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WRITER'S FESTIVAL SPECIAL EDITION

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From the
Principal's Desk

Teacher Leave

On Friday we wish Rodney Bennett *Bon Voyage* as he heads off for well deserved leave. Rod will be away for five weeks (including school holidays) and we know that he and Damien have a busy schedule planned in France. We wish him all the very best on his travels and look forward to hearing his stories when he returns.

Writer's Festival

Wow! I was so proud of the standard of work that I saw as I visited many different classrooms. It is interesting to see the ever increasing role that Information technology has in the day to day work in our classrooms. Not only have the students and teachers put in an enormous effort but I would also like to thank the parents who have been so actively involved. In all of my years of teaching I have not seen a Writers' Festival on this scale. It was a wonderful day and a true celebration of the talents of all our students. Please have a look at the grade blogs as photos of the day are shared with the community.

School Holidays

A reminder that we will finish school at 2:30 on Friday September 19 and resume on Monday October 6, a whole school assembly will be held at 2pm on the last Friday of term.

Term Break Works

We like to take advantage of the holidays to get some ground works done and once again we have a few things planned for the following two weeks

The Sunday crew will be here on Sunday, September 26. They have a few tasks to complete such as turning the soft-fall, clearing the Astroturf and weeding. The Grounds are closed to allow the crew to complete their tasks uninterrupted.

Spring is here and there will be quite a lot of mowing and weed spraying over the holiday period. Please obey all signage and keep children well away from affected areas.

There will probably be another re-locatable building delivered and installed over the holiday period.

So please check before allowing your children to access the school grounds so they can be kept safe and work can be completed efficiently.



A large Bell crowd gather to celebrate the opening of the 2014 Writer's Festival.



We think Ivy may be hiding a few books in her dress.



Not just lion around. Anna wins best dressed!



When worlds collide. The Mad Hatter meets Tom Baker.

Staff



Little Red Reading Marg.



A tad awkward. Toby & Milica need to ring each other before getting dressed of a morning.



Mary Poppins of the 21st Century uses a GPS when she is out flying around.



Oz's Good Witch and the Tin Man enjoy a selfie.



A bad dye job? No, it's Cruella DeVille!

School Values Certificates

Awarded to

Alexandra Wright: Learning. Alexandra has demonstrated great persistence in all of her Reading Group activities over the past few weeks. She has worked hard on all tasks and her reading has improved greatly. Well done, Alexandra!

Spencer Stratton: Respect. For taking initiative and going up to the yard duty teacher to ask if he could collect rubbish in the school grounds. Spencer takes great pride in keeping his school a safe and clean place. Thank you for showing respect to your school!

Matilda Joy: Learning. For concentrating on the task at hand and always doing her best.

Scarlett O'Callaghan: Learning. For working hard on her reading learning goals.

Ella Evans: Respect. For taking initiative and going up to the yard duty teacher to ask if she could collect rubbish in the school grounds. Ella looks after and respects her school by helping to keep it a clean and safe place. Thank you Ella!

Anneka Croxon: Respect. Anneka always shows her respect in the classroom and out in the playground. She uses kind words and actions with all her classmates and is always willing to assist those who need help.

Alexander Silling: Learning. For concentrating hard on using neat letters with finger spaces between his words so we can read back his writing

Ilium Hernandez-David: Respect. For showing respect for his belongings and the belongings of others. Ilium always makes sure our book boxes are tidy. Thanks Ilium!

Josh Rouch: Learning. Josh has been persisting with his handwriting recently and is now using lower case letters on a more consistent basis. Your hard work is paying off! Great job Josh!

Sam Krasna: Learning. Sam's writing has improved enormous amounts lately, he is providing details, building his writing stamina and using his dotted thirds correctly! He always draws wonderful pictures to match his words too. Excellent work Sam!

Winter Potter: Learning. Winter's learning curve has been shooting to the sky in reading lately, he is now sitting in his seat, reading more and is choosing books that motivate him! Superstar effort!

Sophie Frankland: Sophie has demonstrated learning by her amazing efforts during the Writer's Festival. She worked extremely hard to produce some fabulous books!

Emma Morgan: Emma has demonstrated learning by applying her ability to write longer and more interesting sentences using conjunctions.

Ellison Griffin: using adjectives and similes in her Writers' Festival story to make her writing more interesting and creative. Awesome work Ellison.

