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*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**.*

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*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.*

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*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:

### **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 on 0409 253 942, or me for further details.

### **Curriculum Day 3**

A reminder that the third pupil free day will be on Thursday 1 April, being the last day of term 1. This date was confirmed and published a number of times from late last year. The date was negotiated with the Berry Street organisation in collaboration with two other local schools; our staff will participate in professional learning for the final domain - Character.

Plans are also in motion to conduct a parent session on Monday 3 May to present key information on all five Berry Street Domains (Body, Relationships, Engagement, Stamina and Character) and where the Berry Street Educational Model will fit into our overall approach as we develop a whole school student wellbeing and engagement framework.

### **Planning Week**

Next week's specialist timetable will look different as all Grade Level Teams, as well as the Specialist Team will have a day of collaborative planning to analyse and reflect on student learning progress this term, and then ensure there is consistent and relevant planning for next term. This approach is in its second year and enables teams to deliver more consistent content using similar instructional practices for all students in the cohort. Individual class teachers will always add their flavour to a lesson but learning intentions each week for every lesson are the same.

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Logistically, Planning Week means the grade gets all its specialist subjects on the one day, with a CRT sometimes covering a session or two during the day. Planning week only happens once per term meaning the regular routines remain the same for the rest of the term.

**David Twite**  
**Principal**

## **From the Assistant Principal:**

Firstly, a big thank you to all of our parents and carers for their support of Book Club. Through your purchases from the last catalogue, we received over \$1000 in rewards to spend. This is enabling us to significantly increase the number of books available in our library collection.

The rewards received in credit are being spent promptly to ensure that the benefits we get from parent/carer purchases through Book Club are directly benefiting the children of these families as well as all students through increased access to quality literature.

A further thank you to the parents/carers who have continued to assist with book covering. While people are willing to assist with contacting, the turnaround time between receiving deliveries and books being added to shelves is only a few weeks.

None of this would be possible without the organisation of Louise Gray and the support she received from Oliver Gray and Jane Moyle. Once again, a big thank you to Louise, Oliver, Jane and the parents/carers who have assisted with contacting.

**Emma Heywood**  
**Assistant Principal**

## From the Office:

### Important Dates 2021



#### MARCH

- **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

- **Mon 3:** Berry Street Parent Session (evening)
- **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:
ITEM: (under Excursions in Qkr!)	DUE BY:	AMOUNT:	METHOD:

## 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.

## 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.

## 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 teacher to advise details is ENTIRELY OPTIONAL.

## 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. ***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 [PSW](#). 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.





## From the Wellbeing Team:

This week we celebrated Harmony Day and National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDABV).

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March, students wore something orange as they explored the importance of inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging. To help celebrate our cultural diversity and connectedness, the Preps created a paper-chain banner!



On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March, we recognised the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. Students participated in meaningful conversations and various activities to identify proactive ways that we can prevent bullying as a school community. In Prep, students read the story of 'The Rainbow Fish' by Marcus Pfister to explore kindness and respect.



*The Wellbeing Team*

# CARNEVALE

## BELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

# 25 MARZO

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

STUDENTS IN GRADES 3-6 ARE ABLE TO ORDER THEIR TREAT FOR FRIDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> 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.*



PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME ALLERGIES AND INTOLERANCES CAN BE CATERED FOR THROUGH THE ALTERNATIVE OPTION PICTURED. IF YOUR CHILD HAS A KNOWN INTOLERANCE OR ALLERGY, THEY WILL BE PROVIDED WITH THE ALTERNATIVE OPTION SHOULD A PURCHASE BE MADE.

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, 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH.**



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



## 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
  - 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 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:bellprimaryfundraising@gmail.com)**

## The 2021 Boite School's Chorus – Akoma – Calling all Singers!

After a couple of years break, we are thrilled to offer all Bell Primary students the chance to participate in this year's Boite School's Chorus. The chorus is an un-auditioned choir for schools and community youth groups, and each year explores different cultural themes. This year the chorus will explore the music of Ghana under the direction of Stella Savy, who some of our children will remember from 2017 chorus.

From the organisers:

*"In 2021 join artistic director Mishael Gyabeng, Ewe master drummer Kofi Kunkpe and choir leader Stella Savy as we learn and enjoy songs and dances from the West African nation of Ghana. Akoma will bring together playful songs, with vibrant movement and tales that are 1000's of years old with a message of tolerance and peace."*

Weekly rehearsals will be held at school from Term 2 on Wednesdays, 3:40-4:30pm, with COVID safe protocols in place. (Pssst: rumour has it that our very own 2020 Masked Singer champion, Jessie Storm, will be helping teach the music!) We'll also join Stella Savy and other participating schools for two weekend rehearsals at Abbotsford Convent. This year's concert will be held on Thursday 5 August at **Melbourne Town Hall**, at **1:00pm**.



The cost to participate is \$50, which includes a concert t-shirt and access to learning resources.

