



From the Principal:

Bell Blitz on Tomorrow

It's not too late to come along for either the **9.00am** or **12noon** blitz sessions tomorrow and lend a hand. There are a number of teams that still need extra help with gardening, minor maintenance, painting steps and landings, topping up mulch in garden beds and sand in the sandpit near the south oval.

Parents/carers might be interested in helping Brett Allen (Grade 5 teacher) and some of the students in the Sustainability Club who are working on the butterfly garden area in preparation for an upgrade after receiving a Landcare grant recently. To find out more about the Bell Blitz, click on <https://signup.com/go/NKxFwbb>



La Bellissima Festa...only one week away

Thank you to the 66% of families who have already made their \$15 family contribution towards the costs. We are hoping for a high percentage of students performing on the night as they have rehearsed their hearts out, fine tuning the songs and routines every week in Music/Italian sessions. For families yet to contribute, Qkr! will be open for payments up to 5.00pm on the day of the concert.

We understand that some families have regular commitments on Friday nights however we are hoping, where possible, the school concert can be the priority just this once as a special event like this only happens bi-annually.

Visitors to the Office

A reminder that all *late arrivals* and *early leavers* must come through the office. It has been great to see more parents complying with this procedure. In addition, it has always been the standard process that all parents/carers who are visiting classrooms sign in at the office to comply with evacuation procedures if an emergency was to occur.

We are in the process of purchasing a device - Compass Kiosk - that will be at the front counter and will help streamline the signing in and out process for one and all.

Family Statements

Family Statements will be mailed home next week. We would appreciate finalisation of all outstanding monies in a timely manner. Thank you to the 85% of families who have already paid their Books & Requisites fee and are up to date with their excursion/activity payments.

David Twite
Principal

Important Dates:

OCTOBER

- **Sat 19:** **Bell Blitz #4**
- Mon 21: **Gr1** Swimming #3
- Tue 22: Selected **Gr5** NAIDOC Schools Yarning Day
- Thu 24: School Council Meeting, 7pm
- **Fri 25:** **La Bellissima Festa, 5pm, BPS South Oval**
- Mon 28: **Gr1** Swimming #4
- Tue 29: **Gr2** Indigenous Incursion
- Tue 29: Orders for Mangoes close @ 4pm
- Wed 30: Regional Softball, venue tba
- Thu 31: **Gr4-6** Walkathon, 9.00-11.30am, BPS

NOVEMBER

- Mon 4: **Gr1** Swimming #5
- **Tue 5:** **Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday**
- Wed 6: 2020 Prep Transition Program Session #1
- Thu 7: **Gr6** Transition Rail Safety Session
- Fri 8: **Gr1** Swimming #6
- Fri 8: **Gr Prep** Zoo Excursion
- Tue 12: Regional Cricket Final, Epping Rec. Reserve
- Wed 13: 2020 Prep Transition Program Session #2
- Thu 14: **Gr P-3** Mini Athletics Day, 9.00-11.30am, BPS
- Sat 16: Silent Disco Fundraiser, Melbourne CBD

- Wed 20: 2020 Prep Transition Program Session #3
- Wed 27: 2020 Prep Transition Program Session #4
- Thu 28: School Council Meeting, 7pm
- Wed 30: Triathlon, Northcote Aquatic Centre

DECEMBER

- Mon 2: Mangoes to arrive sometime this week
- Mon 2-Fri 6: Selected **Gr4+5** Woorbinda Camp
- Tue 10: Year 7 Orientation Day
- Tue 17: **Gr6** Graduation, Preston Town Hall
- Thu 19: School Council Meeting, 7pm
- Thu 19: **Gr6** Big Day Out – Luna Park
- Fri 20: Final Day Term 4

2020 RETURN TO SCHOOL DATES:

Grades 1-6: Thursday 30 January
Grade Preps (Group A): Friday 31 January
Grade Preps (Group B): Monday 3 February
All Grade Preps: Tuesday 4 February

La Bellissima Festa:



BELL PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS...

