



From the Principal:

Prep Enrolments

Thank-you to those families who have completed Prep enrolments for 2020. It is important that we have notice of enrolments as early as possible in order to develop our workforce plan for 2020.

If you have not enrolled your child for Prep next year and they have an older sibling at school, an enrolment form can be sent home to be completed and returned to the school.

General Grounds Space

We are aware of the impact of the increased traffic and rain that has contributed to some really muddy and slippery areas in the school grounds. Matting has been placed in front of the portable toilets, plans are in place to extend the matting further to create safer pathways.

South Oval Re-Development

With two main areas of work taking place within the school grounds our main concern is the safety and wellbeing of students, parents/ carers and teachers. To this end, **ALL** of the South Oval area will be closed for term three, including the July holidays from July 1 – October 7, unless there is further notice. ***This means that there will not be access to the school grounds from Oakover Road.*** The alternative is to use the path along Scotia Street and enter from one of the points along there. The Scotia Street entry points include a small pedestrian gate adjacent to the Astroturf with access to the bike racks in that area, the main front gate to the school, the double gates further north nearest to the Year 2 portable classrooms with access to bike racks there, and the furthest double gates up near the laneway. It is important that the workspace of our developers is not compromised and that we will be rewarded with the best outcome on completion of their work. Evergreen, the south oval development group, will do a letter drop to houses in the immediate vicinity of the school to inform them of expected heavy traffic times. Traffic will be kept to a minimum in key times before and after school. Parking is going to be very limited, so we also ask you to consider how you can support each other with limited vehicle parking near the school.

End of Term

Next week the Year 4s are heading to Bike Camp in Maldon. Thank you to Mr A and Rebecca Foulds for the Bike Ed instruction that they have provided during this term. I am sure there will be many enthusiasts looking forward to some challenging rides and camp activities. There will not be an assembly on Monday, our end of term assembly will be held on Friday June 28 at 2pm.

Stanley's Lunch Orders

Stanley's Friday lunch orders will be operating as usual on the last day of Term 2.

Marg Sneddon, Acting Principal

School Council Summary:

Council held its fifth meeting of the year on 30th May.

The major item discussed was future fundraising priorities, continuing our discussion at the previous council meeting. Joining the meeting for this discussion were two of our fundraising working group convenors Bridget Ah-Ching and Nicole McCulloch. We noted the success of recent fundraising activities such as the Mother's Day and Election Day stalls, and the importance of having a set of funding priorities for the school. We agreed on a process for developing funding priorities, which involves collecting ideas from students and staff in the first instance, and then seeking input from parents and carers to create a short list. Look out for a request to provide input on funding priorities in the next few weeks!

We also received a report from the Fete Committee on options for a Fete late in 2019. Council agreed to postpone the Fete until 2020 given as the construction work and south oval resurfacing mean that there will be limited space for such a large event in 2019. We'll be looking at other options for a whole of school event in late 2019.

David updated council on plans for report writing and advised Council that Assistant Principal Marg Sneddon was resigning after many years of service at Bell and in the education sector. We'd like to thank Marg for her important role at the school over such a long time, and particularly for leading the school through a substantial transition in 2017. We wish Marg all the best for the future!

We are still seeking people interested in joining a Sustainability Working Group and the Community Engagement committee. Please contact Tania in the office if you are interested in knowing more or getting involved. We welcome parent and carer involvement in these groups.

The next meeting of Council is on Thursday 25th July at 7pm. Visitors are welcome.

Alex Collie, School Council President

Fundraising Survey:

Thanks to our amazing volunteers and you the community, we have raised a significant amount of money through our various fundraising events over the last few years. We are now seeking your input on future options for how the school should spend the money raised.

We have collected a number of ideas from staff and students and have grouped these into categories. We would like you to choose the category that you think is the highest priority for investment. There is also an opportunity to provide any additional ideas that you may have.

Please click the link below to complete the form, by the end of school holidays and **please select only one option**. We will provide an update on the results of this survey in a future Bell News. Thank you.

