



Bell News

3rd June, 2013



Department of
Education and Early
Childhood Development

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

School Uniform

The cold weather is upon us and it is a wet and muddy time in the playground. We have a limited supply of extra clothes at the school to allow for the occasional change of clothes after a very muddy play outside. If you have any spares, please send them in. We have noticed an increasing number of children out of uniform at the moment. Please make sure your children are in uniform or as close as possible.

Solving Playground Problems

At play and lunchtimes there are 3 teachers out on duty on the south and north ovals and on the basketball courts. There is also a teacher on duty in the Multipurpose room. Students are free at any time to come up to the staffroom for assistance. If your child has some concerns, please encourage them to seek help from the yard duty teachers (easy to spot in their fluorovests) or to come inside for assistance. If they do have a problem or concern and they have not got help outside, they need to tell their grade teacher after the bell rings. We prefer to act straight away to help students with any issues that arise.

If you have any concerns about anything your child is telling you about that occurred at playtimes, please do not hesitate to check with the teaching staff as to the facts of the situation. It can be very upsetting for parents and often the gossip and speculation that often occurs can only make matters worse.

At the moment some of the children are playing 'chain or gang tiggy.' As each child gets tagged the size of one group chasing another gets bigger. I remember this game well as a child. It is fun and exciting and a healthy way of keeping fit. Often children mimic games from television and popular media.

eSmart

We have registered for the eSmart cyberbullying initiative developed by the Alannah and Madeleine Foundation. The eSmart framework uses a whole school approach that aims to make cyber-safety a normal part of every young person's life. Megan McGowan and Cheyne Brown are currently undergoing the training this week and we hope to engage with the community as we develop all aspects of the program.

Visit www.esmart.org.au.

Cresten Pearce
Principal

ENROLMENTS 2014

Do you know any families who are planning on coming to Bell next year?

Please ask them to contact the office on 9480 5622 or enrolment forms are available on line.

Bahay Tuluyan

This term we have had two groups of ten children attend the Social Justice Conference “Kids View” run by the Bahay Tuluyan organisation. This is a link between Australia and the Philippines which works with underprivileged children.

Our students had the opportunity to role play many situations, meet some of the children from the Philippine orphanage and learn about life in a developing country. Read Peppa’s recount of the day.

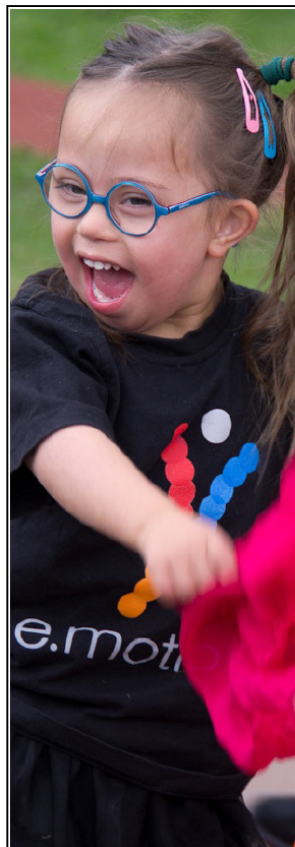
Peppa’s paragraph:

Bahay Tuluyan is a special organisation that helps children who are less fortunate than us. They help realise that if everyone works together we can make a difference and change the world. All we need to do is share our experiences and take steps. Step by step we can make a difference, together as a team. Altogether it can work like a dream. At the conference we experienced what it was like to be poor, rich or even in the middle of it all. We felt what it was to be in someone else’s shoes and what can happen to some people that are actually that poor. From my view, I liked being there but at the same time I didn’t really like being poor at all. At the very start, the host spread lollies out on the ground and when she said GO it was mayhem! The number of lollies you got meant if you were poor, rich or in the middle. If you got 0-1 lollies you were poor, if you got 2-4 lollies you were in the middle and if you got 5 and over lollies it was kind of obvious that you were rich. I wasn’t having much luck at all!

Further information from the Social Justice Group of students will appear in later Newsletters, including the work that they will be doing to support this organisation.

Marg Sneddon

Lisa Iapozzuto (Social Justice Group Co-ordinators)



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www.emotion21.org.au

e.motion21 is currently located in Kew, Cranbourne, Bundoora, Geelong, Pasco Vale and Ballarat. We continue to strategically respond to requests from families throughout Australia, by replicating our program and offering new sites in high need areas throughout Victoria and beyond.