LA BELLISSIMA FESTA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH AT 5.00PM

The poster features a background with green, white, and red diagonal stripes and abstract brushstrokes. The text is in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

Second Hand Uniforms:

Environmentally friendly, pre-loved uniform shop re-opening!

As of Monday 21 October, the Pre-Loved Uniform Shop will be open in the old uniform shop near the basketball court. It will be open for business during Monday morning assemblies until 9.45am to replace outgrown or worn out uniform pieces. The Shop will be mainly stocked with second hand uniform, but will also have a limited amount of samples for sale at discounted prices.

Purchases are by gold coin donation. We appreciate you bringing coins, or better still, notes and stocking up! Monies raised will go to the State School Relief Fund.

- **REDUCE** the environmental footprint, landfill and clothing bills.
- **REUSE** perfectly good clothes that kids have grown out of.
- **RECYCLE** any clean navy or white uniform items to the office, or uniform shop when open.
- **REPURPOSE** any uniform pieces beyond wearing as these will be donated to op-shops as 'rags'.
- **REMEMBER** to bring a bag to take home your purchases.

Look forward to seeing you there,

Nicole Galea



From the FUNdraising Team:



It's MANGO time!

Purchase your delicious Mangoes available now for \$27 on Qkr! This is always a great super yummy fundraiser to finish the year. Reach out to your family, neighbours and other locals in the area who may also wish to purchase – let's see how many mangoes we can sell! Mangoes are scheduled to arrive during the week of Monday 2 December. *Be quick as orders close Tuesday 29 October.*

Please contact Kate James (bellpsmangoes@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



Silent Disco – 'FAMILY FUN IN THE CITY'

If you are looking for some Family FUN, Dave (aka Disco Duk Duk) is taking over Melbourne city with his famous Silent Disco and is kindly donating half of the profits purchased by Bell Families, back to Bell PS. So grab some Bell Friends and head into Melbourne CBD for some FUN!!!!

WHEN: *Saturday 16 November @ 3pm-4pm*

WHERE: *Fed Square*

TICKETS: *www.gurududu.org - public events - Melbourne - 16 Nov*

Be sure to use the discount code 'BELL' when booking for a special Bell PS price

Cheers,
The Bell FUNdrasing Team
bellpsfundraising@gmail.com

Take a Walk:



Walk to School Month this October is a great way to be involved with our school and stay active and healthy. The Walk to School website says, *“There are so many reasons to join Walk to School in 2019. Walking, riding or scooting to and from school is a great way to work towards the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity, every day. Plus, kids who are active are more likely to develop healthy habits that lead to lifelong health benefits. Last year, more than 140,000 Victorian primary school kids got involved, and you can too!”*

This year Bell is celebrating **Walk to School Month** in many ways:

- **Grades Prep-3** will be participating in a **Mini Athletics Day** on **Thursday 14 November** run by our JSC's.
- **Grades 4-6** will enjoy a **Walkathon** on **Thursday 31 October**.
- The whole school will have the chance to **design a pair of shoes** and decorate them.
- The whole school will design and have their very own **customised badge** made.
- Another highlight will be the whole school **dance workshop**, during lunchtime, run by some of our JSC reps. They will be teaching the students some of their very own dance and exercise moves.
- The staff won't be missing out either, as they will have a **delicious morning tea** in order to put Bell's name in a raffle. The prize? A SMOOTHIE MAKING BIKE! That's right! A pair of bikes that when being ridden can create delicious smoothies for all to share.



2019's Walk to School Month is going to be amazing! Help us by walking, scooting, riding, or skating to school as much as you can!

By Joanna Money

From the Sports Desk:

On Monday 14 October, 22 Grade 5 and 6 girls went to the Darebin International Sports Centre for a hot, but enjoyable day of soccer! There were two Bell teams that each played 5 x 40 minute games against Fairfield, Northcote, Westgarth and Wales Street. Bell scored six goals in total! We all had such a great experience and would be happy to do it again in the future. We would like to thank Miss M and Rebecca for organising it and supervising us – by Phoebe (5A) and Maia (5M).





