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BellNews

Fortnightly

Challenging & Supporting each other...

Wow! Click here for more coral art greatness:

<http://bellpsarts.global2.vic.edu.au/2015/10/23/coral-reef-installation-by-grade-56/>



Parent Input for Class Allocation 2016

Class allocation is based on the professional judgement of teachers and is based on academic achievement, ILIPs (Individual Learning Plans – where appropriate), behaviour, special needs, friendships, separation and additional support requirements.

Parent input into class allocations will be taken into consideration when information can be provided that teachers may otherwise not be aware of, for example a conflict situation.

Please submit this information in writing to the Principal.

The Class Formation Policy is on the Bell P.S website.

Marg Sneddon, Assistant Principal

Transition

During fourth term as we continue to work on our current programs, there will be opportunities for Transition from Grade to Grade. As you are probably aware, the Kinders transition into Bell P.S throughout November and part of this transition is working with a Prep buddy. It is important that we also transition this year's Preps into Grade 1/2, the Grade 2's into 3/4 and the grade 4's into 5/6.

Transition is about having a few sessions in a classroom that is usually 'earmarked' for a particular grade level. For the most part the emphasis will be on visiting a new classroom environment and meeting some of this year's teachers as a practice for 2016. Students will not be split into possible grades for 2016 for this part of the transition, it is about 'getting to know the environment and some of the teachers who may be less familiar.' These activities will take place in late November and early December.

Moya Lythgo, Transition Co-ordinator

LOTE

This year the Education Sub Committee has been conducting a Language Other Than English review. A final report will detail the process and the findings of the review, which will lead into the cyclic School Review that will be conducted in 2016 as part of the development of the School Strategic Plan.

Members of the Education Sub Committee have been gathering data from a range of sources to include in the report. The final input and data for the review will be circulated this week in the form of a parent survey. The link will be sent to all families by email.

The Victorian Curriculum will be implemented in Victorian schools in 2017 and we will also follow the guidelines set out in the appropriate documents as they become available.

Marg Sneddon, Education Sub-Committee Convenor

5/6 Dress Up Day:

On Wednesday 21st October all grade 5/6 students dressed up as a book character, to raise money for the Aboriginal Literacy Foundation. We raised an amazing \$70. The students looked fantastic and there were some really creative costumes. As well as raising money, students brought in books from home that they wanted to donate for other children to read. Our own school library also donated books. It's great to see



our community get behind another cause that assists others less fortunate than ourselves. Well done Bell Primary!



One of the rare times it is better to look at Bell News in black and white.



From the Principal's Desk

SCHOOL COUNCIL OCTOBER MEETING

School council has approved the application to DET for a ceiling on school enrolment. The proposal would restrict enrolment to those students for whom Bell P.S. is their closest school. This will reduce numbers significantly and thus reduce the pressure on facilities. I will now begin the necessary discussions with DET managers to put this in place for the 2017 school year.

Marg Sneddon provided an update on the LOTE Review currently being conducted by the Education Sub-Committee. The next step is a community survey that will be coming out very soon.

Geoff Hollis (parent member) made the proposal that School Council promotes the 2015 Annual General meeting widely across the community to encourage greater parent attendance. There was a very positive response to this.

There was some discussion around ways we can engage with dads and male carers in the school community. Active Dads was a group that was run by one of our School Council members that provided events and activities that would appeal to the male section of the community. Ross Kusters (parent member) is going to link up with previous organizers with a view to getting a similar program going in 2016.

The Finance Committee is looking into the introduction of a Building Fund at the school. Once the DET guidelines regarding parent payments are provided to schools, the Finance Committee will make a recommendation to the council.

STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP (SIG) REPORT

This group of staff and parents meets regularly looking at future

planning for the facilities at the school. All families have been sent the information on the position for the next relocatable that is part of the Master Plan. The SIG will be finishing off the final master plan over the next few weeks. This plan will need to be reviewed regularly in response to change in school needs. Adrian Whitehead (parent) who convenes the Gardens and Grounds Group and is a member of the SIG has been able to place the outdoor seating that is soon to be installed in the best possible position as a result of this work.

