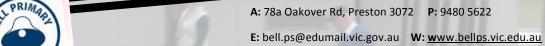
# Bell News



Cover Star: Dan takes to the bike as his part of the regional triathlon.

### From the Principal's Desk:

#### **Modular Installation Update**

The new modular to be installed facing the modular currently used as Moya and Lauren's classroom is due to be delivered any day. It will be in a very poor state and will be completely refurbished over the summer holiday ready for the start of the school. The planning for the modular was done by the DEECD architects in 2011 as part of the overall plan for the school growth. We become eligible for one more modular when the enrolment reaches 420 so that will be delivered for the 2015 school year. This will be provide enough space to cover our future growth as by 2016 the same number of grade 6 students will exit the school as there will be incoming preps thus a balance will occur in student enrolments.

#### **Road safety**

Several parents have again brought to my attention the issue of road safety especially in Scotia Street before and after school. Parents continue to illegally park, double park and block neighbour's driveways. There will be a pedestrian crossing installed directly opposite the school front gate in Scotia Street over the holidays which will improve safety for children but parents need to be much more aware of road safety rules in this area during this very busy time of day. Please talk to your children about safe behavior on the roads and talk through with them any risks they may face as they travel to and from school.

#### **Library News**

This is the last week for borrowing from the library. All books need to be returned to school by Friday 6th December.

Karen Elsbury

Teacher Librarian

### **China Tour Display**

In the foyer of the Main Building Marg has set up a display from her trip to China, including samples of children's artwork, calligraphy, school information books, gifts that were graciously presented to the visiting principals and photos.

Please call in and have a look at the cultural activities that engage children in China.

### **Social Networking**

Is your child using social networking? In recent discussions with grade 5/6 students we found that the majority are on Instagram. We ran a cybersafety session for the students on password security and privacy settings last week. When students report inappropriate postings to us we encourage them to make a report. Instagram, like Facebook, has a minimum age of 13 and many children have their pages set up by their older siblings. We have arranged for parent cybersafety forums to be run by experts in the area early in first term next year. So watch out for the flyers advertising the dates and times. Students do not have access to social networking sites at school. Weblinks to the DEECD cybersafety sites were provided in the last Bellnews. We have been quite alarmed at the content of some student's pages and I encourage all parents to be actively monitoring their children's internet activities.

#### **Prep Picnic**

What a successful evening!

The weather was kind to us and the sun was shining as the north oval filled with lots of family's coming to celebrate the start of our incoming Prep students life at school.

The photo says it all!

A big thanks to our fabulous parents who put on the successful sausage sizzle and Zooper-Dooper stall.



### From the Office:

Found: 1 x iPhone. If you have lost one, please see Annette in the office. We are unable to verify it's owner as it has a passcode.

The Fortnight at a Glance:

Wed 27 Nov: Prep transition
Thu 28 Nov: Social Justice Cake Stall

Sat 30 Nov: Working Bee

Mon 2 Nov: Prep Fire Education

For up-to-date information, visit us at www.bellps.vic.edu.au



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# the limit for 3/40

### GRADE 3/4 MEETS GRADE 5 STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLARADO, USA

Well it finally happened! We had our Skype hook-up with our ePals school in Colorado on Wednesday morning. All my students were able to meet their ePal and ask them a question. I think they surprised some students with a question or two for example, 'What would you change if you were the Prime Minister (President)", and 'How do you get to school...and what if it is snowing?

Andrew Miller, the classroom teacher from Steamboat Springs sent me an email later in the morning expressing he was quite amazed at how demure his students were...he put it down to being their end of day or that they were just shy which he informed me was not their normal behaviour.

It was great to have some parents present to share in this opportunity with the kids

and a BIG THANK YOU TO YOU ALL, for getting your child to school for this momentous global opportunity. Andrew and I would both like to do another link before the end of year as well, so stay tuned.

