



Challenging & Supporting each other...

BELL NEWS

A: 78a Oakover Rd, Preston, 3072

P: (03) 9480 5622

E: bell.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

W: www.bellps.vic.edu.au

19th August, 2014

From the Principal's Desk

Lost Property

Apart from the huge number of unnamed school tops that we have on hand, there are some treasures that have been handed in to the office and they may belong to someone in your family. If you are missing a Scooby Doo or Quicksilver lanyard with keys, a set of keys with a metal 'O' key ring or any other treasures, please drop by the office.

Elvis has finally left the building

I remember our first trivia night from about seven years ago when we managed to fill the Multipurpose room. Now we have the extravaganza that we all enjoyed on Friday night. It was a very special evening and our heartfelt thanks go to Kerrie Soule and Amanda Dunstone and their team of helpers for all the effort that went in to make the night the success it was. They raised a staggering \$9000. The money raised from fundraising goes to school projects as selected by School Council after feedback from the community. The artificial turf installation in 2014 was a major achievement made possible with these funds and has made such a difference to the outdoor activities for all the students. The next project is a shade sail on the north side of the Learning Centre. This has been delayed by the shade sail company going broke so a new company and quoting process has been completed and this will go up in the next holidays. Every October we distribute a survey across the community to gather ideas for fundraising projects and School Council allocates the funds based on the results.

And remember what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas.

Uniform Policy

The school uniform policy has been reviewed this year and was recently ratified by School Council. We are asking your support to ensure that the students follow the school dress code.

- ◆ The school dress code is for navy blue and white only.
- ◆ Other than clear nail polish, no cosmetics are to be worn at school.
- ◆ The School Council approved uniform is to be worn during school hours, whilst travelling to and from school and on school excursions.
- ◆ Stud earrings or sleepers are the only acceptable jewellery.
- ◆ The only acceptable hats at school are 'Sunsmart' hats. Hats are not worn inside.

We do ask that hair is tied back to limit the spread of headlice and also for safety reasons during sport and active school activities. The full policy is available on the website.

Whooping Cough Alert

Please be aware that we have had a parent diagnosed with whooping cough but fortunately her child has been checked and neither has it nor is contagious. Please be vigilant that this condition is still around in the community.



IMPORTANT: All books need to be entered by September 6th so that the tally can be verified.

Karen Elsbury, Library.



INQUIRY LEARNING – 3/4'S TAKE ON ROLE AS MASTERCHEFS

Effective inquiry is more than just asking questions. Inquiry-based learning is a complex process where students formulate questions, investigate to find answers, build new understandings, meanings and knowledge, and then communicate their learning to others. This was very evident on Tuesday when several of our Grade 3-4 students working in the Design and Creativity group had their moment to work with the Head Chef, Mel Brooks and Amanda Webb, Events Coordinator, from the Alexandra Club in Melbourne to learn more about the art of cooking and event management.

Mel worked with four students who have a keen interest in cooking. The girls donned their aprons, and became Mini Master Chefs to cook alongside Mel to produce a very yummy and tasty frittata. To finish their session the girls were able to show their skills in the art of cake decorating. Mel went through the procedure of kitchen hygiene and safety with the students and helped them with some ideas for their final action plan which will be to cook a two course luncheon for our Leadership team. It was great to see the girls ask some fantastic questions of Mel and that they took her ideas on board.

Amanda, worked independently with another student who has an interest in set design. Did you know that when you set a formal table, you need to ensure that all cutlery needs to be two finger spaces from the end of the table? I didn't but I do now. This student now has a good knowledge of how to set the scene for an amazing luncheon, right down to floral arrangements, glass settings and tableware. This student's action plan will be to develop an amazing setting from within a classroom space.

Last but not least, were our two students who were capturing this all on film....these students over the past few weeks have been doing an amazing job of capturing 'Life at Bell' through digital technology. We are all looking forward to their presentation and final piece.