<https://forms.gle/rVhpwDZ1WhSfz3a97>

Important Dates 2019:

JUNE

- Fri 21: **Gr6** Winter Sport v Thornbury (*away*)
- Fri 21: Triple CHD Day – JSC Fundraiser
- Mon 24-Wed 26: **Gr4** (*Group 1*) Maldon Camp
- Wed 26-Fri 28: **Gr4** (*Group 2*) Maldon Camp
- Thu 27: ~~POSTPONED: School Council Meeting, 7pm~~
- Fri 28: Final Day Term 2 – 2.30pm dismissal
- Fri 28: Kid's Movie Night

JULY

- Mon 15: First Day Term 3
- Wed 17: Open Forum Fundraising Meeting @ 9am, MPR1
- **Wed 24: Curriculum Day #4 (Student Free)**
- Thu 25: School Council Meeting, 7pm

AUGUST

- Fri 2: Trivia Night
- Wed 7: District Basketball, Coburg Basketball Stadium
- Thu 8: **Gr2** Swimming #1
- Thu 15: **Gr2** Swimming #2
- Mon 19: District Athletics, Collingwood Harriers Track
- Mon 19-Fri 23: Book Week
- Thu 22: **Gr2** Swimming #3
- Thu 22: School Council Meeting, 7pm
- Sat 24/Sun25: Tournament of Minds, LaTrobe Uni
- 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
- Thu 12: Division Athletics, Meadowglen Athletics Track
- Thu 19: School Council Meeting, 7pm
- Fri 20: Final Day Term 3 – 2.30pm dismissal

OCTOBER

- Mon 7: First Day Term 4
- Wed 9: Open Forum Fundraising Meeting @ 9am, MPR1
- Fri 11: **Gr1** Swimming #1
- Sat 12: Bell Blitz #4
- Mon 14: **Gr1** Swimming #2
- Wed 16: Regional Athletics, Meadowglen Athletics Track
- Mon 21: **Gr1** Swimming #3
- Thu 24: School Council Meeting, 7pm
- 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
- Wed 20: Triathlon, Northcote Aquatic Centre
- Thu 28: School Council Meeting, 7pm
- Tue 29: Regional Basketball, Mill Park Stadium

DECEMBER

- Thu 19: School Council Meeting, 7pm
- Fri 20: Final Day Term 4

From the Office:

COMPASS UPDATE

A very important letter from Marg Sneddon was handed to your child/ren recently. It contained the link, user name and password for your Compass Parent Portal. If you haven't already, please chase this letter **URGENTLY** and spend some time setting up Compass on your device of choice.



<https://bellps-vic.compass.education>

From **Tuesday 11 June**, parents will be expected to enter their own child's absence reason directly on Compass. This, in turn, updates the classroom roll automatically. If this does not occur, an SMS will be sent requesting you update Compass with a reason. If you do not update your child's attendance, this Unexplained Absence will be reflected in your child's Semester Reports.

From **Tuesday 11 June**, please do not ring or email the school or teacher advising of your child's absence. Please enter this information via the Compass Parent Portal.

DAILY SMS NOTIFICATIONS

Student absences need to be entered on your Compass Parent Portal. If you do not enter an absence reason, you will receive an SMS reminding you do so.

LATE ARRIVAL or EARLY DEPARTURE

Please still call past the office to advise if you have arrived late or are leaving early and we will note this on Compass for you. This will automatically update the teacher's roll. *Eventually we will be installing a screen in the foyer and you will be required to enter this information yourselves.*

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:
2019 Books & Requisites	Preps	\$294	Qkr!
2019 Books & Requisites	Gr1-6	\$270	Qkr!
District Swimming	-	\$20	Office

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.

CAMPS, SPORTS, EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

* APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 28 JUNE *

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.

From the Wellbeing Office:

Disciplining your Sensitive Child - Behaviour

Disciplining sensitive kids is usually never straightforward. Sensitive kids, those creative, empathetic types who generally wear their hearts on their sleeve and take even the slightest criticism personally need to be handled with care. It's tempting to avoid disciplining them altogether to avoid hurting their feelings. But sensitive kids need also to learn to become social and likeable so they can reach their full social potential. They also like to feel safe and secure so a permissive 'do whatever' approach is not for this group. If your child is the sensitive, worrying type make it a rule of thumb to check in with your child after discipline to make sure that everything is okay. You need to make peace even if you can't see the need.

Some discipline techniques to avoid with sensitive children:

- **Shaming, naming and blaming**

'You should be ashamed of yourself'; "You're a naughty girl!" and "It's all your fault!" should be left out of every parents' armoury of responses as they often do more harm than good, and can be ineffectual with children who learn to tolerate persona affronts. With sensitive types they can have a devastating impact on their self-esteem. Such phrases uttered with emotional intensity (read anger and frustration) can more than just sting – they can have a lasting impact on kids who wear their hearts on their sleeves.

