

The Fortnight at a Glance:

Tues 15th Oct: Science Day

Wed 16th Oct: Regionals Athletics

Fri 18th Oct: Prep Pet Ownership

Fri 18th Oct: 5/6 Sport Bell Vs Westgarth

Mon 21st—Wed 23rd: Grade 6 Camp

Fri 25th : 5/6 Sport Penders Grove Vs Bell

IMPORTANT REMINDER: We are open on the Monday prior to Tuesday Cup Day.

15TH OCTOBER, 2013

Challenging and Supporting Each Other...

Bell News



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From the Principal's Desk:

Congratulations to everyone on such a smooth start to fourth term. It seems that each Newsletter is prefaced by how busy we are, which is true, but it also means that we are able to hit the ground running due to our good planning, management and team work. Last week we had an excellent example of teamwork as thirteen teachers from across different levels of the school supported the Grade 4/5 sleepover. The sleepover was very successful and followed the protocols of a school camp so that the students had a virtual camp experience.

November 4

As stated in the calendar last week, please note that Monday November 4 is a normal school day at Bell P.S. I acknowledge that earlier publications of the Newsletter at the beginning of the year had that date as a proposed pupil free day, but this will not be the case.

Hat Day For Mental Health Research

Last Wednesday three of our students, Maddy Perry, Ethan Farrugia Joyce and Henry Ley, represented Bell P.S at the Preston Rotary Club lunch at Darebin RSL. The students were invited to decorate a hat that represented children from around the world as many children suffer from anxiety, depression and other mental illnesses. Our students from 5/6I worked together as a team to show our support for all children who need help. The children were made to feel very welcome at this event and they were excellent ambassadors for Bell P.S.

Anti-Poverty Week

This week is anti-poverty week and our grade 5/6 students and the Social Justice team will have a guest speaker who will talk to the children about the work that they do to support people who are needy and perhaps less fortunate than themselves. The Social Justice team has diverse interests in children across the globe and are becoming very aware of the issues that these children face in their day to day existence as they explore different ways that they can provide support.

Grounds and Gardens Committee

Congratulations to the Grounds and Gardens team on their successful application to the Telstra Kids Fund for a grant of \$1200 to support the implementation of "The Outdoor Classroom" project. The group led by Brendan O'Reilly have been exploring lots of different options for the grounds and meeting regularly to refine their projects.

Science Day October 15

Planning and preparation has been taking place for students to engage in a range of science based activities in a multi-age group setting. As well as providing a science based focus this also provides a wonderful opportunity for children to develop their personal and social attributes as they meet with unfamiliar students and teachers from P-6. There will be further reports on the day in the next newsletter.

Naplan

All Grade 3 and 5 2013 Naplan results have been posted to the relevant families today, keep an eye out for them in the mail.

China Study Tour

From October 28 – November 4 I will be taking approved leave to participate in a Principal Study Tour of China. The Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of Shanghai Municipal People's Government has invited a group of Principals to join in a study tour to Shanghai.

The group will visit some of the primary and high schools in Shanghai. The primary purpose of this trip is for the principals of schools in Victoria, Australia to get to know the education system, culture and environment in Shanghai, to establish a bridge between them and fellow educators in Shanghai for future cooperation, and to discuss and exchange educational ideas and issues.

I am looking forward to this trip and I am sure I will have an interesting report for the newsletter on my return.

Introducing Bell News Extra! With so many images now appearing in Bell News, we're pleased to introduce a new component to our pages—Bell News Extra. Whenever you see the BNX logo appear with an article, you can either click on it if you're

reading this online or visit the www.bellps.vic.edu.au and you can see all the images and items we couldn't fit onto our pages.





NORTHCOTE HIGH VS BELL PREPS!



As part of their Unit 2 VCE Physical Education studies into the Skills and Attributes of Coaches, students from Northcote High School have been running sessions with Prep Students, from Bell Primary, on developing Fundamental Motor Skills such as running, throwing and catching.



