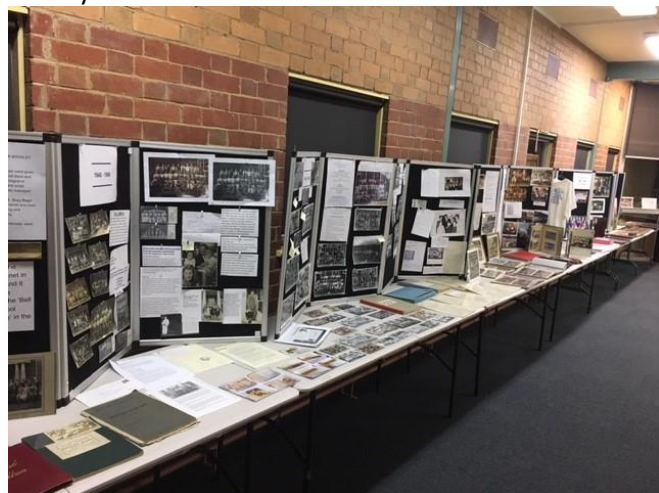




From the Principal...

History of Bell

A significant part of the celebrations for our 90th Anniversary has been a historical unit of work conducted by inquiry teams in the Grade 3 and 4 area. Students and teachers have delved deep into the archives and discovered some fascinating artefacts that capture the story of Bell's nine decades of existence. On display in the mezzanine above the Library are old record books, letters, notices, plans, newspaper articles, sports trophies and an amazing array of photos that take us back in time. The children have presented stories by past students from many decades in both written and video formats to make history come alive in our minds and hearts.



Past students and teachers have wandered through the display area during their tours today and it prompted many memories and some wonderful stories. All the grades will explore the artefacts next week to get a taste of Bell history. We will leave the displays up until the end of week 10 to give parents/carers and other past students a chance to explore this amazing inquiry work by the team.



There are even some innovative ideas about the future 'Bell Prime' as our young futurists have predicted what school will look like in another 90 years. Take a look...it's well worth your time!



Grade Placements 2019

As outlined in last week's newsletter, parents and carers have their opportunity to provide key information that helps us make an informed decision about 2019 grade 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 about the perceived performance of a 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, no late correspondence will be accepted.

More information about the three step-up sessions will be published in next week's newsletter.

Holiday Program at Bell

I am pleased to announce the start of a Holiday Program run by OSHClub this January after a positive response to the survey last term. A number of parents indicated they would consider the program once they knew more details. Please scroll down for further information about the January program that was planned by Liz, in consultation with the current OSH

kids. Subsequent programs that will be offered during the school holidays next year will have a similar flavour always with input from the users, both students and parents.

P-3 Mini Aths Day

A reminder that next *Friday 23 November* we have the Mini Aths morning for the Prep to Grade 3 students. The event will be mostly on the south oval and run from *9.20am-11.30am*. Teachers Rebecca Foulds (PE) and Rose Pennini (JSC) are working with the senior members of the Junior School Council to organise lots of activities to promote athletic skills and good old fashion fun with our younger people at Bell. Parents and carers are most welcome to come along and enjoy the event.

Start of 2019 School Year

To assist parents and carers with organisation for the start of next year, the school is planning to have the first two days pupil free, similar to the past few years. Tuesday 29 January is a state-wide curriculum day and Wednesday 30 January is designated our second curriculum day subject to School Council approval next week. Both days will be used as professional learning and collaborative planning days for all staff.

David Twite
Principal

OSH Club Vacation Care...

As you may be aware, Holiday Program is now at Bell Primary. This will begin these Summer Holidays, between Monday 7 January – Friday 25 January 2019. BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN!!

Please book through the online portal for those of you already enrolled. If you would like to enrol, please head to the OSH Club website: www.oshclub.com.au/vacationcare

Please see the planner in this Bulletin which includes 3x excursions, x3 incursions and daily activities. Suggestions are now welcome for April's Vacation Care.

