



From the Principal:

Curriculum Day, Week 3

Teaching and Education Support staff participated the first of four professional learning days on the Berry Street Educational Model which will become a key component of the whole school Wellbeing approach at Bell.

- It is a proactive model where we explicitly teach five main themes to support children's wellbeing over time. The themes are Body, Relationships, Stamina, Engagement and Character.
- Develops common language and strategies for teachers to use, and students to identify with and use in difficult situations.
- It is not a prescriptive program, rather a flexible model that integrates with other key initiatives such as DET Respectful Relationships and School Wide Positive Behaviours which are other high-end actions in our 4-year School Strategic Plan under the Wellbeing umbrella. The anchors for all these components are our school values: Curiosity, Respect, Resilience, Creativity and Collaboration.
- It starts by providing staff with a deeper understanding of the social and emotional needs of children, and where various types of stresses, anxiety, trauma and other wellbeing issues can be supported 'in the moment' and from a longer term perspective.
- BSEM is a positive educational model and has a partnership with Melbourne University that draws on evidence and research to support the approach.

Staff will now trial many of the strategies and specific lessons, as well as begin using the common language around the first theme 'Body' which aims to build students' capacity by increasing physical regulation of the stress response, de-escalation and focus.

More information will be forwarded to parents/carers in the coming weeks to help families have meaningful conversations at home about the body, our emotions and how we can regulate ourselves when needed

Building Works Begin

Construction starts early next week on the main building upgrade with the following key information as we transition to the building stage:

- Fencing will arrive by Thursday creating a safe and secure compound for the builders to work within.
- Hoardings will also be placed at either end of the inside passage ways in front of the library and upstairs, meaning everyone will need to go around the main building via the front of the school when accessing the office area.
- There will also be a channel of fencing between the construction compound and the Oakover Road driveway to ensure the safety of everyone when trucks are visiting the site. A detailed traffic plan is being developed by the builder in consultation with the school and VSBA as part of the OHS requirements for the site.
- Two temporary toilet blocks will be set up near the OSH Club entrance, and students will be briefed on their use with on-going support when required.
- Regular site meetings will be held with members from school leadership, Maddison Architects, VSBA and the builders, Stokes Rousseau, to monitor the progress and deal with any site issues that arise throughout the project. If parents have questions or concerns they can contact Tania in the office, Marg or me in person or send an email to the Bell PS account titles 'Main Building Project'.

Bike Shed and new Bike/Scooter Racks

The bike and scooter racks have been relocated to new areas as the bike shed will be fenced off during construction for the rest of the year. A set of racks are now set up at the end of the Grade 6 classrooms, along with one scooter rack attached the outside wall. There is also a new bike rack behind the Grade 2 rooms, with the second scooter rack attached to the nearby wall. Please remind your children to walk their bikes and scooters when in the school grounds to these new locations.

Long Service leave

I will be taking some extended leave later this term and into the early part of Term 3 to travel overseas. Whilst there is never a perfect time for a Principal to be out of the school for a length of time, we are fortunate to have Marg Sneddon as the Acting Principal once again to keep things moving along. Maria Tevelis and Paul Nicholson have re-joined us for Term 2 to support the school in a variety of ways given the temporary gaps in leadership roles.

David Twite, Principal

Important Dates 2019:

MAY

- Mon 13: **Gr6-Yr7** Transition Meeting, 5.30pm, Rms 6+7
- Fri 17: Photo Day #1
- Fri 17: **Gr6** Winter Sport v Northcote (*home*)
- Tue 21: **Gr3** Swimming #1
- Tue 21: **Gr5+6** Camp Info Night, 5.30pm, Room 14
- Wed 22: **G4** Camp Information Evening, 5.30pm, Room 20
- 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
- Thu 30: Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, 11.40am
- Thu 30: School Council Meeting, 7pm
- 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
- Thu 27: School Council Meeting, 7pm
- 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 22: School Council Meeting, 7pm
- 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
- Thu 19: School Council Meeting, 7pm
- 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
- Thu 24: School Council Meeting, 7pm
- 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
- Thu 28: School Council Meeting, 7pm
- Tue 29: Regional Basketball, Mill Park Stadium

DECEMBER

- Thu 19: School Council Meeting, 7pm
- 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	Office
Gr3 Swimming Program	Gr3	\$110	Office
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.

Woolies Earn & Learn:

Woolworths Earn & Learn started this week so if you're shopping at Woolworths, please collect your stickers so we can get some wonderful new resources for our school.

Mrs McGowan, 2M



Grandparents / Special Someone Morning Tea:

Last Thursday, the Preps had the opportunity to invite their Grandparents/Special Someone into their classrooms to participate in morning reading, classroom activities and morning tea. This event has grown over the past three years and has become an annual calendar event for the Prep Program. The Prep team would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the parents who baked cupcakes and scones for the day, and to say a huge 'thank you' to our parent helpers who made the morning so successful. The feedback we received from our guests was very positive. Everyone enjoyed the morning and being given the opportunity to see how their grandchildren are progressing along their educational path.

