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BELL NEWS

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The Premier's Reading Challenge is continuing. So far 29 students have finished challenge and the combined total of books read is 1,589.



IMPORTANT: All books need to be entered by September 6th so that they can be verified.

From the Principal's Desk

Parent Opinion Survey

The parent, student and staff opinion surveys are a very important part of our school review process.

We have received a disappointing return of only 13 parent opinion surveys returned out of 60 distributed. If you did receive one, please return it to the office as soon as possible.

Future Planning

These chilly, fresh mornings lead into such beautiful Melbourne days! We are so lucky to have these beautiful grounds for the students to run and play in. As our numbers increase so does the pressure on the grounds but we will be maintaining the wide open space on the southern end of the school and an emphasis on natural play spaces and shaded areas. We are expecting a new relocatable to be delivered before the end of August. This will be positioned according to the 2012 DEECD architects plan alongside the other relocatables on the northern oval. This building will go some way to relieving the pressures of limited space at the school at the moment. I submitted the census figured for 2015 with an expected enrolment of 472. I am often asked when we are go-

ing to cap numbers. This is not my decision. The decision is made by the Regional Director based on space availability. Space is not an issue in this school as we have the DEECD required balance of permanent and relocatable buildings and the space to provide more as the enrolment fluctuates.

If you have any questions about our planning, please contact me at any time.

Webpage

The Webpage has been a focus of our attention as we try to make it as clear and as user friendly as possible. You will find

- A news section on the homepage
- Grade blogs and newsletters
- Art and Sports blogs
- Copies of recent and archived Bellnews,
- School policies and forms

and a wealth of other information.

We endeavor to keep this accurate and up-to-date and appreciate your feedback at any time.

It's a big thumbs-up for the Grade 1/2 and 3/4 Swimming Program which began this Thursday at the Northcote Aquatic Centre. We all enjoyed learning some new skills and practicing what we know with our classmates. We're even getting better with our drying-off and getting dressed again! It won't hurt to keep practicing at home though!



Bell PS WRITER'S FESTIVAL

Thursday the 11th September

2:30-6:30pm

The awe inspiring spectacular, Bell Writer's Festival is on again! Every student at Bell, Prep - 6, will have the opportunity to showcase a piece of published writing to our school community. The classrooms will be transformed into exhibition spaces where families and students can sit down and share student writing. Just about every genre will be represented... drama, fantasy, comics, picture story books, action... something for everybody.

DRESS UPS

On the day we'd like all students, staff and families, to come along dressed up as a favourite book character. **Start thinking about who you'd like to be!**



Save the Date!

Thursday 11th September
Opening Ceremony 2:30pm
Exhibition 3:00 - 6:30pm

Students and staff are busy working towards the final exhibition pieces. You may like to talk with your child about what piece of writing they have chosen to publish.

Any families that are able to assist with the publication process please let your child's teacher know. Help with typing, binding, laminating etc is **GREATLY** appreciated!

School Values Certificates

Annie Lord: Learning. Annie always sits in a great learning position and listens closely to her teachers. She always works hard to do her best work and helps her team stay at the right noise level when working in groups.

Ryan MacPhee: Learning. For always remembering his pencil grip during Writing sessions. Ryan works with concentration to make sure he is holding his pencil correctly and forming neat letters. Keep up the good work Ryan!

Alexander Silling: Creativity. For working with persistence on his story for the Writers' Festival, Alex has described his creative characters with lots of detail.

Fern Lyall: Creativity. For imagining an elaborate castle and wonderful characters to feature in her story for the Writers' Festival. Fern is using great descriptive language so the reader can also imagine her story's setting.

George Shearer: Learning. For persisting with developing a fantastic story for the Writers' Festival. George has worked hard to make sure his story about Ironman and Giants has a beginning, a middle and an end.

Harry Brooks: Respect. Always using his good manners words of please, thank you and having a welcoming smile.

Eloise Denis: For Learning. Always making her learning curve shoot up like a rocket during reading groups!

Joe O'Halloran: Displaying great listening and valuing everyone else's opinion in the class. Great job!

Thomas Hamilton: By improving his listening skills and acting respectfully when others are speaking. Awesome work!

Eve O'Brien: By continuously showing respect for all students and teachers. Well done!

