



*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:

Working Towards the 'New Normal'

A massive thank you to parents and carers, and a big cheer to the Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students who have handled the transition back to school in an incredible fashion. We were very impressed with the resilience of students and particularly the many Preps who re-entered school with an air of confidence and independence. It was obvious that several conversations had occurred prior to prepare the children. As a back-up, we have had many staff around the school grounds to support them as they head to their classrooms from various gates. This will continue next week to ensure the transition continues to be a comfortable experience for all.

Regarding the Grade 3 to 6 students, there will be a number of things in planning to help prepare for their return after the Queen's Birthday holiday:

- Discussions on what school will look like from week 9 will be a focus for WebEx conferences next week; what will be the same and what is different. There will be opportunities for questions and concerns to be flagged in the small groups, as well as sharing what aspects of regular school they are all looking forward to experiencing again.
- Teachers are planning a mixture of explicit teaching and learning, balanced with some engagement and wellbeing activities.
- School Captains and Vice Captains: Jo, Otis, Alice and Illium, are creating another video to support the older children, and staff will also appear to create a positive message about all of us back together...at last.

Please ensure you are communicating with the class teacher if your child is expressing concerns or showing anxiety about the transition back and, where appropriate, our Wellbeing Leader - Xenia can provide extra advice. There are a few initial strategies you could employ to gradually expose your child to all things school related. You can try:

- Start your normal morning routine a week before school starts.
- Problem solve with kids - if something is a particular worry, work with kids to help come up with a few solutions. Include kids in this problem solving.
- Start using language such as "when you go to school" rather than "if you go to school".
- Use visual aids such as calendars to count down to school starting.

For more details refer to the wellbeing article in last week's newsletter.

Generosity of the Bell Community

This week staff have been delighted and humbled by the collective act of kindness by the parents and carers with the tab at Miss Margaret's. The wonderful words that accompanied the email last Friday informing us of the coffee/tea offer were greatly appreciated by one and all. Once more, it highlights the special community we have at Bell and re-enforces that working together will make the big difference towards every child's learning and social/emotional development.

2021 Enrolments - Virtual Tour

Thank you to the families who have already returned a 2021 enrolment form. For those yet to collect one, please do so as soon as practical. The office staff are able to email the form if that is more convenient for you to print at home. Early numbers for next year helps us forward plan with greater assurance.

We have sent out a virtual tour video to new families in the area that have expressed an interest in enrolling their child as the usual face to face tours are on hold until further notice. Please help us spread the word for new families to contact the school about next at Bell Primary School.

Adult Access to School

Although we must continue to keep additional adults in the school grounds to a minimum, parents and carers are welcome to visit the office for particular reasons, eg: to return paperwork, check for lost property, sign their child in late, sign their child out early, etc.

David Twite
Principal

Important Dates in 2020:

MAY

- Wed 27-Wed 3: National Reconciliation Week

JUNE

- Wed 3: ~~Division Cross Country, Bundoora Pk, 9.30-12.00~~
- Mon 8: Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
- **Tue 9: Grades 3-6 return to school**
- Wed 10: Classroom Cuisine returns (Wed + Fri only)
- ~~Tue 9: Curriculum Day #4~~
- Wed 17: ~~Regional Cross Country, Bundoora Park, PM~~
- Mon 22-Fri 26: ~~Gr4 Bike Ed Camp: Maldon~~
- **Fri 26: Final day Term 2, 2.30pm dismissal**

JULY

- **Mon 13: First day Term 3**
- ~~Wed 15: 2021 Prep School Tour (9.30am)~~
- ~~Fri 24: Division Winter Sports Playoff (f/ball + n/ball)~~

AUGUST

- Thu 7: Trivia Night
- Wed 12-Fri 14 Aug Proposed **Grade 4** Camp
- Thu 20: ~~Dist Athletics, Collingwood Harriers, 9.30-3.00~~
- Fri 28: Wear It Purple Day

SEPTEMBER

- Thu 3-Fri 4: Father's & Special Person's Day Stall
- ~~Thu 10: Division Athletics, Meadowglen, 9.30-3.00~~
- Fri 11: School Photos – new date!
- **Fri 18: Final day Term 3, 2.30pm dismissal**
- Fri 18: Kid's Movie Night

OCTOBER

- **Mon 5: First day Term 4**
- Tue 6: **Gr1** Swimming #1
- Wed 7: National Walk/Ride To School Day
- Wed 7: Regional Athletics, Meadowglen, 9.00-3.30
- Thu 8: **Gr1** Swimming #2
- Tue 13: **Gr1** Swimming #3
- Thu 15: **Gr1** Swimming #4
- Fri 16: Summer Sport v Fairfield (home)
- Tue 20: **Gr1** Swimming #5
- Thu 22: **Gr1** Swimming #6
- Fri 23: Summer Sport v Northcote (home)
- Wed 28-Fri 30 Oct Proposed **Grade 6** Camp
- Fri 30: Summer Sport v Penders Grove (away)

NOVEMBER

- **Tue 3: Melbourne Cup Public Holiday**
- Nov 6: Summer Sport v Preston
- Sat 21: Bell PS Fete

DECEMBER

- Thu 3: International Day for People with a Disability
- Mon 7-Wed 9 Dec Proposed **Grade 5** Camp
- **Fri 18: Final day Term 4**

From the Office:

URGENT - Student Medication, eg: Epipens, Inhalers, Antihistamines, Panadol, etc:

If your child took home any school-based medication before the Covid-19 closure, it is essential you send it back to the school office with your child on the day of their return. Also, if you have received an email regarding expired medication and/or plans, these will need to be updated and also returned to the school office on your child's return to Bell.

Outstanding Payment Reminder:

Event	Who	Amount	Due Date	Payment Method
Essential Education Items	Prep-6	\$280	16 February 2020	Qkr! or CC over the phone

Please contact the office urgently if you are having any issues:

* making a payment

* using Qkr!

* using Compass

From the Wellbeing Team:

Finding a Calm in the Storm - Supporting Parents to Help their Children through Stressful Times:

Wednesday 3 June : 6.30 - 7.30pm

During the COVID-19 crisis, stress levels have been heightened for all of us. The Berry Street Education Model have designed a workshop for parents to help you support your children as they transition back to school and new daily routines. The session will be interactive and include time for participants to engage in conversations and reflections on what our children need from us throughout this time. The workshop will include practical strategies for de-escalation – to help children and families find a greater sense of calmness and security.

This event is for parents of primary school children, and is proudly supported by Darebin City Council.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://berrystreet.zoom.us/j/99127304279>

What you will need:

To join the session click on the above Zoom link. Before you join:



Please download zoom and check your microphone and video works

Bring your pen a notebook.

Ensure you close apps, email & websites on your computer

We will start the zoom 20 minutes early (6.10pm) for anyone who wants to test their connection and settings etc. Over the page you is some further advice for anyone new to Zoom but please be assured it is quite user friendly and we are pretty good at helping with any tech issues ☺

We look forward to seeing you soon!

From Classroom Cuisine re Online Lunches:



BELL PRIMARY SCHOOL - TERM 2 - 2020

RESUMPTION OF SERVICE

WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS FROM WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE

www.classroomcuisine.com.au

For the Community:

NORTHCOTE HIGH SCHOOL – VIRTUAL TOUR: <https://www.nhs.vic.edu.au/enrol/school-tours-open-day/>