



## From the Principal:

### Welcome Back for Semester 2

I hope all our families had an eventful, adventurous, uplifting, relaxing or a 'whatever you needed' break from school. We have some serious learning planned along with some fun-filled events for both the children and adults in our Bell community. Here is a taste of things to come this term:

- I am looking forward to my first Bell Trivia night on **Friday 3 August**...lots of dancing, singing, laughing and a bit of trivia too I believe;
- More sport for our older students with District Basketball on **Wednesday 8 August**;
- An athletics experience for all students at Bell with a Grade 4-6 Carnival at Coburg Athletics Track on **Friday 10 August**. Then a Prep-Grade 3 Mini-Aths event here at school led by our student leaders in the week afterwards (date to be confirmed);
- Swimming rolls on this term with the Grade 2s starting their six-week program from **Thursday 9 August**. Grade 1s will be the final grade level to dip into the pool during term 4;
- Selected students in the older year will represent our school at the District Athletics on **Monday 10 September**.

Keep an eye on the 'Important Dates' section below as the term progresses, and please keep those notes and money (or preferably Qkr!) coming in by the due dates.

### Organisation at Bell in the Mornings

At assembly on Monday, we will be reminding students about expectations when the 8.50am bell goes each morning to prompt everyone it is time to head towards class ready for a 9.00am start. This means:

- It is time to stop ball games and other play activities, and think about the learning day ahead;
- Go to the toilet before entering the classroom so there are no requests soon after learning starts;
- Fill your water bottle on the way;
- Unpack your bag and set up your table for your first session;
- Then have a chat to your classmates and teacher before launching into another curious day at Bell.

We ask parents who accompany their child/ren to support this daily routine which helps us in developing independent and resilient learners.

### Mid-Year Reports

Staff have completed student reports that summarise Semester 1 learning achievements and detail some focuses for future growth over Semester 2. These reports are currently being printed after working through a final moderation process, and will be sent home next Friday for parents/students to read and celebrate success so far. Student-led conferences will be conducted later in Term 3 in a similar format to last year. More details about the conference will be published in up-coming newsletters. Meanwhile, if there is a need to discuss aspects of the mid-year report, please contact your child's teacher to arrange at time.

### Sibling and OSHClub School Holiday Survey

In the coming days each family will receive an email inviting them to participate in a short survey to assist us with future planning of programs and services. This short survey seeks vital information about future sibling enrolments that enables us to better plan our workforce structures and determine other resource requirements for the next three years. It also has a few questions to determine the level of interest for a school holiday program here at Bell run by our external providers, OSHClub. We would love to get 100% participation to gather accurate data about future Bell needs.

## Uniforms

A reminder that the Bell uniform is an important part of our school ethos. Whilst I acknowledge the winter challenge of getting clothes dry, I urge all families to continue doing their best to adhere to the components of the uniform, especially matching the colours of Bell when alternatives need to be worn. Also, I ask parents to ensure children are wearing comfortable and appropriate shoes that support the daily activities inside and out in the yard. In particular, wearing runners or similar style footwear is essential on days when PE classes are scheduled. Please note, hoodies are not part of our school uniform, or the preferred substitutes, when Bell jackets or jumpers are in the wash. Finally, if your child's name is on the clothing, it's more likely to come back when lost.

## Absence Notifications Every Morning

Please scroll down to the 'Out of the Office' section (in green) to read about important new procedures around unexplained absences. DET requires a rigorous and immediate two-way communication system between families and schools to ensure daily absences are accounted for during the first session of each day.

**David Twite**  
**Principal**

## Important Dates in Term Two:

### JULY JULY JULY JULY JULY JULY

- Tue 24: Gr 6 Northcote HS Musical "Our House"
- Fri 27: Fundraising Meeting, MPR1, 9-10am
- Tue 31: Gr 5+6 Debating Workshop

### AUGUST AUGUST AUGUST AUGUST

- Fri 3: Bell Trivia Night, Thornbury Theatre, 7pm
- Tue 7: Gr 3 Ceres Solutions Incursion
- Wed 8: District Basketball, Coburg Stadium
- Thu 9: Gr 2 Swimming #1, Northcote Aquatic Centre
- Fri 10: Gr 4-6 Athletics Carnival, Coburg Athletics Track
- Thu 16: Gr 2 Swimming #2, Northcote Aquatic Centre
- Tue 21: Gr 5+6 Regional Debating Comp, St Raphael's