This is my last Bellnews for the year. I am going on Long Service Leave after Cup day for the rest of the school year. I am very excited! I am going to spend a month in southern India. I am then going on to the UK to see my son who is at university there and to visit family in Oxford and Edinburgh. When I reflect on this year, there is a very long list of wonderful achievements. Our high achievement levels in NAPLAN and teacher assessments are a credit to the hard work and dedication to Teaching and Learning displayed by our Leadership team and staff. There have been many wonderful opportunities for our students. The Asian Biennale, Social Justice Club events, the Clubs program, the many sports activities, the ANZAC sculpture and the Tea Towel Fundraiser are just a few. Next year is our review year where we conduct a self-evaluation and a school review leading into developing the Strategic Plan for 2016-2020. This is a part of the 4 year school improvement process and is our opportunity to set our goals and targets into the future.

I would like to thank all staff and the community members who have made a positive contribution to the school in so many different ways over the year. When we stay focused on the needs of the students, we will always have the best results.

Cresten Pearce, Principal

Darebin Secondary Education Review and Workshop

A community workshop is being held to ask local people for feedback on the Secondary education provision in Darebin review's approach and help develop a rigorous process for determining school provision needs, as well as share information and explore local issues and perspectives.

The workshop will be held on Wednesday 28 October 2015 (6pm-8pm) at the Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre, corner of Bell Street and St Georges Road, Preston. Anyone wishing to attend the event should register through Eventbrite here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/community-workshop-for-school-provision-preston-area-registration-19110294405>



This fortnight in Bell News we get ready to say goodbye to our class of 2015. Not long to go now...





School Values Certificates

Scarlet McKay: Learning. Scarlet has demonstrated a real commitment to inquiry learning this term. She has developed her questioning and research skills, and has worked very respectfully with her group. Keep up the great work, Scarlet!

Anja Hodda: Respect. By always being attentive in the classroom. Anja makes sure she has her personal belongings organised and helps others to do the same. She transitions between activities quickly and is ready to listen for the next job's instructions.

Romain Hohn: Teamwork—by always being willing to work with others in the classroom. When students used straws to make crafty creation in their open time, Romain helped make sure they were shared fairly between everyone.

Ruby Simkovic: By making thoughtful and detailed predictions before reading her books during Reading Groups. Ruby thinks about the story as she is reading and asks questions to make sure she understands what is happening. Go Ruby!

Christian Harris: By working hard to develop his bank of sight words and listening carefully in Reading Groups. Christian has been practicing pointing to his words and checking the picture to help him with his reading. You're a star!

Tess Sinton: Tess has been recognised for demonstrating the school value of TEAMWORK by working extremely well during group tasks. Tess is always willing to help others in the classroom once her own work is finished and often takes on a leadership role during group work making sure everyone is working fairly.

Alex Coates: Alex has been recognised for demonstrating the school value of TEAMWORK by ensuring the classroom is ready for learning. Without being asked, Alex comes into the classroom every morning and puts chairs down and tool kits on the table.

Alannah Baldwin: Creativity. Lani has been working away on a great piece of writing about the season of Winter and has used some great creative language. You have been very persistent Lani, well done!

Itana Rocco: Learning: Itana's confidence has increased and she is more often having-a-go at new activities and asking the teachers for help if she gets stuck. You are being so brave, Itana. Well done!

Henry Gangoit: Learning. Henry has really been applying himself during our writing unit on Poetry. He has crafted some wonderful Cinquain poems that he is now publishing. Great job, Henry!

Matilda Veenstra: Learning. Matilda has demonstrated learning through her time knowledge. Matilda challenged herself during maths by practising making and reading some very tricky times on analogue and digital clocks. What a champion! Keep up the excellent work Matilda!

Tully Baker: Creativity. Tully has demonstrated creativity through her inquiry project. Tully has used a variety of strategies to research 'salsa', including ICT, books and writing to an expert. She has also begun to create a very creative poster to display all of her learning. To top it off, she has even learnt how to dance salsa! Go Tully!

Theo Wyatt: Creativity. Theo presented a fabulous speaking session about his trip to Japan to share facts with us as an international reporter. He created a wonderful Powerpoint to share and used humour to entertain us. Superstar effort Theo!