Over two weeks prep students participated in 30 minute sessions using fun activity and games designed by the Northcote High Students. The students from Northcote High had the following reflections from their experiences.....

"I had a lot of fun, the preps had loads of energy and were eager to learn".....Max

"You forgot that basic skills such as catching were at one stage new to you and difficult".....Jai

"While the preps participated well, at times they could be difficult to keep on task".....Armina



On behalf of the Northcote High Students I would like to take this opportunity to thank the prep students, teachers and Tom for their support in arranging this invaluable practical experience.

Cathy Lester

PE Teacher Northcote High School

...you may think it's 'eww' but our Grade 3/4's agree that it was a really interesting excursion...

Grade 3/4 visit Werribee Treatment Plant



Yes, that's poo.

On Tuesday 17th of September the grade 3/4s went to the water treatment plant in Werribee for our inquiry unit.

First, we got on the bus at 9:15am and it took us roughly about 45 minutes to get there. Once we got there we went straight inside and had our recess. When everyone had eaten, we got into 3 separate groups: 3/4M + some of 3/4B, 3/4O + some of 3/4B and 3/4A + some of 3/4B.

Secondly we got on a different bus each and toured around until we stopped at a river of poo! But it turns out that it's only 1% poo, 99% water. After, we got back on the bus we came to another stop at lagoon 1 but we couldn't get out because it was too smelly and dangerous.

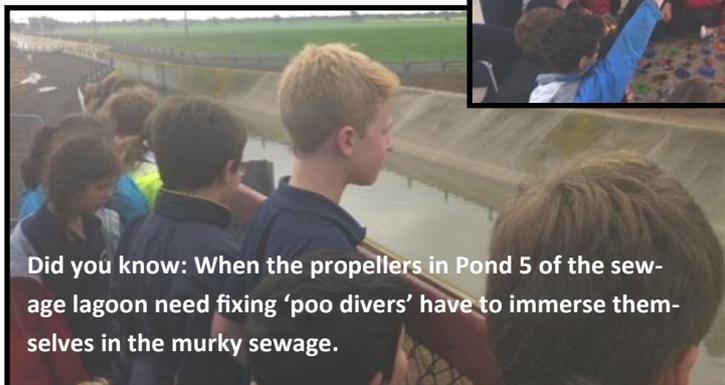
Afterwards, we came to lagoon 2 which was much cleaner but it had so much bacteria we still couldn't get out. Then lagoon 3,4,5,6,7,8,9 got clearer and clearer until we came to lagoon 10 which was so clean you could drink it! But we didn't, obviously.

We then came back to the education centre we did an experiment from when the Yarra River goes from the top up in the mountains to the bottom when it goes into the sea. It turns out it gets really polluted, it's quite clean at the top though! Then we had lunch at the back of the building. We had to go back at 2:00pm but it was a fun, interesting and exciting excursion.

Written by Ilya Gunn of 34M



Burning Methane



Did you know: When the propellers in Pond 5 of the sewage lagoon need fixing 'poo divers' have to immerse themselves in the murky sewage.

Bell Primary French Club Term 4

A few available places remaining for Term 4!

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The Bell Noticeboard.

Could the following parents please come to the office:

Costa Apostolopoulos

Ekram El Saafin

Narelle Little

2/3 camp is now overdue. Please ensure payment & permission slips to your student's teacher immediately.

Our website address has changed again for the final time! Please bookmark www.bellps.vic.edu.au as the official address. You can also find us at the top of Google. Apologies for any inconvenience.

