



From the Principal:

Mother's & Special Person's Day Stall - Thank You

I would like to thank the Event Captains and their helpers for the huge effort last week at the Mother's and Special Person's Day Stall. For the second year I was blown away when I saw the amazing selection of hand made gifts that many members of our community had created. It is a strong indication of the thoughtful and dedicated parents, carers and grandparents that make a special effort for these types of events. On the fundraising side, our collective efforts raised over \$6,000 which is very impressive.

FUNdraising Focus- What do we all think?

School Council are starting a consultation process with the entire school community to generate ideas for new projects that would come directly from future fundraising events. Please scroll down to the article prepared by Vanessa Buck, School Council Vice-President, which highlights the recent projects funded by our community.

Election Day

Thanks in advance to everyone who has contributed cakes, craft items and other bits towards the Election Day stalls. Our Stall Captains and teams will be setting up very early for a busy day. Please pop out to the basketball court area and buy a kransky, select a yummy cake to take home, or purchase something from the handmade craft stall to support our fundraising effort. Once again, this highlights the goodwill and collective drive to make our school a better place for the Bell children to learn and play.

Kat Theophanous MP Visit

This **Monday 20 May at 2.00pm**, our state Member of Parliament will be visiting the school to acknowledge the start of our \$2M main building upgrade. Kat will conduct a short speech in front of the library with the Grade 4 and 5 students as the audience, as they will be moving into this new learning hub on its completion. JSC representatives, School Captains and Vice-Captains will also be involved, along with some School Councillors. Parents are welcome to attend and I do apologise for the short notice but this event has only just come to fruition.

Building Update

Once the protective fences go up Monday, demolition of the old library and upstairs will start and the renovation will take shape over the next eight months. We will need to use the front of the school more often as a transition space from the north to south end of the school; yard duty areas have been revised to ensure there is adequate supervision at all times.

David Twite
Principal

FUNdraising Update:

Over the past two years our FUNdraising and Fete teams and volunteers have been working really hard and deserve a big congratulations for the success of past events.

Here is an update on the success of their great work, with a snapshot of the monies raised over the last two years and how we have spent these funds.

Money raised

\$59,700



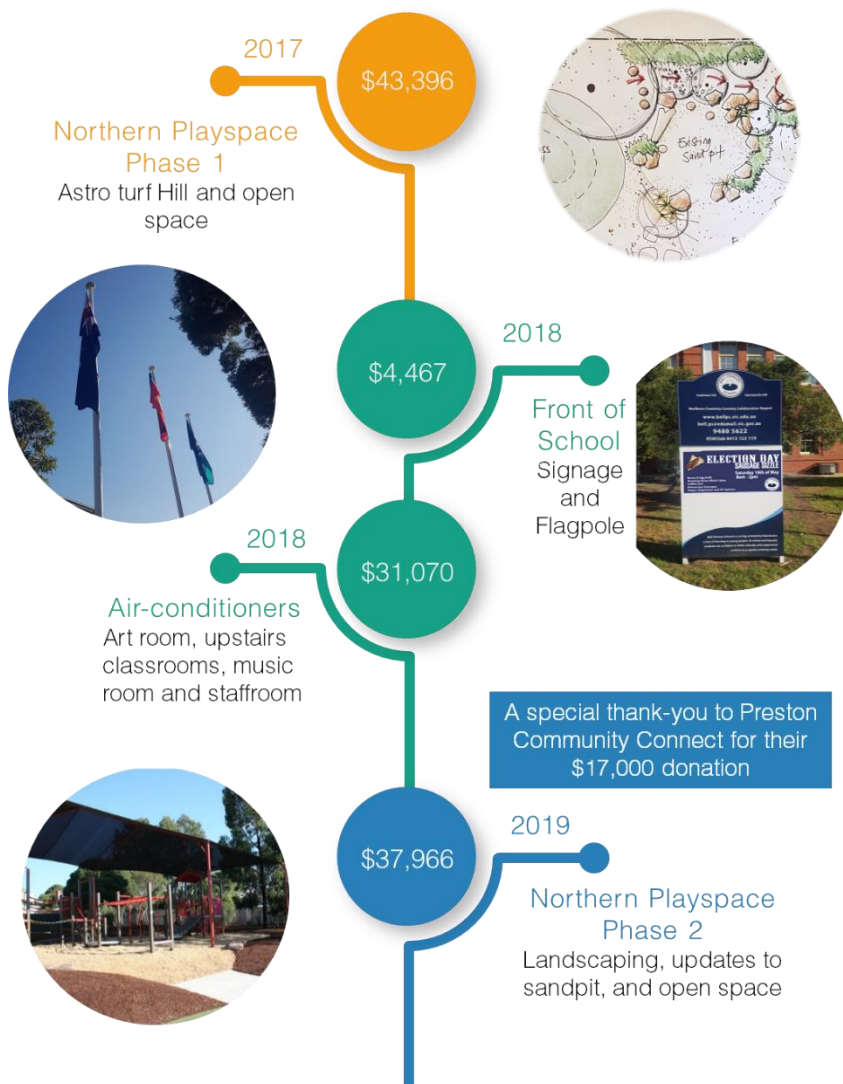
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\$36,800