Joy O'Neill











### CREATIVITY THROUGH DRUM-MING

Throughout term 4, Grade 5 and 6 students have been exploring West African music and culture through drumming. This week they have applied their new knowledge creativity to compose short percussion pieces. The students formed small ensembles and were then set a task of creating several short ostinati (a repeated short rhythmic or melodic phrase). Each group then had to arrange each ostinato so that they all fit or locked together to form their rhythmic composition. The level of collaboration, communication, critical thinking and creativity was amazing and considering they were only given 20mins of composition and rehearsal time, the students produced some wonderful pieces.





### TEACHING AND LEARNING

### **Naplan Results 2013**

The Naplan results came in at the beginning of term four and individual results have been posted to all families. The overall school performance at both Grade 3 and Grade 5 levels have been very pleasing with some outstanding performances by individual students as well as marked growth from all students. In all subject areas we are above the State average. Further information will be posted on the Bell Website but will not identify individual children and will present a clear picture of the progress of our students.

The Naplan data is used at school as one source of information to look at the trends of performance over a five year period and to help us determine our areas of need for further planning.

Marg Sneddon

### House-Sitting, anyone?



Does anyone need a house-sitter in Melbourne, over the Christmas hols? Preferably around Preston, from 2nd Jan to 16th Feb. Responsible adult (my brother's mother-in-law coming from interstate for birth of first grandchild!), loves animals, can care for pets, water garden and fight off intruders.

Call Anna Jenkins (Prep M&C parent) on 0413 480 752.

### **Bell Communication Guidelines:**

### How do I receive information about school?

What	Information	How	When
Bellnews	General school news	hard copy sent home with your child, by email and on the website	Fortnightly,
School Calen- dar	Monthly calendar information  Notices reminders	hard copy sent home with your child, by email and on the website	Fortnightly, Alternates with Bellnews
Grade news- letters	Area specific information, grade news, timetables and upcoming events, students work and contact details	hard copy sent home with your child, by email and on the website	Beginning of every term
Grade level blogs Specialist area blogs	Area specific infor- mation, grade news, timetables and up- coming events, stu- dent work	Links published through grade newsletters and in Bellnews	Online 24/7
Webpage	Sections include News Our Profile Transitions Community Policies and forms Oshclub Extra-curricular Gallery Links Contact Bellnews extra	http://www.bellps.vic.edu.au	Online 24/7
Reports	Teacher comments and student assess-ments on academic and social development	Hard copy sent home with your child	At the end of terms 2 and 4
3 way Confer- ences	Teacher, parent and student meetings held to set student goals and share progress	Meetings are publicized and parents make booking online. A flyer is sent home to parents giving booking information and details	In early term 1 and at the end of term 2 eve- ry year.
Information Sessions	Grade management details, curriculum information	Advertised through Bellnews, grade newsletters and email	Across the school year and usually in the early evening

### **Bell Communication Guidelines:**

### Want to talk to someone?

Contact the teacher  Contact the area coordinator  Contact the Welfare	Any school matter relating to your child or family. It may be necessary to book a meeting time.	In person By phone 9480 5622 By email Email addresses are published in newsletters and grade in-	School business hours or anytime online		
coordinator,		formation handouts			
Principal or Assistant Principal		Any email sent to bell.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au			
If not sure who you need contact the office staff and they will help.		will be forwarded on.			
Office Staff Uniform Coordinator	Any administration matters such as excursion charges, fees, uniform orders and enrolment details.	In person By phone 9480 5622 By email Any email sent to bell.ps@edumail.vic.gov.auwil I be forwarded on.	School office hours are 8.30 am to 430pm on school days. The office is open from Wednesday, January 22 <sup>nd</sup> ,2014.		
Useful Links  http://www.bellps.vic.edu.au http://					
www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/primary/Pages/default.aspx http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/financial/Pages/default.aspx					

### A 'Thank You' from Brooke re: Grants

Hi, my name is Brooke. My son Joel is in 1/2L and my daughter Nina is in Prep C. A while ago myself and Jo Durose volunteered to look for suitable grants for Bell PS. This year we have applied for the Volunteers Grant which was successful in gaining just under \$4,000. The money will be used to purchase equipment for the Fundraising Group, Gardens and Grounds, and Bell's Kitchen. We also applied for two grants through the Telstra Kids Fund with the support of two Bell parents who are employees of Telstra. The applications were approved for \$2,400 in total and will be used to construct an outdoor classroom (sculpted mudstone § trees).