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Hello Everyone,

Welcome back to OSHClub Term 4. We have lots of fun activities and theme days planned for the final term of the year, with the staff ready and enthusiastic to deliver them. These include Sea Animals (this week), Halloween, Melbourne Cup, and Christmas. Bob and Wane from ASCC will be returning to us in week three. At this stage the sports they will be delivering are undecided so if you have any suggestions feel free to let a staff member know and we will do our best to accommodate that. As the weather gets warmer students must have a hat on when they go outside. Please ensure that you pack a hat for them otherwise they may miss out on outside activities.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before Care Activities	#plastic cutlery bugs #Giants treasure	#Tumble bugs #123 Basketball	#Ladybugs #Pirates and ships	#Paper bugs #Button biscuits	#Pom Pom Bugs #Ten pin bowling
After Care Activities	#3D Lady bugs #Ten Pin Bowling	#Cheese and veg- emite scrolls #ABC Basketball	#Bead bugs #Poison ball	#Nature Bugs #123 Basketball	#Recycled lids bugs #Beat the ball

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.

"On Wednesday the 9th of October, Henry, Maddy and Ethan from 5/6I were invited to the Rotary Club of Preston's Hat Day celebrations. Hat Day is a Rotary Club of Australia celebration that attempts to raise awareness about children's anxiety.

The day went well, with a speaker from CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service) informing us about how anxiety can affect children, and signs to watch out for. It was interesting. We also had a free lunch - which Ethan was very impressed with.

All in all it was a very successful day, with the school receiving a cheque for \$200 and each of the kids getting cheese platters."

By Henry & Maddy (5/6I)"



**Grade 4 & 5
Girls Night Out @ THS**

This evening is an opportunity to hear first hand from a panel of current Year 7 and Senior Girls about their experiences at Thornbury High. Your daughter will be asked to participate in a variety of activities which showcase some of our innovative and exciting curriculum options. What better way to make a decision about your daughter's secondary education than by meeting and chatting with the girls who experience it every day.

Thursday 31st October 7pm-8.30pm

**The Library
Thornbury High School
238 Collins Street, Thornbury 3071
RSVP: 9480 4066**



Computer courses starting in Term 4

Introduction to Computers and Basic Word Processing Starts: Wednesday 16 October

Introduction to Office Skills Starts: Monday 14th October

Introduction to Social Media / Networking Starts: Friday 11th October

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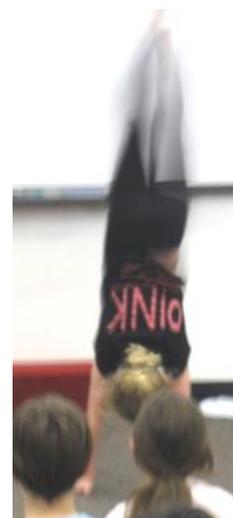


On Thursday 10th October the grade 4/5's went to Latrobe University and did some 'fun' activities. The first activities we did were in the pool. We got to use the Tarzan rope in the deep water pit where you swing out on the rope and fall into the pool. We also went kayaking and were given free time on

some black floating mats. After lunch we did some sport activities, one was table tennis another was squash and soccer. Then we got on the bus and came back to school.

Once back at school we had afternoon tea. We then got into our pods and set up our beds and got changed into casual clothes. Dinner was a barbecue, pod 3 were in charge on setting up and pod 4 were in charge of packing up. After dinner we had a few minutes to set up for the 'Bell Factor' which Stanley and Aphra won. During the 'Bell Factor' we had some yummy ice-cream.

Then we went to bed...snore, snore, snore! (*Matilda had a smurfy dream*). In the morning we had breakfast in the learning centre, then it was a normal day at school. Overall it was a great camp.



Matilda Crowther (34A) & Ella Murnane (56I)

