

Sept 15th, 2015

Bell News

Fortnightly

Challenging & Supporting each other...

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SAVE THE DATE!

Prep - 2 concert ~ Bell Vision

Grades P-2 are currently working on their special performances for our cultural diversity concert. The evening promises to be colourful and entertaining, with lots of singing and dancing.

WHEN: Thursday the 12th of November

WHERE: Bring a picnic dinner and join us on the south oval for performances from 4:30pm – 6pm

(Please note this evening is an alcohol free event)



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

CSEF. Camps, Sports & Excursions Funds for lower income families. Replacing Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) Last opportunity! Financial Assistance for Families. The Education Maintenance Allowance was closed at the end of 2014. The new government has introduced the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund as part of its 2015 – 2016 budget. Please note that the closing date is very soon. Forms are available from the office or online. Further information re Camps, Sports & Excursions Funds: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/Pages/csef.aspx?Redirect=1>

Need a Feed Food Drive

On behalf of the Social Justice Group we would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to the Need a Feed Food Drive. Your donations will help someone in need.

Our food drive was extremely successful. We will be weighing and counting each category of donations during the week.

People from all across the school community have donated generously. The food and toiletries will provide relief for families in need within our local community.

For more information about Need a Feed, go to www.needafeed.org

By Olivia and Audrey on behalf of the Social Justice Team



Kayla guards the goods.



Yes we can.





From the Principal's Desk

Term Break and the School Grounds

Over the holidays there will be a range of works being completed in the buildings and grounds.

These include

- Mowing and extensive weed spraying. Please observe signage and area closure.
- The next Sunday Crew is Sunday, September 20th and the grounds will be closed.
- The concrete pad outside the bike shed will be widened. This is being funded by Darebin Council for the work we do supporting bike riding in our local area.
- The doors to the Learning Centre will be fixed. This is a major job and will be taking several days.
- School clean including a carpet clean in both buildings.
- Preparation will begin for the installation of the lift to the main building.
- Repairs will be done on the gas furnace in the basement.
- Installation on a new P.A. and phone system will begin.
- Garden group activities will continue.

We plan these activities for times when the school is closed such as holidays and weekends to minimise the risk to others. The delivery of materials, access for large equipment, spraying of pesticide and weedicide all carry a level of risk and risk assessments are completed for these activities. Please do not assume that the grounds are always a safe and risk free place for families to be. As they are open grounds there are also the constant hazards created by broken glass, vandalism, unwanted visitors and other items created through open public access to the space.

Please make sure the grounds are open and safe for your children to use and observe all signage.

Education State Strategy

The new Education state strategy was launched yesterday.

There are many and varied wide ranging strategies coming in to practice next year.

The following link will provide you with some information.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/educationstate>

There is a huge increase in funding for education and there is much talk about the new Equity funding that was announced to schools yesterday.

The new Equity Funding, from 2016 onwards, takes into account:

the number of enrolled students targeted by the new social disadvantage loadings (determined by parental occupation and education backgrounds of individual students)

the concentration of disadvantage in a school – measured by the Student Family Occupation and Education Index

the number of enrolled students targeted by the new catch up loading (secondary schools only)

the type of school (primary, secondary, special or a language school).

Bell Primary School will be receiving \$9832. We will allocate this funding as we develop our school improvement focus areas for the 2016 Annual Implementation Plan.

Have a safe and happy holiday and we will see you all next term ready for the last big term of 2015.

Cresten Pearce, Principal

Father's Day Stall Wrap Up

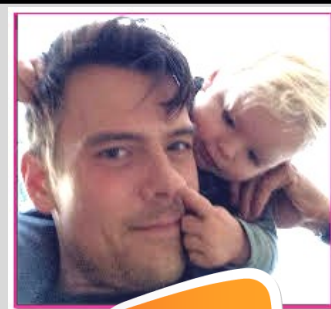
Thanks to everyone who made this year's Father's Day Stall such a huge success!

All that baking, sewing, bottling, planting, cutting, painting and glueing raised a record-breaking grand total of \$5221.30.

Money raised will be used to purchase resources for Bell PS students – watch out for opportunities to have your say on what the spending priorities ought to be.

We really hope that all the dads and granddads enjoyed their gifts.