The above grant applications were made possible with the assistance of many who contributed in various ways - ideas, costs, information, to name a few. Many thanks to the following Bell people:

Cresten Pearce, Jo Durose, Annette McShane, Amanda Dunstone, Kellie Soule, Shelley Baulch, Cath Acton, Michael Blakey, Rosie, Libby Stevenson, Charles Cogan, Brendan O'Reilly.

If you are aware of any grants or have ideas please feel free to share your information/ideas with myself or Jo. Our contact details are.

brookechapelton@gmail.com and joannedurose@hotmail.com.

Alternatively you can email the school, or speak to any one of the school council reps or fundraising team.



On November 20th, students in Grade 2 and 3 spent the day together as part of transition at Fern Gully Lodge near Healesville. We departed from Bell at approximately 10.00am and after a long hour and a half trip and a few 'Are we there yet?' statements we finally arrived. What a magnificent day to spend the day up in the hills of the Yarra Valley. The sun was shining and there was plenty of excitement amongst the students as they found out which groups they were going to participate in.

When we first arrived we had morning tea which consisted of some yummy chocolate biscuits, marshmallows and sweet orange slices of fruit. Once we completed morning tea students went straight into their groups to complete several activities that included Frisbee golf, bush art, the Commando Course, trampoline, the Traverse (rock climbing) Wall, low ropes and the Nitro Crossing.

We stopped for a fantastic barbecue lunch when students had the opportunity to show the teachers just how much they could pack into a hungry tummy. To finish off we had some lovely cold watermelon. There were a few anxious teachers thinking how the kids would go on some of the activities after lunch with the kid's full tummies, but all was good. As the day heated up so did the kids, so a few welcome water splashes from drink bottles helped cool everyone down.

We finished off the day with a lovely afternoon tea of muffins and strawberries before we said goodbye to the wonderful staff at Fern Gully Lodge. While we thought we might get a few sleepy heads on the bus trip home, the kids were still abuzz and chatting about their memorable 2/3 Camp Day.

Grade 1/2 & 3/4 Teaching Staff



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students in a range of educational settings. This includes early childhood education, as well as Primary, Secondary and Special schools.

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Cost: Concession: \$148, Full: \$738, FFS: \$1790 + Service & Amenities Fee

For more details ring PRACE on 9462 6077 or visit our website: www.prace.vic.edu.au



### **GETTING ALONG**

Getting along means that young children work and play together nicely. It means that children are friendly, tell the truth and care about others. Getting along means being able to fix problems without arguing or fighting. Violence is never an answer. When young children get along, they follow the important rules of the home, school and classroom. They also want to help to make their home and school cleaner and safer.

### **EXAMPLES OF ORGANISED GETTING ALONG BEHAVIOUR IN CHIL-DREN**

- Plays well with friends
- Takes turns when playing with others
- Asks nicely to join in a game
- Asks for help politely

- · Listens to others when they talk
- Does what his/her parents and teachers ask him/her to do
- Makes an effort to be nice to someone who seems to be upset
- Does not call others bad names (swears)
- Does not interrupt others when they are talking. Waits patiently until they are finished then asks a question or makes a comment.

#### WAYS TO PRAISE YOUR CHILD FOR GETTING ALONG BEHAVIOUR

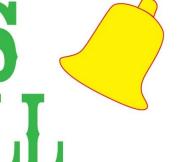
- "You are really good at helping others."
- 2 "You didn't try to lie. Telling the truth"
- 2 "Good for you. You are really trying to get along with your friends."
- "You are a good listener"
- 2 "I thank you for being patient and waiting until I was finished talking. That is very mature behaviour."