Bruno Moreira: Helping others with their Writers' Festival publishing by helping them learn to use the iPads and save their work properly. Great job Bruno

Delia Haselgrove: Writing a unique and creative version of '3 Little Pigs', putting a wacky twist on a classic story.

Kisha Hernandez-David: Writing a creative and unique version of '3 Little Pigs', putting your own wacky twist on it. Funny stuff.

Mitchell Money: Mitchell has demonstrated learning by applying his ability to write longer and more interesting sentences using conjunctions.

Anton Agar: Has demonstrated learning by staying focused during Independent Reading. His reading has really improved! Look out for that learning curve hitting the stars!

Leo Iannou: Learning - by demonstrating great number facts and continually improving his speed when participating in mental math activities. Keep it up!

Rory McLellan: Learning - by working really hard on learning new maths concepts and showing great confidence in his new skills. Great work, Rory!

Elizabeth Taylor-Banks: For showing great persistence towards her reading and making great improvements.

Vyomikaa Mahendran: For always having an organised work space and being on task quickly.

Imogen Murnane: Learning. Imogen is always ready to learn. She is organised, having everything she needs and gets on with the task straight away. She concentrates and always tries her best. Good job Imogen for using your learning time efficiently!

Shubhey Mahendran: Learning. Shubhey has worked really hard this term to improve his maths. During class he has been able to work efficiently and use subtraction strategies to solve three digit algorithms. Well done Shubhey, you're an algorithm expert!

Charlotte Wade: Congratulations Charlotte on running a very calculated and well-paced 800mts race at the school athletics. You were a star!

Jacqui Astuto: Congratulations Jacqui on being able to reflect on your first independent inquiry experience and work solidly on your second inquiry question. I am looking forward to seeing your presentation later this week.

Matilda Preston: Teamwork - for always being a respectful, considerate and hardworking member of the 5/6I team. Keep up the brilliant attitude Matilda!

Hayden Taylor: Respect. For his consistently positive attitude to all he does at school and his enthusiasm to help out. Hayden is a real asset to the class and is often the first to volunteer his help, from setting up activities to organising our 'word wall'. Great work Hayden!

Greta Latham-Demant: Learning. For her consistently excellent work in our reading sessions. Greta has been an outstanding contributor to our book club for the text Once and made many insightful comments during our recent inference work.

Boys Book Club @ Bell

While many of us assume that boys choose to be outside playing games at lunchtime there are many who are happy to give up one lunchtime a week to be reading mentors and develop their skills in leadership. The Boys Book Club @ Bell program was launched during Term 3. An enthusiastic group of Grade 3 and 4 students were keen to get the program kick started.

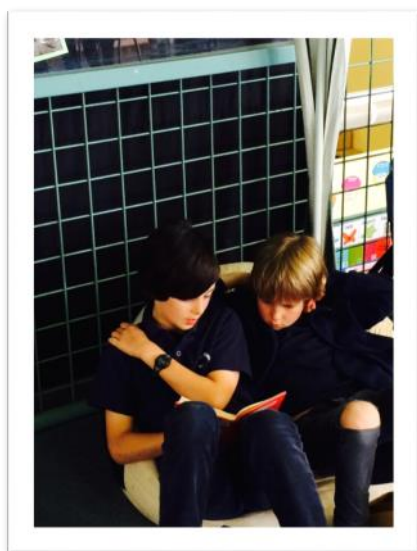
The organisation of the Boys' book club runs as a buddy system where students have been matched across grades. This supports developing relationships and transition as children move through the school. It is important for boys to see good reading role models in society (fathers, grandfathers, tennis players, footballers etc).

Students in Grade 3 to 4 have been invited to act as reading mentors and boys from Grade 1 and 2 have been invited to come along as readers. Students in Grade 3 and 4 will be mentored by Grade 5 and 6 boys during Term 4.

The book club is about having fun, developing positive relationships, being able to share and talk about their reading (including their favourite authors) and other topics of interest.

Teachers have supported this program by encouraging boys to participate.

Dean Emmanuel



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It's Great Fun!

Unlock your Creativity!

Amaze your friends!

Ukulele lessons also available!

Group or solo lessons available!

Guitar hire available!



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or email strikeachord@tpg.com.au



Lots of Potters but perhaps not as many as previous years?

