



## From the Principal:

### 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

It was pleasing to see many families come along to the 90<sup>th</sup> celebrations last Friday. The performances by the senior vocal ensemble and student rock band were outstanding, and the teacher's band 'Hells Bells' got the crowd grooving at the end. Special thanks to Dave the Disco Duk Duk who got the children dancing earlier in the evening. A highlight for me was Wurundjuri representative Kellie Hunter performing a traditional Welcome to Country, Smoking Ceremony and handing us an acknowledgement plaque to be proudly mounted at the front gate. This ceremony was an important step forward for Bell to have a more active focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage.

Thanks to the parents, carers and staff who stepped up to help make the event such a positive one, with special mentions to the following people who played more significant roles:

- Ken Griffin, Roselle Sorrentino and Charles Beaton for their leadership and organisation for the entire event
- Matt De Moiser and Fran Hobson for the decorative genius with things like the giant ribbon
- Milica Stefanovic for her musical talents and coaching to support the student and teacher performances
- Andrew Williamson, plus Jack Fray and Sam Baseggio, for their wonderful inquiry work with the grade 3/4, as well as playing big roles on stage; as well as former teacher, Rosemary Hyland, for being so generous with her time, knowledge, photos and memorabilia.

The Bell historical displays will be moved downstairs to the library next week for parents, carers and other interested past community members to explore. We had a group of past students and teachers tour the school on the day but we know of others who couldn't make it. Please continue to pass the word around that there is still time to pop down to school and stroll back in time looking at the old photos, records and other artefacts.

### Election Day Stalls

Many thanks to Kathryn Fraser and her team for their efforts organising and supporting a very successful fundraiser on Saturday. Despite the poor weather, all the veggie burgers, Kransky and regular sausages sold out by 2.00pm. The generosity of parents and carers to donate so many cakes, biscuits and slices meant huge profits could be made when every delicious morsel was sold. Thanks also to Mary from Pookie May Coffee for her kind donation. Captain for the event Kathryn has more details below.

### 'Step Up' Transition for 2018

Next phase of the transition program involves three step-up sessions scheduled in the coming weeks to better prepare students for next year. Students will go to new classes each time with a current teachers from that grade level to get a taste of work they will encounter next year. The groups (classes) for Sessions One and Two will NOT be their final grades, rather a random mix of students just for this transition program, and teachers will NOT necessarily be the teacher in that area of the school next year. The Third Session of the Step Up Program is when the students work with their new teacher and classmates for 2019. Proposed dates for the three step-up sessions are:

- **Thursday 29 November – Session 1** where students will be randomly grouped and working with a current teacher in the higher grade level for a taste of 2019 work.
- **Wednesday 5 December – Session 2** with random groupings for another taste of next year's work and different learning spaces.
- **Tuesday 11 December- Session 3** with all students moving to new grades to meet their 2019 teacher and classmates.

I urge all parents and carers to begin discussing the transition to a new year level, and probably a new teacher, as a positive thing and support the children to embrace the challenges and exciting possibilities of a new classroom environment in 2019.

### Prep-Grade 3 Mini Aths Morning - Take 2

We have re-scheduled the Prep to Grade 3 students' Mini-Aths event for this **Friday 30 November** at school on the South Oval and Basketball Court from 9.00am-11.30am. Parents are welcome to come and watch or assist in some way. Good weather is forecast so fingers crossed.

*David Twite (Principal)*

## Important Dates:

### NOVEMBER

- Wed 28: Prep Transition #4 (S1 9.10-10.10; S2 10.30-11.30)
- Thu 29: Session #1 'Step-up' Transition

### DECEMBER

- Wed 5: Session #2 'Step-up' Transition
- Thu 6: Icy Poles @ \$1, 11.40-12.20, near B/ball Court
- Tue 11: Session #3 'Step-up' Transition
- Thu 13: School Council Meeting @ 7pm
- Tue 18: **Grade 6** Graduation Ceremony, tbc
- Thu 20: **G6** Celebration– Luna Park Big Day Out
- Fri 21: Final Day Term Four, 1.30pm dismissal

### JANUARY 2019

- Tue 29: Curriculum Day #1 (Student Free)
- Wed 30: Curriculum Day #2 (Student Free)
- Thu 31: First Day Term One: Grades 1-6

### FEBRUARY 2019

- Fri 1: First Day Term One: Preps (Group A only)
- Mon 4: First Day Term One: Preps (Group B only)

## 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.

<b>Event:</b>	<b>Grade:</b>	<b>\$\$:</b>	<b>Payment:</b>
• Books & Requisites:	Gr P-6	<b>(\$270)</b>	Qkr!
• Gabrielle Wang	Gr 2	(\$3.50)	Office
• Gabrielle Wang	Gr 4	(\$3.50)	Office
• Regional Softball	Gr 6	(\$10)	Office
• Luna Park	Gr 6	(\$35)	Qkr!

*If the event has already been removed from Qkr!, you can 'tap' our credit card machine at the office.*

## Building Bell News:

It's now clear there is no State election funding announcement that we'd hoped for and worked so hard at. The earliest we can hope to get State funding now is the May 2020 budget which means it is highly unlikely we will be able to deliver the master plan in five years, as promised by the Education Minister.