The Prep Team (Lisa, Gab & Joy)



STARLIGHT FOUNDATION BAKE SALE:

On Monday 20 May, there will be a Bake Sale held at the middle double gate on Scotia Street from 3.30-4.30pm. There will be cakes, cup-cakes, slices, lemonade and snack bags to purchase between 50c - \$3.00. There will be a separate table for allergies, eg: gluten free, nut free, dairy free, etc. All the money raised goes to the Starlight Foundation.

Phoebe Alm 5A and Nina Webster 5M

Bell FUNdraising:



The Mother's & Special Person's Day Stall was another huge success. So many creative, delicious and very generous donations were snapped up quickly by some very discerning shoppers. A huge THANK YOU to our wonderful stall captains, Brodie & Allison, who continue to run such well organised successful stalls. Thank you to those who crafted, created, generously donated, volunteered and purchased...it was a brilliant community effort which creates lifelong memories for our children, mum's and special people. We hope you all wake up Sunday morning to gorgeous and yummy hand-made treats that your children have especially chosen for you (or....maybe for themselves?!).



ELECTION DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE

**Saturday 18th of May
8am - 2pm**

**Bacon & Egg Rolls
Amazing Home Made Cakes
Coffee Cart
Democracy Sausages
Vegan, Vegetarian and GF Options**



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

It is all systems go for our Election Day Stalls. Thank You to everyone who has signed up to volunteer on the day – we couldn't do this without you! Your Stall Captains (Ayme Pruscino, Clare Perry, Leslie Daines, Emma Byrne & Kate McCarthy Fical) along with the FUNdraising Convenors have been working hard to get everything organised and ready for another successful day.

CAKE STALL:

Please keep an eye out for Cake Packaging which will go home with students on Tuesday 14th May. Packaging will go home with the 'eldest child' in the family and includes all details relating to what baked goods we can accept and where to drop it off. If you wish to bake more than one item (and please feel free to do so), there is additional packaging at the office, or please email us at bellpsfundraising@gmail.com and we can get some to you. There is also small packaging as well as different display boxes located at the office if you feel your baking would better suit this.

HOW WE CAN ALL HELP MAKE THE STALL A SUCCESS:

- Make sure you vote at Bell PS and tell all your neighbours about our wonderful stall
- Even if you have Pre-poll...come and grab breaky/morning tea/lunch at Bell PS
- Check out and enjoy what great food/treats we have on offer, everyone is catered for!
- Coffee and Bacon & Egg rolls will kick off the day, also served with the mandatory 'Democracy Sausage', delicious vegan/vegetarian/Gluten Free options and absolutely delicious cakes and treats
- We are still seeking volunteers for the last time slot working the Sausage Sizzle. If you can help out, please sign up on the link below: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2787839/true#/invitation>
- Bake/Create yummy treats for the Cake Stall to be dropped off on Friday morning/afternoon or Saturday at the stall.

Happy Mother's & Special Person's Day for Sunday and looking forward to seeing you all on Election Day.

Cheers,
Bridget, Julie & Nicole
The FUNdraising Team



GIRO D'ITALIA

This term, students in Grade 1 and 2 have been exploring *Lo Sport* (Sport).

Students will learn vocabulary related to sport and historic sporting events, namely the *Giro D'Italia*.

This year, the *Giro d'Italia* is running from 11 Maggio-2 Giugno (11th May- 2nd June).

Don't stress if you cannot make it to Italy before then...you can watch the race in the comfort of your own home on TV!

Tune in to SBS to watch and hear for live updates.

Primo	- 1st
Secondo	- 2nd
Terzo	- 3rd
Quarto	- 4th
Quinto	- 5th
Sesto	- 6th
Settimo	- 7th
Ottavo	- 8th
Nono	- 9th
Decimo	- 10th
Undicesimo	- 11th
Dodicesimo	- 12th



DISCOVER FIELD HOCKEY



PLAY HOCKEY IN IVANHOE

Junior Hockey Programs in Term 2:

- Come and Try Sessions
- Hook in2 Hockey Beginners Program
- Stick 2 Hockey for 4-8 Year Olds
- U10 and U12 Teams

www.yarravalleyhockey.com.au

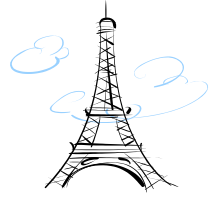
Bell French Club – Term 2

Parents of OSHCP children, why not come along and try French Club? It's a fun and effective way to use an hour of your child's afternoon.



Thursdays 3.45pm-4.45pm

***Mégane is our native-speaking French specialist teacher.
Give your child a positive head start in language learning.***



Jim Callahan : jim.callahan@lcfclubs.com.au : 0432 719 034



**WARATAH
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OPEN DAY

**Thursday 23rd May
11am-1pm.**

228 Banksia Street
Bellfield 3081 (near West Heidelberg)

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Individualised programs for reading and writing.

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