Isabelle McShane: By always listening to others' thoughts and opinions and offering positive words of encouragement to her classmates. You are a great role model for the class Isabelle. Awesome work!

Gilbert Smith: Honesty. By looking after your friends, playing fairly and always telling the truth. Keep it up champ!

Kleo Droutsas: Honesty. By being honest and fair toward others. You often offer to play with others when they have no one to play with. You are a gem!

Hugo Alves-Perini: For always showing such a caring and respectful attitude.

Eve Bell Layton: For always willing to help members of her team.

Dean Anagnostopoulos: Having a consistent and positive approach to learning tasks. Congratulations on beginning Term 3 in such an excellent manner! Well done Deano.

Winnie Schutz: For Respect - Winnie is a great role model to her peers, always listening respectfully and choosing a good learning position. Well done!

Jessie Carbis: For Learning - Jessie has been working very hard in writing lately, making sure her writing flows! Great job!

Samuel McShane: Community Responsibility. Samuel has shared his knowledge and assisted other members in the class. He has shown compassion and included his classmate in his inquiry group. Good job Sam!!!

Sarah Stafford: For displaying great organisational skills by being prepared and ready to learn during our Inquiry investigations. She ensures her group are ready and have the resources to continue with their action plan. Well done Sarah.

Oliver Guzowski: Respect: Oliver is a great class member, he's calm and positive to his peers and committed to his learning. A great role model, well done Oli!

Max Verhoef: Getting Along. In recent weeks, Max has enthusiastically shared his expertise with others. During his personal inquiry on computer programming, he trained other students and he has provided thoughtful feedback to others during the Writers' Festival drafting stage. Keep it up Max!

Yvonne Le: Learning. Yvonne continues to grow as a young author, taking on feedback and working tirelessly at both school and home to perfect her writing. She has also been sharing her skills by providing positive, considered advice to others' Writers' Festival work.

Esther Vincent: Congratulations Esther on working solidly on your Writer's Festival piece. You have persisted with your draft, ensured you are including descriptive language and used all your allocated time responsibly!

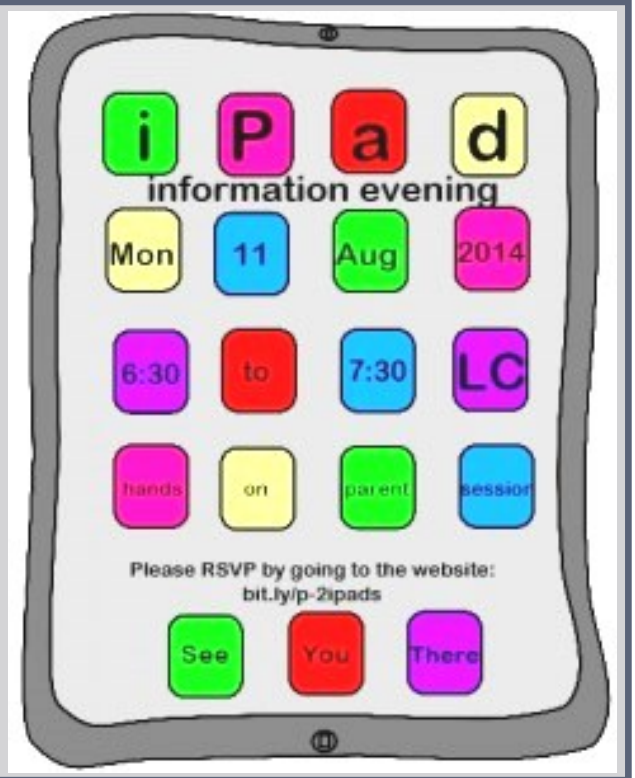
Bella Cervelli: Wow! You are really skyrocketing with your maths knowledge Bella. You have remained focused throughout our unit on fractions, decimals and percentages and made HUGE progress in your learning. Well Done!

Daniel Batagol: Woo Hoo!!! Congratulations on working solidly on a recent fraction post test. You completed all the allocated tasks, even the ones that were there to STRETCH your brain. You are a MATH Braniac!

TRIVIA QUESTION: Which number is at 6 o'clock on the dartboard?

