

Challenging and Supporting Each Other...

# Bell News

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**Cover Stars: Eve, Kes, Zoe and Gus celebrate Melbourne Cup Day with some magnificently designed hats.**  
**Trivia question: What else do these four Preps have in common? (Answer is on back page.)**

## From the Principal's Desk:

Thank you to the parents who completed the Community Survey. We had 25 parent responses. The results of the survey are being collated and will be discussed at next week's School Council meeting. The artificial turf project will be completed in January.

### ANZAC Unit 2014

I have begun planning the 2014 ANZAC Unit as a lead up to the Centennial of WW1. All students from Grade 1 - 6 will engage in a cross curriculum unit as a central theme at the school for term 1 in 2014.

It will possibly include

- Studies in the history of WW1 specifically relating to the Preston community
- Research into the history behind the school's avenue of honour and registering our Avenue on the current Avenue register website project
- A community art project to develop an art work describing the Avenue and it's purpose
- Children will take part in the 5000 Poppy project lead by a staff member who is a member of the Legacy community ( each poppy to commemorate fallen family members) (<http://5000poppies.wordpress.com/tag/poppy/>)
- Engaging with Darebin Library and the Preston RSL ( guest speakers, research, memorabilia etc)

- All grades will visit the Shrine and take part in their Spirit of ANZAC education program.

A community day inviting past students, parents, local MP's and others ( including local press) to commemorate our history in Preston. This will include period dressing up and activities. It will include a special service for ANZAC day.

It will be discussed at the Education Sub-Committee meeting being held on Wednesday at 6.00pm. If you would like to participate please let me or Marg Sneddon know on 9480 5622 or just come along to the meeting.

### Communication Working Group

The Communication Working Group will be meeting next week on Friday November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8.00am in my office. We are going to be discussing the results of the Community Survey and the Parent Opinion Survey that have both had results completed recently. If we have time we will also be discussing our upgraded newsletters, webpage and the area blogs.

### Cybersafety

If your family are using any of the social networking sites such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter it would be worth looking at the following site to get ideas on making sure information is being shared in a safe environment.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bullystoppers/Pages/advicecybersafe.aspx>

For technical reasons, there is no 'OSHC' report this fortnight. Apologies.

### The Fortnight at a Glance:

Wed 13th & 20th: Prep Transition  
 Friday 15th: Triathlon

Tuesday 19th: 6.30pm School Council  
 Tuesday 19th: Grade s 2/3 Day Camp  
 Friday 22nd: 6.00pm Prep Picnic

Saturday 23rd: Farmers Market  
 For further information and updates, please visit us @ [www.bellps.vic.edu.au](http://www.bellps.vic.edu.au)

*Our Assistant Principal heads to China for a study tour of Chinese Education.*

### 2013 Principal Study Tour China

The Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of Shanghai Municipal People's Government invited a delegation of principals from schools in Victoria to visit primary and secondary schools in Shanghai to get to know the education system, culture and environment and to establish a bridge between the principals and fellow educators in Shanghai. Xin Jin Shan Chinese Language & Culture School Inc. who conducts Mandarin lessons after school on Wednesdays at Bell P.S was selected as the only Chinese Culture Promotion Centre in Australia and was given the opportunity to help organize this trip.

During the week we visited Shanghai American International School, three primary schools and a middle school. We were very warmly welcomed in each of the schools and after introductory sessions and discussions with the principal and senior teachers we toured each of the schools. The schools were very honoured to be chosen to present to the delegation and prepared displays of cultural significance for us to observe.

There was a very strong emphasis on what we would call extra-curricula activities with a high value being attributed to educating the mind, spirit and body. These activities are integrated into the regular curriculum and often have professional teachers in their field of expertise come into the schools to conduct sessions.

We also had an opportunity to visit many landmarks in Shanghai and Wuxi, including Yu Garden and Old Shanghai Street, Shanghai Museum, Children's Palace, Oriental Pearl Tower and Revolving Restaurant, the Bund and Nanjing Road.