Italian Week

June 11th – 14th



Tuesday 11th June –

- Dress-up parade @ 9:15 on the netball court. Choose your favourite Italian character, sports star, scientist or painter and dress up for a great parade.

- Pizza and Gelati - Prep – 2.

Wednesday 12th June

- Italian activity rotations
- Pizza and Gelati - years 3 – 6



Thursday 13th June

- The Barber of Saville



All pizza orders due on Friday 7th June. No late orders will be accepted.

REMINDER Students will attend school as usual on Friday June 7

Mid-Year Three Way Interviews

Mid-year Interviews will be held **ACROSS THE SCHOOL DAY** on Tuesday 25th June, 2013.

Students are only required at school to attend their interview with their parents.

Interviews will begin at 8:30am and the final interview will occur at 6.45pm. The timeslots are 15 minutes each.

Interview bookings can be made online at www.schoolinterviews.com.au



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The process for booking a time is simple. Simply add your details, class teacher and select your preferred time. A confirmation email will be sent to you soon after. Appointment times can be changed using the same system.

For families that don't have access to the internet, parents may see their child's teacher and a time can be booked together.

Education Subcommittee

Reminder notice that Education Subcommittee will be meeting on Tuesday June 4 at 6pm in the staff room.

Marg Sneddon

Ed Sub Committee Convener

LOST PROPERTY

Please check lost property for items and to please label items with last name as it makes it easier to find the grade the student is in .

Cheryl Campbell

Lost Property Co-ordinator

After School Chinese Program

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

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- 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.

- If interested, please leave your contact details at the Bell PS school office.

For any inquiries, please contact Jeanine Ma

98881688

jeanine.ma@xjs.vic.edu.au

Please go to our website: www.xjs.vic.edu.au/html/AfterSchool/



An important cybersafety message

Our school has registered to take part in eSmart, a guiding framework for schools to manage cybersafety and wellbeing.

eSmart will help teachers, students and the whole school community embrace the benefits of technology and reduce our exposure to cyberspace risks such as cyberbullying, identity theft, online sexual predation and accessing or sending inappropriate images and content.

Funded by the Victorian Government, eSmart is an initiative of The Alannah and Madeline Foundation, a national charity committed to protecting children from violence.

Our work towards achieving eSmart status will involve the whole school community—for example, we'll be integrating cybersafety into our wellbeing policies, establishing clear procedures to deal with incidents, and delivering curriculum around the smart, safe and responsible use of technology.

We'll regularly update you on our progress through this newsletter. More information is also available at www.esmart.org.au



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Foundation
Keeping children safe from violence



The Grass Is Greener?

(A working title)

We are once again excited to be preparing for our biannual whole school production. It has the working title 'The Grass is Greener'. Around 80 students from grade 3-6 auditioned for the 26 major roles. It was wonderful to see so many students challenge themselves by going through auditioning process. The standard of the acting and singing auditions was wonderful which made the task of selecting the major roles challenging. In the next few weeks there will be more auditions for further singing and instrumental parts.

The decision to have an "Artist in residence" develop the production for this year was decided through the auspices of the Bell Arts Group (BAG) and the Education Committee in 2012. The Bell Arts Groups is a sub-branch of the Education Committee. A school production is a very large undertaking and involves a lot of background work by hordes of people.

Every child from grade prep to grade 6 will be involved in the performance. There will be two full casts (A-K surnames and L-Z surnames). Students will be working with our 'Artists in Residence' (Anna Struth and Cam Prestipino-two ex-parents) to develop their class's part in the production. The libretto/music is all original and was created by Anna and Cam. These artists have developed a production that provides opportunities for students to show case:- acting, singing, dancing, design, textiles, student photography, student soundscapes, and violin, cello, harmonica and guitar performances.

