



From the Principal:

Student-Led Conferences Next Week

With teacher guidance, students have been preparing presentations for next week when they have a formal opportunity to showcase what's been happening with their learning this year. These conferences form a valuable part of our reporting process and are an excellent opportunity for your child to reflect on their learning and lead a conversation with you, their parents/carers, celebrating their achievements, identifying challenges and setting individual goals for future learning. Key points about this approach are:

- The conferences run somewhat differently to a 1:1 interview, in that up to four families are able to book the one timeslot to be in the classroom with their child.
- The teacher moves between families, supporting students in leading discussions.
- Grade level teams have worked collaboratively to ensure there is a high level of consistency in the content and format of the conferences, whilst supporting the students to add their flavour to each presentation.
- Each year level has a set day to conduct the conferences, with 15 minute timeslots available from 3:45pm - 6:30pm. Please note that teachers have a scheduled break between 4:45pm-5:15pm and will be unavailable at this time.
- If you are unable to make your appointment due to last minute circumstances, please contact the school via phone so we can let the teacher know.
- As the on-line booking system closed on Wednesday, if you have not yet booked in, please contact your child's teacher directly to be allocated a time to see your child's wonderful work.

NAPLAN for Grade 3 and 5

NAPLAN reports will be mailed home next week as per VCAA recommendations. Each report has an explanation of how to read the results and a summary of skills assessed that will assist parents/carers to understand how their child performed against national standards for reading, writing, numeracy, spelling, grammar and punctuation.

NAPLAN results provide a snapshot of student performance on the day of the test, and becomes one piece of evidence to line up with the range of school-based assessments taken throughout the year. Parents may make a time to discuss the results with the class teacher if they have concerns or questions.

Compass Implementation

We are planning to introduce new features of Compass in the near future and consolidate the current features including parent/carer access to the weekly newsletters and bulletins. From the start of Term 4, we are planning to use the Compass Newsfeed and the Bell PS website only as the two access points for the newsletter/bulletin which comes out every Friday. Therefore, if you are yet to download the Compass App to your smart phone or other devices, please do so ASAP. The office staff are always happy to assist with any aspect of Compass, so do not hesitate to contact Tania, Jo or Ange if you have a difficulty.

The extended use of Compass, and the new website which is in the pipeline for a launch early next term, will be two of the key platforms within our communication strategy for the future at Bell PS.

David Twite
Principal

Friendly Compass Reminder...

PLEASE DO NOT MARK YOUR CHILD ON COMPASS IF THEY WILL BE ARRIVING LATE OR IF THEY WILL BE LEAVING EARLY.

Instead, call past the office with your child if you are late (or without your child if leaving early), admin staff will update your child correctly on Compass, and hand over a 'late slip' or 'early leaver's slip' to be handed to the classroom teacher.

Thank you for your help.



Important Dates:

SEPTEMBER

- Mon 9: Senior Vocal Ensemble, 9am @ Assembly
- Mon 9 – Wed 11: Student Led Conferences
- Wed 11: **Gr5** Sovereign Hill Excursion
- Thu 12: Division Athletics, Meadowglen Athletics Track
- Fri 13: Rock Band Concert, 11.40am, Music Room
- Thu 19: **Gr1** Edendale Farm Excursion
- Thu 19: School Council Meeting, 7pm
- Fri 20: Senior Vocal Ensemble & Rock Band, 2pm @ Assembly
- Fri 20: *Final Day Term 3 – 2.30pm dismissal*

OCTOBER

- **Wed 2: Bell PS Uniform Outlet Launch**
- 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: **Gr 4A + 34B** Melbourne Museum Excursion
- Wed 16: Regional Athletics, Meadowglen Athletics Track
- Thu 17: **Gr 4J + 4T** Melbourne Museum Excursion
- Mon 21: **Gr1** Swimming #3
- Thu 24: School Council Meeting, 7pm
- Fri 25: La Bellissima Festa, 5pm, BPS
- Mon 28: **Gr1** Swimming #4

NOVEMBER

- Mon 4: **Gr1** Swimming #5
- **Tue 5: Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday**
- Thu 7: **Gr6** Transition Rail Safety Session
- Fri 8: **Gr1** Swimming #6
- Tue 12: Regional Cricket Final, Epping Rec. Reserve
- Wed 20: Triathlon, Northcote Aquatic Centre
- Thu 28: School Council Meeting, 7pm
- Tue 29: Regional Basketball, Mill Park Stadium

