OPTIONAL.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund Applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund 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. CSEF Applications close for 2021 on Monday 21 June.

Uniforms - New

All Bell Primary School uniform pieces, including hats and bags, can be purchased from PSW, 12 Strathalbyn Street, Kew East, or anytime online at <u>PSW</u>. You can contact PSW on 9768 0381.

Uniforms - Second Hand

Our Second Hand Uniform Shop is currently open on Mondays (volunteer Nicole) and Wednesdays (volunteer Kim) from 9.00am. Bookings must be made via the office on 9480 5622.

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.

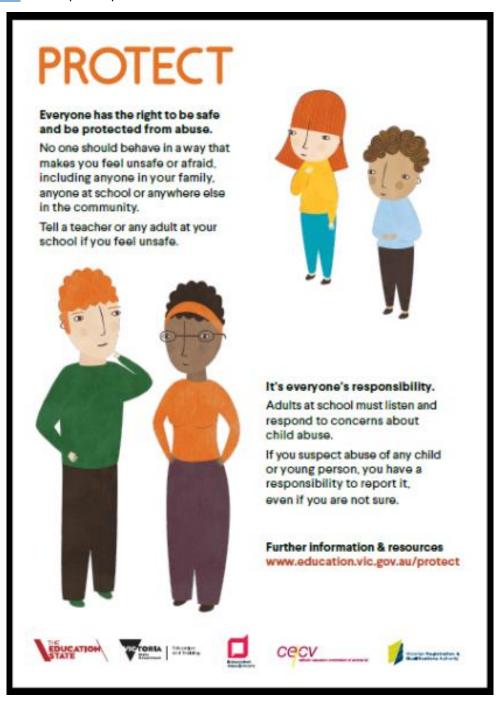
Bell Primary School has zero tolerance for child abuse.

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.





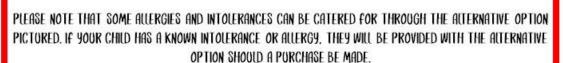
AS PART OF THE CELEBRATIONS, STUDENTS IN PREP-GRADE 2 ARE ABLE TO ORDER A TREAT TO BE ENJOYED ON THURSDAY, 25TH MARCH.

STUDENTS IN GRADES 8-6 ARE ABLE TO ORDER THEIR TREAT FOR FRIDAY, 26TH MARCH.

STUDENTS ARE ABLE TO PURCHASE A BOMBOLONE ALLA CREMA
(DONUT WITH VANILLA CUSTARD) IF THEY WOULD LIKE.

THE COST OF THIS TREAT IS \$2.50.

ALLERGENS: CONTAINS GLUTEN, DAIRY, NUTS, SULPHITES, SOY AND EGGS.



PANCAKES (YES YOU CAN BUCKWHEAT PANCAKE MIX)
THESE ARE PACKAGED AS GLUTEN FREE, WHEAT FREE, DAIRY FREE,
LACTOSE FREE AND NUT FREE.
THE COST OF THE TREAT IS \$2.50 PER SERVING (2 PANCAKES SERVED
WITH LEMON AND SUGAR OR PLAIN)



INGREDIENTS: BUCKWHEAT FLOUR (47%). MAIZE STARCH, SUGAR, WHOLE EGG POWDER, GLUCOSE SYRUP SOLIDS, RAISING AGENTS (450, 500). VEGETABLES OIL, MINERAL SALT (341). IODISED SALT, THICKENER (415)

PAYMENT AND PERMISSION CAN BE MADE VIA QKR BEFORE FRIDAY, 19TH MARCH.



MAKE SURE TO INCLUDE ALL INFORMATION RELATING TO ALLERGIES AND SPECIFIC DIETARY NEEDS OR INTOLERANCES.

From the Grade 3 Team:

Our wonderful Grade 3 students have been busily investigating local communities, identifying the needs for rules and laws in society designed to keep its citizens safe and happy. We have also started to look at various community groups and the role of volunteers who help keep these organisations operational.

As we are about to go further with our Term 1 'Civics and Citizenship' inquiry unit, and to tie in with our Persuasive text focus in Literacy, our Grade 3 students visited a local community space where we discussed what we could suggest to make the area appealing and safe.

Our students visited the Newman Street reserve and DIY skate park, identified the problems that existed at the site and will spend the next few weeks proposing changes to the area to make the space safer for the people who use it. They will design their own community outdoor space, thinking about what they believe their local community needs.













