



From the Principal:

Wednesday's Storm

The intense storm on Wednesday night hit the Preston area hard and I have heard a few storm stories from students already. Unfortunately, the school was not spared, with the Library and mezzanine copping some water damage. DET were quick to respond with their emergency contractors, with the carpet drying overnight and plumbers already working on a fix for the overflow problem to reduce the chance of a re-occurrence. Ironically, the area will be completely re-built from May as part of the \$2M project; much time and expertise has been put into the plans to ensure this problem will not occur in the new design.

The rest of the buildings held up reasonably well, although there are a few areas that require further investigation to ensure potential weak spots do not become major leakage issues down the track. A moderate amount of maintenance money was allocated to Bell at the end of last year to target additional works in the main building that could not be covered in the Stage 1 capital works grant. Potential water leaks will be the highest priority, however this additional money, plus the \$2M, will only go part way towards the overall works we need to get the whole school up to standard.

School Council Elections

There are three parent representative positions to be decided in the upcoming elections; self-nominations will be available at the office from Monday morning. The timeline for the election process is as follows:

- Notice of Election and call for Nominations: Friday 8 February
- Nomination forms available at the office: Monday 11 February
- Closing date for Nominations: Monday 18 February at 4.00pm
- List of eligible candidates will be posted in our Newsletter: Friday 22 February
- Ballot papers will be prepared and distributed (if required): Monday 25 February
- Close of Ballot (if required): Monday 4 March

If an election is required, more detailed information about the process and candidates' requirements will be distributed to the school community. For details about the role of School Council, follow the link: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/management/community/Pages/schoolcouncilsfunction.aspx>. Alternatively, feel free to contact me directly about council elections and related topics regarding school governance.

Bell Blitz Date Re-Scheduled

The up-coming Bell Blitz is an opportunity for our community to contribute to the never ending challenge of making our facilities and grounds better. Last year we had two highly successful Blitzes that made an obvious impact around the school. Ken Griffin (School Council Vice-President) is organising the next Blitz on **Saturday 2 March** and we would love to see lots of families lending a hand throughout the day. The date has been pushed back a few weeks for two reasons:

- There is a long range forecast of extreme heat on the original date Saturday 16 February;
- The new date is after Phase 1 of the Northern PlaySpace is completed and the contractor has moved on. This means we can target the area surrounding the new space and start planning Phase 2 where the school community (parents/carers, students and teachers) can get involved in the beautification of the new space.

More details about how to sign up for the next Bell Blitz will come very soon.

Ordering Uniforms

The school has streamlined the uniform ordering and payment processes; this was flagged in the final newsletter last year. These changes will assist our volunteers and office staff who support the Uniform Shop. Key changes are:

- Bell Primary School uniforms can **only** be purchased **via Qkr!**;
- A re-formatted price list - with pictures - will be sent home in Parent Information Packs in the coming days. This is aimed to make it quick and easy to identify what you require when ordering in Qkr!;
- If you require assistance with sizes, would like to purchase second hand uniforms, or have an enquiry, please email uniform@bellps.vic.edu.au where our parent volunteer will assist you;
- Pre-ordered uniform bundles via QKR! can be sent home with your child or picked up from school; details are within the QKR! ordering process;
- Please ensure you select the 'pick up' or 'send home' option with each order, and provide a phone number where requested;
- Uniform shop will remain open on Monday morning to align with assembly.



This means new uniforms can no longer be purchased in person from the Uniform Shop. The revised process will be a trial to be reviewed during the year.

Swimming Dates for Grade 4s

As flagged in the last Bell Bulletin, we have pushed back the start of Grade 4 swimming to give everyone a chance to establish classroom routines at the start of the year. Grade 4 swimming will now commence in week 4 on **Tuesday 19 February** with all dates noted in the *Important Dates* section below. I hope we see a strong participation rate as DET have flagged swimming as a priority for schools. From a personal perspective, I am a strong advocate for as much exposure to swimming lessons as possible for children, considering we live on a giant island surrounded by water.

Assemblies

Monday assemblies have commenced and are scheduled for every week (weather permitting of course). As per last year, we will make a decision at 8.30am on the days when the weather is looking ominous and communicate to families via an announcement at 8.50am, or earlier, via email on days when there are special performances scheduled.

I would like to congratulate the 2019 School Captains Zoe and Kes, and Vice Captains Issy and Dom, who did a great job first up last week. We are looking forward to their leadership input at Assemblies and in many other ways throughout the year.