This was a wonderful opportunity for principals to develop professional relationships between our schools as we all share the Mandarin language teaching provided by Xin Jin Shan. While learning a few Mandarin phrases, I feel inspired to learn more of the language and participate in further exchanges and sharing of ideas.

**Marg Sneddon**

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## PLEDGE OF REMEMBRANCE

(for younger students)

Australian soldiers – hear this  
pledge – your flag flies in the sun

And now we take a minute to  
remember what you’ve done

When you went away to battle,  
you were proud as proud can be

And you did it for your country,  
yes, you flew the flag for me

Now we live our life with free-  
dom when we work and when  
we play

For that, my heart says ‘Thank  
you’ on this very special day



*Lest We Forget*

And as we go, we take the words  
that sing Australia’s song

“I am young and I am worthy, I  
am brave and I am strong

In the face of any challenge, I  
will strive to rise above

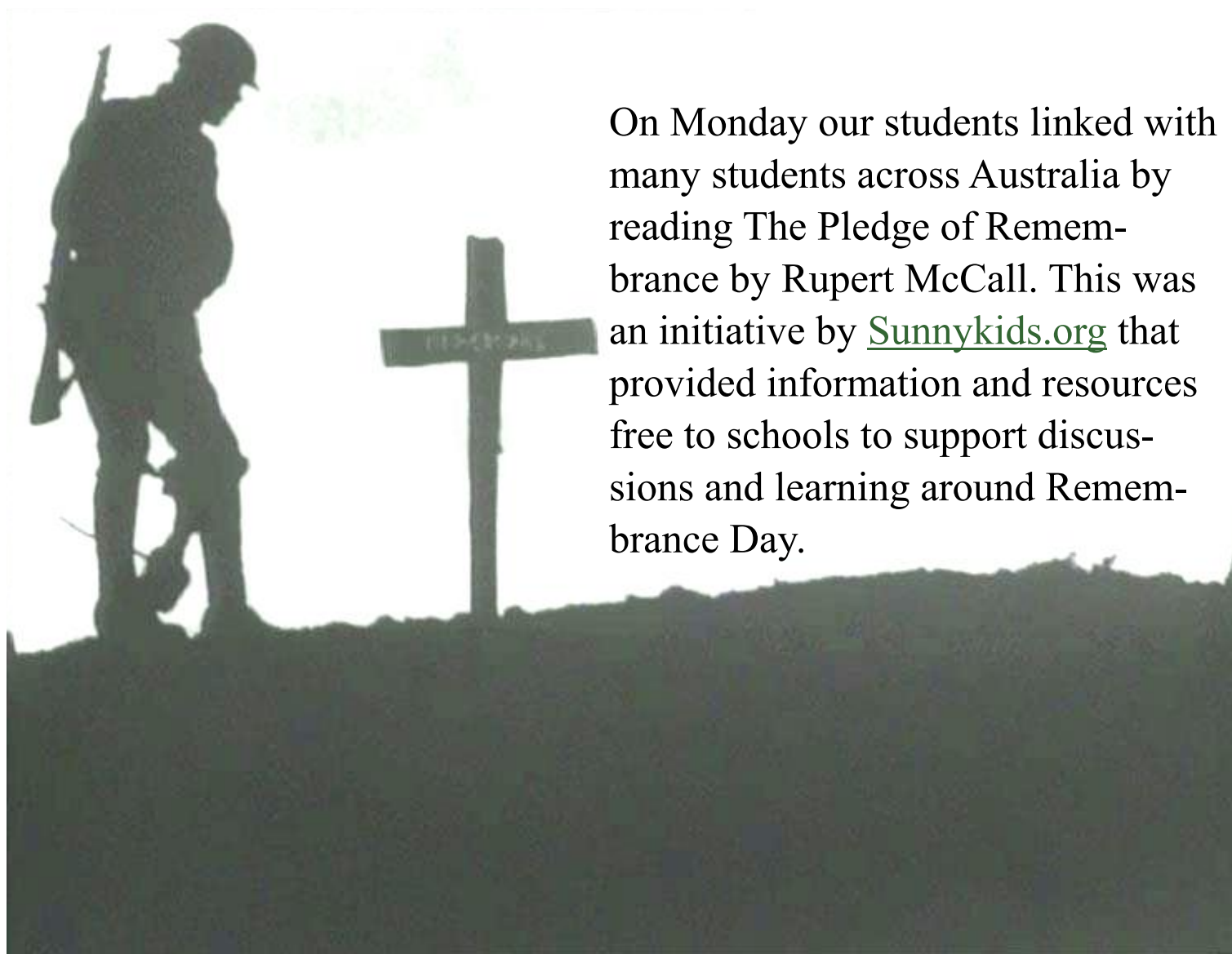
I deserve this opportunity to  
live, to learn, to love