If your child/children would like to participate, **please register their interest via this form asap:** <https://forms.gle/UoCA47MQLmWFyc239>

*No experience is necessary, but please register early to secure a place!*

Please email any queries to Lucy Salt: [lucysalt@gmail.com](mailto:lucysalt@gmail.com)



# For the Community:



**Building Brighter Futures Together**

**Bell Primary School**

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

**NOTICE - ALLERGY** - Please ensure all food is nut free

(EX)CURSION

(IN)CURSION

**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!



**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**

(EX) + \$37.00

**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



Arrive by 8.30am

**Wednesday 07 April**

(IN) + \$24.00

**A BLAST OF FUN**

INCURSION - NERF WARZ

Grab your nerf blaster and head 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?



**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 your very own chef hats and aprons.

Let's cook your favourite home cooked meal.



**Thursday 08 April**

(IN) + \$24.00

**CRAZY CONSTRUCTION**

INCURSION - LEGO® BRICKS CHALLENGE

Young Engineers will be bringing their bucket loads of LEGO® for us to use. Let's create and construct movable masterpieces before breaking them back down for others to enjoy.



**Thursday 15 April**

(IN) + \$19.00

**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?



Arrive by 8.30am

**Friday 16 April**

(IN) + \$15.00

**NEON DISCO PARTY**

INCURSION - DISCO 2HRS

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



Mon - Fri 7:00am - 6:30pm  
Bell Primary School - 0413 123 119  
78A Oakover Rd Preston VIC 3072



Daily price: \$66.00 | Excursions and incursions are an additional cost to the daily fee and are charged for each child that attends whether they choose to participate or not.

Book now at [oshclub.com.au](http://oshclub.com.au) | be quick as places are limited

Customer Service 1300 395 735



Junior Adventures Group continues to pioneer the OSHC sector, building stronger communities and brighter futures for more than 70,000 children, 50,000 families and more than 450 schools across Australia.

#### Our Values

- 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



#### 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.education.gov.au/childcare-FAQ)



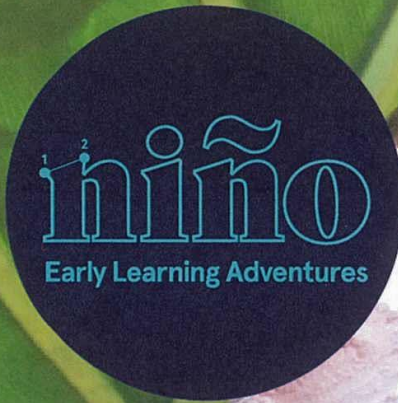
#### Children with additional needs

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](http://oshclub.com.au) | be quick as places are limited

Customer Service 1300 395 735





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is always an adventure!**

Niño ELA Preston  
365 Bell St

**Book a tour today!**  
Call 8582 7000 or visit  
[ninoela.com.au](http://ninoela.com.au)







## Exceptional early learning centre in Preston.

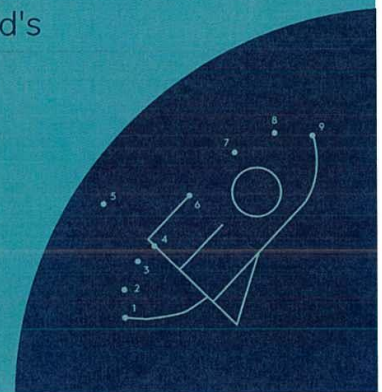
At Niño Early Learning Adventures, everything we do is about providing opportunities for children to become brave, creative, resilient and kind.

You'll find plenty to love about Niño ELA Preston.

- Nurturing programs for children aged six weeks to six years.
- Nutritionally balanced, seasonal menu developed by our Nutritional Ambassador, Lauren Burns and cooked onsite daily by our chefs.
- Unique curriculum underpinned by the Positive Education framework.
- 3 and 4 year old kindergarten programs, led by Bachelor Qualified Teachers.
- Specialist classes including physical education, Spanish language, yoga and music.
- Infant Specialist Program to support good sleep and rest, led by our in-house Infant Specialised Practitioner.
- Challenging playgrounds designed to inspire your child's imagination.

## Register today!

Call 8582 7000 or visit [ninoela.com.au](http://ninoela.com.au).





# Puppy Carer Information Sessions

**Love puppies and supporting your community?  
Find out about becoming a puppy carer...**

- Come to an ONLINE information session
- Meet our staff, volunteer carers and puppies

See how you can help make a difference to people who are blind or have low vision.

**Location:** Online via Zoom

**Choose your preferred session date and time:**

**Date:** Tuesday, 13 April 2021  
**Time:** 10.30am-11.30am

**Date:** Tuesday, 11 May 2021  
**Time:** 10.30am-11.30am

**Date:** Tuesday, 8 June 2021  
**Time:** 10.30am-11.30am

**Everyone welcome!**

For registration and enquiries:

Email: [sedvolunteer@visionaustralia.org](mailto:sedvolunteer@visionaustralia.org)

Phone: 1800 03 77 73

Visit: [sed.visionaustralia.org](http://sed.visionaustralia.org)



# 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](#).