Gilbert Road Crossing

Julie, our Gilbert Road Crossing Supervisor, has asked us to remind parents/carers of the following crossing rules for both children and adults:

- cross at the crossing **between the lines**, not a few metres away
- cross when the light is **green**, definitely not red
- **walk** with bikes or scooters across the road, do not ride
- **hold** balls while crossing the road, do not bounce it.

Julie's priority is to keep everyone safe on busy Gilbert Road but needs parents/carers to lead the way modelling these rules or re-enforcing them with older children who travel to school unsupervised. These expectations will also be raised at next week's assembly.

David Twite

Principal

Important Dates 2019...

FEBRUARY

- Fri 8: Stanley Lunch Orders resume
- Tue 19: **Gr4** Swimming #1
- Thu 21: **Gr4** Swimming #2
- Thu 21: Prep Picnic, from 5pm
- Fri 22: Summer Sports #1 v Northcote (*away*)
- Tue 26: **Gr4** Swimming #3
- Tue 26: District Swimming Carnival
- Thu 28: **Gr4** Swimming #4

MARCH

- Fri 1: Summer Sports #2 v Fairfield (*home*)
- Sat 2: Bell Blitz (*re-scheduled*)
- Tue 5: **Gr4** Swimming #5
- Thu 7: **Gr4** Swimming #6
- Fri 8: Summer Sports #3 v Preston South (*away*)
- *Mon 11: Labour Day Public Holiday*
- Fri 15: Summer Sports #4 v St Josephs (*home*)
- Fri 22: Summer Sports #5 v Northcote (*home*)
- Fri 22: Silent Disco FUNdraiser
- Fri 29: Sausage Sizzle – Northern Playspace Opening tbc

APRIL

- Fri 5: Final Day Term 1 - 2.30pm dismissal
- Fri 5: Cup Cake Stall FUNdraiser
- Fri 5: Kid's Movie Night
- Tue 23: First Day Term 2
- *Thu 25: ANZAC Day Public Holiday*

MAY

- Wed 8: Curriculum Day #3 (Student Free)
- Thu 9-Fri 10: Mother's & Special Person's Day Stall
- Fri 17: Photo Day #1
- Tue 21: **Gr3** Swimming #1
- Tue 28: **Gr3** Swimming #2
- Wed 29: Photo Day #2

JUNE

- Mon 3-Wed 5: Grade 6 Waratah Bay Camp
- Tue 4: **Gr3** Swimming #3
- Wed 5-Fri 7: Grade 5 Waratah Bay Camp

- *Mon 10: Queen's Birthday Public Holiday*
- Tue 11: **Gr3** Swimming #4
- Tue 18: **Gr3** Swimming #5
- Mon 24-Wed 26: Grade 4 (*Group 1*) Maldon Camp
- Tue 25: **Gr3** Swimming #6
- Wed 26-Fri 28: Grade 4 (*Group 2*) Maldon Camp
- Fri 28: Final Day Term 2 – 2.30pm dismissal

JULY

- Mon 15: First Day Term 3
- Wed 24: Curriculum Day #4 (Student Free)

AUGUST

- Fri 2: Trivia Night
- Thu 8: **Gr2** Swimming #1
- Thu 15: **Gr2** Swimming #2
- Thu 22: **Gr2** Swimming #3
- 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
- Fri 20: Final Day Term 3 – 2.30pm dismissal

OCTOBER

- Mon 7: First Day Term 4
- Fri 11: **Gr1** Swimming #1
- Mon 14: **Gr1** Swimming #2
- Mon 21: **Gr1** Swimming #3
- 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

DECEMBER

- 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:
Swimming	Gr4	\$110	Qkr!
Summer Sports	Gr6	\$25	Qkr!

CAMPS, SPORTS, EXCURSIONS FUND

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.

Carnevale at Bell PS:

Carnevale

AT BELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Bell Primary School will celebrate Carnevale on
Wednesday, 6th March.

Carnevale is an annual festival most notably held in Venice, Italy. The festival is renowned for its intricate and elaborately styled masks.

All students are invited to come to school wearing a mask on the day.
Students will participate in an activity in their classrooms and also receive a special treat at the end of the day! **The cost of the treat is \$1.00.**
Please note that all allergies and intolerances can be catered for if advised in advance.

Families are invited to our whole school parade that
will be held in the morning at 9.05AM.
Ci vediamo alla festa!