### TEACH YOUR CHILD THE FOLLOWING GETTING ALONG THINKING

- BEING TOLERANT OF OTHERS We are all different. We all have good things about us.
- THINKING FIRST When someone has something that I want, asking politely "May I have a go", Not over reacting if something doesn't go your way.
- PLAYING BY THE RULES Follow all the rules of the game. Rules help us to be safe and happy.
- SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY It is good to help others. It is good to make and keep things clean and safe in our community.



# BELL XMAS CRAFT STALL





# THURS 12 TH DEC

IN-SCHOOL STALL FOR THE KIDS

AND

5PM TWILIGHTSTALL

FOR FAMILIES & FRIENDS

# FRI 13 TH DEC

IN-SCHOOL STALL FOR THE KIDS



## Tom Witherden PE Co-ordinator



**Triathlon** The district team's triathlon was be held on Friday 15th November at Northcote Aquatic centre for students in grade 4/5 and 6. Teams consist of 3 students, 1 swimming (100m), 1 run (1 km) and 1 bike

(2km). It was a great day with some fantastic results:

#### 12/13 Girls

1st: Nell, Molly Alana

3rd: Sophie, Nell Aysha

11: Boys:

2nd: Daniel, Max, Hayden

2nd: Connor, Zeke, Gus

#### 9/10 Girls:

1st: Pheobe, Maisie, Olivia

3nd: Peppa, Esther, Charlotte, Alice













### **Bike Confidence Training for Parents**

If you'd like to be more confident about riding with your kids, City of Darebin is offering free, hands-on training sessions for parents at Bell Primary at the following times:

Sat 22 Feb 2014 9.30am-12pm and 1.00-3.30pm

The accredited trainers will cover issues such as:

- Who rides in front?
- Crossing roads and driveways
- Road and footpath rules
- Transition from footpath to road

The 2.5-hour session includes plenty of practical exercises to improve your own riding skills.



Enrolments for each session are limited to only six people, so sign up for a session now to avoid disappointment.

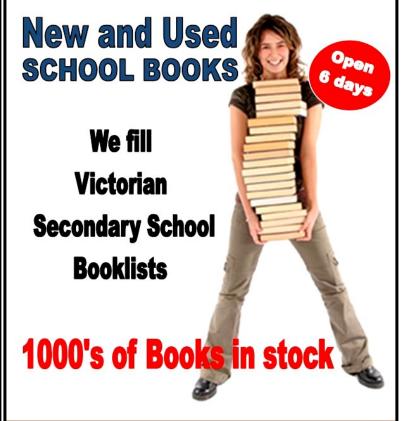
Note: sessions are for parents only, and you will need to bring your bike along.

Bookings: <a href="mailto:stephanie.preston@darebin.vic.gov.au">stephanie.preston@darebin.vic.gov.au</a> or 8470 8506

All participants receive a quality D-lock.



### **Big '\$'** savings for students starting Year 7



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# **Parliament**







Oliver, the Honourable Member for Bell, requests an enquiry into household utility prices for 2014-2015.

As part of our studies into Civics & Citizenship, students have been taking part in Class Parliament sessions as part of their rotations- re-enacting the activities that our real-life politicians take part in during sittings of Parliament. As part of it, Room 3 has been transformed into the horse-shoe shape of the House of Representatives and the Senate to help add to the authenticity.

A Prime Minster and Opposition Leader were elected (after students nominated for different positions), as well as a Speaker and a Clerk to help run the sessions and keep order. If students step out of line, the Serjeant-At-Arms is on hand to escort them out of Parliament, meaning they miss out on valuable debating time regarding political issues.

The sessions have been a great opportunity for students to practice their public speaking skills, as well as a chance to share their opinions about various political issues.



