



From the Principal:

AGM / Community Forum: Tuesday 30 April – 7.00pm-9.00pm

A reminder about the up-coming Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Community Forum on Tuesday 30 April in the Learning Centre. The AGM will commence at 6.30pm with school councillors working through the formalities of the meeting including the endorsement of the 2018 Annual Report and the 2019 substantive budget. Parents are welcome to attend.

The community forum starts at 7.00pm with the following topics to be presented;

- Introduction of Council Members
- School finances update
- Overview of 2018 Annual Report and 2019 key actions and initiatives
- Infrastructure at Bell
 - \$2M main building project presented by Maddisons (Architects)
 - Northern play space Phase 3
 - 'Pick my Project' south oval update
- Whole school approach to wellbeing
 - Berry Street Educational Model
 - School-Wide Positive Behaviour Framework
 - Bell PS Wellbeing team and key actions
- Open Q & A

We hope to see many parents/carers on the night.

Bike Shed and new Bike Racks

There is a new bike pad and racks being installed at the northern end of the school behind Grade 2M. This idea was flagged by Junior School Council last year and was incorporated into this year's facilities budget. With many students riding from areas north of the school, they will soon be able to rest their bikes after slipping in the north or middle gate, thus saving them having to head all the way down to Oakover Road. I strongly suggest the use of locks when using either outside bike pads to keep bikes safe and secure.

In preparation for the main building construction, we are clearing currently out the Library, storage rooms in the toilets and the spare classrooms upstairs. During the 7-12 month construction period, we will need to use the bike shed as a storage area. Whilst I acknowledge the inconvenience to bike and scooter riders, it was a necessary decision we had to make due to the limited spaces in our buildings. However, with the new north-end bike racks and the open bike racks next to the shed still accessible, there are still options for our daily riders. Next week will be the last week where the bike shed will be accessible.

ANZAC Day / Bell PS Ceremony

I would like to acknowledge the special ceremony held on Wednesday afternoon at the front of the school to commemorate ANZAC day. The entire school sat and listened respectfully to the school captains and other grade 6 presenters and were clearly reflective during the last post and minute silence. The wreaths that each class created are now in the foyer of the school in a public display of what the ANZACs mean to the Bell Community. Thanks to Laura Meredith and Lisa McLeish for taking a lead in this important tradition. Scroll down further for more information and photos.

Curriculum Day Week 3

A reminder about the next pupil free day on **Wednesday 8 May** when staff will attend the first professional learning day about the Berry Street Educational Model. This is an important part of the school's revise school-wide approach to wellbeing which is a high priority for Bell. More details about Berry Street and other Wellbeing initiatives will be presented at the Community Forum next Tuesday.

Preston High School – Principal Visit

Sean Butler will be at the school this Monday from 9.00-9.30am to informally engage with parents/carers who want to find out more about Preston High and their plans for next year. I attended the official opening on Tuesday and was very impressed with the upgraded facilities, positive educational vibe and strong sense of pride already evident within the year 7 cohort who are the student pioneers of the school.

Biggest Morning Tea

The Bell PS Biggest Morning Tea will be held on Thursday 30 May to raise money for the Cancer Council. More details to follow in future newsletters and bulletins

David Twite
Principal

Important Dates 20:

APRIL

- Tue 30: AGM (6.30pm) and Community Forum, 7pm, LC

MAY

- Wed 1: Open Day / School Tours (9.30, 12.30 + 5.30)
- Fri 3: Gr6 Winter Sport v Penders Grove (*away*)
- **Wed 8: Curriculum Day #3 (Student Free)**
- Thu 9-Fri 10: Mother's & Special Person's Day Stall, LC
- Fri 10: Gr6 Winter Sport v Holy Spirit (*away*)
- Fri 17: Photo Day #1
- Fri 17: Gr6 Winter Sport v Northcote (*home*)
- Tue 21: Gr3 Swimming #1
- Thu 23: Gr3 Swimming #2
- Fri 24: Gr6 Winter Sport v St Marys (*home*)
- Tue 28: Gr3 Swimming #3
- Tue 28: District Cross Country, Bundoora Park
- Wed 29: Photo Day #2
- Wed 29: Open Forum Fundraising Meeting @ 9am, MPR1
- Thu 30: Gr3 Swimming #4
- Fri 31: Gr6 Winter Sport v Wales Street (*home*)

