



From the Principal...

1:1 Parent/Teacher Meetings

Firstly, thanks to the parents and carers who attended the grade level sessions this week. We hope there was lots of useful information about the programs and routines within each grade level team. The PowerPoint presentations will be emailed home as soon as practical by team leaders.

1:1 Parent/Teacher meetings are scheduled for week 7 and a separate email was sent yesterday with the dates and times for each grade and how to book. These meetings facilitate individual time to share information about your child and for the teacher to provide a snapshot of learning so far. They are not designed to give detailed progress reports of student achievement given the early scheduling, rather strengthen that crucial home-school partnership to build on the existing strengths and support any areas for improvement that parents/carers or the teachers have identified.

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School Council Nominations

Nominations for the three vacancies close at 4pm today and thankfully we have had a positive response second time round. Once the nomination period closes this afternoon, I will enter the next stage which is contacting candidates and establishing the election process that is likely to occur given the strong interest this week.

If an election is held, that is a healthy sign for the Bell community and those who have expressed interest via the nomination process will be encouraged to complete the process. Details of the next steps will be forwarded to the school community next week after I process the nominations.

Regardless of the outcome of an election, there are opportunities for anyone to get involved in helping shape our school future at the sub-committee and working group level. In addition to the more formal structures linked to school council, there is the [Building Bell Advocacy Group](#) who are always looking for new people to get involved. Check out the Building Bell Facebook page or contact Matt De Moiser 0403 924 820. The next meeting is Thursday 14 March.

Northern PlaySpace – Stage 2 Complete

Please scroll down and read the progress report on this special space in our grounds that is being developed. The area re-opened on Monday with a flood of students exploring, playing on the equipment, as well as chilling out in the passive areas under the trees. Lots of planting, further planning and funding ideas are the priority as we

move towards stages 3 and 4. More details below in the flyer.

Bell Blitz Postponed

Another reminder that Bell Blitz 3 has been re-scheduled for **Saturday 16 March**, due to the extreme weather tomorrow.

David Twite, Principal

National Day of Action...

A National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA) is to be held on **Friday 15 March 2019**. Bell PS is a NDA School and will stand united against bullying and violence with school communities across the nation. The NDA gives schools the chance to take action and empower young people to be part of the solution when addressing bullying in their school community. It provides an opportunity to focus on bullying and the big changes we can make to create safer communities for everyone. As a school, we will be implementing student-led activities in bullying prevention and to promote student wellbeing.

Xenia Matani, Wellbeing Leader

Important Dates:

MARCH

- Fri 1: Summer Sports #2 v Fairfield (*home*)
- **Sat 2: BELL BLITZ POSTPONED DUE TO HOT WEATHER**
- Mon 4: Division Swimming, Northcote Aquatic Centre
- Tue 5: **Gr4 Swimming #5**
- Wed 6: Bell Carnevale Parade, 9.05am
- Thu 7: **Gr4 Swimming #6**
- Fri 8: Summer Sports #3 v Preston South (*away*)
- **Mon 11: Labour Day Public Holiday**
- Tue 12: Parent Teacher Meetings
- Wed 13: Parent Teacher Meetings
- Thu 14: Parent Teacher Meetings
- Thu 14: Cricket Blast, Pastor Doug Nichols Oval
- Fri 15: Summer Sports #4 v St Josephs (*home*)
- Sat 16: Bell Blitz #3 (re-scheduled)
- Tue 19: Regional Swimming, Watermark, Greensborough
- Fri 22: Summer Sports #5 v Northcote (*home*)
- Fri 22: Silent Disco FUNdraiser
- Thu 28: New School Council Elected
- Fri 29: Sausage Sizzle – Northern Playspace Opening tbc

APRIL

- Tue 2: Health & Human Dev. Information Evening
- 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

Northern Play Space – Stage 2 Complete!



What we've achieved so far:

2017: Stage 1 complete:

- The grass hill & artificial turf play zone installed

2019: Stage 2 complete:

- Refurbished soft fall mulch beneath play equipment
- Landscaped spaces ready to explore now; setting the scene for future adventure path play equipment
- Tactile mulch paths, mudstone boulders, timber log seats & timber log steppers.
- Garden areas prepared ready for autumn planting

What's Next?

Stage 3 Autumn Planting 2019

- Plans are afoot for classes to adopt gardens & trees to help fund this next stage, please stay tuned for more information.

Stage 4 Adventure Path Play Equipment

- Fundraising efforts will help us to fund nature-based play equipment, along with other features to help complete the play space

Thank-you:

Northern Play Space Working group, particularly Penny Starr & Natasha Palich for their design, planning & project management skills.

Bell Fundraising and Preston Connected Community for funding the project.

Marg Sneddon and David Twite for their unwavering support & dedication.

Bell teachers and students who patiently answered questions, helped brainstorm ideas and helped build a vision for the play space.

Ways to contribute:

There are lots of projects – big & small – ready to be developed, funded & built, and we'd love more involvement from the Bell community. If you're keen to get involved please get in touch (you'll find contact details below):

- Join the Northern Play Space Working group
- Raise cuttings, donate to the garden fund or register your interest to help with upcoming planting days
- Lend your skills to a community-lead project

Contact:

To join the Play Space working group, or to find out more please contact Lucy Salt:

e: lucyjsalt@gmail.com tel: 0430 023 679

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!

Make Bell PS better at **BELL BLITZ 3**

SATURDAY 16 MARCH 2019
8.30am start – lunch provided

Please sign up at:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2499170/true#/invitation>



Silent Disco for Bell Parents



Come and join fellow Bell parents at an evening Silent Disco in the streets. This is a fundraiser for the school and a chance to celebrate for us all. Families and non-Bell people welcome, but the focus is on Bell mums and dads.

Date: Friday 22 March

Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Host: Disko Duk Duk (a Bell dad - the Trivia Night host guy)

Price: Normally \$25 - **use the discount code BELL for \$4 off adult tix**

Tix via: www.gurududu.org - upcoming events - 22 Mar. Full link below:

<https://events.eventzilla.net/e/guru-dudus-silent-disco-walking-tour-of-melbourne--mar-22-2138733626>