



From the Principal:

Bell Writer's Festival

A huge congratulations to the students who were able to showcase their amazing poetry skills yesterday during the 2018 Writer's Festival. There was a large crowd who joined the children and staff at the special assembly to see the parade of costumes, hear some words of wisdom from our visiting author Gabrielle Wang, and hear some wonderful poems from our parent poet Melinda Denham. Earlier, there were writing workshops throughout the school from Gabrielle, and other published authors Emily Brewin (another parent) and Alex Miles (a Bell family member). We thank all of them for taking the time to share their expertise and tricks of the trade to help our budding Bell writers from Prep to Grade 6.

Walking through all the grades after school, it was clear the students had embraced the challenge of creating a variety of poems with different styles, structures and rules; the new one I learnt was Kennings poems. Your child might be able to explain that one. On the flip side, mentioned by Melinda at the assembly, one of the fun things about poetry is you can sometimes bend the conventions of language to make a truly creative masterpiece, BUT you always need to know the rules before you bend them.

The feedback during the evening was very positive and most welcomed. If you have any more thoughts, feel free to pop a post-it note on the Writer's Festival poster in the foyer, or click into the Bell Writer's Festival Blog <http://bellwritersfestival.global2.vic.edu.au/>.

90th Anniversary Celebrations

A final reminder about our 90th birthday event next Friday 16 November, with a special announcement about the inclusion of an official Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony to start the evening event. Kellie Hunter, a Wurundjeri representative, has been engaged to perform these significant activities and we hope many families can get here early to enjoy the moment which starts at approximately 4.50pm.

The general outline of all proceedings is:

Bell PS – Past, Present and Future: 1.00-3.30pm

- Bell Inquiry displays and video;
- School Tours for past students and teachers visiting the school;
- Afternoon Tea provided;
- Special dignitaries have been contacted.

General invitations for past students and teachers to attend the afternoon session have been sent via Facebook, the local newspaper, and a flyer on our website, but word of mouth is a powerful way to get the message out. If you have any connections to past Bell people, please let them know about this special event. Ideally, RSVPs are requested via the school email or phone as early as possible before the event.

90 Year Community Event: 4.30-7.30pm

- Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony by Wurundjeri representative Kellie Hunter
- Performances by the 5/6 Rock Band, Senior Vocal Ensemble, Disco Duk Duk community dance and Hell's Bells (teacher band) on the Stage facing the south oval;
- Food trucks, coffee and ice-cream vans;
- Families to bring picnic blankets and BYO food, or utilise the food vans;
- Speeches, announcements about Bell;
- Music, dancing and time to mingle with friends.

We hope we see lots of families joining in our celebrations and building on the Bell community spirit

Grade Placements and Step-Up Program for 2019

Staff are continuing the transition work in preparation for allocating grades for 2019 and planning for the step up sessions in the coming weeks. Students are currently having their input about friendships and others they work well with in their year level, and teachers will do their best to match your child with at least one of those listed friends. Parents and carers now have their opportunity to provide key information that helps us make an informed decision about 2019 grade structure and placements:

- Input is optional and needs to be through a google form via the following link: <http://bit.ly/bpsinput2019>
- Comments need to be solely about your child's specific needs; requests centred on the perceived performance or personality of a particular teacher will not be considered.
- Requests to be grouped with certain children will be considered, however ultimately staff must make professional judgements about grade combinations taking into account all children's academic, social and emotional development and the anticipated dynamics of each group.
- We value parent and carer input, however there are no guarantees.
- The deadline is Monday 19 November, and late correspondence will not be taken into account as we have a set timeline to complete this important process.

Staff are committed to working collectively and consistently throughout this process, making the best decision we can using our professional observations and judgements. The goal is to give every child and teacher in every grade the opportunity for a positive start to their next year at Bell; I ask for your support and trust throughout this transition process.

David Twite
Principal

Building Bell News:

It's been another week of hard fought campaigning in the BB camp, and your back up has been amazing! Shelly Tennent went straight to the top, talking about our infrastructure needs direct with Dan Andrews on 'Mornings' with Jon Faine, ABC radio 774 (02/11/18). Others have approached politicians in shopping centres, on the streets and at Radio Birdman gigs. Keep it up!