Lola Vincent: Learning. Lola has been showing great motivation in Independent Reading all year! She has been actively using

her goal book to show her thinking and is enjoying challenging herself to think deeper about the texts she reads. Great to see you growing as a reader,

Henry Phelan: Henry has demonstrated the school value of Learning through his personal inquiry where his question is 'if the universe is expanding, what is it expanding into?' Henry has shown resilience in his learning as the answers that he is seeking, is actually spread across multiple theories with no definitive solution.

Charlie Presutto: Has demonstrated the school value of teamwork by always assisting others in class and working well in any group setting. Charlie can be paired with anyone and he always manages his group in a way that keeps them focused on the learning goals of the lesson.

Riley Briggs: Learning. Riley has been working really hard on composing different types of poems during writing sessions and did a fabulous job on both his rhyming poem and cinquain poems. He has been very persistent in trying to follow the correct format.

Wonderful work, Riley!

Lyrik McGuinness: Persistence. Lyrik has shown persistence with her learning especially writing. She never gives up even when it gets too hard. Lyrik has a great attitude towards learning and always tries her best. Great job Lyrik!

Sarah Stafford: Learning. Sarah has worked really hard on her science report. She thought out of the box and created a model of the milky way. Sarah used her creative thinking to problem solve and enjoyed learning about space. Wonderful work Sarah!

Hamish Bunton: Teamwork. Hamish has demonstrated fabulous teamwork during the inquiry activities this term. He has shown that he can work cooperatively in a group, speak respectfully and listen to other students' ideas. Keep up the great work, Hamish!

Max Blakey: Organisation. Ensuring that he is ready for each lesson by having his materials ready. Max set being more organised as his goal for the week and has really worked hard at achieving it.

Aimee Pownall: Creativity. For always taking care in the work she presents. Aimee presents her work in new and exciting ways and should be proud of the tasks she accomplishes.

Grace Kelly: Confidence. For pushing herself out of her comfort zone and presenting a thoughtful celebration speech in front of the class. Fantastic work Grace!

Michaela Pam: Learning. For the wonderful effort she put into filming the Behind the News footage about the Befriend a Child in Detention Program. Michaela brought her enthusiasm for social justice issues and her excellent interviewing skills to the project. Well done!

Sarah Warren: Learning. For the wonderful effort she put into filming the Behind the News footage about the Befriend a Child in Detention Program. During this activity Sarah brought together her excellent organisational skills, work ethic and social conscience.

Samuel McShane: Teamwork. By being a great 5/6 team member and donating a generous \$10.50 to the Aboriginal Literacy Foundation and also getting into character as a puppy dog for the dress up day. Top job, Samuel.

Mariana Bila: Learning. By persistently working on her skills in division. Mariana worked really well in a small group focus and was able to complete all of the equations with confidence. Awesome work, Mariana!!

LAST ONE FOR THE YEAR!!

Bell Primary School
Gardens and Grounds
November Working Bee
Sunday the 8th November
10am to 3pm

Stay for the whole day or
do what you can

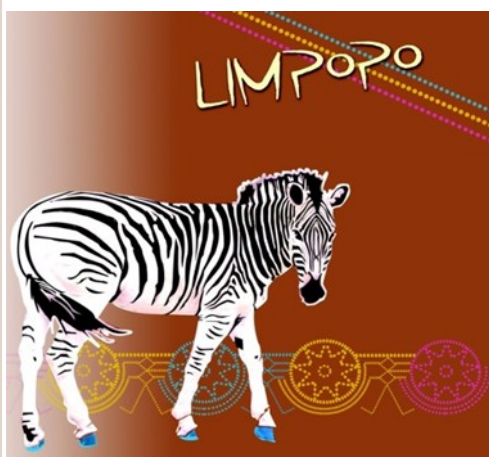
Session 1: 10-12.30 Lunch: 12.30-1.30 BBQ (BYO sausages, etc.) Session 2: 1.30-3.00

Meet and work with the Bell community. Prepare the school grounds for the HOT Summer holidays.

Bring a hat, sunscreen, gloves, a trowel or two, a picnic.....



Countdown to farewell...