- **Withdrawal of love and affection**

There's a difference between withdrawing affection and withdrawing attention. The latter is temporary and is aimed at specific behaviours that kids use to keep parents busy. The former is more permanent and can be accompanied by shaming or guilt-laden language and can be damaging to relationships and children's sense of self. Sensitive children often confuse the temporary withdrawal of attention with withdrawal of affection so it's probably best to keep ignoring children's behaviour to a minimum.

- **Isolation**

Sensitive kids usually hate the isolation of time out. They tend to fret rather than reflect, which is the main purpose of this method.

Discipline to favour with sensitive children:

- **Give them a chance to make good**

Most sensitive kids crave adult approval so a stern look or a change in voice tone is often enough to communicate your disapproval followed by some advice about better behaviour next time. Give them the chance to make good or to pick up their game and they will generally respond in kind.

- **Be friendly and firm**

While friendly and firm discipline sounds like a cliché it is very much a reality for sensitive kids. Move close, speak quietly and assure them your relationship is not harmed by their poor behaviour.

- **Use consequences sparingly**

If kids repeatedly break a rule or misbehave when the limits are clear use a consequence but make sure you deliver it like a neutral cop. Watch for a shame reaction and adjust accordingly. Importantly, try to work out why she or he is behaving poorly or breaking a limit or rule.

- **Replace time out with time in**

Place them close to you – on a chair or similar spot – when they need to calm down or spend some time pondering their behaviour. Quiet time doesn't need to be isolating time.

- **Repair the relationship**

It's always good to revisit your child after discipline to re-establish good will. In a practical sense it's not always possible. However if your child is the more sensitive, worrying type make it a rule of thumb to check in with your child after discipline to make sure that everything is okay. You need to make peace even though you can't see the need.

by Michael Gross

Is your child starting school in 2020?

Dear Parents & Carers,

If you have a child ready to commence school in 2020, can you please ensure you complete an Enrolment Form ASAP and hand it in at the Admin Office. I have started to compile a list of future students for next year and having this information in as soon as possible would be great for organisational purposes.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Joy O'Neill

Kindergarten/Prep Transition Coordinator

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FUNdraising News:

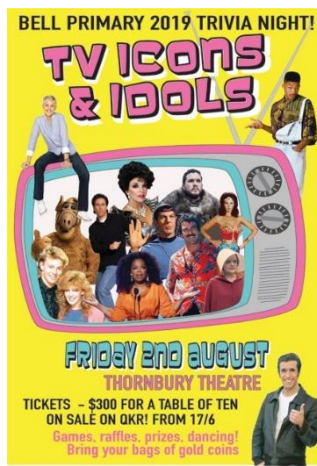
Lots of **FUN** to be had with FUNdraising... see below for how to get involved:

KID'S MOVIE NIGHT: "Secret Life of Pets 2" - Friday 28 June @ 4pm

Tickets will be distributed to families in the last week of term – have a great afternoon at the movies!

TRIVIA NIGHT – Friday 2 August @ 7pm

Our wonderful Trivia Captains - **Tash, Francine & Dave** - have Trivia Night plans well underway. Start getting your costume ideas ready and saving your gold coins, as they are organising a great night filled with lots and lots of FUN!



TICKETS: only 4 tables remain....so if you are thinking of coming along (and we would love you to!), please jump on Qkr! and grab a table. If your table numbers are not adding up, please email us and we can help you work it out: bellpsfundraising@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS & PRIZES FOR THE NIGHT: There are lots of way to help with the FUNdraising....

If you can't make the night, why not donate a prize? We are seeking:

- 12 bottles wine
- 12 bars gourmet chocolate
- 12 jars / bottles gourmet food
- A handful of really, really beautiful / handy / fantastic things (valued \$50+)

If you can donate, please drop the above to the front office.

If you are coming along, why not sign yourself or your table up to help a little bit on the evening?

- There are lots of roles to fill suiting everyone's skills ☺
- Volunteer Sign Up: <https://signup.com/go/SeiewQq>

Use your contacts:

Do you have any fabulous business contacts who may be happy to donate a prize for our raffles/trivia night? If you have an organisation you are happy to reach out to, we can provide you with a Bell PS Fundraising donations letter to use. Please email us and we can send you a copy.