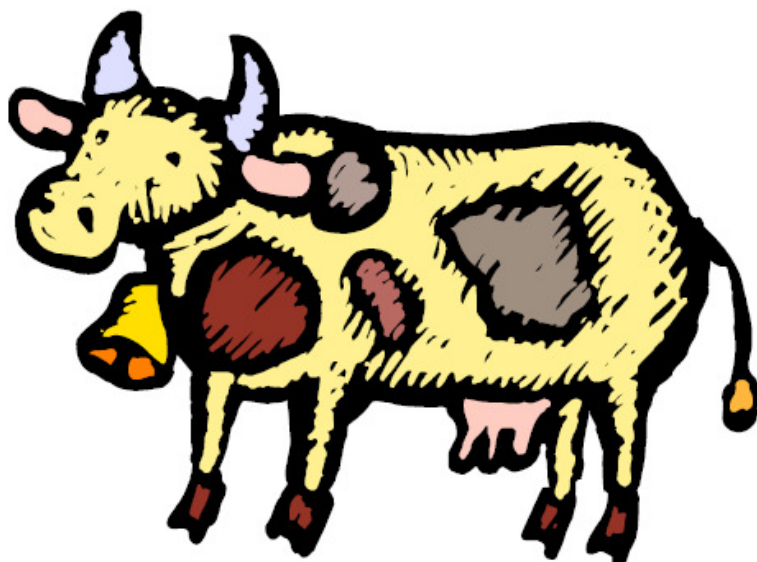
This Artist in Residence program will form part of the school's Term 3 Integrated Studies Unit.

The two casts perform on different nights at the Darebin Arts Centre. The A-K surnames students perform on Thursday 6TH SEPTEMBER and the L-Z surnames students perform on 7th SEPTEMBER

Early in Term 3 you will receive more information about the production and how volunteers can assist the concert team. There will be updates in the Bell News as we get further into the production process.

The School Production Team:

Ruth Vonarx, Anna Struth, Cam Prestipino, Andrew Williamson, Tom Witherden, Megan McGowan, Lisa Iapozzuto, Rylee Curran, Milicia Stephanovic.



Physical Education

Winter Sport

Result Friday 24th May V Westgarth

Soccer	Bell 2 lost to Westgarth 3
Newcombe	Bell 2 def Westgarth 1 (first win!!!)
Netball	Girls Bell 8 lost to Westgarth 12 Mixed Bell 23 def Westgarth 5
Football	Bell 45 lost to Westgarth 60

Result Friday 31st May V Northcote

Soccer	Bell 2 def Northcote 1
Newcombe	Bell 0 lost to Northcote 3
Netball	Girls Bell 5 def. Northcote 2 (first win!!!). Mixed Bell 15 def Northcote 6
Football	No Game

Bike Ed:

Grade 4 students have started the Bike ed program, a reminder to those students to please bring bikes and helmets on Tuesdays. There are 2 weeks to go! 4th June and 11th June. Our excursion to Essendon traffic school is on the 18th June.

Cross Country

On Wednesday 29th May, 41 grade 4, 5 and 6 students attended the interschool cross country at Bundoora Park. It was a fantastic day with beautiful weather and some great running! Well done to all competitors on making the day a success. A huge thank you also to Lisa Iapozzuto, Cheryl Campbell and Cathy Lester who help make the day run smoothly.



The following students managed to finish in the top 8 for their age groups, meaning they will now get to represent the Northcote district at the divisional Cross Country, to be held on Wednesday 12th June.
9/10 Girls: Charlotte Wade (2nd) & Maisie Welsh (5th)

11 Boys: Max Verhoef (7th)

11 Girls: Aphra Nolan (5th)

12/13 Boys: Ryley Smith (3rd), Riley Guerin (6th) & Henry Ley (8th)

Well done to these students and good luck on the 12th

Tom Witherden

PE-Co-ordinator





MEET THE PARENT MEMBERS FOR BELL PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please direct queries or concerns to the following sub-committee members:

School Council President: Kellie Soule
School Council Vice-President:..... Andrew Vincent
Communications: Kimberley Magain
Education: Andrew Vincent
Facilities: Glenn Dunstone
Finance: Annette McShane
Fundraising: Kellie Soule
Gardens and grounds: Brendan O'Reilly
Information and Communications Technology: Mikl Longstaff

Kellie Soule – School Council President **School Council sub-committee: Fundraising**



Child at Bell P.S: Nicholas in 1/2T

Who am I? I am mum to Nicholas (7) & Lucy (4). I was previously a Senior Zoo Keeper at Melbourne, Taronga and Werribee Zoos specialising as a Bird Keeper, but finished off with the Big Cats. I then entered the tourism industry & after a few years living in South Africa, returned to Australia and managed the Grampians YHA in Halls Gap – a beautiful Eco Lodge. I am currently working as an assistant at Gymbaroo Darebin (variety is the spice of life!)

I have a passion for wildlife and craft, which has lead me into the Fundraising arena. It's been said that I could "Sell ice to the Eskimos!"