Favourite Moment of Camp: *Greta:* Really liked the activities we did at Latrobe University. *Tjala:* My favourite thing was doing the fitness class – we did an ab workout and it was fun. *Yvonne:* I really liked Latrobe Uni. I enjoyed the water sports and activities. *Esther:* My favourite moment at camp was when we got to play on the mats in the pool. *Henry:* I liked the Tarzan Rope that went to the water. *Miguel:* The rope swing and being granny (a really clean camper) *Tynisha:* My favourite part of camp was the squash game because I had a really fun time. *Charlotte:* Everything! Except the time when we were supposed to sleep. *Peppa:* My favourite part was the water polo game. *Alice:* My favourite parts were the pool games and Bell Factor. *Adem:* I liked everything about Latrobe Uni and especially the pool activities and squash. *Astrid:* My favourite part of Bell Camp was Bell Factor because it was wonderful to see my friend's talents. *Emma:* My favourite part of Camp Bell was the Bell Factor because it was so funny and the water activities. It was the best school camp I've been on! *Nina:* My favourite part was Bell Factor. The Tarzan rope was really fun too. *Sam:* Squash. *Daniel:* When we went to Latrobe and played squash. *Oli:* The Tarzan rope was the best!! *Sarah:* Swimming. *Aphra:* Isaac & Isabella (Bell Factor act) and dinner. *Ruby:* Swimming *Gus:* Bell Factor. *Stanley:* The Tarzan swing, and the Isaac & Isabella act for Bell Factor.



Congratulations to our Lauren on your marriage to Sean over the holidays! The Bell Staff celebrated Lauren's nuptial's with a special mock wedding reception on the last week of term. Playing the role of groom was Tom with Cheyne as the Mother-in-Law and Lisa as Best Man.



INCREDIBELLS!

During the holidays a crack team of athletes from Bell Primary (Mrs McGowan, Mrs Mac, Sam, Mr A, & Tom) and some additional players, ventured down to Ballarat to compete at the annual Victorian Teachers' Games.

Entered into the Trivia contest (perhaps the most hotly contested of events) and the Mixed Basketball, the Incredibells performed admirably against some tough opposition. The teachers demonstrated their sensational general knowledge and trivia skills on their way to a 3rd placing on the opening night of the Games, a solid effort considering there were 21 teams entered. Tragically, a late change of answer in the initial 'Celebrity Pictures' round may have cost the side equal second. Mr A is still furious about this....

Going into the basketball competition, expectations were high – considering Mrs Mac was the only actual basketball player on the team (and an injured one at that) - but against all odds the Incredibells made it through to the semi-finals stage, an impressive effort no doubt! Everyone managed to get on the scoresheet at one stage or another throughout the day, and everyone emerged injury-free.

Thanks must go to Mrs McGowan for her amazing organisation skills, Miss Georgiou for her vocal support, the entire Bell Primary team (for their spirit and op-shop costume efforts), and any money donated by students and parents on the fun day which went towards the Incredibells basketball tops. Even if we didn't play like the 'pros', we sure looked like them!





Tom Witherden
PE Co-ordinator

Physical Education



Athletics: On Tuesday 8th October, 11 students from Bell Primary participated in the Division athletics carnival.

It was a great day with some fantastic results.

Emma Stafford	11 Girls	3rd	High Jump		
Daniel Batagol	11 Boys	5th	High Jump		
Henry Cornwallis	10 Boys	3rd	High Jump		
Alana Humphreys-Grey	12/13 Girls	3rd	800m	5th	Shotput
Ryley Smith	12/13/Boys	1st	Long Jump		
Jemma Carbis	11 Girls	1st	Shotput	1st	discus
Tjala Rowlands	10 Girls	3rd	Triple Jump		
Riley Guerin	12/13/Boys	2nd	Triple Jump		
Lulu Gersbeck	10 Girls	4th	Shotput		
Zeke Joyce-Robertson	10 Boys	2nd	100m		
Charlotte wade	10 Girls	2nd	800m		

Students who finished 1st or 2nd in their event will participate at the Regional Championships on Wednesday 16th October. Good luck, and well done to all.

Summer Sport: Grade 5/6 summer sport starts again this Friday (18th Oct.) with a home game against Westgarth. There are for games to be played this term. 18th Oct v Westgarth (home), 25th Oct v Penders Grove (away), 1st Nov v Preston Sth (away), 8th Nov v Thornbury (home).

Whats coming up in term 4: Grade 6 camp- 21st-23rd October (week 3)

Grade 4/5/6: Triathlon- 15th November (week 7)



Lucinda, Grace, Sunita, Isabel and Alice.