I can truly make a difference; my  
path is up to me

And this is my commitment – be  
the best that I can be.”

**Rupert McCall**

For Read2Remember



On Monday our students linked with many students across Australia by reading The Pledge of Remembrance by Rupert McCall. This was an initiative by [Sunnykids.org](https://www.sunnykids.org) that provided information and resources free to schools to support discussions and learning around Remembrance Day.

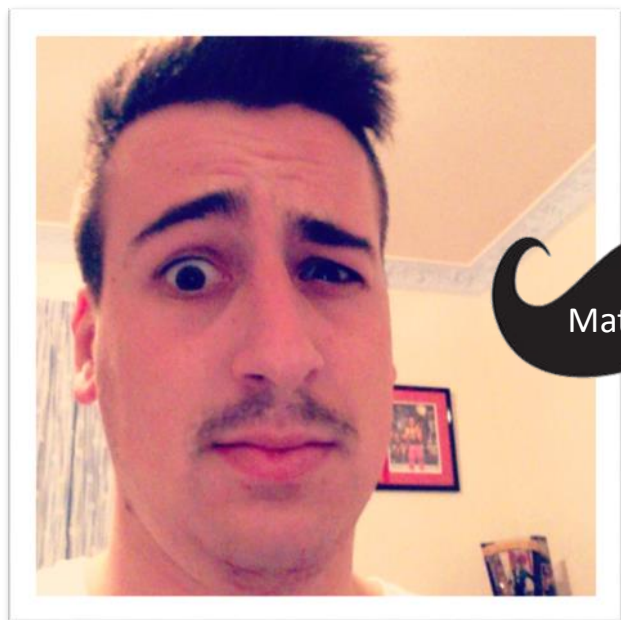


Movember is back and in 2013 we are taking to the streets, inspiring change, motivating others to join the good fight.

During November each year, Movember is responsible for the sprouting of millions of mustaches around the world. With their "Mo's" men raise vital funds and awareness for prostate and testicular cancer and mental health. As an independent global charity, Movember's vision is to have an everlasting impact on the face of men's health.

Please visit this link to support Sam, Matt and Cheyne:

<http://34team.global2.vic.edu.au/2013/11/08/help-support-movember/>



**Tom Witherden**  
PE Co-ordinator

## Physical Education



### Summer Sports

**Triathlon:** The district team's triathlon will 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). Students are required to make their own way both to and from the event.

**2/3 Day camp:** Reminder that the grade 2/3 day camp will be held on Tuesday 19th November. We will be departing school at 10:00 and returning by 6:00pm.

Well done to Jemma Carbis who participated in the State athletics finals recently. Jemma managed to finish 9th in the shotput and 3rd in the discus. Great work Jemma.