What I bring to school council: I am a born organizer and a people person. I enjoy being involved in my children's schooling and have learnt a lot from being at the school. Bell Primary is all about community and I want to maintain that positive feeling that you get around the school. Ultimately, it is all about our children and I want mine to have the best possible experience at this important time in their lives. As school council president, I want us to make the best possible choices for the kids & the school in general.

Andrew Vincent – School Council Vice President **School Council sub-committee: Education**

Children at Bell P.S: Esther in 5/6L and Lola in 1/2L

Who am I? I have previously worked in video games, international development and aid, education and information technology. I completed a law degree in 2012 and I am currently finishing my practical legal training. My interests are eclectic and include art, rugby and politics.

What I bring to school council: I bring management experience and plenty of involvement in Bell School activities and events. I've worked with many parents and staff on a range of projects including: fabulously designed fundraising tea-towels, the 2012 trivia night extravaganza and more prosaically, I have helped draft school policies. On school council I try to bring an open mind to addressing school issues with the aim of helping Bell Primary School to provide the best education outcomes for its students.



Meet the Parent Members of Bell School Council (cont.)

Kimberley Magain

School Council sub-committee: Communication



Child at Bell P.S: Sophia in 1/2C

Who am I? When I'm not being a mum to Sophia and Indigo (age 2), I am a Human Resources Consultant, a writer and blogger (I run my own parenting & photography blog). I have an Honours degree in Arts (English & Drama) and am currently studying a post-graduate in Commerce (HRM).

I am passionate about performing arts, photography and building communities. Being a key player in the Bell School Council is one way I can make a difference to the school I have chosen for my children.

What I bring to school council: I am an organiser and a communicator. I believe that the Bell P.S community is a rarity and that the school has the potential to be the best public school in the area, if not the state. I also think transparency & communication between the school and parents/kids is paramount.

Glenn Dunstone

School Council sub-committee: Facilities



Children at Bell P.S: Mia in 3/4M and Paige in PrepM

Who am I? I am a Civil Engineer with a background in designing all manner of infrastructure from roads to rail and anything in between. I also manage a team of twenty professional staff delivering projects.

The school is my neighbor as well as my children's place of education. I am interested in providing an inspiring environment that all students can learn & that the teachers can educate. I have been involved over the last few years with setting up the farmer's market stalls & garden & grounds working bees.

What I bring to school council: I am an ideas man and I enjoy helping provide solutions in a manner that will provide facilities that can be used for different activities and that will limit future maintenance issues. I want the students and teachers to be able to do their best.

Annette McShane

School Council sub-committee: Finance



Children at Bell P.S: Thomas in 5/6I, Samuel in 3/5O, Amelia in 1/2K, Isabelle in PrepM

Who am I? I am a mostly full-time mum with some paid work from home. I love to run and train 3 or 4 times a week, as well as running in a number of Fun Runs each year. I play social netball with a few other mums and spend the rest of my time running the kids between activities! After being on our kindergarten committee for 4 years, 3 years a treasurer, I decided to give school council a go as I think it gives you a greater understanding of how schools work, as well as the opportunity to contribute to helping make our school a terrific place for our kids and our teachers.

What I bring to school council: I give a balanced view on issues. I want to contribute in whatever way I can and have been on the finance committee for the last couple of years. I think our main focus should be having the resources available so that our teachers can teach efficiently and effectively. Without books, classroom supplies and support teachers, they are fighting an uphill battle. I consider it our job to support them however we can.



Meet the Parent Members of Bell School Council (cont.)

Brendan O'Reilly

School Council sub-committee: Gardens and Grounds



Children at Bell P.S: Lydia in 1/2L and Mae in 5/6W

Who am I? I am a parent, a writer and blogger and, since July last year, a part-time project officer at the City of Whittlesea. Before this I was a Disability Instructor at the Carinya Society in West Coburg for ten years.

What I bring to school council: I love the Bell Primary School community. I love living close to the school and being a part of school events. Bell is very lucky to have such large and well-cared for grounds. I'd like to do a bit more to build on the great work others have done.

Mikl Longstaff

School Council sub-committee: ICT



Children at Bell P.S: Violet in 1/2L

Who am I? My family includes my partner Alli, and my daughters Violet (6½) and Ariel (2½). We've lived in Thornbury for 5 years.