If you are interested in seeing how we will use this great technology at Bell and you wish to attend the event, please RSVP by going to bit.ly/p-2ipads and filling out the RSVP form.

We're looking forward to seeing you there!



First Aid from St. John

Grades 5/6: On Friday 1st August, all the 5/6 students participated in a First Aid in School's Program run by St. John's Ambulance.

The course taught the students the basics for dealing with an emergency situation, including the DRSABCD Action Plan. The kids particularly enjoyed the chance to perform CPR on little Anne!

To learn more about the course, check out the link on the St. John's website: <https://www.stjohnvic.com.au/first-aid-in-schools.asp>

Grades 1/2: On Friday the 1/2s learnt what to do if we find a person on the floor, lying still. To stop this happening you need to put away things that aren't safe. You can help too, just remember -

D is for Danger – You look for to you, to others and to the sick person.


R is for response – You talk to the person. If they don't respond you squeeze their shoulders. Twice.


S is send for help – Call the ambulance – the number is 000.


TRIVIA NIGHT FAQ Viva Las Vegas!


 **When is it again?** Friday 15th of August at The Thornbury Theatre, 859 High Street Thornbury. 7pm for an 8pm start

 **Are tickets still available?** As of today, there are only 4 tickets left!

 **Can I bring food and drinks?** You may BYO food, but NOT DRINKS. Drinks will be available at bar prices. Bring along any food you like, or pick up something from the amazing local selection around the venue.

 **What if there are only two of us, not enough to make a table?** Don't worry, we will find a spot on a table of like-minded people. A great way to meet new people!

 **What do I need to bring?** Lots of gold coins for games and raffles, and your dancing shoes! There will also be an auction of fabulous goods & services on the night.

 **Do we have to dress up?**

The theme is Viva Las Vegas! You can dress up as much or as little as you like. It's up to you! But remember that there will be a prize for Best Dressed!

thank you, thank you very much...



(Very bad Photo-shopping.)



Hey baby, have you heard the news?

Thornbury Theatre is offering a buffet menu for trivia night!

Butter Chicken w/rice \$12, Dhal with rice \$10
Wedges \$8, Chips \$6, Spring rolls 3 for \$6

So if you run out of time to bring your own or just get a case of the munchies food will be available on the night

Thank you, thank you very much

TRIVIA QUESTION:

Which two actors have played Spock in 'Star Trek'?

TRIVIA QUESTION:

Roger Voudouris had one hit single. Name it.



Bell Primary School Father's Day Stall



Thursday 4th and Friday 5th September

Father's Day is almost upon us!

(Sunday 7th September)

The Bell FUNdraising Team are scrambling to put together another great stall of home made, donated, baked, crafted and up-cycled goodies for the students to purchase as gifts for Dad or Grandad.

?Will you please help bake, craft , cut, glue, sew?

This year we are planning on a big emphasis on edible gifts. You can contribute by either baking something yourself, or perhaps you could donate the ingredients, such as flour, sugar, chocolate to an eager baker. We also have lots of different packaging available, and always welcome new ideas and recipes!

Anything you can donate, in any quantity, will be gratefully received.

We need enough items for 410 eager shoppers!

Look out for upcoming crafting sessions that will take place in the multipurpose room after dropoff or in the evenings. Please join us to share ideas and craft with company.

Contact for enquiries, ideas or donations:

Catherine 0439 941 562 / catherine.acton@gmail.com (craft/plants)

or Julie Kelly 0412 294 283 / jkelly1501@gmail.com (baking/packageing)



Bell French Club Term 3

Supportive, stimulating and fun learning environment with native speaker and experienced teacher of French.

Watch your kids feel positive about learning another language.

Awesome preparatory experience for future high school language learners!

Children of all ages and experience welcome. Limited places.

Thursdays 3.45pm-4.45pm (Mezzanine area in main building)

All enrolled kids get access to our great online resource:



Enquiries: Jim Callahan

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Tryouts were recently held to select members of the 5/6 basketball squad. The squad will be representing Bell Primary at the inter-school basketball, to be held on 12th of August at Coburg Basketball stadium.

Congratulations to all those who made the team! Under the guidance of their coach, Renee, the students have started their weekly training sessions (Wednesday lunchtimes) in the lead up to the big day!