1st November V Preston South



### Cricket Bell 31 Lost to Preston South 35

Rounders	Mixed Bell 8 Lost to Preston South 9
	Girls Bell 12 Def Preston South 10

8<sup>th</sup> November V Thornbury



### Cricket Bell 28 Lost to Thornbury 35

Bat tennis	Bell 2 Lost to Thornbury 4
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Rounders	Mixed Bell 5 Lost to Thornbury 14
	Girls Bell 15 Def Thornbury 5

Softball	Bell 3 Lost to Thornbury 9
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**KEEP  
CALM  
CHRISTMAS  
IS  
COMING...**

The dates have been set for the Christmas Stall - Dec 12 & 13th!

If you haven't started crafting already, then it's time to get cracking!

This is our first official call out for donations of craft items. Not only do we need Christmas craft items, but anything that you think would be a great present for Mum, Dad, siblings, Grandparents and others.

There are some great ideas on Pinterest ([www.pinterest.com](http://www.pinterest.com)) if you are looking for inspiration and we are having regular craft sessions at school on Friday mornings from 9am in the Multi-purpose room.

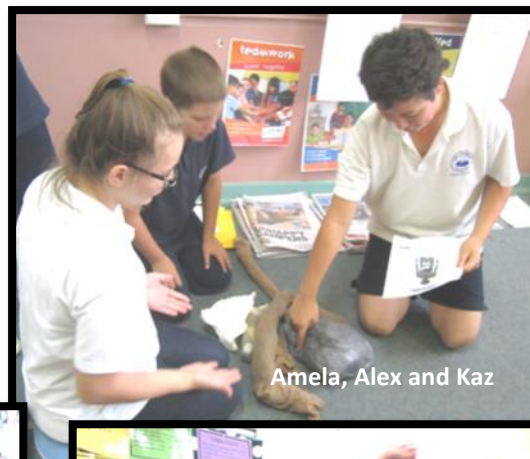
If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact either:

Kellie – [kellie2608@hotmail.com](mailto:kellie2608@hotmail.com) or Amanda – [amanda\\_dunstone@yahoo.com.au](mailto:amanda_dunstone@yahoo.com.au)

*Grade's 5/6 have really got the guts to make a*

## HUMAN DIGESTIVE SYSTEM

As part of science rotations this term with Mrs Pearce, students have been learning all about the human digestive system. Last week they got the chance to put their knowledge into action and construct a replica of inside the human body using simple equipment such as plastic bags and pantyhose. Some of their results were very impressive – really showing off their creativity!



Amela, Alex and Kaz



Miranda, Aysha, Emma & Redfoo



Yvonne, Esther & Charlotte



Miguel, Anton & Henry

## Social Justice Group

### Cake Stall 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.

### 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.

MANY THANKS,

5/6 Social Justice Group

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Social



## New group forming for Bell families living with autism.

Is your child on the autism spectrum? Would you like to get together with other parents and carers from the Bell community, to share ideas, resources and more?

Current research indicates that as many as 1 in 80 children have an autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

Privacy considerations mean that the school cannot give out information about your child's condition to other parents, but I know that there are a number of kids on the spectrum at Bell.

If you are interested in joining with other parents and carers for informal chats, coffee, dinner, online,



Why should the adults have all the fun on Melbourne Cup Day?

The Preps decided to get in on the action and had a wonderful time on Monday designing their own silks, writing about their imaginary race horse and creating fabulous fascinators and fancy hats.

They even got to show off their attention grabbing head wear in an exclusive fashion parade (accompanied by horse themed tunes supplied by Mrs. McGowan).

By the looks of things, we could have some aspiring milliners in our midst!



# Stallholders Wanted!!

## Newlands Pre-School Inc.

City of Moreland

20 Murray Road Coburg 3058

TWILIGHT MARKET

Friday 6th December 2013 6.00pm – 9.00pm

As this is a fundraising event, we would like to ask each stall holder to kindly donate an item which will be included in a raffle on the day. Thank you for your contribution and support.

Applications close on Friday 15th November. Please note late applications cannot be accepted. Please include the \$25 stall holder fee with your application to secure a booking.