I'm a Junior School Art Teacher at Carey Baptist Grammar School. I teach students from the Early Learning Childhood Centre & Prep through to Year Six. Over the past twenty-five years I have worked within the areas of education, visual and performing arts encompassing the public, commercial and community sectors. I have a M.Ed and B.Ed in Education.

I like a good cup of tea, local jaunts with the family, and have a passion for a broad range of music – and a good collection of vinyl. The visual arts have been a constant thread of interest and involvement both personally and professionally.

What I bring to school council: Bell Primary is in an exciting period of growth and transition. With my teaching background I wish to assist the school's forward strategic direction to facilitate children's learning and outcomes into the 21st century. The effective and creative use of new technologies in the teaching and learning environment is pivotal in today's schools.

If you have any questions or concerns with any of the sub-committees, please come and talk to us!



Hello Everyone,

It's been great to see all children participating in the footy tipping each week, the winners for the last two weeks were Alex Little and Angelina. The children have been enjoying the active sports program 3 times a week and their skills have improved greatly since the start of the year. At the end of term coaches will be awarding children with balls for their participation and effort. Cooking activities have been a real hit, with the children loving eating the treats and the parents complimenting on the lovely smells of the room when they arrive for pick up.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before Care Activities	#winter birds #Giants Treasure	#3D Snowflake #Hopscotch	#What colour is winter? #ship to shore	#frosty winter scenes #Wink murder	#Winter handprint wreath #5 second rule
After Care Activities	#Winter umbrella #AASC Football	#Snowflake and raindrops #shoot out	#Cottonball snowman #AASC Basketball	#Icecream stick snowflakes #marshmallows	#Paper flakes #AASC Soccer

OSHC program phone: 0413123119

OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

Coordinator: Barbz Finnigan

Assistants: Anna, Craig, Maria, Cheryl

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.

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>

PS: No hat No outdoor play

Earn & Learn

This is the last week for Earn & Learn stickers at Woolworths. Last day for stickers is 9th June, 2013





ASD in the Junior Years

(6 years and below)

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Aspect's Victorian Building Blocks® Early Intervention Team is offering:

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Participants needed: FREE study for overweight young people looking for help.

Murdoch Childrens Research Institute at **The Royal Children's Hospital** is running a randomised clinical trial of an online weight management program for overweight adolescents. Participation involves completing height, weight, blood pressure and waist circumference measurements and an online questionnaire at baseline, 3, 6 and 12 months. Parents are also invited to participate. Every 3 months there will be a draw for a \$100 gift voucher for those participants who have kept their appointments. The results will demonstrate the feasibility and effectiveness of using the personalised, targeted Staying Fit program for addressing weight-related behaviours during adolescence. Recruitment has commenced and we are looking for 550 overweight young people aged 12- 17 living in metropolitan Melbourne.

Enquiries Karly Cini 9345 6954 stayingfit@mcri.edu.au

For more info: www.rch.org.au/cah/stayingfit

Calendar of Events

June, 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2	3 Uniform 8.45—9.15am Assembly Whole Playgroup 9.30— 11.00am	4 Bike Ed Grade 4 Education Sub Committee Mtg 6.00pm Staffroom	5	6 Finance Mtg 9.15am Prins Of- fice Uniform 3.15— 3.40pm	7 No Curriculum Day. Normal School Program is operating.	8
9 Sunday Crew	10 Queen's Birthday—No Students	11 Bike Ed Grade 4 Italian Week— Dress Up Parade Prep-2 Pizza & Gelato	12 School Council Reports due Italian Rotation- Grade 3-6 Pizza & Gelato	13 Uniform 3.15— 3.40pm Whole Schoole— Barber of Seville	14 Grade 5/6 Sport Preston Sth Vs Bell	15
16	17 Uniform 8.45—9.15am Assembly 3-6 Playgroup 9.30— 11.00am	18 Bike Ed Grade 4— Essendon Traffic School	19 Regional Cross Country	20 Uniform 3.15— 3.40pm	21 Grade 5/6 Sport Holy Spirit Vs Bell	22
23 Sunday Crew	24 No Uniform— Stocktake	25 Three Way Student Confer- ences—students only attend for their appoint- ment time.	26	27 No Uniform Stocktake	28 Funday Meet- ing 9.00-11.00 MPR. Last day of Term. Assembly 2.00pm Dismiss 2.30pm	29 Farmer's Market

All articles to be sent to Annette D'Elia delia.annette.a@edumail.vic.gov.au by 12 noon the Mon prior to distribution