From Catherine, Amanda and Chris and the FUNdraising Team



thank you!

The Premiers' Reading Challenge has finished for this year. We have had 67 children finish the Challenge and 2,459 books have been read.

Karen Elsbury, Premiers' Reading Challenge Coordinator

Victorian
premiers' reading challenge



School Values Certificates

Challenging & Supporting each other...

Gus Hackett: Honesty. By being honest when problems arise so that they can be fixed quickly and easily. Gus has been practicing 'being brave' and telling the truth even when it doesn't feel good, and has shown others that it is ok to do the same. Go Gus!

Pia Stiebel: By working well together with her team during the school eSmart workshop and scavenger hunt activity. Pia listened to her team leaders and offered creative suggestions for her group e-Safety poster. Great job Pia!

Gene Murphy: Learning. By putting lots of effort into his story about The Great Steal. Gene took time to describe the solution in his story with lots of detail. I can't wait to read it when it is published!

Luca Murphy: Respect. Luca is always ready for learning. He demonstrates how to show others the right thing to do by sitting with his legs crossed and always making eye contact with the speaker. Well done Luca!

Ash Gilbert: Learning. By working hard to make good choices and stay focused on his learning. Ash has been 'on fire' this week in all areas of his learning, in particular taking pride in his handwriting book and taking his time to make sure all his letters are formed correctly. Keep it up Ash!

Spencer Greenow: Learning. By offering great predictions in reading groups and using a variety of strategies to decode unknown words. His reading, writing and numeracy skills have skyrocketed this term.

Lucian Whitehead: Learning. By making a conscious effort to ensure that he finds himself a position where he will remain focused and on task. As a result, Lucian has been getting the most out of each instruction and learning task. Good on you Lucian!

Ava Verrier: Learning. For showing the school value of LEARNING by being brave and having a go during maths sessions. Ava puts her hand up and asks questions and works well during group tasks. Ava should be very proud of her progress and hard work.

Edward Bawden: Teamwork. For showing the school value of TEAMWORK by taking on the role of group leader ensuring that Isaac, Leo and himself are on task and helping each other during reading groups.

Mia Papaioannou: Respect. By speaking respectfully to all her teachers and classmates. Mia also demonstrates respect for her personal belongings as well as her classroom. Great Work!

Leon Cobbledick: Learning. By showing enthusiasm and excitement during maths in learning about addition and subtraction. Well done!

Alice Hillman: Learning. Alice has demonstrated great inferencing skills during our literacy unit on fables. She listens to the fables carefully and is able to draw non-literal meaning from the text. Alice is great at explaining what the moral and lesson of the story is. Great job, Alice!

Lucas Anderson: Learning. Lucas has demonstrated learning through his fantastic efforts in Numeracy. Lucas has been challenging himself with difficult concepts in money and measurement – achieving great successes! Keep up the great work Lucas!

Leo Livingston: Leo has demonstrated teamwork through her excellent participation in the grade 5/6 'esmart' workshop. Leo contributed fantastic ideas and assisted her team during the iPad orienteering. What a superstar!

Oscar Birney: Respect. Oscar always demonstrates respect in 1/2S. He selects good learning positions and listens well in class. He also uses his communal responsibility to look after his classroom and classmates. Oscar is a great role model for our class. Fantastic work, Oscar!

Damon Droutsas: Congratulations Damon on taking more care and time with your homework tasks. It's great to see you stepping up to being a responsible senior school member.

Jordan Smith: Congratulations Jordy on being the first person to complete all your required space tasks for the term.

Connor Lester: Getting Along. Connor demonstrated his maturity and growing leadership skills in several ways during eSmart week. He worked effectively with students in our class to design a Cybersafety workshop, supported 1/2 students during the workshops, and assisted staff to produce a film for our eSmart assembly.

Sunny Patton: Confidence. Sunny confidently shared her acting skills, when working with a partner to produce an entertaining film about Cybersafety for eSmart week.

Max Ryan: Respect. By displaying improved respectful behaviour and attitude to teachers and students. It's fantastic to see Max thinking before reacting. Great work, keep it up!!

Dion Penna: Learning. By working really hard on his personal inquiry question about Neptune and Jupiter and producing some amazing work that the whole class learnt from. Awesome, Dion.