### PLACE VALUE HOUSES

### **Bell Preps**

Last Monday the focus for maths was Place Value.

This saw Mrs McGowan's group playing a game called 'Who has the highest number?'

Students were given a sheet full of Units houses, each with three columns: Hundreds, Tens and Ones. They were also given thee dice each OR a small set of Uno cards. Students picked up two or three cards or rolled two or three dice then with the digits they had to create the highest number they could. They each had to read the number they had made. The partner who made the highest number got a point and so the game went on.

Enjoyment was had and plenty of learning was done too with students practicing reading numbers correctly up to 3-digits. It's a great game that I'm sure you could all have a go of at home!



### **Bell Playgroup Christmas Party!**

**Who:** Parents with pre-school age kids (Age 0 - 5)

**When:** Monday 9th December from 9.30 – 11.

Where: Bell P.S. Multipurpose Room + Farmyard Animals

What to bring: A plate of nut-free festive snacks (no \$2 required)

Please RSVP to Kimberly (0400 135 038) or Emma (0438 295 727) so that we know how many "gifts" Santa needs to bring.

### We hope to see you there!



### **Bell Primary School Working Bee Saturday 30 November 2013**

From 9.00am to 2.00pm.

If you would like to help on two exciting projects at Bell Primary please contact Brendan O'Reilly, Gardens and Grounds co-ordinator, on 0423 408 204 or email brendanoreilly@optusnet.com.au.

Please note that as we will be using heavy machinery this will be a child-free event.

Let me know if you can come.



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Whole school attends from Monday February 3rd!

### Social Justice Group - Cake Stall is this Thursday, 28th November!

Come along and bring your coins to the Social Justice Group's cake stall. All year the grade 5/6 social justice group have been working to understand some of the issues surrounding poverty and social justice and raise awareness amongst their classmates. Now it's time to take action. We'll be baking up a treat with goodies available for all after school on Thursday 28th November 3.30-4.00pm. We also have handmade recycled wallets/pencil cases from Bahay Tuluyan for sale. Funds directly to their shelter in Manilla.

# s t Social

#### **Health and Hygiene Drive**

Did you know kids in the Philippines can get seriously ill or even die from a lack of simple hygiene equipment? The Social Justice group are asking for donations of new, unwrapped toothpaste and toothbrushes, soap, handwash, bandaids or other basic hygiene items.

Next time your family does their shopping, think about popping an extra item in your trolley and bring it in to the box in the office.

## **Boys Health Program**

Bell Primary School is offering a 2 hour session on puberty, sexuality and other health issues for boys in Grade 5 & 6

This program aims to enhance the relationship between boys and their male carers, through providing information, activities and discussion.

Each boy should be accompanied by their father or male carer or significant male in their life.



The session will be held from 5:30pm to approx 7:30pm

For Grade 5 & 6
Boys and their
fathers or male
carers

#### The program

will be co-facilitated by Tom Witherden and Cheyne Brown who both have vast experience in working with young people and parents. Along with Sam Laffy, Matt Atanasovski and Andrew Williamson.

### **Session date is:**

### **Thursday 12th December**

For further information about the program please contact Tom Witherden / Cheyne Brown at Bell Primary School on 94805622.



Hello Everyone,

These past weeks the students and OSHClub staff have been busy with some interesting and exciting things. We have decorated the walls with spooky pumpkin heads for Halloween and we show the some cool craft activities. We have also been growing grass in plastic bottles in preparation for this

celebrated Melbourne Cup Day with some cool craft activities. We have also been growing grass in plastic bottles in preparation for this week's theme "Growing-Things" as part of an overarching sustainability theme.

We have some thanks to go out for parents and school staff for helping make our program more sustainable;

Betty, Grade 1/2 teacher, for providing us with her handy green-thumb advice;

Annette in the office for providing us with facts and figures and our very own plot of ground in the school grounds to grow our own plants;

Melinda, Alice's (Prep) mum for donating seeds!