School Values: Creativity, Respect, Resilience, Curiosity, Collaboration

From the FUNdraising Team:

As per David's post earlier in the newsletter, the FUNdraising Team are looking for 1-2 more convenors to help share the load of facilitating Bell Fundraising. If you are interested in volunteering, have any great new fundraising ideas or have been wondering how you can give back to the Bell community, please reach out.

Event Captains needed:

- Mother's & Special Person's Day Stall
 - This is a very special part of the students' and families' journey through Bell Primary and provides lifetime memories
 - o We are seeking 1 or more captains to coordinate the Stall this role can definitely be shared
 - The role involves promoting the event, coordinating volunteers/donations for the stall and being available to supervise the stall on 8th/9th May 2021
 - Operational Procedures are already established for the stall
 - You will be fully supported and assisted by the Fundraising Convenors in this role

Fundraising Email:

The Fundraising email address was updated last year. Please make note of the correct email and feel free to send us an email at any time: bellprimaryfundraising@gmail.com

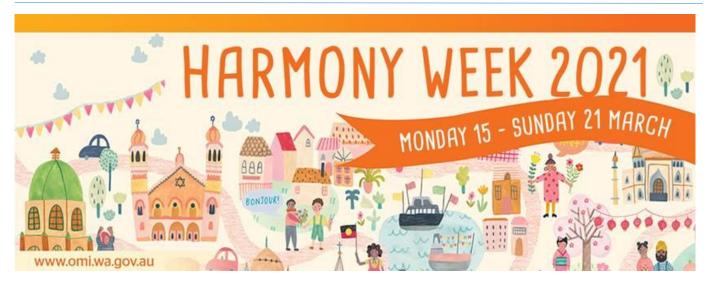
We are looking forward to, and have fingers crossed for, lots more Covid Safe FUN and FUNDraising in 2021.

The FUNdraising Team bellprimaryfundraising@gmail.com



The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA) is on Friday 19 March 2021. Bell Primary is a NDA School and will stand united against bullying and violence with school communities across the nation. The NDA gives schools the chance to take action and empower young people to be part of the solution when addressing bullying in their school community.

It provides an opportunity to focus on bullying prevention and the big changes we can make to create safer communities for everyone. As a school we will be implementing student-led activities in bullying prevention and to promote student wellbeing.



On Monday 15 March we are celebrating Harmony Day at Bell PS. Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Students will be having conversations in their classrooms about celebrating our differences and how these topics fit in with our school values. Please show your support by wearing something orange at school to acknowledge everyone belonging (for example a hair ribbon, t-shirt, or socks etc!)

BELL PRIMARY OSHCLUB

Newsletter







Health, Well-Being & Fitness



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...

Mooy March & F45 Training

This week children participated in a grooling F45 workout with an F45 Personal Trainer. Children focused on listening, strategic thinking and reaction times. The fun begun, when being taught how to properly engage core areas of the body with burpees, push ups, sit ups and last but, not least wall planks. New skills will be taught and record timing smashed every fortnight on a Tuesday ASC.

Mooy March continued this week with children engaging in Tuesdays F45 session and Thursdays 'On The Go' This involved an action packed adventure developing locomotor skills such as running whilst experimenting with different games and working collaboratively with others.

'Team work, makes the dream work!'

