



From the Principal:

Start of the Year Students and Staff

As outlined in last week's early edition newsletter, there are no last-minute changes to our staffing for 2020 which is very pleasing from a Principal's perspective. It was great to see all students back and settling into their new classrooms as we launch into the Start-Up Program that sets the expectations and classroom climate to ensure we have positive and productive learning in all grades.

The four new staff, Sarah McNamara, Rosy Costa, Emily Grant and Lily Zampatti are settling in well, and we welcome back Karen Elsbury, Ivy Callander and Josh Grogan who have been on leave.

Teacher	Grade	Location
Gab Goss	Prep A	LC1
Joy O'Neill	Prep B	LC2
Rosie Serratore	Prep C	LC3
Karen Elsbury (0.6) Wed, Thu, Fri	1A	Room 10
Christine Rembelos (0.4) Mon, Tues		
Lisa Ryan	1B	Room 16
Angela Georgiou	1C	Room 17
Megan McGowan (0.6) Mon, Wed, Fri	2A	LC4
Keara McIntyre (0.4) Tue, Thu		
Sarah McNamara	2B	Room 8
Kerry Georgiou	2C	Room 9
Ajay Singh	2D	Room 14
Sarah Fry	3A	Room 12
Rosy Costa	3B	Room 13
Emily Grant (0.4) Thu, Fri	3C	Room 18
Julie Waugh (0.6) Mon, Tue, Wed		
Dean Emmanuel	4A	Room 19
Lily Zampatti	4B	Room 20
Ivy Callander (0.5) Mon, Tue, alt Fridays	4C	Room 21
Paul Nicholson (0.5) Wed, Thu, alt Fridays		
Brett Allen	5A	Room 1
Ramzey Fayad	5B	Room 2
Matt Atanasovski	5C	Room 15
Laura Meredith	6A	Room 3
Jack Fray	6B	Room 4
Dimi Efthymiou	6C	Room 5
Specialist Team	Subject	Location
Milica Stefanovic	Music	Music Room
Elyssa Agnoletti	Italian	Room 11
Anna Buchanan	Art	Art Room
Josh Grogan	PE	
Maria Tevelis (0.4) days TBD	Intervention/support	TBC
Leadership	Role	Location
Xenia Matani	Learning Specialist: Engagement and Wellbeing	Wellbeing Office
Lisa McLeish	Learning Specialist: Teaching and Learning	TBC
Emma Heywood	Assistant Principal	AP Office
David Twite	Principal	Principal Office

Compass Newsfeeds

I ask families to please continually look out for Compass Newsfeeds on their devices as this is a key platform for communication. Some are regular feeds such as this Newsletter but others will be specific notifications such as the ones sent earlier this week about the Coronavirus outbreak.

If you are yet to download the Bell Compass app, I urge you to do so ASAP. If there are queries or you are experiencing difficulties, don't hesitate to contact our office staff who will do their best to help. However, sometimes the issue might be related to your particular device and the settings that need to be turned on/off.

Grade 4-6 Swimming Trials

The families who sent back a permission note (hard copy or online via Qkr!) late last year have been handed a note on [blue paper](#) with some reminders for the trials which are happening this Monday at Northcote Swimming Pool. The deadline was in the final week of Term 4 and we are not able to take any last-minute requests as the organisation and bus has been booked in readiness for Monday.

Those students attending need to be at school **by 8.40am** and have been briefed by Josh Grogan and myself about the details.

If you haven't already paid the \$20, please do so at the office as a matter of urgency. Feel free to check with our office staff if you are unsure.

Assembly

Just letting families know that our whole school assemblies will begin in Week 3, as during Weeks 1 and 2 teachers are focused on getting to know their students, setting expectations and building relationships through our Start Up Program.

Essential Education Items Payment Request

A reminder that Payment Instructions for this year's Essential Education Items was attached to last week's Newsletter. Payment is kindly requested by Sunday 16 February 2020.

David Twite
Principal

From the Assistant Principal:

Thank you to the parents and carers who have contributed questions or topics they would like considered for the agenda of year level information sessions. A reminder that this survey closes today to enable staff time to consider the information requests of parents and determine the achievability of including suggested questions/topics.

