



From the Principal...

School Council Elections...Final Days

The ballot closes next Tuesday at 4.00pm and thank you to those who have voted early. Voting slips and candidate statements went home with the eldest child last Friday. The nominations are:

Andrew Perkins

Nadia Lusic

Susan Godfrey

Meaghan Block

Nina Cullen

Amber Griffiths

Cameron Ingram

Important to note:

- Please read the instruction on the ballot paper carefully to ensure your vote is valid;
- When placing your vote in the ballot box at the office, you must sign the Voting Register on the front desk;
- If sending your vote by post, please allow enough time for us to receive it before the deadline **Tuesday 19/3/19 at 4pm**;
- Votes cannot be sent electronically and we cannot send extra ballot papers via email.

1:1 Parent/Teacher Meetings

Thank you to parent and carers for your attendance at the meetings this week. We hope there was some useful discussions and some plans set in place to strengthen the partnership between home and school to support your child/ren's academic, social, emotional and physical needs. Any positive and/or constructive feedback is always welcome via the school email account. Please label the email '1:1 Meeting Feedback'.

FUNdraising Convenors for 2019

We have three new convenors to oversee the fundraising program for this year after Tash Palich stepped down from the role after many years of hard work and super organisation. The team of three are:

- ✓ **Bridget A-C** (Leilani 2S)
- ✓ **Nicole M** (Otis 1R)
- ✓ **Julie P** (Rose 1G, Sebastian Prep J)

You will hear more from the team in coming weeks but the contact is always open via the dedicated email: bellpsfundraising@gmail.com or find them on Facebook searching for 'Bell Primary Fundraising'.

Silent Disco FUNdraiser

Scroll down to find out more about the up-coming event at Fed Square with our local Disco Dave. A significant amount of the money raised will come directly to the school. BUT it is also a chance to get out and connect with other Bell parents and carers enjoying a good laugh, dance and sing-a-long. I hope to see you there next Friday.

Skills Audit...we need more input

We have a wealth of knowledge, experience and expertise within the Bell Parent & Carer community. By surveying and maintaining a database on your particular areas of interest, expertise or qualifications, it provides potential opportunities to enhance student learning and development or assist practical projects within the school. For example, teachers may use this database to identify parents who can contribute to academic or cultural activities/inquiries; or leadership may seek specialist advice on implementing new technology, constructing buildings or maintaining grounds.

Your level of involvement is always determined by you, based on your personal capacity and interest. Disclosing information on this survey does not 'sign you up' for volunteering your time and our contact details and survey content will not be shared publicly.

Thank you to the people who have already taken the time to complete this survey, and I hope we can lift that response rate up from about 25% to much higher.

All you have to do is click here:

<http://bit.ly/BellPSSurvey>

David Twite

Principal

Anyone Know a Bike Expert???

The Grade 4's will be participating in the Bike Ed Program next Term.

Our bike fleet needs to be checked and may require some maintenance. We are looking for anyone in our community that may be able to offer some assistance with this. Can you please contact Rebecca Foulds at bell.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au if you are able to help us out? Thank you.



Important Dates:

MARCH

- Fri 15: Summer Sports #4 v St Josephs (home)
- **Sat 16: Bell Blitz 3, 8.30am start**
- Tue 19: Regional Swimming, Watermark, Greensborough
- Fri 22: National Ride2School Day
- Fri 22: Summer Sports #5 v Northcote (home)
- Fri 22: Silent Disco FUNdraiser
- Thu 28: New School Council Elected
- Fri 29: World's Greatest Shave, 3pm-4pm

APRIL

- Tue 2: Talking the Talk, Parent Info Evening, 7.30-900pm
- Fri 5: Final Day Term 1 - 2.30pm dismissal
- Fri 5: Cup Cake Stall FUNdraiser
- Fri 5: Kid's Movie Night
- Tue 23: First Day Term 2
- **Thu 25: ANZAC Day Public Holiday**
- Tue 30: Community Forum and AGM, 7pm

Silent Disco for Bell Parents



Come and join fellow Bell parents at an evening Silent Disco in the streets. This is a fundraiser for the school and a chance to celebrate for us all. Families and non-Bell people welcome, but the focus is on Bell mums and dads.

Date: Friday 22 March

Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Host: Disko Duk Duk (a Bell dad - the Trivia Night host guy)

Price: Normally \$25 - **use the discount code BELL for \$4 off adult tix**

Tix via: www.gurududu.org - upcoming events - 22 Mar. Full link below:

<https://events.eventzilla.net/e/guru-dudus-silent-disco-walking-tour-of-melbourne--mar-22-2138733626>

Make Bell PS better at
BELL BLITZ 3

SATURDAY 16 MARCH 2019
8.30am start – lunch provided

Please sign up at:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2499170/true#/invitation>



Parent Seminar

For parents of
Prep to Yr 6

TALKING THE TALK

Respectful Relationships, Human Sexuality and Body Safety Presentation



Presented by

Vanessa Hamilton

24 Years Experience
Sexuality Educator
Mother Of Three

Learn how to tailor conversations with your children about:

- Healthy & Respectful Relationships
- Body & Protective Safety
- What Is Normal Early Childhood Sexual Behaviour
- How Babies Are Made And Born
- Puberty Preparation
- Internet Safety And Our Sexualised Society

Learn how to tailor conversations with your children about:

- What is appropriate for my family?
- How much do I need to tell them?
- At what age should I discuss these topics?
- More information at www.talkingthetalksexed.co.au

**Tuesday
2nd , April 2019**

Bell Primary School

7.30 - 9.00pm

Testimonials from Parents

"Brilliant, every parent should have access to this talk..."

"Such a clear presenter – Easy to listen to, I liked the humour as it took the pressure off heavy topics..."

"I feel a lot more confident talking to my kids now..."

"Vanessa's presentation is probably one of the best parenting sessions I've ever attended. Honest, engaging, knowledgeable, fantastic. Thank you..."

Primary School Parents

Parent/Carer Name: _____

Number Of Adults Attending:

☐ 1 or ☐ 2

RSVP:

Please tick boxes and return this tear-off to Sarah Fry
by April 1st .

*Gold coin donation at the door - Total proceeds towards Human
Sexuality Education resources at Bell PS

*Please note this session is not suitable for children to attend

www.talkingthetalksexed.com.au



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CUPCAKE STALL LAST DAY OF TERM 1

**MORE DETAILS TO
COME SOON!**