All enquiries to

Angela H - Twilight Market, Newlands Pre School Inc, 20 Murray Rd Coburg, Vic 3058

PH: 9354 3293



# After School Chinese Program

Learn mandarin Chinese while having fun!  
Chinese Painting, Crafts, Cooking, Games...  
Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing basic Chinese.



## 玩中学，学中玩 中文

Qualified teachers with Working With Children Certificate;  
20 years of experience teaching Chinese Mandarin;  
Learning Chinese through fun activities.

When: 3:45 - 5:00pm, Every Wednesday

Where: Bell Primary school

Cost: \$100/term

The cost covers everything relating to teaching.

Food and drink are not provided. Please make sure you pack some food and drink for your children for snack.

For any inquiries, please contact Jeanine Ma  
98881688

[jeanine.ma@xjs.vic.edu.au](mailto:jeanine.ma@xjs.vic.edu.au)

Please go to our website: [www.xjs.vic.edu.au/html/AfterSchool/](http://www.xjs.vic.edu.au/html/AfterSchool/)



Thanks to those many students that entered our Caption Competition! We are surprised by so many entries so we will have another one at some point soon. Here are some of our favourites:

*"Ooh, what's this? I think it's my new hair gel. Yay!"* - Leila 1/2K

*"Finally! A shampoo that will properly cleanse my luscious locks!"* - Jack 5/6L

*"Hmmm, can I eat it? No, I might turn into a rainbow! Is it hair gel?"* - Yasmin 1/2T

*"Now don't pour this on your hair. I've already tried."* - Ilya 3/4M

And from some anonymous authors:

*"Zis is vot happens ven you eat too much asparagus"*

*"I think I might need a doctor"*

*"See you can make a frog milkshake!"*



## YCDI: CONFIDENCE

Confident young children are not afraid to make mistakes when learning something new. They believe that they will be successful if they try hard. They only ask for their parent's or teacher's help when they have tried their very best. Confident young children are not afraid to meet new classmates. They expect to be liked and make friends. When someone wants them to do something they don't want to do, (break a rule) confident children tell them nicely what they want to do. Confident young children make themselves big and tall and speak in a voice that everyone can hear but is not too loud or yelling.

### EXAMPLES OF CONFIDENT BEHAVIOUR IN CHILDREN

1. Choose to participate in a new activity with new friends.
2. Shares what happened during the day with his/her parents. Clearly outlining the events.
3. Introduces himself/herself to someone new.



4. Speaks loudly enough so people can hear them clearly
5. Does a new activity without first asking for help.
6. Participate in all class activities without worrying about what others may think.

### WAYS TO PRAISE YOUR CHILD FOR CONFIDENT BEHAVIOUR

- "That took confidence."
- "You were brave to do that all by yourself."
- "Good for you. You were not afraid of trying something new."
- "You see, we all make mistakes when we are learning something new."

### TEACH YOUR CHILD THE FOLLOWING CONFIDENT THINKING

- o ACCEPTING MYSELF I am likeable and good at doing many things
- o TAKING RISKS It is ok to make mistakes when learning something new or practising
- o BEING INDEPENDENT it is good for me to try new activities by myself and its ok to ask for help if I need it.

## CLUBS AT BELL

good working in a small group.

**Maddy Perry**

**Catch Up Maths—Where? Room 5 When? Tuesday Mornings Who? Grade 6.**

### Catch Up Maths :

Morning Maths club is an exciting education session in the morning for grade sixes. We do all sorts of maths such as fractions, multiplication and division. We normally start with counting or tables games. It's





# 3/40 GO GLOBAL

Excitement was buzzing in the classroom today as students in 3/40 began what will be a 'Global' project with ePals.

Over the past few months I have been completing a DEECD Northern Metropolitan project 'Teaching and Learning in the 21st Century'. The professional development was made up of two face to face PD's as well as monthly Webinars where all participants and coaches have discussed projects and technology in an online forum.