Our Trip to Nepal:

Over the holidays Ajay, Dimi and Miss Meredith left sunny Melbourne and headed over to chilly Nepal to teach in a remote village 80ms North East of Kathmandu! As part of a program called 'Take on Nepal' they trekked over two days to Batase Village, taking them as high as 2,400 meters in altitude where they were surrounded by the constant breathtaking views of the Himalayan Mountain Ranges. Throughout this experience, they embraced the Nepalese culture, warmth of the local people and immersed themselves in village life some of which included planting, foraging for organic food and handwashing their clothes outside!

As the school in Batase is still being rebuilt after the devastation of the 2015 earthquake, they taught six days a week in makeshift classrooms, were challenged to teach lessons to children whose limited English was their second or third language, and resources and classroom teachers were scarce.

The opportunity was not only rewarding and humbling but taught them how children who have experienced major adversity or trauma in their lives have a strong desire, passion and aspiration to learn and create a better future for themselves and their community.

There are 250 students enrolled in the school who come from the surrounding region, of which 46 students live in the Batase Hostel funded by the Friends of the Himalayan Children (FHC) This hostel was created in order to provide opportunities for these children who would otherwise not have the means to access education.

One of 'Take On Nepal's' goals is to empower females by being the only company offering opportunities for them to become guides. This enables them to obtain a broader knowledge of the world and to have exposure to foreigners and opportunities to learn conversational English. 'Take On Nepal' obtains funding by trekking with foreigners up to Everest Base Camp, this funding is then put back into the community, the hostel children or the education of their guides.

We highly recommend families who may be looking for their next holiday adventure to perhaps consider going to Nepal and visiting Batase. This would be an amazing opportunity for our Bell students to see a different perspective of life and education which is worlds apart from our own. If you have any questions or would like further information please don't hesitate to contact Dimi, Ajay or Miss Meredith. You can check out the 'Take On Nepal' website at www.takeonnepal.com.au



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DAREBIN FALCONS COMMUNITY FUN DAY

• DAREBIN WOMEN'S SPORTS CLUB •

Sunday 10th February

9AM - 12NOON

A.H. Capp Reserve, Halwyn Crescent, Preston

JUMPING
CASTLE!

KIDS
ACTIVITIES

COME
AND TRY
SOCCER 9:15am
AFL 10:30am

BBQ

MEET
AFLW
PLAYERS

No registration necessary. For more information email info@falcons.org.au



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:	10 th of March 2019
Finishing Date:	Mid June
Register in-person:	Sunday 10 - 11 am 3 rd of March 2019
Address:	James Street Reserve Heidelberg Heights 3081

JOIN OUR FOOTBALL FAMILY IN 2019



Open Training Sessions
February 2019

Miniroos 4-11 YEAR OLDS
Junior Girls 12-16 YEAR OLDS

Wednesday 6th & 13th February 2019

Friday 8th & 15th February 2019

5.30pm - 6.30pm (arrive 5.15pm)

Clifton Park, Victoria Street Brunswick, VIC. 3056

POSITIONS STILL AVAILABLE

2019 NPL U12 BOYS

REGISTER ONLINE NOW!

<https://form.jotform.co/72618949993882>

More info: morelandcityfc@rocketmail.com



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Parade Preston Open Day

SUNDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2019 10AM - 2PM
8 CLIFTON GROVE PRESTON 3072

Come along and sample our *Snapshot@Parade* Program
for Grade 3 to 6 students. Activities include:

- Garden to Lunchbox
- Cactus in a Cup
- Parade Picassos
- Lino Cut Bookmarks
- Lego Competition
- Sporting Activities
- Illustration & Writing Workshop





PARADE

8 CLIFTON GROVE PRESTON 3072

9416 6550

Sally Ryan - Campus Coordinator

prestoncc@parade.vic.edu.au

**Photographs will be taken for
publication on the
College Social Media
platforms.**



CHOOSE YOUR SNAPSHOT

**Cactus in a Cup (10:00 & 12:00) Create your own
instant garden in a cup!**

**Garden to Lunchbox (11:00 & 1:00) Make a healthy
lunch using ingredients from our garden.**

**Lego Competition (10:15, 11:15 & 12:15) Prizes
awarded!**

**Illustration & Writing Workshops (12:00 & 1:00) with
Special Guest Author.**

Bookmarks (10:00 - 2:00) Make a lino cut bookmark.

**Parade Picassos (10:00-2:00) Using an easel and
canvas make your own masterpiece!**

**Sporting Activities (10:00 - 2:00) Bring your runners
and join in the fun!**

Principal's Address (10:30, 11:30 & 12:30)

***Email your snapshot booking to
prestoncc@parade.vic.edu.au***

***Register for Open Day
www.parade.vic.edu.au***

My snapshot choices:

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