Writers



DO NOT MESS WITH THIS FAIRY!



This is the editor's favourite - so realistically unrealistic.





**THE PARTY IS OVER, BUT
WE STILL HAVE A FEW
LOOSE ENDS**

Auction Items: Could Erin King - prize Pre & Post Natal training,
and Melanie Starr - prize Big Pencil Studio please see the office
staff to pay for and collect your items by the end of term please

Thank you, Thank you very much!

The South-West walking school bus (Comas Grove) route has been very popular this term, with 15 families signed up and regularly walking to and from school!

A smaller but equally committed Eastern bus (High Street) has also operated throughout the winter.

With the warmer weather approaching, the South-East route (Bracken Avenue) will resume in term 4, and the Southern route (Taylor Street) will be starting up.

Over the past few months, we have learned a lot about how to organise our rosters and time-tables - using ICT and smart-phone technology to the fullest - as well as how to keep a large group of excited children moving along the footpaths and crossing busy roads safely.

If you would like to join an existing walking bus, please email bellpswalkingbus@gmail.com and tell us which route is nearest to your home. Or perhaps you'd like to start your own route? A



streets!

Fire Education

Over the past two Mondays the preps have had the local firefighters come and visit to teach their Fire Education Program. The program includes:

- * what to do if there is a fire in your house (get down low, go, go go)
- * go outside to your safe meeting place
- * what to do if your clothes catch fire (stop, drop, cover and roll)
- * what firefighters look like in normal uniform and in their firefighting clothes

The Preps have had a fantastic time and this morning they even got to have a squirt of the hose!



Western bus, perhaps? Please get in touch. We can show you how we have managed our routes and help you to set up a system that works best for you.

Happy holidays, and we'll see you on the



Matilda as... "Matilda".



This hair looks delicious!

5/6 WRITERS' FESTIVAL DIGITAL LIBRARY

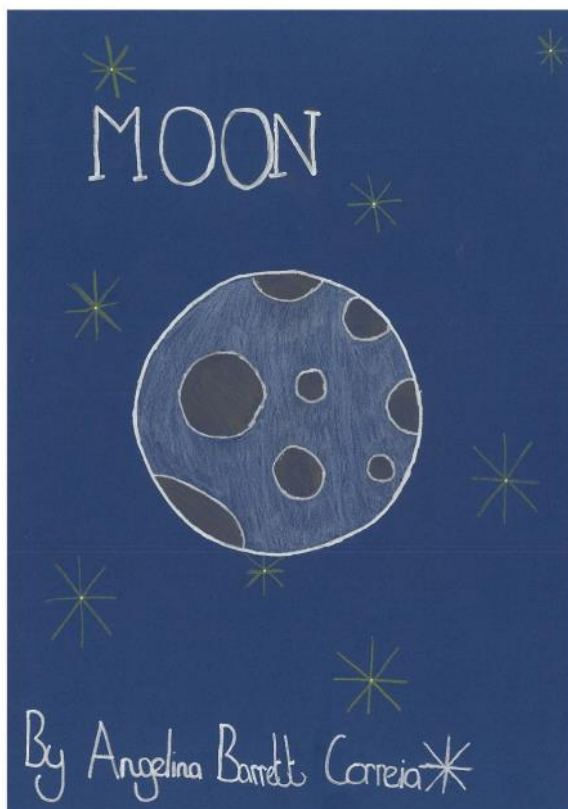
The 5/6 Writers' Festival Digital Library was officially launched last Thursday.

This website contains digital copies of around 100 books published by 5/6 students for the 2014 Bell Primary Writers' Festival. There's a range of genres and styles, including short stories, longer narratives, information texts, digital books and poetry. With so many wonderful texts to choose from, you should have no trouble finding something to read these school holidays!

Visit the digital library at bit.ly/56writersfestival



Even the parents got involved! Including these two Things!





We think this may be crooner Tony Bennett. Or Inspector Gadget.



Double Trouble



Are these students or teachers?



Jay Gatsby

Inquiry Learning Action

In preparation of our planned Inquiry Learning Action Day on Monday 15 September, Grade 1 and 2 students participated in the first of a series of activities aimed to attract more living things to our school environment.