- Thu 23: Gr 2 Swimming #3, Northcote Aquatic Centre
- Fri 24: Fundraising Meeting to be re-scheduled
- Sat 25-Sun 26: Tournament of the Minds, LaTrobe Uni
- Thu 30: Gr 2 Swimming #4, Northcote Aquatic Centre
- Thu 30: Fathers & Special Grown Ups Day Stall
- Fri 31: Fathers & Special Grown Ups Day Stall

### SEPTEMBER SEPTEMBER SEPTEMBER

- Thu 6: Gr 2 Swimming #5, Northcote Aquatic Centre
- Mon 10: Gr 2 Swimming #6, Northcote Aquatic Centre
- Mon 10: District Athletics, Collingwood Harriers Track
- Fri 21: Final Day Term Three, 2.30pm dismissal

## Out of the Office:

### CURRENT OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

Just a reminder for you to check that you have paid for the following events, as there are still outstanding payments due. If your child will not be attending an event, please advise their teacher or the office.

<u>Event:</u>	<u>Grade:</u>	<u>\$\$:</u>	<u>Payment:</u>
• Books & Requisites:	Gr P-6	(\$270)	Qkr!
• Debating Workshop	Gr 5+6	(\$9)	Qkr!
• Gr 2 Swimming	Gr 2	(\$95)	Qkr!
• TOMS	Gr 5+6	(10)	Office

If the event has already been removed from Qkr!, you can always pay by credit card at the office or over the phone, or send in a cash payment.

### EXCURSION NOTICES

Due to the fact that so many Excursion Notices do not make it home, or are misplaced, we have started a trial whereby each time notices are handed to a student, a blank version of the same notice will be emailed home to parents.

Please print another copy if the original is misplaced.

This email also serves as a reminder that an Excursion is coming up.

## Reminder: 2019 Prep Enrolments

If you have a child ready to commence school in 2019, please ensure you collect a Student Enrolment Form from the office as soon as possible. Please make sure you note the name of your child's kindergarten on the form as this is important information that is required when organising transition days later in the year.

## Reminder: Notification of Student Absences

Parents and carers must notify the school of their child's absence, **as soon as possible on the day of absence**, preferably by email direct to the teacher. From Term 3 2018, all Victorian government schools must be notified as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained absence, otherwise parents will be contacted – **see SMS Alerts below**.

This DET requirement supports student safety and wellbeing. Schools need to know when and why a child is absent, and parents and carers need to know if their child is not at school when they are expected to be there.

## IMPORTANT: SMS ALERTS

A new requirement for all Victorian Government schools is to follow up every unexplained student absence each morning. To facilitate this new process, Bell PS will be sending automated SMS alerts to parents and/or carers of any student marked by their teacher as an "unexplained absence" on that morning.

The SMS will advise you of your child's unexplained absence from school, and ask you to reply immediately with one of the following one or two word explanations only:

*unwell*  
*medical appointment*  
*dental appointment*  
*family holiday*  
*parent choice.*

If we do not receive a response from you, we are required to follow up with your Emergency Contacts.

To avoid receiving an unnecessary SMS from us, or your Emergency Contacts being notified, please advise the school **before 9.15am** if your child/ren will be absent. Your notification can be in the form of an email sent direct to your child/ren's teacher, or a quick phone call to the office.

If you receive an unwarranted SMS alert in the early days of us trialling our new system, please respond anyway. It may take time for this new process to work smoothly. Thank you.

## Very Special Request: Missed Calls

Many calls are made to parents each day from teachers, administrators and leadership. Messages are always left where there is a voicemail option. If you notice a MISSED CALL from Bell, PLEASE take the time to wait a minute or three for the message to appear on your phone. **(The missed call notification appears immediately, while the message can take a couple of minutes to appear.)** Often, the message is an 'advice only' call and it is unnecessary to call back. Also, listening to the full message will allow you to know who to call back, eg: teacher, admin, leadership, if a return call is requested. **YOUR HELP WITH THIS REQUEST IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED BY THE ENTIRE BELL STAFF.**

## Fundraising News:

### Surf's Up people !! Trivia Night is only two weeks away !!

Here are all the details for the night:

#### ***Firstly. Helpers!!!***

We will need some excellent volunteers: on the day, and the evening and the morning after. Please go here to sign up: <http://signup.com/go/KZcMmdn>

#### ***Donations for Prizes!!***

There have been some fantastic donations so far but we are in URGENT need of the following - BY NEXT FRIDAY 27 July please folks!!! Please leave at the office!