Thanks to the many families who came along to our first Bell Primary Family Maths Night on Wednesday 16th October! It was wonderful to see so many children and adults having a go at the different activities. What a fantastic way to celebrate maths learning with the school community! Thanks also to all the staff who helped with the organization - and to those who came along to share their love of maths on the night!

Instructions for all the games played on the night can be found at this dedicated website: bit.ly/bellfmn On this website there is a link to give feedback about the event. We'd love to hear from those who attended on the night.

Find below one of the games demonstrated on the night, Rowco. It's lots of fun, can be enjoyed by adults and children, and you only need a deck of cards to play! If your kids have played it at school, then I'm sure they can teach you!

ROWCO (by Paul Swan)

Grades P-6

Mathematical Focus:

- Addition, Subtraction, Mental Computation

Aim of the game:

- To get a higher score than your opponent based on the value of the cards you collect.

Materials:

- Deck of Cards

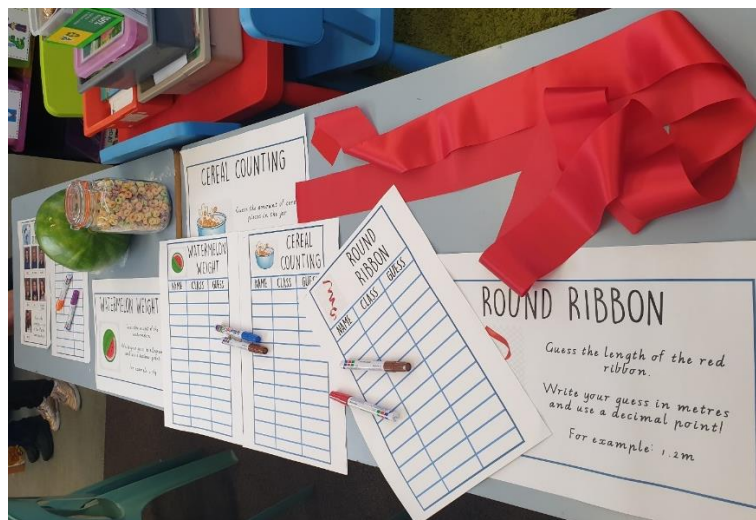
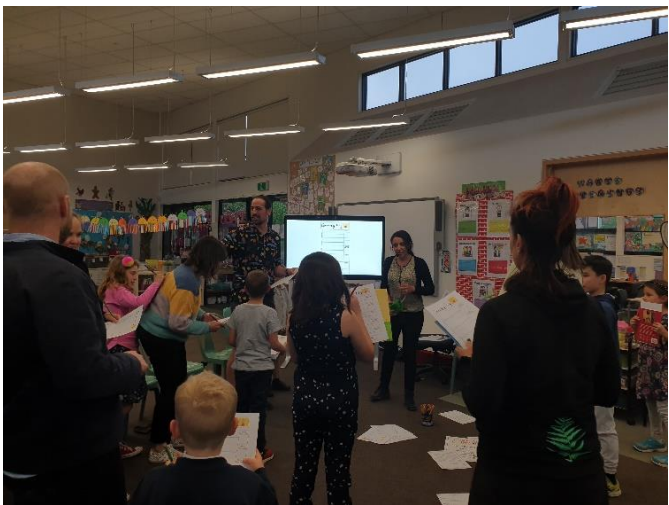
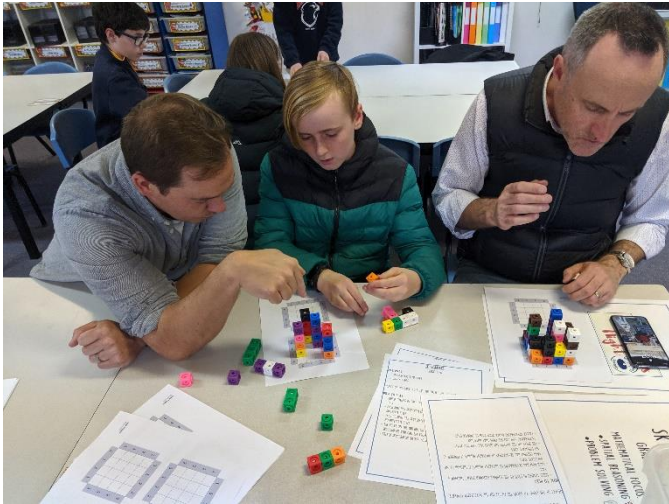
HOW TO PLAY