**HELP
WANTED!**



UNIFORM SHOP VOLUNTEER REQUIRED (Mondays, Thursdays & Wednesdays in November)

To help with Prep Transition. Please contact Jo in the office.

eSmart Week at Bell Primary

Last week Bell Primary celebrated eSmart week, coinciding with National eSmart week.

The purpose of the week was to explore what it means to be safe online and to support our students to be responsible digital citizens. Early in the week each class ran an eSmart session that was targeted to the age level of the students and students learned about a range of issues, from digital privacy to cyberbullying.

On Tuesday 8th September Lou Bowe (from www.wholeschoolpartners.com) visited our school and ran eSmart workshops for the 5/6 students. She also facilitated a session for the staff after school and in the evening she ran a Cybersafety information session for the parent community.

Wednesday 9th September was eSmart Day, an action-packed day which involved the 3-6 students running eSmart workshops for the P-2 students and then all students in the school participating in a digital scavenger hunt. Students worked in their cross-age teams to answer questions about cybersafety located throughout the school, using a QR code scanner and an iPad.

To wrap up our week of eSmart activities, there were assemblies in the Learning Centre on Friday afternoon. Ms McGowan, our eSmart Co-ordinator, showed some videos and digital artefacts made by students during eSmart week.

Congratulations to the students on all their hard work during eSmart week!



eSmart®



This is not the new big iPad Pro.

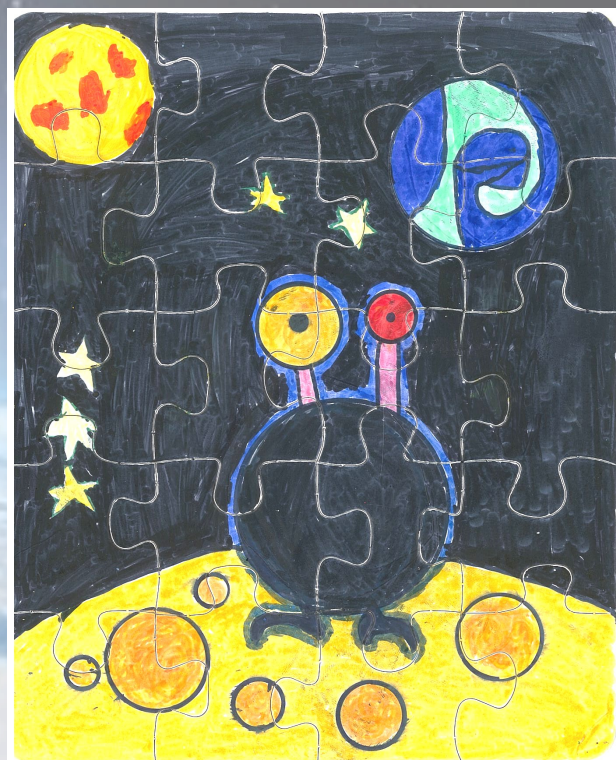
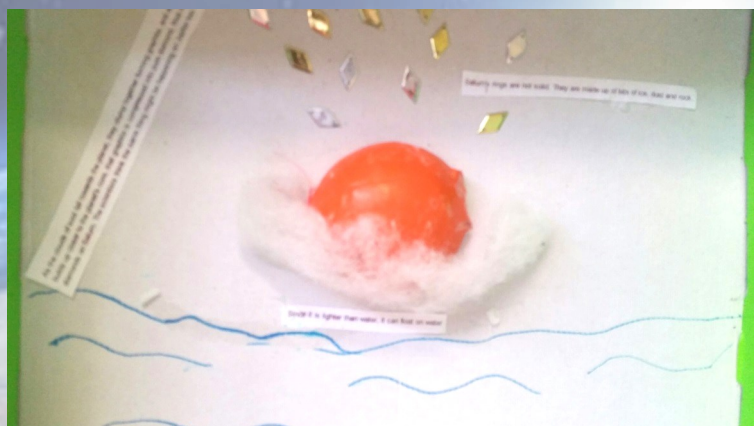
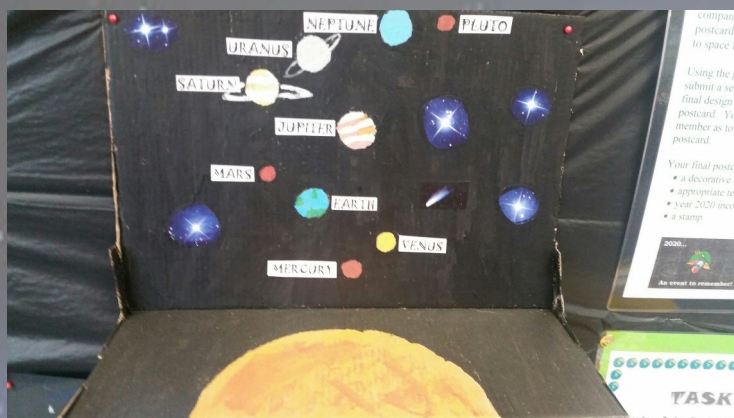