We would like to send out our gratitude to Mel and Amanda for taking time out from their busy schedules to come and work with us personally. Their expertise and knowledge really helped the students to gain a better understanding of working through a process to help achieve their final action plan.

And...let's not forget all those other students who have been working hard on their action plans, sewing, graphics, fashion design, painting, building, movie making, game making, history, living things...and the list goes on. You have all been doing an amazing job.

School Values Certificates

Caspar Cavina: Creativity. When writing his story entitled "Big Fish," Casper has done a really great introduction and has included lots of detail. He has described in lots of detail information about his main character. I cannot wait to read your story when it's finished!

Miles Wyatt: Learning. Miles has been working really hard in writing lessons to make sure he has finger spaces consistently between each word. He is also doing a really great job of writing lots of information and getting the most out of each session. Keep up the fantastic work Miles!

Perry Murnane: Learning. For writing a story for the Writers' Festival and persisting with the tricky task of editing to make sure it makes sense before publishing. It took a long time but he really stuck at it. Wonderful work, Perry.

Flynn Miller: Honesty. For having calm discussions with his friends when things don't go his way. Flynn is able to think about his actions and the actions of others and discuss these with his teachers and classmates. He solved quite a tricky problem with one of his friends earlier in the week. Well done, Flynn!

Joanna Money: Learning. Jo has really been stretching her brain in Maths and making her learning curve shoot to the moon. She has been working especially hard to use her knowledge of tens and units to solve addition problems. Great work Joanna!

Zoe Horwill: Creativity. For thinking carefully about what she wants with her illustrations for her Writers' Festival book.

Else Van Amerongen: Creativity. For drawing really amazing illustrations for her Writer's Festival book.

Alice Luo: For persisting with her Writer's Festival story. Alice overcame many challenges when writing her story and never gave up. Well done Alice!

Riley Dexter: For researching and publishing a fantastic information text for the Writers Festival. You made sure you followed every step of the writing process. Well Done!

Darcy Griffin: For working fantastically during multiplication rotations, not being afraid to learn new concepts and strategies. Keep up the amazing work.

Henry Phelan: For taking risks in his learning by attempting new things. Henry hasn't been afraid to work on unknown concepts in Maths. He has taken feedback on board and understands that making mistakes is an important part of learning. Great job Henry!

Akira Krasevac: By diligently working on her Writer's Festival piece. Akira has completed publishing her narrative and is

experimenting with writing on the iPads, using Book Creator. Great work!

Linde Van Amerongen: By thinking about how her published Writer's Festival piece will look and showing creativity in the display and lay out of her text and illustrations. Well done!

Louise Le: For showing resilience by not getting upset when she had to leave a game because she was out. She stepped aside and waited until the game commenced again. Well done Louise.

Tom AW: For amazing work on his inquiry. He has worked hard to find out as much as he can about arcade games and is using this to create his own game.

Kyan David-Holmes: Learning. By working hard to complete your narrative writing piece. Even after 'brain block' you never gave up. Well done!

Ben Vinten-Cassidy: Learning. By working hard in maths to complete some fantastic arrays. You have made a great start on understanding multiplication.

Will Stephens: For great creativity in his writer festival publishing. He has a number of creative ideas which he is persisting at to ensure he has a writer's festival piece he is proud of.

Thomas Brady: Thomas displays organisational skills every morning. He is always ready to start the day with the correct books and stationary. He consistently finishes work on time and completes it to the best of his ability. Keep it up Thomas!

Stanley Skinner: Congratulations Stanley on a fabulous 'Personal Inquiry' investigation and presentation. Tackling neuroscience in grade 6 is an amazing achievement!

Sunita Patton: Congratulations Sunita on writing your first novel. You remain focused throughout the writing sessions at school, reworked your text and completed extra editing at home.

Georgie Schutz: Learning. For writing an outstanding 'final chapter' for our Book Club text, *Once*. Georgie was able to interpret the style and language of the author to write a gripping ending to the book.