1. Rowco is a two-player game.
2. Cards are laid out 'face-up' in a 5 x 5 grid (this can be expanded to 6 x 6), with one 'moving card' which is face down in the middle.
3. Player one goes first and chooses either 'rows' or 'columns'.
4. They must move the 'moving card' along the row (or column) it is in and stop on a chosen card, which is then removed.
5. Player two then moves the 'moving card' from its new location along the column (or row, the opposite of player one), collecting a card.
6. Play one goes again, moving the 'moving card' along a row to a new card.
7. The game continues until a player can't make a move.
8. Cards are then added up, with the highest score winning. Encourage players to use strategies such as 'number bonds to 10' when adding their totals.

Possible adaptations:

- Use 'negative' cards (this may be two of the four 'suits' in your deck of cards).
- Adding 'bonus' cards, such as a 'King' being worth 20 points, which can make the strategy more complex.

An online demonstration of the game can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ySfPyUnyYvY> (search 'Rowco' on Youtube)





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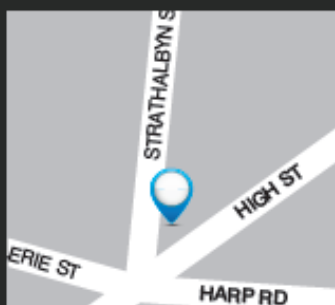
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REGULAR TRADING HOURS**

Tues to Fri: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Sat: 10:00am - 1:00pm

*** No new lay-bys in January. Lay-bys require a 20% deposit. Lay-bys available in-store only. Extended lay-by for 'Back to School 2019' must be placed between Mon 5th Nov and Fri 21st Dec 2019. Lay-bys must be paid for and picked-up by Fri 25th Jan 2019.

** Store trading hours are subject to change, please refer to psw.com.au for all store trading hours, holiday trading and public holiday information, or call the customer service team on (03) 9768 0333.

* School Price Lists are subject to change throughout the year.

Have you logged on to **COMPASS** yet?



PLEASE:

DO use Compass to advise your child's full day absence only.

**DO NOT USE COMPASS IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE
ARRIVING LATE OR LEAVING EARLY**

DO always call past the office to advise staff of a
late arrival or an early departure.

COMMUNICATION:

We will be rolling out more Compass features during the year to improve our communication and organisation across the school community, so it is now ESSENTIAL you log on to Compass.

<https://bellps-vic.compass.education>



Fresh North Queensland Mangoes

Direct from the farm to you!

Support Our Mango Fundraiser

If you *love mangoes*, here's your chance to indulge in fresh juicy Kensington Pride mangoes and support our fundraising drive.

Bell Primary School is selling trays of mangoes picked and packed during the premium harvest.

Cost per Tray: \$27 (approx. 7kg per tray which is 12 -23 mangoes)

Orders: Via Okr! by Tuesday 29 October 2019

Delivery: Week of Monday 2 December (this is subject to change – exact date TBC).

For further information contact:

Kate James - 0416 079 848 - bellpsmangoes@gmail.com

Please note: Bell needs to order a minimum of 64 trays for fundraiser to go ahead.