NESSA (Northcote Electorate State School Alliance) are launching their campaign this Sunday (11 November) at the Northcote Town Hall, 10am – 12pm - full details on Facebook @NESSAforfunding. Nessa are advocating for improved state school facilities in the Northcote electorate, and the de-politicisation of funding allocations.

On the anniversary of the initial (\$2 million) Government funding announcement, we're welcoming James Merlino back to 'ring true' on his commitment to fully fund our master plan. You can encourage James (and his cheque book) back by sending him a very special Building Bell 'wish you were here!' postcard. Print your own at home with our PDF version available on the website: <http://www.buildingbell.com.au/activities/>.

Finally, we'd love to hit 400 'likes' on our Building Bell Facebook page @buildingbell. We know this page is closely monitored by the people in power, and gives our campaign huge leverage. Please 'like' us, and invite others to do the same.

Bell Writer's Festival Feedback:

Thank you to everyone who came to the Writer's Festival to celebrate the students' poetry. We'd love to hear what you thought about the event so we have put the giant logo in the office for people to write around. Please pop in and give us some feedback!

Lisa Bass



Important Dates:

NOVEMBER

- Mon 12: 3F Map Project Arts Perf. at Assembly @ 9am
- Wed 14: Prep Transition #2 (\$1 9.10-10.0; S2 10.30-11.30)
- **Fri 16: Bell PS 90th Anniversary Celebrations**
- Mon 19: 3S Map Project Arts Perf. at Assembly @9am
- Wed 21: Prep Transition #3 (\$1 9.10-10.10; S2 10.30-11.30)
- Wed 21: Triathlon, N/cote Aquatic Centre, 9am-12.30
- Wed 21: Bell Arts Film Evening, 3.30-6.30pm
- Thu 22: School Council Meeting @ 7pm
- Thu 22: Building Bell Meeting, Merri Clan @ 7.30pm
- Fri 23: Prep to Gr3 Mini Aths Morning, South Oval
- Sat 24: Election Day Stalls
- Wed 28: Prep Transition #4 (\$1 9.10-10.10; S2 10.30-11.30)

DECEMBER

- Thu 13: School Council Meeting @ 7pm
- Tue 18: Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony, tbc
- Thu 20: G6 Celebration— Luna Park Big Day Out
- Fri 21: Final Day Term Four, 1.30pm dismissal

JANUARY 2019

- Thu 31: First Day Term One: Grades 1-6

FEBRUARY 2019

- Fri 1: First Day Term One: Preps (Group A only)
- Mon 4: First Day Term One: Preps (Group B only)

Remembrance Day - Sunday 11 November - Poppy Appeal

Our local RSL has once again delivered a selection of Remembrance Day tokens to purchase as a donation to the 2018 Poppy Appeal. The items are priced \$2, \$3, \$4 & \$5 and will be available to purchase from the office. For more information, please see poppyappeal.com.au



Out of the Office:

CURRENT OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

Just a reminder for you to check that you have paid for the following events, as there are still outstanding payments due. If your child will not be attending an event, please advise their teacher or the office.

Event:	Grade:	\$\$:	Payment:
• Books & Requisites:	Gr P-6	(\$270)	Qkr!
• Gabrielle Wang	Gr 2	(\$3.50)	Office
• Gabrielle Wang	Gr 4	(\$3.50)	Office
• Regional Softball	Gr 6	(\$10)	Qkr!

If the event has already been removed from Qkr!, you can 'tap' our credit card machine at the office.

MISSED CALLS

If you notice a 'missed call' from Bell PS, please, please, please wait a minute until the message has been received before calling back.

REMINDER STATEMENTS

If you have received a Reminder Statement in the mail, would you kindly finalise any outstanding balance as soon as possible

LEAVING AT THE END OF THE YEAR?

If your child is leaving Bell Primary School at the end of the year (other than Grade 6 students), can you please stop by the office to complete a Transfer Note.

This will help us with our 2019 planning. Thank you.