Warning! Too much screen time may make you grow dots or glasses.



SPACE. THE FINAL FRONTIER.

Grade 5/6 students have been busy working on a variety of Space related homework and class tasks. Many students have opted to design board games, others have created informative dioramas. These images are a snapshot of some of the fabulous work created. We're looking forward to playing our board games this week and visiting the preps with our personally designed jigsaws.



Bell Footy Colours Day - Fight Cancer Foundation

This Thursday 17th September - come dressed in your favourite team colours to help fight cancer!

Gold Coin Donation.

There will be a parade, weather permitting!

Boys' Club – Every Friday during lunch

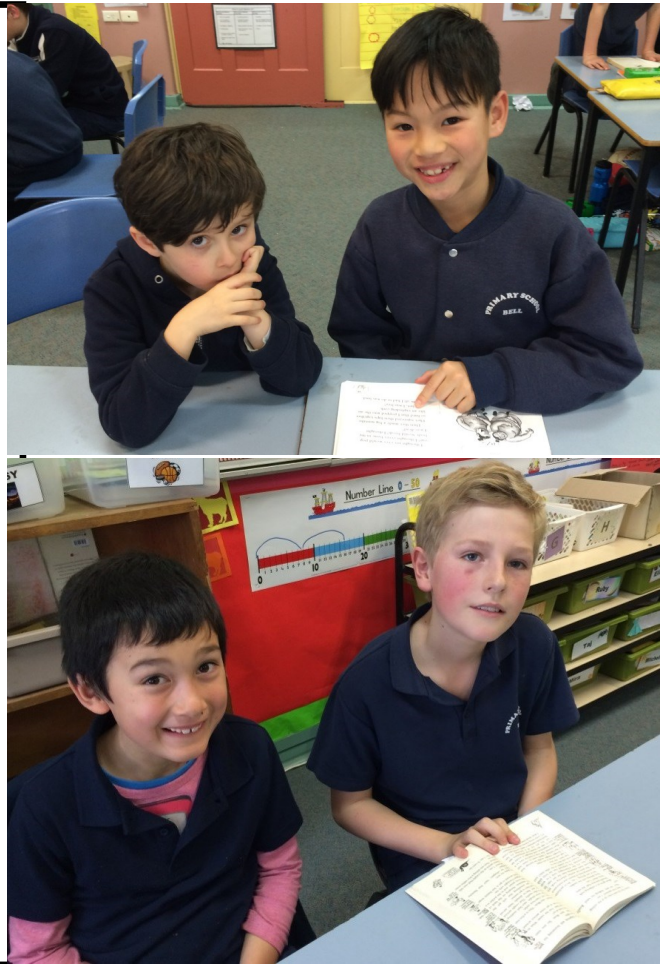
During Term 3, boys in Grade 4–6 were given the chance to further develop their leadership skills by participating in boys club.

Students in Grade 1–3 were allocated a mentor from Grade 4–6 and have since been involved in discussions about books, their hobbies and other interests every Friday during the first part of lunchtime. The aim of the program was to strengthen relationships between boys across various year levels.

I would like to congratulate all mentors and the participants for a successful term of work. I hope you all had fun taking part in Boys' Club.