JUNE

- Mon 3-Wed 5: Gr6 Waratah Bay Camp
- Tue 4: Gr3 Swimming #5
- Wed 5: Division Cross Country, Bundoora Park
- Wed 5-Fri 7: Gr5 Waratah Bay Camp
- Thu 6: Gr3 Swimming #6
- Fri 7: Gr6 Winter Sport v Preston South (*away*)
- **Mon 10: Queen's Birthday Public Holiday**
- Fri 14: Gr6 Winter Sport v Fairfield (*home*)
- Wed 19: Regional Cross Country, Bundoora Park
- Fri 21: Gr6 Winter Sport v Thornbury (*away*)
- Mon 24-Wed 26: Gr4 (Group 1) Maldon Camp
- Wed 26-Fri 28: Gr4 (Group 2) Maldon Camp
- Fri 28: Final Day Term 2 – 2.30pm dismissal
- Fri 28: Kid's Movie Night

JULY

- Mon 15: First Day Term 3
- Wed 17: Open Forum Fundraising Meeting @ 9am, MPR1
- **Wed 24: Curriculum Day #4 (Student Free)**

AUGUST

- Fri 2: Trivia Night
- Wed 7: District Basketball, Coburg Basketball Stadium
- Thu 8: Gr2 Swimming #1
- Thu 15: Gr2 Swimming #2
- Mon 19: District Athletics, Collingwood Harriers Track
- Mon 19-Fri 23: Book Week
- Thu 22: Gr2 Swimming #3
- Thu 29: Gr2 Swimming #4
- Thu 29-Fri 30: Father's & Special Person's Day Stall

SEPTEMBER

- Thu 5: Gr2 Swimming #5
- Mon 9: Gr2 Swimming #6
- Thu 12: Division Athletics, Meadowglen Athletics Track
- Fri 20: Final Day Term 3 – 2.30pm dismissal

OCTOBER

- Mon 7: First Day Term 4
- Wed 9: Open Forum Fundraising Meeting @ 9am, MPR1
- Fri 11: Gr1 Swimming #1
- Sat 12: Bell Blitz #4
- Mon 14: Gr1 Swimming #2
- Wed 16: Regional Athletics, Meadowglen Athletics Track
- Mon 21: Gr1 Swimming #3
- Mon 28: Gr1 Swimming #4

NOVEMBER

- Mon 4: Gr1 Swimming #5
- **Tue 5: Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday**
- Fri 8: Gr1 Swimming #6
- Sat 16: Bell Primary School Fete
- Wed 20: Triathlon, Northcote Aquatic Centre
- Tue 29: Regional Basketball, Mill Park Stadium

DECEMBER

- Fri 20: Final Day Term 4

From the Office:

CURRENT & OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

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

Event:	Grade:	\$\$\$:	Payment:
2019 Books & Requisites	Preps	\$294	Qkr!
2019 Books & Requisites	Gr1-6	\$270	Qkr!
District Swimming	-	\$20	Office
Winter Sport	Gr6	\$25	Qkr!
Gr3 Swimming Program	Gr3	\$110	Qkr!
Gr6 Waratah Bay Camp	Gr6	\$320	Qkr!
Gr5 Waratah Bay Camp	Gr5	\$320	Qkr!
Gr4 Maldon Camp	Gr4	\$285	Qkr!

DAILY SMS NOTIFICATIONS

Continuing on with last year's procedure, if your child has been marked absent (**unexplained**) by their teacher first thing in the morning, an automated SMS will be sent to parents' phones. All that is required is a one word response, eg: unwell, holiday, parent choice, etc.

If we do not hear back within a short amount of time, we are required by DET to begin contacting the student's Emergency Contacts.

To avoid receiving an SMS, please either:

- email both the office (bell.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) **AND** their teacher advising your son or daughter will be absent and a very brief reason;

OR

- phone the office (from 8.15 am).

Uniform Enquiries:

uniform@bellps.vic.edu.au

Please note: A stocktake of uniforms takes place during the final week of every term, therefore Qkr! is closed so orders cannot be placed during this time. Qkr! will re-open 9am on the first day of each term.

CAMPS, SPORTS, EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid, means-tested concession card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families.

The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is \$125 per primary school student.

HOW TO APPLY:

There will be a pink CSEF application form sent home in the Parent Pack, or just download the form from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef.

If you applied for the CSEF in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolment:** your child has started or changed schools in 2018, or you did not apply in 2017;
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2018.