Any further questions or queries please do not hesitate in contacting Customer Service on 1300 395 735 or oshaccounts@junioradventuresgroup.com.au

On-Line Lunch Order Delivery...

Just a note to remind parents that Classroom Cuisine on-line lunch orders **cannot be guaranteed to arrive for the first break at 11.30am**. Generally they do.

Wednesdays and Fridays are their busiest days, so it may be an idea to send along a snack for your child to eat at 11.30am, just in case the delivery is delayed.

Important Dates 2018 & 2019...

NOVEMBER

- Mon 19: **3S** Map Project Arts Perf. at Assembly @9am
- Wed 21: Prep Transition #3 (S1 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, 9.20am-11.40am
- Sat 24: Election Day Stalls
- Wed 28: Prep Transition #4 (S1 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

- Tue 29: Curriculum Day #1 (Student Free)
- Wed 30: Curriculum Day #2 (Student Free)
- 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)

Building Bell News...

This week we've continued to communicate with Kat Theophanous and Lydia Thorpe. They both know how much we need funding for our master plan and how the funding can influence votes. Both women, along with Ged Kearney, will be guest speakers at Bell's 90th birthday celebrations today.

Two public education forums are scheduled for next week: the Preston Education Forum (Monday 19 November) and the Northcote Education Forum (Tuesday 20 November). Each will feature a panel discussion, followed by Q and A. Full details on Facebook: [@prestoneducation](https://www.facebook.com/prestoneducation) [@northcoteeducation](https://www.facebook.com/northcoteeducation)

With just one week until the State election, please keep active on social media - we smashed 400 Facebook 'likes' this week - and have a chat to your local polliie!

Mango Reminder...

Just a reminder that the mangoes are due to be delivered during the week of Monday 10 December. We should be advised sometime next week of the exact date.

Election Day Stalls...

Please lend us a hand... sign up to help next Saturday for the finest democracy sausages and veggie burgers in the North!

With the State Election coming up next Saturday 24 November, Bell Primary School is again a polling station and we will be setting up Election Day stalls to sell democracy sausages; cakes and baked items, some plants, and Mary will also provide coffee from the glorious Pookie May.



Cake packaging will be sent home early next week so that you can send items along on Friday 23 November, or you can bring items along on Saturday morning. We will be ready to start selling from 8.00 am on Saturday...we aim to have goods available in many price points so single biscuits/cupcakes through to whole cakes and slice trays are all extremely welcome!

Please remember no fresh cream or dairy, and make sure we have a list of ingredients also...

Please follow the link here to sign up to help out – remembering that the funds raised will go towards helping all our glorious children with improvements to Bell Primary... <http://signup.com/go/oBBvYtF>

Sausage sizzle is in desperate need of helpers...can you please give us an hour or 2?

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 call Kathryn Fraser on 0415 604 656.





Building Brighter Futures Together

Bell Primary School

Monday, 07th January to Friday, 25th January 2019

NOTICE - ALLERGY - Please ensure all food is nut free

EXCURSION

INCURSION

Monday 07 January

OUR KITCHEN RULES

IN-SERVICE

Cook up a storm in our kitchen today as you learn new recipes and participate in challenges.



Monday 14 January

IN + \$14.00

SUMMER PICNIC

INCURSION - DRAMA & CRAFT - A PUPPETRY EXPERIENCE

Watch the puppets come to life as we have fun exploring different types of puppets. This is a 'hands-on' activity that concludes with the children making their own take home puppet.



Tuesday 08 January

IN + \$19.00

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

INCURSION - BUILD A BEAR WORKSHOP

Bring to life your very own Build A Bear in our FURbulous Build-A-Bear Workshop! Your new furry friend will be pre-filled with just the right amount of cuddliness, ready for you to add your own heart and personal touches.



Tuesday 15 January

CLOWNING AROUND

IN-SERVICE

Roll up, roll up, the circus is in town! There's plenty of fun, games and heaps of clowning around.