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



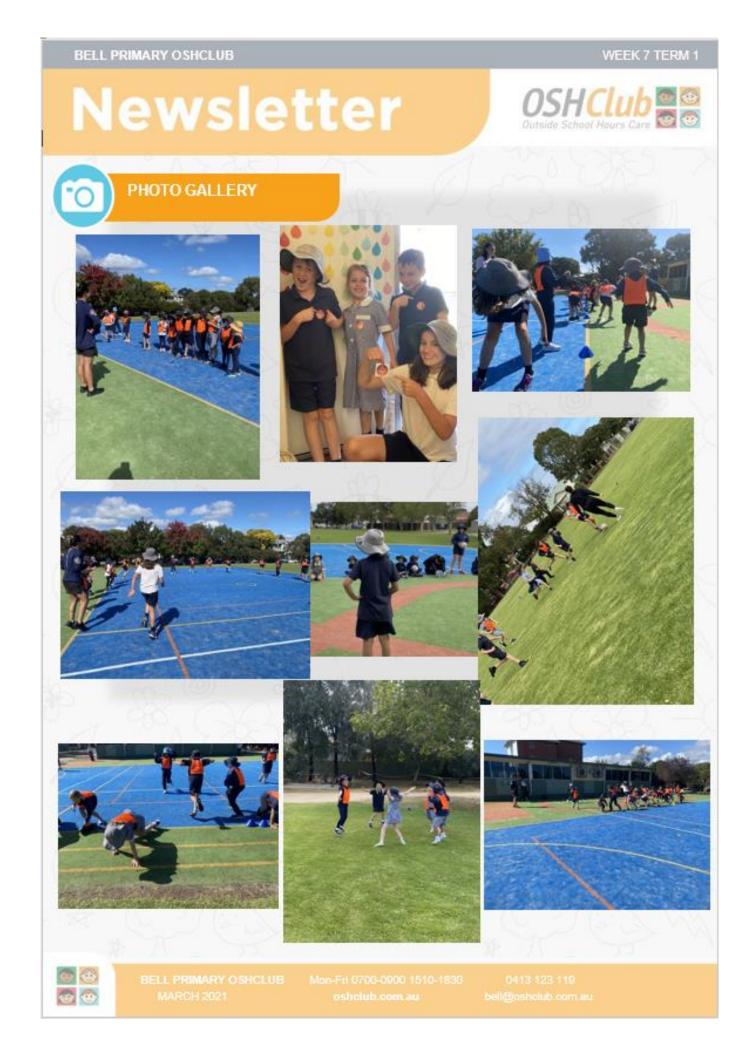


F45 Training: Every Tuesday ASC fortnightly basis



Moov March: PRIZES to be WON







Bell Primary School

Monday, 05th April to Friday, 16th April 2021

Building Brighter Futures Together

NOTICE - ALLERGY - Please ensure all food is nut free





Monday 05 April

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

SERVICE CLOSED



Monday 12 April

ALL THINGS SCIENCE

IN-SERVICE

Science is not just about experiments. Explore the world of science with us today as we research and create within the scientific boundaries.

STEMtastic and coding activities included!



(EX) + \$37.00

Tuesday 06 April

AFL AND SPORTS CARNIVAL

IN-SERVICE

Come dressed in your favourite AFL team's colours and get ready for an active day competing in challenges and playing team games



Tuesday 13 April

AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE

EXCURSION - BUNDOORA PARK FARM

Explore the bygone era as you take a tractor ride through the wildlife park and get up close to the animals at Coopers Settlement in Bundoora today



Wednesday 07 April

A BLAST OF FUN

INCURSION - NERF WARZ

Grab your nerf blaster and head out onto the Grab your ner blaster ain read out onto the field for a fun-filled day of nerf games and activities. Nerf guns and safety equipment. provided. Team up with your friends and enjoy your blast of fun! Challengers, are you ready?



N + \$24.00

(IN) + \$24.00

Arrive by 8.30am

Wednesday 14 April

COOKING UP A STORM

IN-SERVICE

A storm is coming... a cooking storm that is. Get creative in the kitchen and cook up some delicious goodies to share with your friends!

Using recycled fabrics create you very own chef hats and aprons.

Let's cook your favourite home cooked meal.



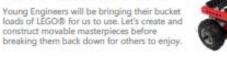
(N) + \$19.00

Thursday 08 April

CRAZY CONSTRUCTION

INCURSION - LEGO® BRICKS CHALLENGE

Young Engineers will be bringing their bucket loads of LEGO® for us to use. Let's create and



Thursday 15 April

3D ART

INCURSION - CLAYMATION - WHERE ANIMATION MEETS CREATIVITY

In this simple and exciting workshop we learn the simple hints and tips on how to animate effectively & each child will get to construct their own cool clay characters that they can take home and make their own movies



Friday 09 April

EX) + \$43.00

YOGA POSA

EXCURSION - LATITUDE

Challenge yourself to new heights at Latitude today. Bounce, climb and fly! Challenge your friends on the trampolines, rock walls and ropes course. Who can fly and climb the highest?



Friday 16 April

NEON DISCO PARTY

INCURSION - DISCO 2HRS

We like, we like to party!!! Get down and boogie with a disco party today.



(N) + \$15.00

Arrive by 8.30am

fon - Fri 7:00am - 6:30pm iell Primary School - 0413 123 119 8A Oakover Rd Preston VIC 3072



ally price: \$66.00 | Excursions and Incursions at dilitional cost to the daily fee and are charged for dischement they choose to participate or

Book now at oshclub.com.au | be quick as places are limited

Customer Service 1300 395 735

- Considerate Be there for others
 Passionate Bring energy and determination
 Courageous Challenge ourselves

The values we share guide our behaviour as we work towards our vision to build brighter futures together.