If you have any questions in relation to the above events, or anything else FUNdraising related, please don't hesitate to drop us an email on bellpsfundraising@gmail.com

Cheers,

The FUNdraising Team

EARN AND LEARN STICKERS

Please place your stickers
In the bell primary box at
our local Woolworths or at
the office or learning
center



PIC•COLLAGE



July School Holiday Basketball Skills Clinics

Book now!

Come join us for some holiday fun and hone your basketball skills at the same time.

Who:	The clinics are aimed at children 5-12 years, from beginners to junior domestic
Where:	Courts 1&2, Darebin Community Sport Stadium, 857 Plenty Rd, Reservoir
Time:	9:30 am to 12.00 pm
Dates:	Tuesday 2 July, Thursday 4 July, Tuesday 9 July, Thursday 11 July
What to bring:	Wear comfortable clothing. Bring a basketball and a drink bottle.
Cost:	\$30 per session, per child
Bookings:	Press the big yellow button or go to https://www.trybooking.com/512769
Inquiries:	Contact Jenny Kyriakopoulos by email admin@idba.org.au



WE INVITE YOU TO COME ALONG AND ENJOY OUR FREE WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES. THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE.

This program is jam-packed with activities for kids and families, come along for a morning of French themed fun, get warm and healthy with some indoor traditional games, or shake off winter at the special kids No Lights No Lycra. BOOK NOW.

NO LIGHTS NO LYCRA WITH AN INTERCULTURAL TWIST

Date: Thursday 11 July
Age: 5 and under
Time: 10.00am - 10.30am
Age: 6 and over
Time: 11.00am - 12.00pm
Venue: Darebin Intercultural Centre

Ready to dance your heart out to awesome music? Come along to No Lights No Lycra for Kids and bust some moves under a disco ball!

This special edition of No Lights No Lycra with an intercultural twist will allow for children to develop confidence by improvising their own style of movement in a safe environment. Under fun disco lights, they can dance without inhibition to a diverse range of music from many different languages and cultures of Darebin.

In amongst the dancing there'll be opportunity to engage in some fun games which will get the heart racing and the brain ticking.

Refreshments provided.

FREE - Limited Places. Bookings essential and via: <https://ic-nlnl4kids.eventbrite.com.au>

Please Note:

A parent or guardian must attend and supervise children at all sessions.

The Centre is access friendly. Discuss your family's needs with us so you can participate in the program.

Darebin City Council says NO to single-use plastics. Join us! - bring your own cup or refillable water bottle when attending.

Acknowledgement:

Darebin City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the Traditional Owners and custodians of the land we now call Darebin and pays respect to their Elders past, present and future. We also acknowledge the diverse Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, from across Australia, who have come to live, work and study within our municipality.

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WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

The Darebin Intercultural Centre is excited to present a selection of Winter School Holiday Activities. The focus of which is to provide a wide range of creative, multicultural, educative and entertaining experiences for children aged 2 to 14 years.

FRENCH THEMED MOVIE and MUNCH

Date: Thursday 2 July
Time: 11.00am-12.30pm
Venue: Darebin Intercultural Centre
Age: 2 - 12 (classified G)

Please join us for a French themed experience as we join a little Rat named Remy in the film 'Ratatouille'.

Remy dreams of becoming a great French chef despite his family's wishes and the obvious problem of being a rat in a decidedly rodent-phobic profession. Despite the apparent dangers of being an unlikely, and certainly unwanted, visitor in the kitchen of a fine French restaurant, Remy's passion for cooking soon sets into motion a hilarious and exciting rat race that turns the culinary world of Paris upside down.

It wouldn't be fair for you to leave on an empty stomach, and what's more French than a croissant? After the film we will have a table of croissants with lots of different fillings for you to feast on. There will be French themed craft activities too!

FREE. Places are limited. Bookings are essential and via: <https://icmoviemunch.eventbrite.com.au>



The Darebin Intercultural Centre is a community hub where we aim to foster respectful and constructive interracial, intercultural and interfaith relations between and amongst our community in Darebin.

Our focus is to acknowledge, explore, understand and celebrate difference through a variety of activities we host throughout the year.

If you would like to know more, or have any suggestions please get in touch via email - Intercultural@darebin.vic.gov.au or phone - 8470 8440.