We collected a Kilogram of rubbish. - Mr G

Most rubbish was found in the South Oval - Bili

Rubbish included paper, foil, plastic and metal - Edwin

We found chip packets, apple cores, lolly wrappers, cigarette butts and cans - Zoe

We have improved our school environment - Lucas

We have prevented four shopping bags of rubbish from making its way down the drain, to the creek and to the sea - Lachlan

We have protected the environment of living things at our school, creek and sea - Amine

Please help keep our school environment rubbish free - Moya



Interested in Violin lessons at Bell Primary?



Violin lessons at Bell are available during school hours with Violin teacher ***Renee Bufton***. Lessons are available for all year levels and abilities. A small number of violins are also available for hire per term. If you would like any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me or collect a parent information sheet from the office.

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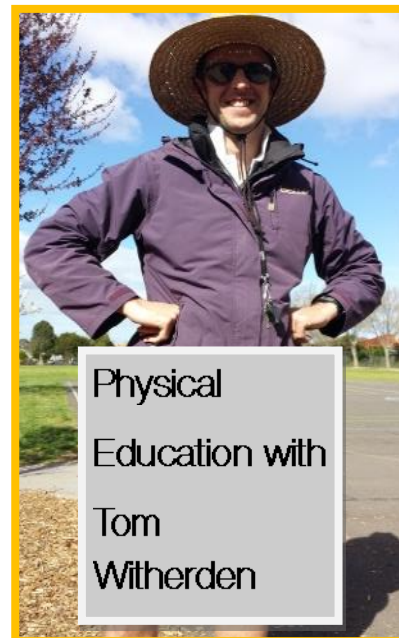
phone: 0402 307370

website: reeneebufton.com



Sharing Time





Physical
Education with
Tom
Witherden

NORTHCOTE DISTRICT ATHLETICS

On Friday 12th September, the Bell Primary track and field team competed at the Northcote Primary School District Competition. We had a great day – the rain stayed away and we were even treated to some sunshine in the afternoon.

Well done to all those who made the team – and a congratulations to the students who finished in the top two of their chosen event and made it through to the next round!

Our winners are pictured here.

SEDA soccer

SEDA soccer students will be running clinics for students in grades 1-6 on Thursday 18th September. They have asked that Image release forms be signed and brought back by this date. These forms went home with students on Monday.

TAGit

We're happy to announce that the Ride2School program and Bell Primary School are working together on an Australian-first initiative to monitor how many students are walking and riding to school.

The project will provide the school with an accurate result of how active students are on their journey to school, through the use of swipe cards to record their trip to school. Fun and engaging digital graphics will show the results for all to see on a display screen.

Information and permission forms for this went home recently, if you wish your child to participate in this exciting project please fill out the consent form and return to your classroom teacher by Wednesday 17th September.

FUNDAY

PLANT STALL CALL-OUT!

IF YOU ARE GARDENING OVER SPRING, PLEASE
REMEMBER TO THINK OF THE BELL PLANT STALL ON
NOVEMBER 29.

FLOWERING PLANTS, HERBS, VEGIES,
SUCCULENTS, GRASSES - ALL APPRECIATED!
DONATIONS OF TOY ANIMALS, PLANT
POTS, POTTING MIX ALSO
VERY WELCOME!

CONTACT MEAGHAN FOR THE PLANT STALL
MEAGHAN@NEURODYNAMICS.COM.AU

WE NEED SOME
BELL PARENTS TO HELP
WITH LEADING STALLS!
CONTACT
EMIMA OR JACINTA
JACKEMPETE@HOTMAIL.COM
JACINTALERVE@GMAIL.COM



Music Theatre Boot Camp

Music Theatre Boot Camp is a fun and inclusive school holiday program exploring the skills of music theatre. The five day program is for primary aged students interested in music, drama, dance and overall performance.

We tap into the children's creative spirit and awaken them to their own enjoyment of the music theatre artform. By the end of the week everyone is playing a part in the scene that is performed for family and friends.

**22 to 26 September 2014 in Fitzroy
9.30am - 3pm Monday to Friday**

For more information or bookings visit our website or call 9078 3676

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Sep 2014

2014 Term Dates:

Term 3: 14 July - 19 Sept.

Term 4: 6 Oct - 19 Dec.