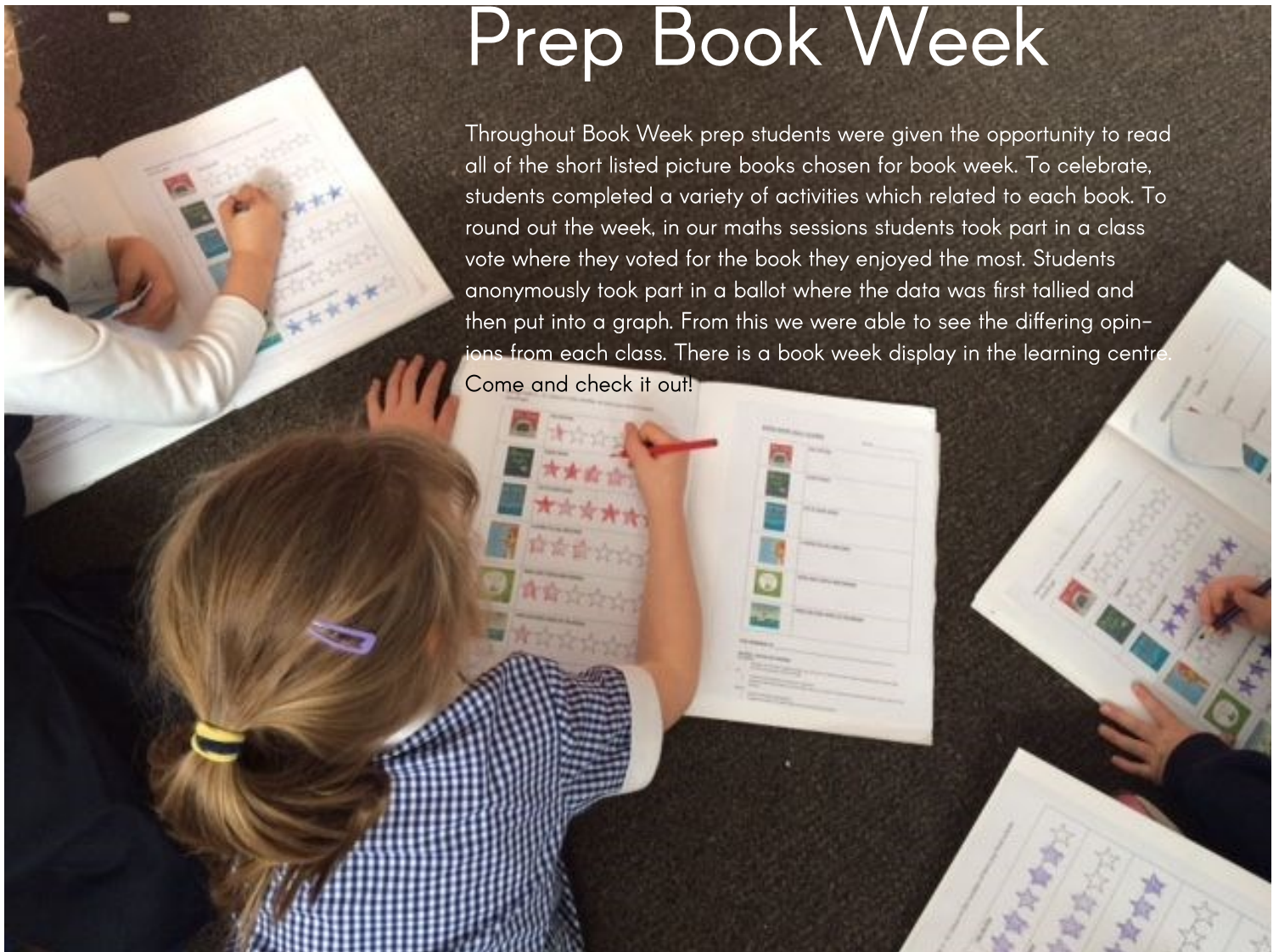
It was great to see the excitement of all students when we were given a once in a lifetime opportunity to roam around and practice our footy skills at the Essendon Football Club training facilities. I look forward to hearing suggestions as to how we can continue to make the club even more successful in 2016.