ANZAC Ceremony:

On Wednesday 24 April, our School Captains held a very special ANZAC service out the front of the main building on the grassed area. This service provided an opportunity for our students and teachers to reflect, remember, and pay respects to the many men and women who have served Australia in times of war and conflict, and those who have died or been seriously injured. Our JSC representatives and chosen students in Prep to Grade 2 proudly presented their class wreath during the service, listened to stories read aloud by Grade 6 students Connor and Taylah, and respectfully paused for a minutes' silence. The beautiful ANZAC wreaths are now on display in the main office; we encourage parents and carers to check these out with your children. A special thanks to the school captains Kes, Zoe, Issy and Dom for doing such a fantastic job and all students involved in this significant service.



Thankyou,
Miss Meredith



Bell FUNdraising:



CUP CAKE DAY DELICIOUSNESS raised \$1,370.45!

A huge thank you to the whole community for such a delicious and fun way to end the term. We couldn't have done it without the expertise, organisation and effort of our wonderful stall captains, Melanie Roberts & Germaine Koh. A big thank you to all those who baked the amazing cupcakes and all of the students and families who purchased them.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

It's a super busy time for FUNdraising at Bell....and we appreciate all the help we continually receive from the Bell community.

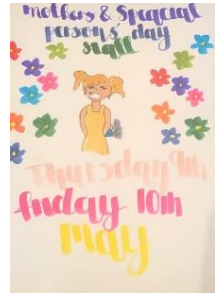
• **Federal Election Day Stall – Saturday 18th May**

- Bell PS will again be an AEC Polling Booth – so time to get our Democracy Sausages ready!
- We will be running a Sausage Sizzle & Cake Stall...but we need:
 - 2 CAKE STALL CAPTAINS (to coordinate receiving donated cakes on the Friday, and support volunteers working on the stall during the Saturday)
 - 2 overall STALL COORDINATORS for the day (to support the stalls in set up/clean up, and generally throughout the day)
- How else can you help:
 - Cake Stall packages will be sent home with students on the week prior to the election. All details will be included within these packages.
 - Volunteer on the Sausage Sizzle or Cake Stall. We need lots of people power to make these stalls operate and there is a role for everyone. Please sign up on the link below:
<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2787839/true#/invitation>



- **Mother's & Special Person's Day Stall – Thursday 9th and Friday 10th May**

- *Time to get your crafting on!* We are ready and waiting to receive your creations...Please place all donations in the box provided at the front office. Check out the Pinterest Page for great ideas:
<https://www.pinterest.com.au/search/boards/?q=Bell%20Primary%20Mother%27s%20Day%20Stall&rs=filter>
- *Bake* some delicious treats for our Mums & Special People. The stall is after the Curriculum Day (Wed 8), so we will have to accept all edible items on the Thursday/Friday morning or you can drop them into the school on Wednesday evening from 7-9pm (more details about this TBC)
- If crafting isn't your thing – why not work at the stall and enjoy seeing all of the gorgeous faces carefully selecting their gifts, or help us set up the stall on the Wednesday night. Sign up below:
<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2743340/false#/invitation>



If you have any questions in relation to the above events, or anything else FUNdraising related, please don't hesitate to drop us an email on bellpsfundraising@gmail.com .

Cheers,
The FUNdraising Team



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WHEN: Tuesday's
DATES: 30.4.18 - 25.6.18
TIME: 3.30pm - 4.45pm
GRADES: P - 4 (Suggested)
COST: \$135 (9 weeks)

AWESOME AUTUMN SPORTS

Kelly Sports is back in Term 2 with **Awesome Autumn Sports**!! Over 9 weeks your child will participate in range of lively and energetic programs including **AFL, Dodgeball & Hockey**. This program will improve key sporting skills and help give your kids a Life Long Love of Sports.

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL OF \$126 IF PAID BEFORE MONDAY 22ND APRIL



HOW TO ENROL

Simply go to www.kellysports.com.au enter your postcode and enrol from there.
Alternatively you can scan and email this completed form to shane@kellysports.com.au or post to PO Box 8129, Tarneit, 3029

ENROLMENT FORM

Awesome Autumn Sports

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 programmes.

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

DAREBIN VS. OLD XAVERIANS



DAREBIN UNITED SC

FAMILY FUN DAY



Join us for a fun day of fun and fundraising for our facilities

- Inlatable soccer activities from 1PM - 2:30PM
- Face painting
- Food & Drinks at canteen prices
- Juniors in their Darebin Kit will receive a free hot dog & drink
- Raffle prizes

MAYER PARK, THORNBURY
4TH MAY. 2019 1PM - 5PM

All proceeds raised on the day will go towards the purchase of new training equipment and new portable goals for the club