ABSENCES & SMS ALERTS

If your child is away, **please notify both the office and their teacher** as early as possible to avoid receiving an unnecessary SMS. If you do receive an SMS, please respond as soon as possible with a brief reason.

Thank you for your help.

2019 PREP ENROLMENTS

An important reminder for parents planning to enrol their child into prep next year to collect a Student Enrolment Form from the office. Please complete the form, attach a copy of the Birth Certificate and Immunisation Report, and return to Bell. Thank you.

Arts Map Project Performances - *Reminder:*



We hope you can join us!
Milica and Chelsea

3B, 3F and 3S have been working on a combined Arts Map Project in Term 3. They designed and created their own class landscape map in Art and created an accompanying story and soundscape in Music. Well done to 3B for kicking off these performances in style the other week! 3F and 3S will be performing their pieces at the following upcoming assemblies (weather permitting):

3F - Monday 12th November from 9am
3S - Monday 19th November from 9am



Bell Arts Film Festival:

The Art and Music department is excited to present the Bell Arts Film Evening on Wednesday 21 November from 3:45-6:30pm. During Term 3, Grades 4A, 4G, 4W and 3/4M participated in a combined Arts unit that involved creating stop-animation films accompanied by soundtracks. These films, artefacts and live performances will be presented as a celebration of student learning. Any students attending the event from 3:30pm onwards must be accompanied by a parent/carers at all times. Please see details below:

Date: Wednesday 21 November

Exhibitions: 3:45 - 6:30pm - Art Room (4A and 4W) and Library (3/4M and 4G).

Performances: 4:00 - 4:15pm - Music Room

Please note: **Parents/carers are required to supervise their children whilst at the event.**

Drop in anytime between 3:45 - 6:30pm, but musical performances will be punctual in their allocated times. We look forward to seeing you there!

Milica and Chelsea



Helping the RSPCA (by Phoebe, 34M):

Hi, I'm Phoebe from 34M. I am helping save RSPCA animals. I believe animals should get the same chance as humans, so I have set up two donation boxes at the office – one for money donations (near the late arrival and early leaving book), and one for old pet toys, bowls, leads, etc (under the table). I'd love, love, love it if you could help. The boxes will be at the office until *Friday 23 November*.

Election Day Stalls:

Please lend us a hand...

With the State Election coming up on Saturday 24 November, Bell Primary is again a polling station and we will be setting up Election Day stalls to sell democracy sausages; cakes and baked items, and Mary will also provide coffee from the glorious *Pookie May*. With our fabulous Captains sorted for the day, we now need your help to set up, cook, serve, bake and pack up.

Please follow the link below to sign up to help out – remembering that the funds raised will go towards helping all our wonderful children with improvements to Bell Primary.

<http://signup.com/go/oBBvYtF>

Any contribution you can make to the day will be greatly appreciated and you will also have a lot of fun along the way. Any questions, please contact Kathryn Fraser on 0415 604 656.





Bell PS – Past, Present and Future: 1.00–3.30pm

School tours and history display for past students, teachers and parents

Spread the word to any ex-students and teachers you know.

RSVP by 9 November on bell.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or (03) 9480 5622

90 Year and End of 2018 Celebration: 4.30–7.30pm

Bring a picnic rug and join us for a Celebration of Bell PS.

Entertainment, food trucks, students new and old. All current and past students, teachers, parents and carers welcome.

Food trucks, coffee and ice-cream vans on site along with performances by the 5/6 Rock Band,

Senior Vocal Ensemble, Disco Duk Duk and Hell's Bells (teacher band).



You're invited to our 3rd Birthday Celebration & Grant Presentation Evening

Hosted by: Preston Connected Community
When: Thursday 15 November 2018
 6.15pm arrival, for a 6.30pm start
 * Light refreshments will be provided *
Where: Grandstand Function Centre, Preston City Oval, Cramer Street, Preston
RSVP: souraya.yehia@bendigoadelaide.com.au or 9478 1741



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- ◆ Greensborough
17 / 18 January
- ◆ Alphington
21 / 22 January
- ◆ Doncaster
21 / 22 January
- ◆ Northcote
23 / 24 January
- ◆ Parkdale
23 / 24 January
- ◆ Essendon
23 / 24 January

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