Please click on the link below to participate in this survey:

bit.ly/bell2020info

Information sessions begin next week and will continue into Week 3. Please see below for the date, time and venue of your child's year level information session:

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| • Prep | Thursday 6 February | 5:30-6:30pm | Learning Centre |
| • Grade 1 | Monday 10 February | 5:30-6:30pm | Room 16 |
| • Grade 2 | Tuesday 11 February | 5:30-6:30pm | Room 9 |
| • Grade 3 | Monday 10 February | 6:30-7:30pm | Room 12 |
| • Grade 4 | Wednesday 12 February | 5:30-6:30pm | Room 21 |
| • Grade 5 | Thursday 13 February | 6:30-7:30pm | Room 15 |
| • Grade 6 | Tuesday 11 February | 6:30-7:30pm | Room 3 |

Emma Heywood
Assistant Principal

Important Dates in 2020:

FEBRUARY

- Mon 3: **Grade Preps – Group B only** – start school
- Mon 3: **Gr4-6** Swimming Trials, Northcote AC
- Mon 3: Classroom Cuisine resumes
- Tue 4: All students at school
- Tue 4-Wed 12: Various **Gr4-5** Somer's Camp
- Thu 6: **Prep** Information Session, 5.30pm
- Mon 10: **Gr1** Information Session, 5.30pm
- Mon 10: **Gr3** Information Session, 6.30pm
- Tue 11: **Gr4** Swimming #1
- Tue 11: **Gr2** Information Session, 5.30pm
- Tue 11: **Gr6** Information Session, 6.30pm
- Wed 12: **Gr4** Information Session, 5.30pm
- Thu 13: **Gr5** Information Session, 6.30pm
- Thu 13: **Prep/Gr1** Picnic
- Thu 13: **Gr4** Swimming #2
- Tue 18: **Gr4** Swimming #3
- Thu 20: **Gr4** Swimming #4
- Thu 20: School Council Meeting, 7pm
- Tue 25: **Gr4** Swimming #5
- Thu 27: **Gr4** Swimming #6

MARCH

- Thu 5: **Prep** Reading Information Session
- **Mon 9:** **Labour Day Public Holiday**
- **Wed 11:** **Curriculum Day #3 (student free)**
- Fri 13: Ride To School Day
- Mon 16-Fri 20: Neurodiversity Celebration Week
- Thu 19: School Council Meeting, 7pm
- Fri 20: Young Leaders Conference (**Gr5/6** JSC + Captains)
- Fri 27: Cup Cake Stall
- Fri 27: Kid's Movie Night
- **Fri 27:** **Final day Term 1, 2.30pm dismissal**

APRIL

- **Tue 14:** **First day Term 2**
- Wed 15-Fri 17: **Gr6** Camp: Waratah Bay
- **Sat 25:** **ANZAC Day**
- Sun 26: Kid's View Conference (Gr6)

MAY

- Tue 5: School Photo Day #1
- Thu 7-Fri 8: Mother's & Special Person's Day Stall
- Mon 11: Grandparent's Day
- Thu 21: School Photos Day #2
- Wed 27-Fri 29: **Gr5** Camp: Waratah Bay
- Wed 27-Wed 3: Reconciliation Week

JUNE

- **Mon 8:** **Queen's Birthday Public Holiday**
- **Tue 9:** **Curriculum Day #4 (student free)**
- Mon 22-Fri 26: **Gr4** Bike Ed Camp: Maldon
- **Fri 26:** **Final day Term 2, 2.30pm dismissal**

JULY

- **Mon 13:** **First day Term 3**

AUGUST

- Thu 7: Trivia Night
- Fri 28: Wear It Purple Day

SEPTEMBER

- Thu 3-Fri 4: Father's & Special Person's Day Stall
- **Fri 18:** **Final day Term 3, 2.30pm dismissal**
- Fri 18: Kid's Movie Night

OCTOBER

- **Mon 5:** **First day Term 4**
- Tue 6: **Gr1** Swimming #1
- Wed 7: National Walk To School Day
- Thu 8: **Gr1** Swimming #2
- Tue 13: **Gr1** Swimming #3
- Thu 15: **Gr1** Swimming #4
- Tue 20: **Gr1** Swimming #5
- Thu 22: **Gr1** Swimming #6

NOVEMBER

- **Tue 3:** **Melbourne Cup Public Holiday**
- Sat 21: Bell PS Fete

DECEMBER

- Thu 3: International Day for People with a Disability
- **Fri 18:** **Final day Term 4**

From the Scholastic Book Club Co-ordinator:

Welcome to all the new Bell families! Bell students love to read so we participate in the Scholastic Book Club. Catalogues are sent home with your child and if you wish to order, you will need to register for LOOP which is Scholastic's online ordering system:

Book Club LOOP

The EASIEST way for parents to order and pay for Book Club!