Have a great holiday,
Mr E



Prep Book Week

Throughout Book Week prep students were given the opportunity to read all of the short listed picture books chosen for book week. To celebrate, students completed a variety of activities which related to each book. To round out the week, in our maths sessions students took part in a class vote where they voted for the book they enjoyed the most. Students anonymously took part in a ballot where the data was first tallied and then put into a graph. From this we were able to see the differing opinions from each class. There is a book week display in the learning centre. Come and check it out!





**Family Life
Victoria**

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Family Life Victoria will conduct a Sexuality Education Program on Wednesday, 18th November, 2015

Our programs support parents to help their children learn about aspects of human sexuality. These entertaining and valuable sessions are not to be missed.

Session 1: Body Basics Years 1-2, 5:45—6:45

Session 2: Where Did I Come From? Years 3-4, 7:00 - 8:00

Session 3: Preparing for Puberty Years 5-6, 8:15-9:15

Admission: One session - \$20 per family

Two or more sessions - \$25 per family

**BOOKS
AVAILABLE
FOR SALE**
*Cash or Credit
Card only*

Watch for more details about the sessions closer to the date.

Healthy Together Victoria is a jointly funded initiative of the State Government of Victoria and the Australian Government. The Department of Education and Training and the Health Department have developed the “Healthy Together” Achievement Program to support schools and workplaces to coordinate health and wellbeing actions across relevant health priority areas. There are eight health priority areas for schools:



- sun protection,
- physical activity
- mental health and wellbeing
- healthy eating and oral hygiene
- alcohol and other drug use
- tobacco control
- sexual health
- safe environments

Bell is building on its past accreditation as a ‘Go for Your Life School’ and is working towards becoming an accredited ‘Healthy Together School’. Each of the priority areas have evidence-based benchmarks that assist schools to implement best practice.

From time to time, working parties made up of staff and community members will be formed to work on a specific priority. Calls for interested community members and those with expertise in a specific priority area will be advertised in the Bellnews. If you are interested in being contacted when a particular priority area is being addressed please email: Ruth Vonarx (vonarx.ruth.r@edumail.vic.gov.au), Maria Tevelis (tevelis.maria.m@edumail.vic.gov.au)

Cover stars!

If you would like to see some of the MOST PHOTOGENIC STUDENTS EVER, take a look at <http://puteducation1st.com.au/>

Not that we are showing any bias at all. Just stating a fact.

#mostphotogenicstudentsever

Program Update

There have been a few changes to the OSH-

Club room including a new quiet reading corner, a lego table and lego display, painting hung up, craft area tidied, sign in table moved and puzzle shelf tidied. This has created more ac-

tivity spaces for the children.

The most exciting game the children are playing is the new Empire Monopoly. The children can buy eBay, Xbox, etc.

We are happy to accept any donations of old



electronics that the children can pull apart with screwdrivers

and pliers, such as old video recorders, dvd players, computers, keyboards, clock radios, etc.

Our new permanent assistant Lauren started two weeks ago and is studying primary teaching. She has been very happy to be here and loves art and craft. We are hoping to use the Art room a couple of afternoons a week.

For Term 4 we are also planning on cooking at least once a week. Please feel free to offer menu suggestions or food suggestions.

One parent suggested olives, tofu and cherry tomatoes so we've ordered those this week!! I've also been building up our our pantry to include gluten free food or alternative foods for children with allergies.

Goodbye to Maria who has been at BellOSHC for nine years! I'm sure the children will miss you!

This week's activities will include box construction, Empire Monopoly, cooking, Lego towers, plastic cup towers and large cubby houses from fridge boxes.