Events Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
14	15	16	17	18 Uniform Shop Closed SEDA Soccer Clinics	19 Last Day! 2.00 Assembly 2.30 Dismissed No Lunch Orders Today!	20

1/2 LIVING THINGS ACTION

Throughout Term 2 & 3, students in Grade 1/2 have been involved in learning experiences that have allowed them to develop deep understandings about the concept of Living Things. For the last few weeks, students have been engaged in reflection and action that has allowed them to relate their learning to real life situations. This part of the inquiry is one way that we personalise learning at Bell Primary School.



Actions have included;

Clean Up – Collecting litter from all areas of the school ground promoting healthy habitats for living things

Education - Educating others about communal responsibility – keeping the school yard free of rubbish

Planting – Planting 13 species of plants in planter boxes to attract a greater number of living things to our school environment.

Bird Feeder Craft – Creating bird feeders made from recycled materials to be placed in trees around the school grounds aimed to attract bird life.

As well as some general weeding and basic garden maintenance to preserve the gardens and grounds we are so lucky to have at Bell.

Such action has provided opportunities for students to apply their learning in powerful ways and to see themselves as active citizens and participants in society.



A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE PARENT HELPERS! YOUR TIME WAS MUCH APPRECIATED.

PicCOLLAGE

Brunswick
Fawkner
Coburg
Preston
Strathmore



TERM 4
STARTING FROM
October 17th, 18th,
19th & 20th

GIRLS & BOYS AGED 2 TO 12!

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TURN OVER FOR TERM FEE'S & CLASS TIMES >>>>>

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FRIDAY – PRESTON
Starting October 17th
Using Bell Primary School
– Grass fenced –
Our Scotia St & Oakover Rd,
Preston

FRIDAY – BRUNSWICK
Starting October 17th
Brunswick Sports Stadium
– Indoor –
4 Gardiner St, Brunswick

SATURDAY – FAWKNER
Starting October 18th
Using St Matthew's Primary
– Mini Synthetic Soccer Pitch –
95 William St, Fawkner North
(ENTER FROM THE BACK OF THE SCHOOL)

SUNDAY – STRATHMORE
Starting October 19th
Using Strathmore North Primary
– Mini Synthetic Soccer Pitch –
70 Mascorne St, Strathmore

MONDAY – COBURG
Starting October 20th
Using Coburg North Primary
– Grass fenced –
9 Bishop St, Coburg

Our 5 northern locations can be used as a make-up class if you can't make your class!

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CLASSES

MINTE CLASS (2-3yo) & PINT CLASS (4-5yo). A fun, non-competitive introduction to soccer. Children get to play lots of fun, skill based games with parent participation!

INTRO TO MICRO CLASS (5-6yo) & MICRO CLASS (6-8yo). Grasshoppers will learn new ball skills & be introduced to the rules of the 'BIG GAME' where they will play 4v4 and 5v5 games!

MICRO PLUS CLASS (8-12yo) Focuses on skill development, game awareness & teamwork in preparation for club soccer! Children play the Grasshopper Soccer 6v6 game!

"Our term fee's reduce per week, so don't wait to get your child into Grasshopper Soccer FUN"

LOCATION TIMES			
PRESTON	CLASS	FRIDAY / MONDAY	DURATION
FRIDAY	Pint (4yo - 5yo)	4:00pm - 4:50pm	50min
	Intro to Micro (5yo - 6yo)	4:00pm - 5:00pm	60min
COBURG	Micro (6yo - 8yo)	4:00pm - 5:15pm	75min
MONDAY	Micro Plus (8yo - 12yo)	4:00pm - 5:15pm	75min
FAWKNER	CLASS	SATURDAY / SUNDAY	DURATION
SATURDAY	Mite (2yo - 3yo)	9:45am - 10:20am	35min
	Pint (4yo - 5yo)	9:45am - 10:35am	50min
STRATHMORE	Intro to Micro (5yo - 6yo)	9:45am - 10:45am	60min
SUNDAY	Micro (6yo - 8yo)	10:45am - 12:00pm	75min
	Micro Plus (8yo - 12yo)	10:45am - 12:00pm	75min
BRUNSWICK	CLASS	FRIDAY	DURATION
FRIDAY	Mite (2yo - 3yo)	10:15am - 10:50am	35min
	Pint (4yo - 5yo)	11:00am - 11:50am	50min
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			\$105
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*Cost of the term fee & try class will be included in your term fee if the child decides to continue on. Offer only applies if the child doesn't return back to Grasshopper Soccer for that term. Valid 2014.