Wednesday 09 January

IT'S A SPORTS CARNIVAL

IN-SERVICE

Come dressed in your favourite team's colours and get ready for an active day competing in challenges and playing team games!



Wednesday 16 January

DINOSAUR DIG

IN-SERVICE

Join us on an expedition to the Jurassic Jungle.



Thursday 10 January

EX + \$28.00

3D ART

EXCURSION - YARRA BEND MINI GOLF

Can you get a hole in one? Challenge your friends as we play our way around 36 holes of mini golf followed by lunch and a play in the park.



Thursday 17 January

EX + \$28.00

STAR FOR A DAY

EXCURSION - MUSEUM AND IMAX

Today we will explore the museum and watch in 3D the majestic green sea turtle Bunk and many more Great Barrier Reef sealife along the way.



Arrive by 8.30am

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Friday 11 January

DRAMA INFUSION

IN-SERVICE

Bring your imagination to life as you slip into another world of drama and dance.

Just Dance



Friday 18 January

PYJAMA PARTY

IN-SERVICE

Come dressed in your Onesie or Pyjamas today as we jump around and play party games!



Mon - Fri 7.00am - 4.30pm
Bell Primary School - 0413 123 119
28A Oakover Rd Preston VIC 3072



Daily price: \$62.00 | Excursions and incursions are an additional cost to the daily fee and are charged for each child that attends whether they choose to participate or not.

Book now at oshclub.com.au | be quick as places are limited

Customer Service 1300 395 735

Junior Adventures Group continues to pioneer the OSHC sector, building stronger communities and brighter futures for more than 70,000 children, 40,000 families and more than 400 schools across Australia.

Our Values

- Considerate - Be there for others
- Passionate - Bring energy and determination
- Courageous - Challenge ourselves

The values we share guide our behaviour as we work towards our vision to build brighter futures together.

Vacation Care

OSHClub
Before & After School Care



Monday 21 January

DOEY DOEY

IN-SERVICE

No need to worry about making a mess today! We are going to be up to our elbows in sticky fun!



Tuesday 22 January

EX + \$28.00

AUTHORS AND ILLUSTRATORS

EXCURSION - CERES COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT PARK

Lets be inspired by sustainable living in the setting of CERES Community Environment Park. We will net for insects and make our own paper.



Please arrive by 8:15am

Wednesday 23 January

IN + \$14.00

MUSICAL MADNESS

INCURSION - NATURAL SOAP MAKING WITH LOTS A SCENTS

Lets get messy as we create natural bars of soap. What goodie will you hide in your bar of soap?



Thursday 24 January

I'M A SURVIVOR

IN-SERVICE

Dress like survivors and test your outdoor skills. Today's challenges will put you to the test!



Friday 25 January

THE BEST STORY EVER!

IN-SERVICE

Dress up as your favourite storybook character today as we write our own adventure stories to share and tell!



What we offer

- A healthy, safe, respectful and engaging environment
- Caring, enthusiastic, fun and friendly team
- New and popular excursions, incursions and theme days
- Stimulating experiences tailored to children's interests, abilities and current trends
- OSHClub endeavour to link each fun experience to key learning outcomes

What Does My Child Bring?

Please bring breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and a refillable drink bottle. If bringing food please make sure it's nutritious and doesn't require heating or cooking.

Please be mindful of the planned incursion/excursion and ensure your children are dressed appropriately. Don't forget your sun smart hat, comfortable clothes, closed shoes and a drink bottle.

To avoid loss or disappointment, please leave your valuables, money and electronic toys (including tablets and smart phones) at home.

We are a child safe organisation

Healthy Eating

OSHClub follows the Australian dietary guidelines which can be found at <https://www.eatforhealth.gov.au>

Activity Changes

If an excursion or incursion (due to unforeseen circumstances) is cancelled, the activity will either be postponed or an alternative activity of equal value will be provided where possible.