Alice Treloar: Learning. For her hard work on developing her writing over recent weeks. Alice's excellent story, *The Scars in Life*, was the first published book from our class for the Writer's Festival. Congratulations Alice!

Emma Stafford, Sarah Coffey, Nina Lord: Learning, for their commitment to their Writer's Festival work, their creativity and humour. Keep up the fantastic efforts.



Could the following people please report to the school office and pay for and collect their auction items

Jenny Morrow	Leslie Daines
Penny Creswell White	Erin King
Melanie Starr	Joy O'Neil
Damien Kennedy	Carolyn Dunn
Anton Martino (paid)	

Thank you Thank you very much

Congrats to Trivia Night Winners **'The Hotness'** for their triumphant 122 point score beating nearest rival **'Nevada Highway'** on 110. Third was Table 22 on 105. The score sheet can be viewed in the office.

This editor's favourite Team name—**'Trivia Newton-John'**. Brilliant!



Music

Tully's Dad joins Preps for a Gig!

Very exciting stuff happened last week in the Learning Centre!!

As a celebration of what students have been learning in their Music lessons, Guest visitor Ewen (Tully's dad) visited to play some music with Andrew on his fantastic instruments. Students were having a blast singing along, dancing and doing actions to these songs.

Preps are lucky to have Ewen come in and share his musical talents, knowledge and skills with them.



After the success of last year's toothbrush and tooth-paste drive, which sent 3 boxes of goods to the Bahay Tuluyan Shelter in the Philippines, the Social Justice Group realised they could make a difference gathering donated items as well as raising money.

So... Did you know 300 million people in the world have never owned a pair of shoes?!

This August and September we are calling for donations of good condition second hand (or new) shoes from our school community.

There will be two collection boxes, one in the office and one in the learning centre. Shoes will be given to Shoes for Planet Earth to be distributed amongst their many partner organisations. For more information check out their website

<http://www.shoesforplanetearth.com>

Three things to remember:

1. Make sure the shoes are clean and in good condition, no missing soles or holes
2. Tie laces together or use a rubber band to keep pairs together
3. You can also donate new inner soles or laces to help recondition shoes

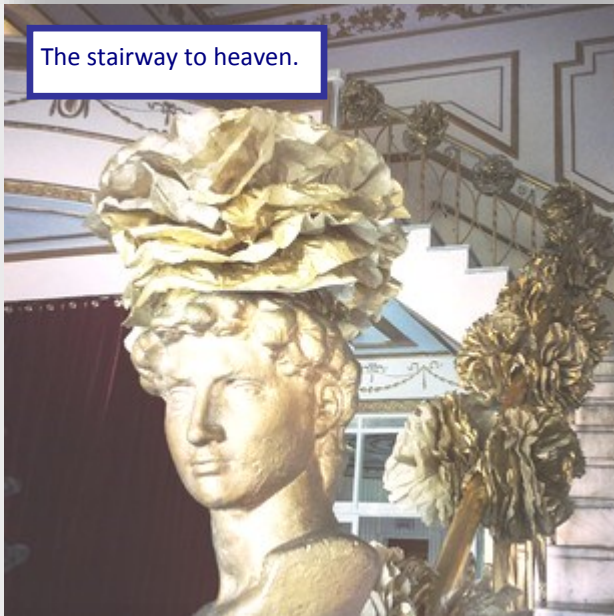
Thanks for your support, 5/6 Social Justice Group

Just like the real thing, only better!



No Trivial Pursuit!

The stairway to heaven.