10 x bottles or jars of gourmet food  
9 x packs of beer (6) or cider (4)  
6 x bottles really nice wine  
14 x gourmet bars of chocolate  
4 x really nice THINGS that someone would love to receive

#### ***There will be Prizes for:***

- Best Dressed Table/group
  - Best Dressed Gal
  - Best Dressed Guy
- + trivia prizes and a raffle!!

Bring your cash ~ Great games!! Great raffle prizes!!

#### ***Entry on the evening:***

We will NOT be issuing tickets. Ten people will be marked off against each table name. We don't expect to have a list of people's names so you will need to know your table name.

#### ***Food / Dinner:***

Everyone sorts out their own food. You are welcome to BYO food. Please do not BYO alcohol. Thornbury Theatre will have security on the door and you may be refused entry if you have BYO alcohol.

#### ***Tables still available:***

There are a few tables still available. You are invited to purchase these now for friends outside the Bell Community.

#### ***Decorations:***

We have some plans under way for stage decorations – but we are very keen for some people to do the following:

- Photo booth
- Wall decorations for bar area
- Anything else you would like to do.

Contact Tash @ [bellpsfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:bellpsfundraising@gmail.com)

### Movie night thanks!!

A big thanks to Louise for organizing Movie Night the last Friday of term. It was a lot of fun – there was some excellent post movie stage dancing going on!!

### Bell Fundraising Calendar

- **Fundraising meeting:** Friday 27 July. 9-10am, MPR1
- **Tote bags!!!!**
- **Trivia Night-Surf's Up in Bollywood:** Friday 3 August, Thornbury Theatre.
- **Fundraising meeting** – Friday 24 August to be re-scheduled.
- **Fathers and Special Grown-ups Day Stall** – Thursday 30 & Friday 31 August.

Cheers,

Tash

**Bell FUNdraising Convener**

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SCHOOL  
GROUP**



# 2018 BELL TRIVIA NIGHT!

7PM  
3 August

Prizes!  
Games!  
Raffles!



# Surf's up in Bollywood!

\$300 for a  
table of ten

Thornbury Theatre  
859 High St Thornbury

Tables on sale 10am 25 June on QKR!  
For more info email [bellpsfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:bellpsfundraising@gmail.com)

## BELL ST PS



### WICKED WINTER SPORTS

It's Winter and time to get warm! What better time to experience the skills, fun and excitement of Basketball, Football & Soccer! Get your friends to join for added fun! Build your skills, awareness, co-ordination and friendship all in an enjoyable environment

**WHEN:** Tuesday's  
**DATES:** 17.7.18 - 18.9.18  
**TIME:** 3.30pm - 4.40pm  
**YEAR LEVELS:** Grades P - 4  
**COST:** \$150 (10 weeks)

### EARLY BIRD SPECIAL OF \$130 IF PAID BY MON 16TH JULY

(payments received after this date will revert to full price)

To enrol go to [www.kellysports.com.au](http://www.kellysports.com.au) or scan and email this completed form to [shane@kellysports.com.au](mailto:shane@kellysports.com.au)

### ENROLMENT FORM

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School: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Mobile/Work/Home): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

At the completion of after school clinics, does your child? (Please Circle) Go to after care Get collected

Parents' consent: I hereby authorise Kelly Sports to act on my behalf should my child require medical attention, and release Kelly Sports from any liability for injury incurred by my child at Kelly Sports programs.

Parent/Caregiver name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Credit card payment: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ CCV: \_\_\_\_

Please note that credit card payments attract a processing fee





## IMPROVING OUR PARK

Come and find out about  
the ideas and vision for  
Penders Park.

Free coffee, activities for  
kids, dog treats!

Saturday 21 July  
10am - 12noon

Or give your feedback at:  
[yoursaydarebin.com.au/  
penderspark](https://yoursaydarebin.com.au/penderspark)

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vic.gov.au](mailto:public.places@darebin.vic.gov.au)

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Together with Council, the Pender's Park community  
committee are developing a Master Plan.

We need your feedback on the vision and design ideas for  
the park. This will help shape how it will be redeveloped now  
and into the future.

Drop-in anytime between 10 am and 12 pm to find out more  
and give your feedback.





## **Bell French Club - Term 3**



*Special offer: 50% discount for new enrolments from OSHCP families!*

**Mondays 3.45pm-4.45pm and Thursdays 3.45pm-4.45pm**

*Parents of OSHCP children, why not come along and try French Club? It's a fun and effective way to use an hour of your child's afternoon. There are a number of places available for Monday's club, and we are happy to add families to Thursday waiting list.*

***Give your child a positive head start in language learning.***

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