Children with additional needs

We support all children including children with additional needs. If you would like to provide additional information about your child and his/her needs or require inclusion support funding, please contact us 6 weeks prior to program commencement on 0413 123 119 for staffing purposes.

Child care subsidy

Our services are registered with Centrelink, so you will be able to claim Child Care Subsidy on your fees. For further information please visit <https://www.education.gov.au/new-child-care-package-frequently-asked-questions>.

Before making your booking & cancellations

All children must be enrolled with OSHClub prior to booking via oshclub.com.au. Bookings made within 5 days for a Vacation Care session will incur an extra charge of \$4.00 per day per child. 7 days notice is required for cancellation of a Vacation Care booking to ensure you will not incur out of pocket costs. Please note that bookings can not be made online within 5 days of the session commencing. In order to book within this period, you will need to contact the service directly, the Customer Service and Billing Team on 1300 395 735 or by emailing oshaccounts@junioradventuresgroup.com.au.



Book now at oshclub.com.au | be quick as places are limited

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Soul Time

Soul Time is a special bimonthly event held at the Darebin Intercultural Centre, which provides an opportunity to reflect on inspiring themes and common threads that tie us all together.

It features music, audio-visual pieces and readings from faiths and philosophers, authors, leaders and indigenous cultures, from all over the world.

The purpose of Soul Time is to inspire us to transform our lives, and our communities, with actions that promote the unity and betterment of society.

Soul Time is a free community event open to everyone.

Time

11.00am

Date

**Sunday
November 18th**

Theme

Planet Dreams

Musicians

**Ruth Kennedy &
Joanna Flemming**

Venue

Darebin Intercultural Centre
59a Roseberry Avenue Preston

Contact

soultimedarebin@gmail.com

FREE FOOT HEALTH SCREENING FOR CHILDREN



Here at Talaria Podiatrists of Thornbury, we know how important children's feet are.

Childhood is an important time for the development of feet. Untreated problems can cause severe pain, deformities and gait abnormalities in the growing child. It can lead to a lifelong problem in adulthood in the back, hips, knees and feet.

Throughout school holidays, Talaria Podiatrists of Thornbury will be conducting FREE foot screenings for children before they go back to school and kindergarten.

What is included in your child's foot screening?

1. Shoe fit checks - Please bring along their everyday school shoes and sport shoes.
2. Bio-mechanical screening -To look for any abnormalities in the way the feet and legs move during gait.
3. General children's foot health – Family history, muscle strength, joint flexibility, and posture assessment.

Book your free children's foot health check if you think your child may be struggling with:

- Flat feet
- Rolling in
- Balance, tripping or poor coordination
- Foot pain
- Toe walking
- Pigeon toe
- Knock knees or bow legs
- Growing pains in legs



To book a FREE foot health screening for your child, please call 9480 4935.

897 High Street, Thornbury 3071



Dear Supporter,

Vision Australia Seeing Eye Dogs want you! We are in urgent need of volunteer puppy carers to help nurture and care for our future Seeing Eye Dogs.

“Students, parents and staff are extremely positive about having Seeing Eye Dog in Training Ronny in the school.” Carey, a puppy carer and teacher at Doncaster Gardens Primary School

There is a Seeing Eye Dogs Puppy Carer program to suit everyone. Provide full time care (from 8 weeks to 12-14 months) or if a shorter time is more suitable and you can commit to a minimum of 6 months, this may be the option for you. Your role as a puppy carer is to:

- Provide a loving home and to nurture a Seeing Eye Dogs puppy
- Help to socialise them in everyday situations
- Teach basic skills such as toilet training, to sit, and to walk nicely on the lead

The only cost to you is your time and affection. The cost of all equipment, food, dog health care and training is covered by Seeing Eye Dogs.

TO APPLY:

[Apply to become a carer today on the Seeing Eye Dogs website.](#)

For more information call: 0428 010 843 or email: sedvolunteer@visionaustralia.org

Yours sincerely,
The Team at Seeing Eye Dogs