What we offer

- · A healthy, safe, respectful and engaging environment
- · Caring, enthusiastic, fun and friendly team
- New and popular excursions, incursions and theme days
- · Stimulating experiences tailored to children's interests, abilities and current trends
- OSHClub endeavour to link each fun experience to key learning outcomes



Vacation Care

We are a child safe organisation



What Does My Child Bring?

Please bring breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and a refillable drink bottle. If bringing food please make sure it's nutritious and doesn't require heating or cooking.

Please be mindful of the planned incursion/excursion and ensure your children are dressed appropriately. Don't forget your sun smart hat, comfortable clothes, closed shoes and a drink bottle.

To avoid loss or disappointment, please leave your valuables, money and electronic toys (including tablets and smartphones) at home.



Healthy Eating

OSHClub follows the Australian dietary guidelines which can be found at https://www.eatforhealth.gov.au

Activity Changes

If an excursion or incursion (due to unforeseen circumstances) is cancelled, the activity will either be postponed or an alternative activity of equal value will be provided where possible.



Before making your booking & cancellations

All children must be enrolled with OSHClub prior to booking via oshclub.com.au. Bookings made within 5 days for a Vacation Care session will incur an extra charge of \$4.00 per day per child. 7 days notice is required for cancellation of a Vacation Care booking to ensure you will not incur out of pocket costs. Please note that bookings cannot be made online within 5 days of the session commencing. In order to book within this period, you will need to contact the service directly, the Customer Service and Billing Team on 1300 395 735 or by emailing oshaccounts@junioradventuresgroup.com.au

Child care subsidy

Our services are registered with Centrelink, so you will be able to claim Child Care Subsidy on your fees. For further information please visit www.education.gov.au/childcare-FAQ



Children with additional needs

We support all children including children with additional needs. If you would like to provide additional information about your child and his/her needs or require inclusion support funding, please contact us 6 weeks prior to program commencement on 0413 123 119 for staffing purposes.

Book now at oshclub.com.au | be quick as places are limited

Customer Service 1300 395 735

Skill up for family bike riding

Want to ride more confidently with your kids or start riding to work? Darebin Council is running a series of bike skills workshops to help you reach your riding goals this autumn.



As part of that program, one Basic Bike Maintenance workshop and two On-Road Bike Confidence workshops for adults are being hosted right here at Bell Primary School. These sessions will be open to all Darebin residents and those who study or work in Darebin but **members of the Bell Primary School community are entitled to FREE tickets** using the PROMO CODE Bell.

The Basic Bike Maintenance session will be held in the shelter shed area near the basketball courts on 27 March (1.30 to 4.30pm).

The On-road Bike Confidence workshops take place on 28 March (10am to 2pm) and 18 April (1pm to 5pm). Participants meet on the basketball courts where they will run through road/path rules and practise bike skills before heading out on a guided group ride through surrounding streets.

For more information and bookings see Darebin's Eventbrite page.

Funkey Glee Club @ Bell Primary School!



Tuesday afternoons – 3.00pm – 4.30pm \$15.50 per child, \$9.50 for siblings – payable per term Get in touch with Rachel on 0417 008 074 or rachel.chetcuti@heydeeho.com.au



HARMONY WEEK: A celebration of cultural diversity - 'Everyone belongs'

Celebrate Harmony Week with riveting spoken word poetry performances offered by a range of voices as part of Melbourne's premier poetry slam community, **Slamalamadingdong**. With stories of arrival, departure, identity and belonging, the Slama poets are bound to leave you feeling inspired and at the edge of your seat. Join us with guest speakers including culturally diverse artists, poets and musicians.

Date: Thursday 18 March : **Time:** 10.00am to 11.00am : **Via**: Zoom for FREE **Bookings Essential** through Eventbrite: https://ic-harmony-week-event.eventbrite.com.au





ACTIVE, SAFE & FUN!



TRY HOCKEY TODAY SPACES AVAILABLE FOR 2021



Contact Us

Adrian Loh Junior Coordinator Email: yvhcjuniors@gmail.com

Phone: 0437043297

www.yarravalleyhockey.com.au







Westgarth Baseball Club Juniors

Saturday 20th March 2021 10:30AM - 12PM Merri Park, St Georges Road, Northcote

(Next to Northcote High School)

RSVP to westgarthbaseballclub@hotmail.com or phone 0432 761 879





Why Baseball?

- Improve coordination
- Learn throwing and catching skills
- A Encourages Teamwork
- Great winter sport for cricketers!

8 - 15 year old girls and boys are invited to

find us on facebook at WestgarthBCjuniors