Parents: Are you registered for LOOP?

LOOP is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order, if you wish to pay by credit card.

Parents who are registered for **LOOP** receive exclusive sneak peeks, downloads and offers throughout the school year—don't miss out!





Head to [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) and register today!



A few things to remember:

- The catalogues are sent out once a term.
- The only way to order is online (see above). No cash or cheques accepted.
- There is no pressure to order anything. Don't feel any obligation.
- Books are delivered directly to your child's class.
- The Book Club is a fundraiser. 20% of all sales are returned to the Bell Primary School as vouchers so they can order educational materials and/or books for the school.
- **TERM ONE ORDER DEADLINE IS SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY**

Your child will bring home the Term One catalogue over the next few days. Catalogues come home with the **ELDEST** child (to prevent excess paper wastage - war on waste!). If you've misplaced your catalogue, ask your eldest child's teacher if they have a spare. Any questions, please email louisegray8@gmail.com.

Louise Gray
Book Club Volunteer Co-ordinator

For the Community:



Bell French Club : Term 1

Thursdays: 3.45pm-4.45pm

Mégane is our experienced, native-speaking French specialist teacher.

Taking enquiries now - Jim Callahan : jim.callahan@lcfclubs.com.au : 0432 719 034

FUNKEY MUSIC

Important information for students looking forward to Funkey Music this year – they are starting back on Tuesday 11 February – in Room 7!!!
La La La La La



Instrumental Music Lessons
On School Campus!



Small Group & Private Lessons

- Primary Music Institute offer instrumental music lessons right here on school campus!
- To find out all about the music lessons please visit PMI's website. You can check which instruments are available, get up to date program details and apply for lessons online
- Please **ENROL TODAY** via PMI's website
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – with lessons typically during school hours
- Only \$18.50 per child per small group lesson (2-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Our small group lessons provide a fun and affordable opportunity to learn instrumental music
- Private lessons (1-on-1) and pair lessons (max 2 students) are also available
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination, IQ, abstract reasoning, performance confidence... and is great fun!

P: 1300 362 824

E: admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au

www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au



Want to learn a Musical Instrument?

Why not a **BRASS** Instrument!

Monday 3 February 2020

Information Session
&
Instrument Tryout night

5.00pm - 5.45pm

Corner of Mary & Cramer St, Preston

For more details email: DCBYouthBand@gmail.com



Tuning in to Kids

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

A six-session parenting program for parents of children aged 3 to 9 years

Would you like to learn how to:

- be better at talking with your child?
- be better at understanding your child?
- help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?
- teach your child to deal with conflict?

Feedback from previous participants:

- "Really useful for parenting"
- "This program was complete and helpful"
- "Helped me to learn to be positive, calm" and "helped me and my kids to be more settled and emotionally happy"
- "My children are positively responding to changes"

Tuning in to Kids shows you how to help your child develop *emotional intelligence*. Children with higher emotional intelligence:

- are more resilient - this means change and stress are easier to deal with
- are more aware, assertive and strong in situations of peer pressure
- have greater success with making friends and are more able to manage conflict with peers
- are more able to cope when upset or angry
- have greater career success - Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ!

Evidence shows that the earlier the intervention the greater the impact - it's never too early to learn how to better connect with your child and teach them important life skills!

Where: Berry Street Northern Office, 677 The Boulevard, Eaglemont

When: Wednesdays 10.30am - 12.30pm, 19 February to 25 March

* Please note we are unable to offer childcare

Contact: Camilla Evans (9487 7770) or Candice Hona (9450 4783) from Family Services

Parking:

- Unlimited parking on The Boulevard (sealed road becomes gravel)
- Unlimited parking in Yarra Flats Park (entry opposite Berry Street driveway)
- 2-hour parking on Glenard Drive West (behind Berry Street)



SealPony Football is a developmental & participation program that introduces boys and girls aged between 5-10 to the game of football (soccer). It focuses on teaching the basic/intermediate skills.

* Fun games & activities * Great giveaways

For more information, call 0415-388-028

or visit www.sealpony.com.au

Time:	Every Sunday Morning
Starting Date:	8 th March 2020
Finishing Date:	End of May
Register in-person:	Sunday 10 - 11 am 1 st of March 2020
Address:	James Street Reserve Heidelberg Heights 3081