Our campaign has been the highest profile school funding campaign in the State. Although we didn't get the funding we were after this time, we should all be enormously satisfied knowing we did everything we could. From Bell Street to Spring Street they've heard us loud and clear. We're not giving up, and with your help we'll get the funding our kids deserve.

Through all the ups and downs, the setbacks, the disappointments and the 'politics' we've never wavered from our goal of getting fair funding for Bell. We should all be proud.

## ABSENCES & SMS ALERTS

If your child is away, ***please notify both the office and their teacher*** as early as possible to avoid receiving an unnecessary SMS. If you do receive an SMS, please respond as soon as possible with a brief reason. Thank you for your help.

## MISSED CALLS

If you notice a 'missed call' from Bell PS, please, please, please wait a minute until the message has been received before calling back.

## REMINDER STATEMENTS

If you have received a Reminder Statement in the mail, would you kindly finalise any outstanding balance as soon as possible

## LEAVING AT THE END OF THE YEAR?

If your child is leaving Bell Primary School at the end of the year (other than Grade 6 students), can you please stop by the office to complete a Transfer Note. This will help us with our 2019 planning. Thank you.

## 2019 PREP ENROLMENTS

An important reminder for parents planning to enrol their child into prep next year to collect a Student Enrolment Form from the office. Please complete the form, attach a copy of the Birth Certificate and Immunisation Report, and return to Bell. Thank you.

## ON-LINE LUNCH ORDERS

Just a note to remind parents that Classroom Cuisine on-line lunch orders ***cannot be guaranteed to arrive for the first break at 11.30am***. Generally they do.

Wednesdays and Fridays are their busiest days, so it may be an idea to send along a snack for your child to eat at 11.30am, just in case the delivery is delayed.

## Fundraising News:

### Election Day Stalls

Thanks Bell Primary community for a fabulous day on Saturday to support our voters with fabulous fare and beautiful plants - it was a sell-out event! The rainy start was a bit concerning but from the get go we had a lovely group supporting set-up and getting those sausages cooking! The cakes and baked items looked fabulous, ably headed up by our captains Bridget Ah Ching and Leslie Danes, and our fabulous green thumbs Erica and Swee gave us a verdant corner. Coffee was provided by Mary Horwill and her glorious Pookie May.

The waft of caramelising onions and snags cooking meant our captive audience could do little but acquiesce, and our vegetarian options sold out very quickly - we did trend "hot" on the Democracy sausage App for vegetarian !!! Ayme Pruscino was a fabulous captain, ably assisted by Clare Perry.

Special thanks to all who opened up, collected, delivered, baked, potted, served, set-up, packed down, counted, washed up, got wet cooking in the rain -what a great effort - we really appreciate your support. There was a lovely vibe to the day with the kids playing on the courts and playground and people catching up! It was a great success and we learnt some things along the way too...

Kathryn Fraser and Ian Hillman

### Icy Pole Day

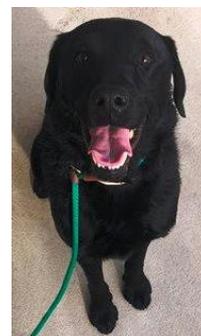
Thursday 6 December is Icy Pole Day! Icy Poles will be sold for \$1 each near the Basketball Court during the first break @ 11.40am – 12.20pm.

### Mangoes

Delivery has been brought forward to the week of Monday 3 December. We should have an actual date and pick up details confirmed shortly.

## RSPCA Appeal *(by Phoebe, 34M):*

*Thank you to all the parents and students who donated money and items for dogs at the RSPCA. We have raised \$60 dollars. We have helped save this gorgeous dog called 'Lucky'. Thanks for your help, Phoebe.*



## OSH Club Holiday Program:

As you may be aware, our Holiday Program is now at Bell. This will begin these Summer Holidays, between Monday 7 January – Friday 25 January 2019. BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN!!

Please book through the online portal for those of you already enrolled. If you would like to enrol, please head to the OSH Club website: [www.oshclub.com.au/vacationcare](http://www.oshclub.com.au/vacationcare).

The Christmas Holiday Program includes 3 x excursions, 3 x incursions plus daily activities. Suggestions are now welcome for April's Vacation Care.

If you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact our Customer Service staff on 1300 395 735, or email us at [oshaccounts@junioradventuresgroup.com.au](mailto:oshaccounts@junioradventuresgroup.com.au).

## Grade 4 Film Evening:

Wednesday was a fantastic celebration of student learning! Students from Grade 4 and 3/4M showcased their creativity through live performances and an exhibition of their stop animation films. Over the course of 12 weeks, in groups students created a stop animation film, which incorporated a variety of skills including painting, drawing, conceptual development, collaboration, Foley art and musical composition.

Members of the Bell community were invited to watch the films and see the development of the films through storyboards, mind maps, props and sets. Visitors to the event were also invited to see four live performances, in which students performed the score whilst their film played on a large screen. Milica and Chelsea would like to commend all the students involved for their hard work and dedication to this wonderful project.