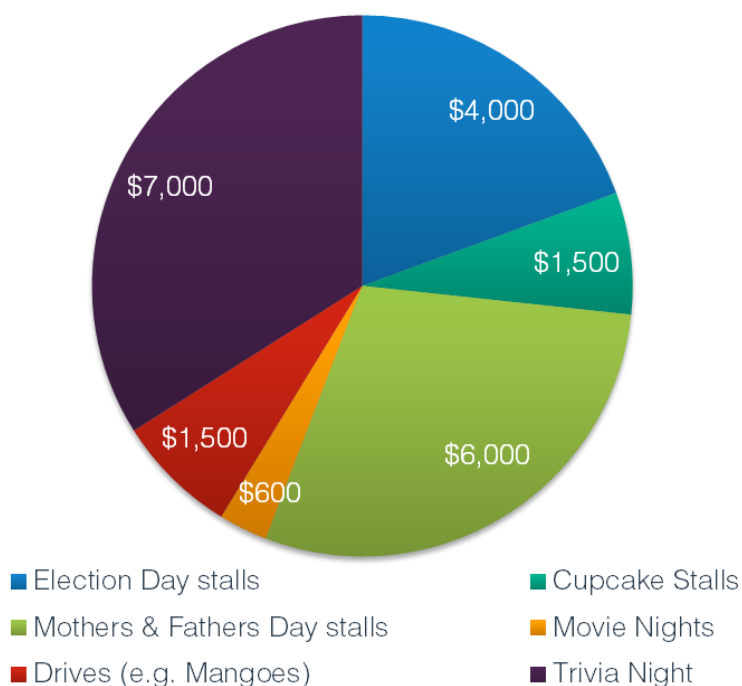
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Fundraising money spend



Our amazing FUNdraising team plan a jam packed calendar of events and activities each year. Here is a snapshot of some of the events and how much money they raise.

It all adds up



We are now in the middle of planning for the 2019 funds. We are gathering input from staff and students for their ideas on how to spend the 2019 and 2020 FUNdraising budgets. We will then be reaching out to our working parties and school community for further input and ideas. Stay tuned for further updates and your chance to get involved in building a better Bell PS.

Vanessa Buck
School Council Vice President

FUNdraising Election Day Stalls – TOMORROW – Saturday 18 May:

Can you help with baked goods? We are putting the last minute call out for more baked goods please. We appreciate that there might be some 'baker's fatigue' with the recent fundraisers...but we really would appreciate your help with having more cakes to sell on the stall. The stall is fully signed up with wonderful volunteers (THANK YOU!) and we would love them to have lots of yummy treats to sell. Please feel free to drop off cakes to the stall on Saturday morning. We will have additional packaging and ingredients forms ready and waiting for you.

If baking isn't your thing and you haven't signed up to volunteer...there are still ways in which you can help our great Bell PS community have a very successful Election Day Stall:

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 brekky/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

Looking forward to seeing everyone for some delicious 'democracy food' tomorrow.

Cheers

Bridget, Julie & Nicole - The FUNdraising Team

Important Dates:

MAY

- 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: Gr4 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

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.

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