Limpopo Concert

27 of our Bell students (performing as Bell Community Choir), will be joining other primary students from St Pius X Primary School, Kids In Darebin Sing (KIDS) Choir, Penders Grove Primary School, and Mini Mona's Choir (Ballarat) on Thursday 29th October to perform at the Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre as part of the Darebin Music feast. The Limpopo Chorus, organized by the Boite, will be performing songs in various South African languages including Zulu, Tswana and English, supported by a live houseband and storytelling from Valanga Khoza's children's book, Gezani & the Tricky Baboon. Valanga and Andrea Khoza will lead the group of around 100 school students from Darebin and Ballarat once again giving voice to the 2008 Limpopo songs.

We encourage people to come and support the students and enjoy the concert if available. Tickets are available from the Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre online at <http://www.darebinarts.com.au/whats-on/limpopo> or they can also be purchased over the phone from the DAEC: 8470 8282.

Adults \$20.00, Child \$8.00 (Under 2 years free – must sit on ticket holders lap), Group 10+ \$18.00 each.

Darebin Limpopo Concert, 1:00 – 2pm, Thursday 29th October.

Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre, Cnr of Bell St & St Georges Rd, Preston

For a sneak preview, check out this clip of one of our recent rehearsals: <https://youtu.be/TjzNUDce4hs>

Countdown to farewell...



Second and final call for Tea-Towels

The tea towels have been a huge success and numerous parents have been asking teachers if it's too late to buy the tea towels. Chelsea and Tash need to gauge numbers to see whether it would be worthwhile doing a second print run. The cost of the tea towels are: \$12 each for 3 or less (from any class) or \$10 each for 4 or more (from any class).

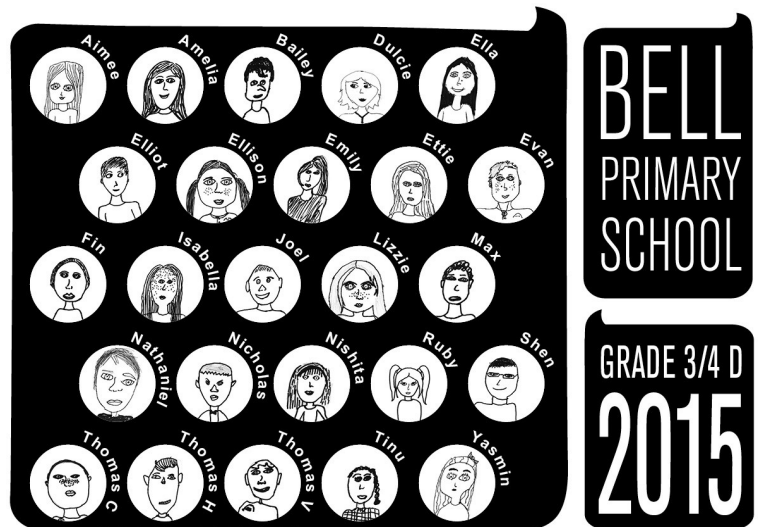
If you're interested in buying more tea towels, please email your child's classroom teacher with the following:

The number of tea towels you would like to purchase.

You will need to email your child's classroom teacher by Friday 30th of October. Please note: this expression of interest does not guarantee that there will be another print run, it is simply to gauge numbers.

There will not be a third print run, so make sure you let your child's classroom teacher know by Friday 30th November if you would like to purchase more tea towels.

Kind regards, Chelsea.



Physical
Education with
Josh "no, not the
singer" Grogan

Lucy Cambridge: Won 7 Medals in her gymnastics Competition over the weekend, including overall winner.

Interschool sport:

Westgarth: Cricket: Lost Mixed Rounders: Won Girls Rounders: Lost Softball: Draw

Penders Grove:

Cricket: Won

Mixed Rounders: Lost

Girls Rounders: Lost

Softball: Friendly Match

Link for table and fixtures. <http://ischoolsports.com.au/dashboard/index>

Josh Grogan

Physical Education Teacher

*together we are creating a
healthy school*

achievement
program



The Achievement Program is a jointly funded initiative of the State Government of Victoria and the Australian Government.



News from the Wellbeing Team!