BASKETBALL TRIALS



Highs

PREPS

& Lows
Of Pitch

As part of the prep exploration of pitch, the preps have been learning the song *5 little Frogs*. The song is about frogs jumping around and accidentally falling down a well. Being or rather acting like frogs allows the students to jump high to match the pitch of the song or fall down low. As you can see we have some rather high jumpers.

THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR

As part of the school-wide Artists as Illustrators unit in Visual Arts this term, the Preps have been looking at the picture story book *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* By Eric Carle. Using acrylic paint, students created abstract paintings that they then cut up to form a caterpillar. The colour, movement, line of the brushstrokes and their use of positive and negative space was truly wonderful. Below are a few snaps of the process from start to finish (the butterflies are on their way!).



Hello Everyone,



Most importantly, please remember to book in your days online at www.oshclub.com.au to ensure you secure a place as spaces are filling up fast and unfortunately, if we reach our maximum number, we won't be able to take any more bookings.

The Active sports program started last week with sports running on Mon, Wed, and Fri. Children chose the sports that the coaches will be delivering each week.

Children are still enjoying doing footy tipping each week with the winners being Grace and Thomas, well done guys and enjoy spending your vouchers.

Majority of children at before and after care love to draw, which means we go through a lot of paper, if any parent/carer who knows of any company that donates computer paper this would be very much appreciated.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before Care Activities	# Footy tipping # Dominos	# Make the Aboriginal Flag # Uno	# Aboriginal Hand Print # Concentration	# Aboriginal coloured noodle # Leggo	# Aboriginal dot art # Memory
After Care Activities	# AASC # Footy tipping	# Aboriginal Flag # Hangman	# AASC # Aboriginal sand paintings	# Aboriginal map of Australia # 123 Basketball	# AASC # Damper

OSHC program phone: 0413123119
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000
Coordinator: Barbz Finnigan
Assistants: Anna, Maria, Cheryl, Amanda, Dave.

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!!

If you have any feedback or queries, please don't hesitate to contact us via phone or email. If you have any complaints that cannot be resolved by the coordinator, you can contact OSH Club head office via email admin@oshclub.com.au or by phone on 8564 9000. Please remember you must book your children in to before or after care via the OSH Club website <http://www.oshclub.com.au>

TRIVIA QUESTION: Who replaced Shelly Long in 'Cheers'?

**THIS WEEK ONLY!
GET IN NOW!!**



AUG 4 – AUG 11

Who doesn't like free stuff??

The Entertainment book has offered the Bell Primary community an opportunity to trial the downloadable version for one week.

Get in quick though as there's a limit on how many we can have.

More information in next week's newsletter – books can also be purchased from the front office via cash or credit card

TRIVIA QUESTION:

What was the name of the Brady's dog in The Brady Bunch?

July 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
	4 9-11 Playgroup 9.00 Senior Assembly 8.45—9.15 Uniform Shop	5	6	7 3.15-3.45 Uniform Shop Swimming for Years 1/2 and 3/4 7.00 School Council Meeting	8	9
10	11 9-11 Playgroup 9 All School Assembly 8.45—9.15 Uniform Shop 6.30—7.30 Parents iPad Info Night	12 District Basketball	13	14 Swimming for Years 1/2 and 3/4 3.15-3.45 Uniform Shop	15 	16
17 Sunday Crew**	18 9-11 Playgroup 9 Junior Assembly 8.45—9.15 Uniform Shop	19	20	21 Swimming for Years 1/2 and 3/4 3.15-3.45 Uniform Shop	22	23
24	25 9-11 Playgroup 9 Senior Assembly 8.45—9.15 Uniform Shop	26	27	28 Swimming for Years 1/2 and 3/4 3.15-3.45 Uniform Shop	29 1.30 Grade 4 Soccer game V Thornbury Primary @ Bell	30

The **Sunday Crew is a Department of Justice team who work here on one Sunday each month from 8.30am until 4.30pm. They complete various maintenance and garden works around the school grounds under the direction of the manager. The grounds are closed on these days to allow them to go about their tasks uninterrupted. Please observe all signage.

Permission Slips & Payment Reminders!



Grades 5-6

All Families

Basketball (\$6)

School Fees & Levies

Tues 12.8

Overdue