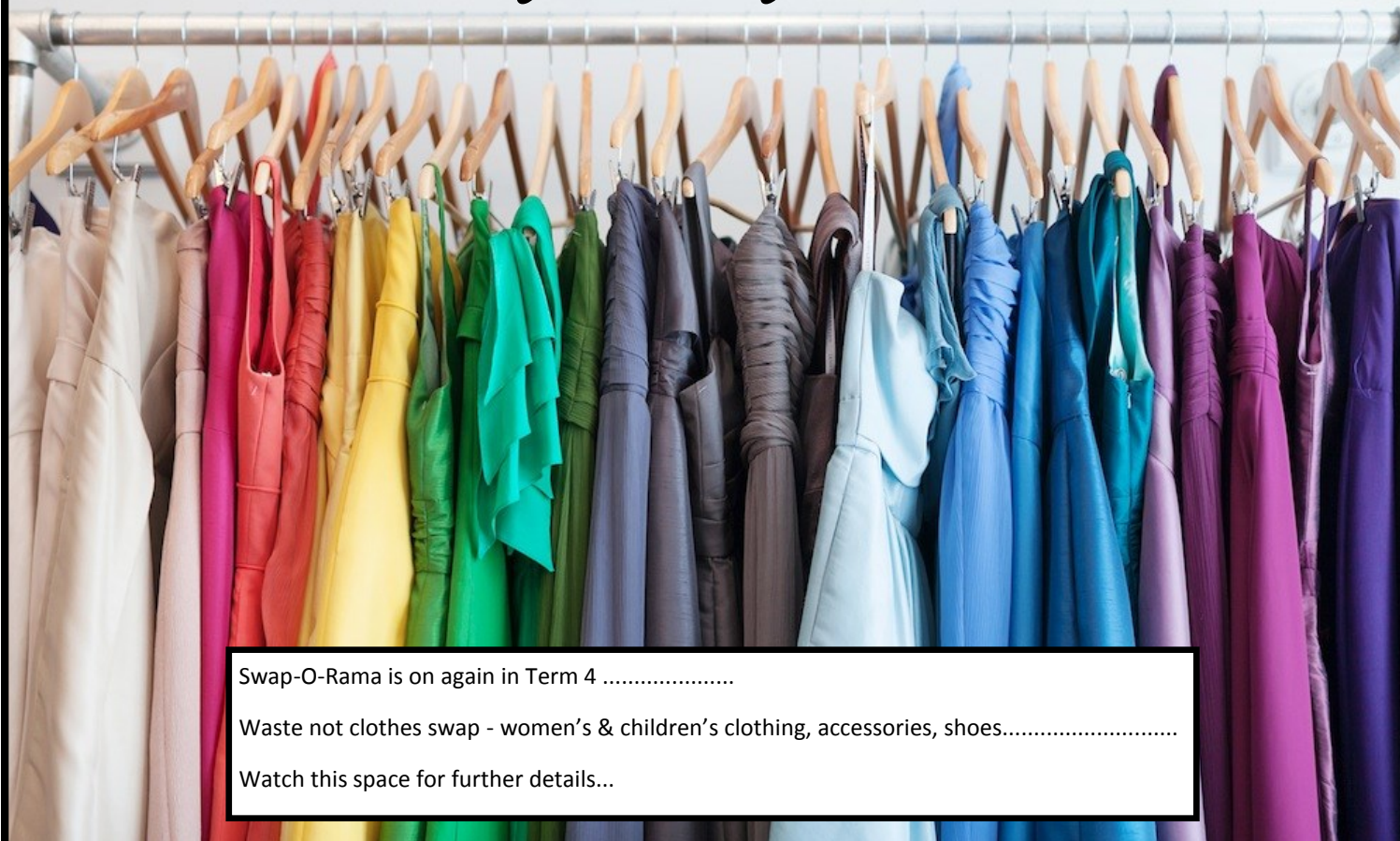
OSHC program phone: 0413 123 119

Coordinator: Ann Gardner

OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please text or ring Ann on the OSH phone 0413 123 119

It's time to Spring Clean your Wardrobe...



Swap-O-Rama is on again in Term 4

Waste not clothes swap - women's & children's clothing, accessories, shoes.....

Watch this space for further details...

Events Calendar

September - October 2015

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
			Footy Colours Day Northcote HS Transition Talk Uniform Shop Closed for Stock-take 7pm School Council	Please have all your Earn'n'Learn stickers back in! 2.00pm All School Assembly 2.30pm End of term – early finish.		27.9 Sunday Crew
October 5	6	7	8	9	10	11
No Assembly today 8.45-9.15 Uniform Shop 9.00 Playgroup			3.15-3.45 Uniform Shop			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Whole School Assembly 8.45-9.15 Uniform Shop 9.00 Playgroup		10.00 Schoolpix: Graduation, sports, JSC, whole school and students that missed out on previous visit.	Preps / Gr 1&2 Coach Approach 9.30 Finance Meeting 3.15-3.45 Uniform Shop			