The Wellbeing Team is continuing its work as a Healthy Together School. Over the course of this year we have continued to work on six of the eight achievement areas. The wellbeing team will continue to report on the different areas each Bell news.

Sexual Health and Wellbeing

Our primary focus for 2015 has been to build teacher capacity before introducing a staged –school based Sexual Education Program in 2016 and 2017. We have a number of parents with specific expertise who have joined the sub-committee who is working on this area.

Family Life Victoria will be hosting a parent and student information evening on Wednesday, 18th November.

Staff have participated in three professional development sessions on sexual health and wellbeing. The Department of Education recommends that schools deliver “comprehensive, whole-school sexuality education” that “provides consistent and accurate information to all young Victorians from an early age and is respectful of diversity”. We have been assisting staff to build their knowledge and skills with the aim of delivering this level of education across the whole school in 2016/2017.

A Gender Neutral Uniform Policy has been developed.

In line with a whole school approach, in 2016 parents can expect information sessions, letters regarding curriculum content and opportunity for further input into policy review.

Sun Protection

It is now time to ensure that your child comes to school with a broad brim hat and has their own sunscreen that they can apply themselves. The roll on sunscreen is sometimes easier for younger children to use. The Ultra Violet rating for each day is advertised on the Bell website. Bell Primary School is an accredited [Sunsmart](#) school.

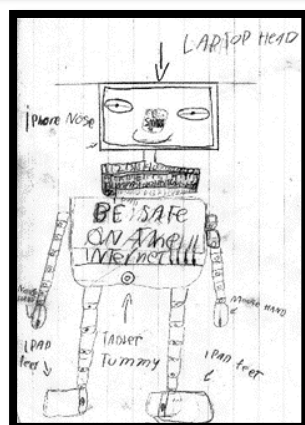
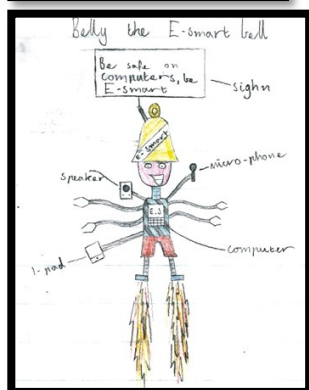
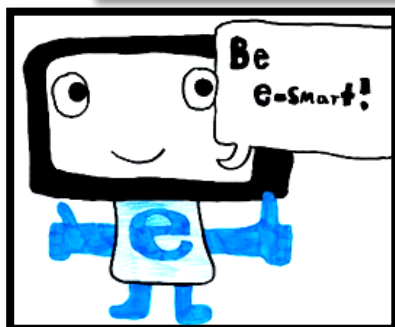
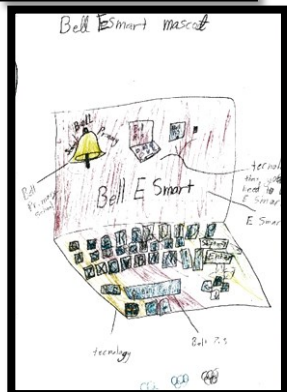
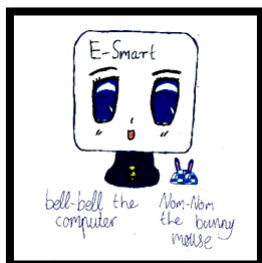
- Stay tuned for more updates and please feel free to see Ruth Vonarx, Maria Tevelis or Rylee Curran if you have any questions or feedback. (vonarx.ruth.r@edumail.vic.gov.au and curran.rylee.m@edumail.vic.gov.au)

As part of Bell's eSmart week last term, the grade 3/4 students set to

work on designing an eSmart mascot for promotional use throughout the school. The mascot needs to capture the essence of eSmart – smart, safe and responsible technology use at Bell PS and beyond.

The chosen mascot or mascots will be used as part of future Bell Primary eSmart campaigns: featuring in future editions of Bell News, on the Bell PS website and as part of digital and printed eSmart material for internal use at the school.

At this stage there are still a large number of mascots appearing on Mrs McGowan's desk and the ICT Team are excited to go through them in the coming weeks, to select the top few before putting them out to the school community to vote. Keep an eye out on the Bell News to see how you can have your say and vote for Bell's first eSmart mascot/s.