DECEMBER

- Tue 10: Year 7 Orientation Day
- Tue 17: **Grade 6** Graduation, Preston Town Hall
- Thu 19: School Council Meeting, 7pm
- Fri 20: Final Day Term 4

2020 RETURN TO SCHOOL DATES:

Grades 1-6: Thursday 30 January
 Grade Preps (Group A): Friday 31 January
 Grade Preps (Group B): Monday 3 February
 All Grade Preps: Tuesday 4 February

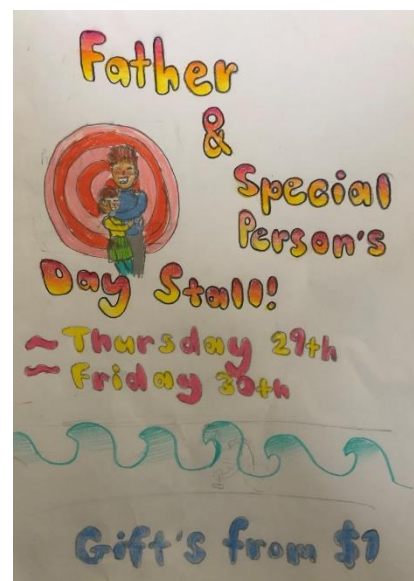
Bell FUNdraising:

We hope all our amazing Bell families woke up on Sunday morning feeling very lucky and spoilt with wonderful handmade gifts from the Father's & Special Person's Day Stall.....that is, if the delicious treats made it to Sunday! Another wonderful stall was held raising \$5,406.30! A HUGE thank you to our amazing stall captains Brodie, Marsha & Bridget – this stall could not have happened without you. It was touch and go for a while with the amount of stock we had to sell, and it was a great effort by the Bell Community pulling together to make this stall happen – the students loved it!

A big thank you to those who donated fabulous items to sell, baked delicious treats, volunteered on the stall and sent your children along with money to purchase goodies. Thanks also go to our super talented Grade 5 student Zoe Horwill who has created both the Mother's & Father's Day Stall posters.

Any questions in relation to Fundraising, please drop us an email at bellpsfundraising@gmail.com.

Thanks,
The Fundraising Team



Thank you Bunnings:

The Grade 2 Team would like to send a HUGE thank-you to Bunnings Northland for generously donating \$150 worth of building materials for our DigiTech project. They've donated sheets of MDF board and a heavy-duty glue gun to help our masterpiece come to life!

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 warehouse

Donations – Art Room Clean Up:

This term, students have been getting messy in the Art room. Various classes are using fabric paint, dye, paper mache and acrylic paint to create costumes and props for La Bellissima Festa (to be held on the 25th Oct). Grade 5 and 6 have been painting the Alebrijes they constructed in Term 3 with a broad range of colours. I am collecting resources to assist in our clean-up processes so we can continue with the mess making!



Second hand items are fantastic - please ensure they are washed and dried! You can drop them off at the Art Room at any time. There will be a blue box near the door for your donations. Please donate:

- Towels
- Tea towels
- Rags (cut from natural, absorbent fabric such as cotton t-shirts)

For the Community:

OFF TO NEPAL ...

Hello everyone,

We are going to Nepal and it will be a great experience. We are going to volunteer for a few days in a village and help teach the children who live there English. Mr Singh went there last summer with Miss Meredith and Dimi. You might remember they wrote about it in a newsletter at the start of the year. We are collecting some things for the school and the village. They have asked for any school resources like crayons, pencils, books (that are not plastic) and second-hand clothes that would fit children aged 5 to 15 years. The weather in the village is warm in summer and cold in winter, so clothes can be for any weather.

You can drop off donations in a box at the office foyer or give them to one of us. We need to have everything by Friday 13 September.

Thank you,

Scout (4A) and Sully (2A)



FREE WELCOME DAY AND SKILLS CLINIC

Would you like to give Little Athletics a go and learn some new skills?

Visit our Open Day for the 2019/20 Season

Saturday, 21 September 2019

9.30am -11.30am

George Knott Athletics Track, Heidelberg Road, Clifton Hill

No experience or uniform necessary - just come along, have some fun and enjoy a FREE BBQ and Jumping Castle!

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