Instagram

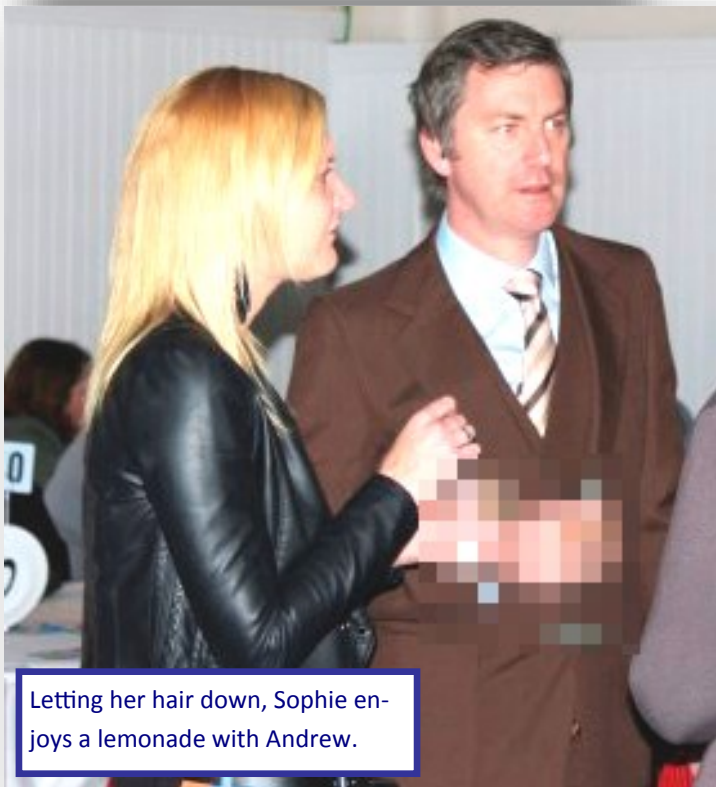
#belltrivia

Over \$9,000 raised on Friday Night! A fantastic night celebrating Bell's community and getting together for a lot of fun. Big thanks to Amanda and Kellie and their amazing crew for all of their hard work. We had no idea who won, but in the end, it didn't matter!

Hugh Hefner gets a congratulatory kiss or two on winning Best Dressed.



Letting her hair down, Sophie enjoys a lemonade with Andrew.





Rod is outraged at Table 9's poor performance.



The Gilberts enjoying a stoush before Round 1.



The nerve centre. Staff & Parents tally up the points.



Nicole is one of the many Elvis impersonators for the evening.



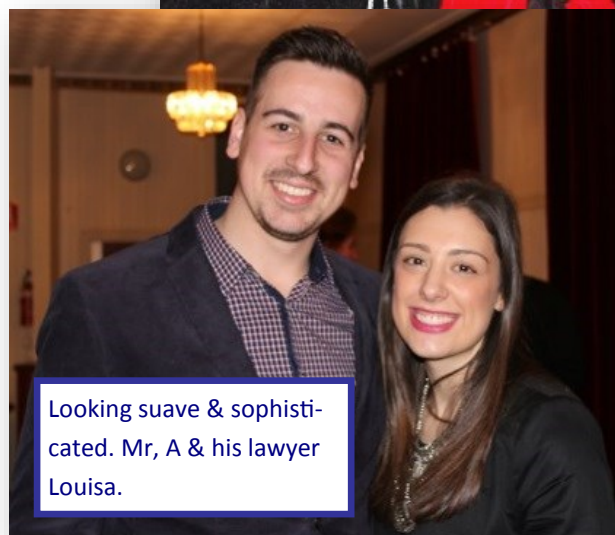
The real stars. Mary Beth & Kellie pose for the paparazzi.



Host & former Bell Parent Anita Smith (Right) congratulates the best dressed winners.



Congrats!



Looking suave & sophisticated. Mr. A & his lawyer Louisa.



Yvette & Anne get glamorous.



Tournament of Minds

Tournament of Minds (TOM) is a problem solving programme for teams of students from both primary and secondary years. Teams solve challenges from a choice of disciplines:

- Applied Technology
- Language Literature
- Maths Engineering
- Social Sciences

Tournament of Minds is one of the fastest growing international school programmes with the involvement of thousands of participants. TOM aims to enhance the potential of our youth by developing diverse skills, enterprise, time management, and the discipline to work collaboratively within a competitive environment.