A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Family Life Victoria will conduct a Sexuality Education Program on Wednesday,



18th November, 2015

Our programs support parents to help their children learn about aspects of human sexuality.

These entertaining and valuable sessions are not to be missed.

Admission: One session – \$20 per family

Two or more sessions – \$25 per family

Session 1: Body Basics Years 1-2, 5:45-6:45

Session 2: Where Did I Come From? Years 3-4, 7:00 – 8:00

Session 3: Preparing for Puberty Years 5-6, 8:15-9:15

Extra details were sent home with the calendar on the 6th and can be accessed from the office. Please see Rylee Curran or Ruth Vonarx if you have any further questions.



SAVE THE DATE!

Prep - 2 concert ~ Bell Vision

Grades P-2 are currently working on their special performances for our cultural diversity concert. The evening promises to be colourful and entertaining, with lots of singing and dancing.

WHEN: Thursday the 12th of November

WHERE: Bring a picnic dinner and join us on the south oval for performances from 4:30pm – 6pm
(Please note this evening is an alcohol free event)

A reminder to parents to please make sure you cancel your child either online or by text message. Or if you have missed the online time to book into ASC, please feel free to text the mobile.

Thanks Ann Gardner Coordinator.

OSHC program phone: 0413 123 119

Coordinator: Ann Gardner

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 text or ring Ann on the OSH phone: 0413 123 119



We were so busy last week with the children given such a variety of activities. They were making insects from plastic spoons, having shaving cream fun, making and playing with playdough, painting large boxes in the Art Room, plaiting wool, playing with our new board game, 'Family' as well as free art and playing outside.

The oat cookies that the Cooking Club made were a hit on Thursday ASC with both children and parents! We are going to be cooking something special every week.

We are very proud that Bell Oshclub was awarded a \$50 Bunnings voucher recently, for most improved service in our region out of at least 15 other schools. We spent the money on Vegie seedlings, a watering can and garden tools for our vegie patch. If the vegies grow, then we can cook and eat them!

We have had our new term order of new sports equipment (hula hoops, soccer balls, basketballs, bat tennis, spider tennis, indoor bowls) and new craft items (which include lots of Christmas craft fun) as well as new bright cushions for our quiet corner.



Student Gardening Club Stall



To raise money for the student gardening club, we will be selling sunflower seeds, rosemary and lavender bags. We have worked hard to draw, cut and fill the packets of sunflower seeds so that you can plant them at home and smell the lavender and rosemary from Bell Primary! So come along, everything is between \$1 and \$5! By Anna, Lili, Violet & Freya from Gardening Club.

When: Friday 6th November

Time: 3:30-4:00

Where: Shelter Shed

What: Student gardening club selling sunflower seeds, rosemary and lavender bags.

Anna Buchanan

Events Calendar

October-November 2015

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
26 Snr Assembly 8.45-9.15 Uniform Shop 9.00 Playgroup	27	28 10.00am Prep Fire Education	29 10.00am Prep Fire Education Follow up	30 9.30: 5/6 Interschool Sports – Preston South (Home)	31	1
2 Whole School Assembly 8.45-9.15 Uniform Shop 9.00 Playgroup	3 Melbourne Cup Day – No school today!	4 Prep Transition Week 1	5	6 9.30: 5/6 Interschool Sports – Thornbury (Home) 3.30pm Student Gardening Club Stall	7	8 10.00am Cardens & Grounds Working ; Bee
9 Jnr Assembly 8.45-9.15 Uniform Shop 9.00 Playgroup	10 School Pix: Group Photo Sessions	11 Prep Transition Week 2	12 9.30 Finance Meeting 4.30pm-6.30 Prep to Grade 2 BellVision Concert	13 9.30-1.00pm Gr 3-6 Triathlon at Northcote Aquatic Centre	14	15
16 Jnr Assembly 8.45-9.15 Uniform Shop 9.00 Playgroup	17	18 Prep Transition Week 3 5.45pm Family Life Victoria talk	19 7.00pm School Council	20	21	22 Sunday Crew – Grounds are closed**

**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.