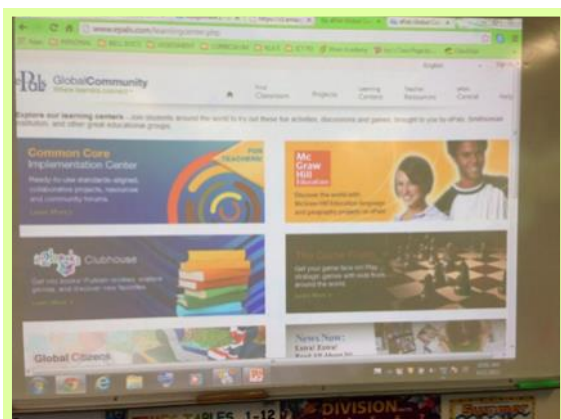
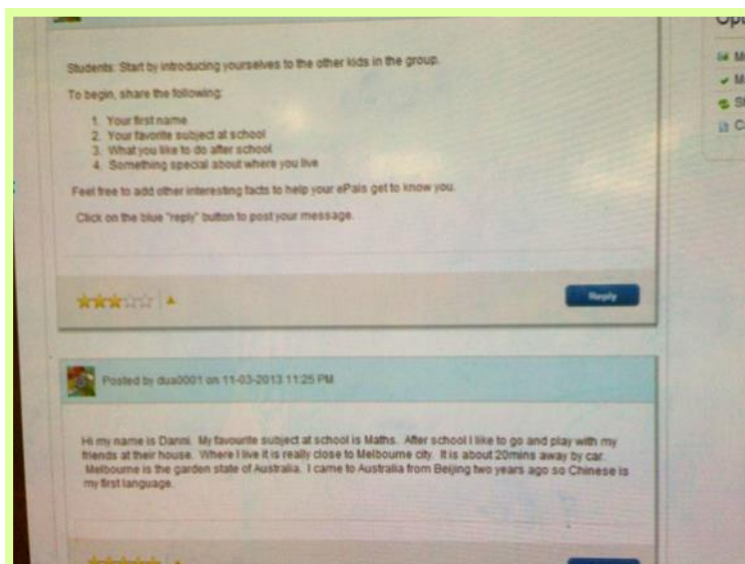
I am a member of the 'Collaborate 2' group. Having used ePals on several occasions over the past 5 years gave me the idea to run a project with my current students. At present they have been emailing other students at a school in Italy and this is when I noticed a new project initiative being run by ePals called 'Jump into ePals'. This gave me the idea that this was the perfect opportunity to run with this as part of my project for Teaching and Learning in the 21st Century.

Jump into ePals is an introductory project, led by ePals Staff. The goal of Jump into ePals is to familiarize teachers and students with what there is to do on ePals. We will learn how to navigate the site, how to create and join projects, and how to share student work. We will also meet 11 other classrooms from around the world, making it easy to find a partner for future projects.

Jump into ePals will be conducted in a Project Workspace – an online virtual classroom. Schools we will be collaborating with worldwide include – 5 from America, 2 from Canada, 1 each from Italy, Pakistan, India and New Zealand and 1 from Australia ~ Yes! Grade 3/40.

Today's session was an introductory session where students navigated around the site to see what was on offer. Needless to say, the Games section appealed to some while others created animated machines. They also posted a comment into the Project Workspace student forum. Once others come on board during the week they will see our comments as we will see theirs and hence the communication commences. The project will run for a month. More posts to come.