International Day of the Girl !!!

On Friday the 11th of October Lucinda Mills, Sunita Patton, Isabel Hernandez-David, Grace Kelly and Alice Treloar went around to the 3/4 and 5/6 grades selling iced Girl Guide biscuits for International Day of the Girl. We raised over \$70 for "Plan Australia" - an organisation that helps girls and boys in disadvantaged countries find their full potential. This year 'Plan' is focussing on providing education programs for girls and boys. The money we raised will go towards helping to fund these programs. Thank you to everyone who bought biscuits for your support!

Alice Treloar & Lucinda Mills

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Presented by The Asthma Foundation of Victoria and Royal Children's Hospital



Sunday 27th October 2013 4pm - 6pm FREE!

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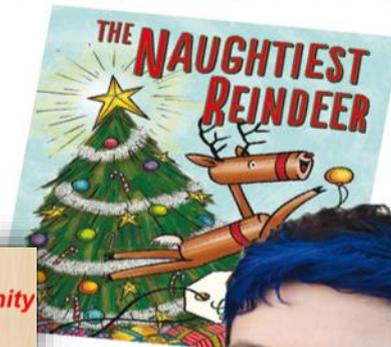


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NICKI GREENBERG



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It's the night before Christmas and Rudolf is sneezing his little red nose off, so Santa needs another reindeer to help pull the sleigh. Bring the kids for some festive fun!

NORTHCOTE LIBRARY
SATURDAY 26 OCT 11AM
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Prep Melbourne Aquarium Excursion

I liked seeing the long, long fish.



To celebrate a fantastic Term 3 the Preps went on an excursion to the Melbourne Aquarium. When we got there we were split into groups and each had a Guide to take us around the Aquarium. We stopped and had a close look at most of the sea life there and we even got to touch some live animals!

My favourite was the sharks because I love playing with my sharks at home.



I liked the gigantic stingray because it was GIANT!



The penguins were slippery.



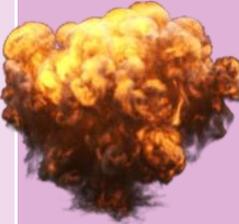
After learning lots about sea life at the Aquarium, we boarded the bus again and headed on to the Adventure Playground in Aughtie Drive, Albert Park. When we got there we had lunch and had a long play and explore of the great wooden playground.





Calendar of Events

October—November

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
13 Sunday Crew	14 Assembly: Whole School Uniform Shop: 8.45am to 9.15 9.30 - 11.00 Playgroup	15 Science Day! 	16 Regional Athletics Championships	17 Uniform Shop: 3.15 to 3.40	18 9-11am: 5/6 Sport —Bell Vs Westgarth 10.15: Prep: Responsible Pet Ownership 9 to10 Parent's Craft Club 	19
20	21 Year 6 Stringy Bark Camp Assembly: P-2  Uniform Shop: 8.45am to 9.15 9.30 - 11.00 Playgroup	22 Year 6 Stringy Bark Camp 	23 Year 6 Stringy Bark Camp 	24 Uniform Shop: 3.15 to 3.40	25 9-11am: 5/6 Sport —Penders Grove Vs Bell 9 to10am Parent's Craft Club	26 Farmers Market
27	28 Assembly: 3-6 Uniform Shop: 8.45am to 9.15 9.30 - 11.00 Playgroup	29	30	31 Uniform Shop: 3.15 to 3.40	1 9-11am: 5/6 Sport —Preston South Vs Bell 9 to10am Parent's Craft Club	2
3	4  Assembly: Whole School Uniform Shop: 8.45am to 9.15 9.30 - 11.00 Playgroup	5 Cup Day 	6 Prep Transition 2 sessions running. One morning and one middle session.	7 Uniform Shop: 3.15 to 3.40	8 9-11am: 5/6 Sport —Bell Vs Thornbury	9

Permission Slips & Payment Reminders!

2/3	Camp Permission and Payment	Immediately.