Over the past several weeks we have had 9 dedicated students practising to compete in this year's tournament that was held at Latrobe University last Saturday. Students were first called into a closed audition where they were given a scenario and had to perform an impromptu play. They were sworn to secrecy when they came out and could not divulge what the performance was about. Shortly after, the students were called in to their performance which was open to both parents and teachers.

Our Bell students chose the Social Sciences as their focus with the play being about removing the Leaning Tower of Pisa out of Italy and erecting it in Auckland, New Zealand. They set up a mock courtroom that consisted of lawyers for and against and two court judges.

Students had 10 minutes in which they had to set up their scene, read their play and then pack-up. Their performance also had to be completed within a 3 x 3 metre square area.

After their performance the judges spoke to the students. They were amazed when the kids proudly announced that they were in Grade 3/4. We are now waiting patiently for the results to come out, so stay tuned. Thank you to the parents who attended the tournament as well to show their support.

Joy, Sophie & Xenia

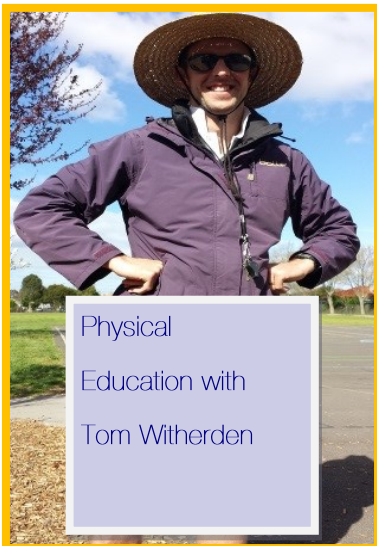




ART: TIM BURTON INSPIRED SPOOKY LANDSCAPES

OVER THE PAST FIVE WEEKS THE YEAR **3/4** STUDENTS HAVE BEEN EXPLORING THE WORLD OF TIM BURTON. AS A CLASS, WE DISCUSSED BURTON'S STYLISTIC AESTHETIC AND HOW HE CREATES ATMOSPHERIC SCENES. DURING THESE LESSONS, THE STUDENTS LEARNT ABOUT SHAPE IN THE FORM OF SILHOUETTES. USING WATER COLOUR PAINTS, PERMANENT MARKERS AND PAPER THE STUDENTS CREATED THESE WONDERFUL HAUNTED HOUSE LANDSCAPES.





Physical
Education with
Tom Witherden



Congratulations to all students who participated at the Northcote Primary Schools District Basketball Tournament on Tuesday.

Bell Primary entered 4 teams, two boys and two girls. All students showed great skill and teamwork. A brilliant day was had by all.

Congratulations to the grade 6 girls team who finished runners up in the tournament. They were narrowly beaten by Fairfield Primary in the Grand Final.

Athletics

The Northcote Primary Schools District Athletics carnival will be held on Friday 12th September at Collingwood Athletics Track.

Students from grade 4, 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to participate in events including: Shot put, Discus, High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump as well as 100m, 200m and 800m running events.

Training and tryouts will be undertaken over the next 3 weeks during Physical Education classes.

It's been a long while since you've heard about the staff netball team, Bell Air. We finished off the Autumn season just missing out on finals with an unfortunate rain cancellation thwarting our hopes. We finished fifth on the ladder.



But that's in the past. We are now into the Winter season and so far we have had a one point loss and a four point victory. All of these nail biting games indicating that our division is a just right fit. Last Wednesday night, Sophie Gidley was declared best on court by the umpires and deservedly so with her outstanding defence alongside Mr A.



Friday 5th of September will see the Coach Approach program once again come to Bell Primary School.

Elite sports persons/coaches will be coming in to run some sports specific clinics with the students.

The program is for all students and there will be a cost of \$8 per child.

Permission forms will go home this week and need to be returned to your child's classroom teacher, along with the \$8, by 28th August.