Spaces are filling up very fast this term with the program running at full capacity almost every day. Be sure to book online to ensure a place.

PS: 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. Remember you must book your children in to before or after care via the OSH Club website http://www.oshclub.com.au

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		TIAN NIN NOWILING	#SAAA (-Armination	#Banana Muffins #Captain and crew	#Pot plant people #Indoor cricket
After Care Activities	#Grow your own carrot #AASC	#Pot plant craft #Awesome ball	#Growing a bean	tura dardan	#Button Biscuits #AASC

OSHC program phone: 0413123119

OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

Coordinator: Barbz Finnigan

Assistants: Anna, Craig, Maria, Cheryl, Amanda, Dave.

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 contact the Coordinator direct at the program.

### Remembrance day and poppies in 1/2LK

Remembrance day is a day for Australians, and all the countries in the commonwealth, to pay their respects to people who have died at war. At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month we had 1 minute silence across the whole school to pay our respects. You might have seen people around wearing red poppies that's because poppies were among the first plants that grew on battlefields of northern France during World War I. Some people believe they are red because of the soldier's blood that had been shed.

Poppies are flowering in Melbourne at the moment and we were lucky enough to have some in vases on our desks. We spent some time looking at them and then we did the most beautiful sketches, brainstormed words and ideas and used our brainstorm to write poems about poppies and Remembrance day.

Check out the 1/2 blog for more poems and photos!









### Bell P.S School Council Meeting Digest - 19<sup>th</sup> November 2013

School Council had a great deal to discuss in their meeting last week.

### Tour of 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

School council members had a tour of the  $3^{\rm rd}$  floor of the main building to examine its potential usability. It was decided that the space is not appropriate for occupation, nor suitable for storage space. Look out for a communication in the Bell News for why the second floor is not being renovated for reuse.

### Upgrade of wireless system and iPad program

Andrew Williamson presented a proposal for upgrading the current wireless system as well as a proposal to implement an iPad program. Andrew recommended that the school invest in a wireless infrastructure upgrade and an increase in the computer to student ratio.

School Council will continue to develop a firm proposal around the infrastructure and iPad program for the first school council meeting in 2014.



### **Parent Opinion Survey**

The results for the parent opinion survey are in! Points for further investigation included homework, extra-curricular activities and parent input. School Council is also committed to developing its communication strategy, so that parents are kept in the loop about what's going on at the school.

### 2014 Enrolment

The predicted enrolment for 2014 is 410 children, consisting of 18 classes. As part of this increase to enrolment, the school is recruiting to fill eight teaching positions.

### Modular update

A refurbished Modular has been ordered, to be placed opposite the modular currently occupied by Lauren and Moya.

School Council will plan for modular surrounds and landscaping, being mindful of potential fluctuation in student numbers over coming years. This plan should maintain large open play spaces and promote team teaching units.

### **Budget for 2014**

Budget increases are being made to consumables, English, ICT, and Music for 2014. Expenditure for 2014 is expected to be \$440,000.

#### Farmer's Market discontinued

The Farmers Market will no longer continue as the proposed new arrangements rely too heavily on volunteer assistance and responsibility from within the school.

#### Next Meeting-2014



## Calendar of Events

# November—December

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THŲ	FRI	SAT
24	25 Assembly: Whole School Uniform Shop: 8.45am to 9.15 9.30 - 11.00 Playgroup 10.30 Prep PMI Open Day	26	27 9.30—1:00: Prep Transitions	28 Uniform Shop: 3.15 -3.45 3.30: Social Justice Cake Stall	9 to10am Parent's Craft Club	30 9.00-2.00 Working Bee
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15	No Assembly! 9.30 - 11.00 Playgroup	7.00pm: Grade 6 Graduation	18	19	<ul><li>20</li><li>1.00pm Final Assembly</li><li>1.30: Early Dismissal</li></ul>	21

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