



Bell Bulletin

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From the Principal...

2019 Grades and Roles

After the final Step-Up Session last Tuesday, all students were given a note to inform parents and carers of their grade placements. As staffing for 2019 is very close to being finalised, I am releasing details at this point in time as the community is obviously keen to see what 2019 will look like:

Teacher	Grade	Room
Joy O'Neill	Prep	LC
Lisa Bass	Prep	LC2
Gabrielle Goss	Prep	LC1
Karen Elsbury + Christine Rembelos	1K	LC3
To Be Confirmed	1	LC4
Kerry Georgiou	1G	9
To Be Confirmed	1	8
Maria Seneca	2S	10
Ajay Singh	2A	11
Megan McGowan + Keara McIntyre	2M	13
Sarah Fry	3F	12
Xenia Matani + Julie Waugh	3W	16
Angela Georgiou	3G	17
Samantha Baseggio	3/4B	20
Matthew Atanasovski	4A	21
Brogan Justice	4J	18
Toby Russo + Andrew Williamson	4T	19
Daniel Guglielmini	5G	3
Brett Allen	5A	15
Laura Meredith	5M	14
Dimitra Efthymiou	6E	6
Jack Fray	6F	7
Specialists		
Chelsea Kneale		Art
Milica Stefanovic		Music
Elyssa Agnoletti		Italian
Rebecca Foulds (Semester 1)		PE
Josh Grogan (Semester 2)		
Leadership		
David Twite	Principal	
Marg Sneddon	Asst. Principal	
Rod Bennett	Leading Teacher	
Xenia Matani (3 days per week)	Learning Specialist	

Clearly there are some staff changes with people on leave during 2018 coming back, and others on contracts this year moving on. More about that in Friday's extended newsletter.



End of Year Reports

The final part of the reporting process is the Semester Two reports that were sent home with your child on Friday. These reports provide a summary of academic progress, as well as comments about social development and work habits.

Achievements against the Victorian Curriculum are indicated via the graphics and table format with core subjects such as English, Maths, Personal and Social Capabilities appearing in every report, whereas other subjects are reported in a cyclic approach over a one or two year period, depending on the subject and grade level. This approach is in line with DET requirements.

Bell FUNdraising Convenor

We are seeking two or even more FUNdraising facilitators/convenors to oversee the planning of events for 2019. The role is not to captain events, or do all the organisation for planned activities, rather support and encourage the effective and efficient operation of our school's Fundraising activities. Some key points about the role are:

- The FUNdraising group is an important part of our school and is made up of parent volunteers who usually meet a few times every term to oversee all Fundraising activities.
- The facilitators/convenors lead that group and ensure event captains and their teams are on track leading up to their particular event. Most captains from this year have indicated they will also organise the same event next year which provides some continuity for the new conveners.
- The new conveners will be supported by the regulars who attend FUNdraising group meetings and Tash, the previous convenor, has prepared detailed documentation to guide people in their new role as leaders.
- The FUNdraising group do not get bogged down by formal meeting procedures, standing orders and labels such as presidents, etc. There are reporting

requirements to the Finance Sub-committee of School Council, but they are handled by Litsa Athanasi and me as Principal, who are the direct links to School Council.

- Financial accountabilities will be handled by Litsa who is a qualified accountant.

So, if you have an interest in organising and planning, this would be a great opportunity to make a real difference at Bell. Please contact Litsa (0407 841 974) or me for further details.

Skills Audit

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, Bell leadership, teachers, school council and its' sub-committees may enhance and support student learning and development and 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; the fundraising team may identify parents with qualifications in hospitality, 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, nor does it guarantee that your skills and expertise will be drawn upon. The database will only be accessed by school leadership, teachers, school council and sub-committees members specifically for the purposes as mentioned above. Your contact details and survey content will not be shared publicly.

Thank you to the 20% of the Bell community for your time in completing this survey and I hope we can lift that response rate up. All you have to do is click here : <http://bit.ly/BellPSSurvey>

Parking around Bell PS

As parking around our school can be quite a challenge, it is important to remain calm and be respectful with where you decide to park. Over recent months, we have had various neighbours contact the office to complain about parents parking unreasonably across driveways and walking off into the school grounds.

Out of desperation, some neighbours have now resorted to taking photos of cars and number plates and emailing them to us – we have no control over where else they may be sent, eg: council, police, etc.

Please be mindful of where you are parking.

Curriculum Days in 2019

All four pupil free days have been allocated and approved by School Council for next year:

- **Tuesday 29 January:** State-wide Curriculum Day;
- **Wednesday 30 January:** Teacher Professional Development day on Numeracy;
- **Wednesday 8 May:** – Whole school Professional Development on Wellbeing;
- **Wednesday 24 July:** Second whole school Professional Development on Wellbeing.

More details about the whole school approach in next Friday's extended newsletter.

Final Day of Term 4 – 12.45pm Assembly

Friday 21 December is the final day school for Term 4! We will be holding an Assembly, which includes a couple of special performances, at 12.45pm on the Basketball Court – weather permitting. We hope you can join us.

David Twite
Principal

Important Dates 2018 & 2019...

DECEMBER

- Fri 14: **Final Day** for Stanley Lunch Orders
- Tue 18: **Grade 6** Graduation Ceremony, Preston City Hall, (5.30 arrival, 6.20 start, 7.45 approx. finish, disco following)
- Thu 20: **Final Day** for Classroom Cuisine Lunch Orders
- 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)

School Holidays 2019...

Term 1:	Friday 5 April – Tuesday 23 April
Term 2:	Friday 28 June – Monday 15 July
Term 3:	Friday 20 September - Monday 7 October
Term 4:	Friday 20 December - ?? January 2020

There will be NO Lunch Orders on the last day of school!

End-Of-Term Assembly Performances...

Our final assembly for the year will be held on Friday 21st December at 12:45pm on the Basketball Court (WEATHER PERMITTING). The Senior Vocal Ensemble will be performing a song and the Grade 6 students will be performing their Graduation song. Grade 4A will also be performing a song to celebrate our whole school Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts unit this term. We hope you can join us!

Milica Stefanovic
Music Teacher

Community News...

PRESTON OP SHOP | SACRED HEART MISSION - DONATE | VOLUNTEER | SHOP

Sacred Heart Mission helps people experiencing homelessness and disadvantage to access food, shelter, care and support. Our network of op shops aims to raise funds and awareness of this work.

We have recently opened our new Preston Op Shop at 311 High St. We are looking for committed and fun loving volunteers to give a few hours each week. If this could be you please call Jacob (Store Coordinator) on 0488 048 659.

Of course we will also need donations of good quality books, clothing, accessories, bric-a-brac and household items. Donations are accepted 7 days a week, 10:30am - 6:00pm. Please visit us soon and have a shop, so many bargains to be had!

Golden Gear STEAM Lab

Jan school holiday program

Mon Jan 14th – Fri Jan 18th 9.30am – 3.30pm

@ Span Community House Thornbury

Make friends & have fun while learning about
Robotics Coding Digital animation & Game design

Build a box maze make some optical illusion
crafts play laser tag & more

Ages 7-12 Come for one day or the whole week!

More info/bookings 0418330 324

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