For further information please, see the

[Coach Approach Website](#)

Hello Everyone,

A Big reminder to please book on line as our places are capped, therefore we cannot accept any more children once we have reached the cap.

In the past weeks children have been participating in Aboriginal and Science activities. Children have made Aboriginal flags and boomerangs and have enjoyed doing Aboriginal art. The most popular experiment in Science week was 5 minute ice cream where the children got to make the ice cream then had taste testing. All children have been participating in the Active sports program with prizes being awarded at the end of term for participation and attitude.

Lots of children in Oshclub love to draw, which means we go through a lot of paper, If anyone knows any business that donate paper this would be greatly appreciated.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before Care Activities	#Making your own matching cards #Footy tipping	#Recycled button bracelet #Ball games	#Recycling Dodgeball #Recycled musical instruments	#Recycled creations # I Spy	#Reduce reuse recycle # Recycling Scramble
After Care Activities	#Footy tipping #AASC	#Construction-recycled materials #Hopscotch	#Memory card game #AASC	#Recycling art #Animal Hangman	#Playground Challenge #AASC

OSHC program phone: 0413123119
Coordinator: Barbz Finnigan
Assistants: Anna, Maria, Cheryl, Amanda

OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.

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.

PS: No hat No outdoor play



FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD

There has been much discussion and consultation this year regarding our Healthy Food Policy. This policy informs fundraising activities, classroom curriculum and activities, and lunch orders. Across the school we encourage children to bring a water bottle everyday and ensure they have time for veggies or fruit each day. We are an allergy aware school, so we ask parents to be mindful of foods that contain known allergens like nuts, dairy and sesame seeds. There has also been a lot of discussion about class parties and celebrating birthdays in clever ways that don't have to involve "sometimes" foods. If you have any questions or comments please contact your child's teacher.

Celebrate Book Week 2014 with a fantastic live show!



Bring your young readers along to this live performance by CARP Productions and see the best of the Children's Book Council short-listed books come to life

NORTHCOTE LIBRARY

THURSDAY 21 AUGUST 4PM

ONLINE BOOKINGS AT www.darebinlibraries.vic.gov.au OR CALL 1300655355

Aug/Sep 2014

2014 Term Dates:

Term 3: 14 July - 19 Sept.

Term 4: 6 Oct - 19 Dec.



Events Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
17 Sunday Crew**	18 9-11 Playgroup 9 Junior Assembly 8.45—9.15 Uniform Shop	19	20	21 Swimming for Years 1/2 and 3/4 3.15-3.45 Uniform Shop	22	23
24	25 9-11 Playgroup 9 Senior Assembly 8.45—9.15 Uniform Shop	26	27	28 Swimming for Years 1/2 and 3/4 3.15-3.45 Uniform Shop	29 1.30 Grade 4 Soccer game V Thornbury Primary @ Bell	30
31 Sunday Crew**	1 9-11 Playgroup 9 All School Assembly 8.45—9.15 Uniform Shop	2 School Pix (Staff, Sport, JSC, Captains, etc)	3	4 Fathers Day Stall Swimming for Years 1/2 and 3/4 3.15-3.45 Uniform Shop	5 Fathers Day Stall Coach Approach	6
7	8 9-11 Playgroup 9 Junior Assembly 8.45—9.15 Uniform Shop	9 2.30 Australian Girl's Choir try-outs	10 7.00pm School Council	11 Writers Festival Swimming for Years 1/2 and 3/4 3.15-3.45 Uniform Shop 2.30 Writers Festival Opening	12 District Athletics	13

****The Sunday Crew** is a Department of Justice team who work here on one Sunday each month from 8.30am until 4.30pm. They complete various maintenance and garden works around the school grounds under the direction of the manager. The grounds are closed on these days to allow them to go about their tasks uninterrupted. Please observe all signage.

Permission Slips & Payment Reminders!



All Grades

All Families

Coach Approach (\$8)

School Fees & Levies

Tues 12.8

Overdue