**Joy O'Neill** (Gr 3/40 Classroom Teacher)





# SOFTBALL CLINIC



## WHEN

**Saturday Nov 9th & 16th or  
Saturday Nov 23rd & 30th**

## WHERE

**Mill Park Reserve Softball Grounds,  
Mill Park. 11am to 1pm.**



## WHO WILL BE RUNNING THE CLINICS?

- Polly Tuialii - Program Coordinator & Victorian State Coach
- Jenelle Davy - Accredited Coach & Clinic Manager
- Bianca Davy - Accredited Technical Coach

**SEE YOUR PE TEACHER TOM  
FOR FORMS TO COMPLETE AND HAND  
BACK BY WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 6TH**



## COST:

**2 week Clinic is free  
Uniforms provided  
Equipment provided  
Coaches provided  
Age under 13 years old**

## DATES

**Saturday Nov 9th & 16th  
Saturday Nov 23rd & 30th  
11am to 1pm .**

## ORGANISERS

**Northern District Softball  
Association**

**Amigos Softball Club**

**Polly Tuialii**

**Jenelle and Bianca Davy.**

## OPPORTUNITY

**To play softball in a  
competition.**

**To further learn skills and  
rules of softball.**

**Be selected for a team to  
represent a club and the  
Under 12's Victorian State  
Championship.**





On the Saturday November 2, Lucy & Oliver from 3/40 and Archie from Prep C were walking Lucy's dog Olive and they saw a duck going crazy around a drain, so they got their mums from inside. Lucy's mum stopped the traffic.

They tried to get a bouncing duck into their next-door neighbour's garden then suddenly Lucy heard a "tweet, tweet" noise from down the drain. She looked down and saw seven baby ducklings. She yelled out, "there's seven baby ducklings down the drain." Lucy's mum came running over. She tried lifting the drain up but it was too heavy. Then a man came driving down the street and said "Do you need any help?" and Lucy's mum said "yes".

So they lifted up the grate and put the duck and ducklings in the front garden. What they all wanted to do is trap the ducks so they could take them down to Edwards Lake because that's where they thought they came from. So quite easily they got the ducklings but unfortunately the mother duck flew away so they called the Council Ranger bird lady and she said "give the mum the night to come back and call me back in the morning" and because the weather was 32 they decided to go give the ducklings a shower with the hose.

The next day, Lucy and Archie went to go see the ducks and they were all snuggled up together asleep.

As they started tweeting again Lucy's mum and Archie's mum called the bird lady back telling her the bad news. The bird lady replied "bring them over to my house. So later they went over and gave them to the bird lady. She had set up a heat lamp, food water & a fluffy feathered duster they all went up and cuddled the feather duster.

They also saw there a bird with two broken legs and a magpie with a sickness. Lucy and Archie said "Can we have a look outside?", the bird lady said "yes" so we went out side and saw all the birds in the street out there. As soon as they finished looking they went into the car.

So if you ever see a injured bird, call Annette (the Darebin bird lady).

**Lucy Cambridge.**





# Calendar of Events

## November

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
10 Sunday Crew	11 Assembly: P-2 Uniform Shop: 8.45am to 9.15 9.30 - 11.00 Playgroup	12	13 9.30—12.30: Prep Transitions 6.00 Edu Sub Committee	14 Uniform Shop: 8.45am to 9.15	15 9 to10am Parent's Craft Club  Triathlon @ North-cote Aquatic	16
17	18 Assembly: 3-6 Uniform Shop: 8.45am to 9.15 9.30 - 11.00 Playgroup	19 Grade 2/3 Day Camp  7 to 9pm: School Council Meeting	20 9.30—12.30: Prep Transitions	21 Uniform Shop: 8.45am to 9.15	22 9 to10am Parent's Craft Club 6 to 7.30 Prep Picnic 	23 Farmers Market
24	25 Whole School Assembly Uniform Shop: 8.45am to 9.15 9.30 - 11.00 Playgroup	26	27 9.30—12.30: Prep Transitions	28 Uniform Shop: 8.45am to 9.15	29 9 to10am Parent's Craft Club	30
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### Bell Primary School Working Bee Saturday 30 November 2013

**Permission Slips & Payment Reminders!**  
*None.*

**From early morning until mid-afternoon. Exact times to be determined.**

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](mailto: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.



Trivia Answer: All four students have just three letters in their name.