Put some SPARK in your winter holidays with some Traditional Aboriginal Games and fun entertainment

Date: Thursday 4 July
Time: 11.00am-12.00pm
Venue: Preston Shire Hall
286 Gower Street
Preston
Age: 5-8 years

Ready to get active, energised and excited? Put some SPARK in your school holidays...

Spark Health are teaming up with Darebin City Council to bring you a morning of Traditional Aboriginal Games and Health Entertainment!

You can try your luck at a game of Weet Weet (a Traditional Aboriginal Game), blend a Maccas meal to catch out the sneaky ingredients and create your own superhero.

Learning about health and wellbeing has never been so much fun!

With loads of activities and prizes to claim, we can't wait to see you all there.

Wear comfy clothes and shoes to get moving in.

FREE - Limited places. Bookings essential via: <https://ic-tradgames.eventbrite.com.au>

Please call or email us to let us know any dietary requirements.



Small Group & Private Lessons

- Primary Music Institute offer instrumental music lessons right here on school campus!
- To find out all about the music lessons please visit PMI's website. You can check which instruments are available, get up to date program details and apply for lessons online
- Please **ENROL TODAY** via PMI's website
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – with lessons typically during school hours
- Only \$16.95 per child per small group lesson (2-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Our small group lessons provide a fun and affordable opportunity to learn instrumental music
- Private lessons (1-on-1) and pair lessons (max 2 students) are also available
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination, IQ, abstract reasoning, performance confidence... and is great fun!

P: 1300 362 824

E: admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au

www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au

Bell French Club – Term 2

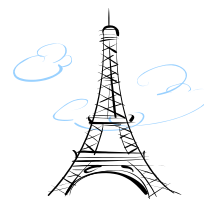
Parents of OSHCP children, why not come along and try French Club? It's a fun and effective way to use an hour of your child's afternoon.



Thursdays 3.45pm-4.45pm

Mégane is our native-speaking French specialist teacher.

Give your child a positive head start in language learning.



Jim Callahan : jim.callahan@lcfclubs.com.au : 0432 719 034



Expression of Interest: Kindergarten & Child Care Registration System Design Hack

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Ελληνικά Soomali
हिंदी Tiếng Việt

Are you past, current or future user of child care or kindergarten in Darebin? Council is currently seeking expressions of interest from families and children's service providers to participate in a Design Hack, to review the way families access child care and kindergarten in Darebin.

Darebin's Kindergarten and Child Care Registration System needs to be reviewed to confirm it still meets its purpose and the needs of the community.

As part of the review, Council is inviting families and children's service providers to participate in a design hack to help re-design the registration system.

What Is a Design Hack?

A Design Hack enables Council to work with the community to understand future challenges, explore opportunities, and build and test solutions that will work for all users of Kindergarten and Child Care in Darebin.

We're excited to use an innovative and creative approach that puts the solution in the hands of the people that will use it most.

The Design Hack is an all-day event where community members will be guided along a creative thinking process and work together to create solutions.

How you can get involved:

Council is currently seeking expression of interest from families and children's service providers in Darebin to participate in this event.

No prior understanding of a design hack required - just a curious mind, be a current or future user of child care and kindergarten and be available to attend this all-day event on Saturday 27 July 2019.

Expression Of Interest closes 14 June 2019.

Register your interest at:
darebin.vic.gov.au/kcrr



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preston (darebin) blue light disco

**FRIDAY 21ST JUNE
6.30-9PM**

@PRESTON TOWN HALL

274 GOWER STREET, PRESTON

8 TO 14 YEAR OLDS | \$7 ENTRY

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT COPPER JO 0418 144 446

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www.hoopsmart.com.au

COBURG BASKETBALL STADIUM

25 OUTLOOK RD, COBURG NORTH

MON 8TH & TUE 9TH JULY 2019

9.30AM - 3PM

ALL LEVELS | BOYS & GIRLS | 6-12 YEARS

\$159



**WESTSIDE
CIRCUS**

Showcase Performance :



Yours sincerely

June 21 & June 22

6:30pm

Darebin Arts Centre

Cnr Bell St & St Georges Rd

*Truth is most compelling
when it is simply told*

For more information: <https://westsidecircus.org.au/about/> OR
http://www.darebinartscentre.com.au/Page/Page.asp?Page_Id=1378