

March 15th, 2016



# BELL NEWS FORTNIGHTLY



**RIDE2  
SCHOOL®**

Oh no! Someone forgot to tell Leon W that Pogo2School Day had been cancelled.



MORE ACTIVE, MORE OFTEN



Premier's Active April is part of the Victorian Government's commitment to promote healthy and active lifestyles and get Victorians to join in the fun of increased physical activity.

Premier's Active April encourages all Victorians to do 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April. It's free, it's fun and it's part of the Victorian Government's commitment to get more people active and healthy.

As a participant, you can log your daily activity with the Active April Activity Tracker and chart your progress throughout the month. You can also create and join teams, track the progress of team members and discover events that are taking place in your local area.

This year Bell Primary will be participating in Active April. A number of teachers have already signed up and Bell Primary School already has a team that you can join.

**How to register:**

Go to the following website [www.activeapril.vic.gov.au](http://www.activeapril.vic.gov.au)

Hit register in the top right corner.

Choose student or parent

Fill in the required information (In the school section you can search Bell Primary)

Verify your account (check your emails for a verification)

Go to teams up in the top right hand corner.

Request to join a team.

School ID: bell-primary-school

### Northcote High School Openings

Open Morning 2016 - Wednesday April 27 is our very popular Open Morning. Student led tours run from 9 am to 12 noon, with a information session at 10.00 am in the Hall, repeated at 7.00 pm at night.

There is no need to book for this event, families register on arrival. There are demonstration lessons, music performances and coffee available. Invite your friends, if you have a younger child this is a good occasion to bring them along.

ACE Program testing 2017- register now!

Testing for the 2017 Yr 7 ACE Program will take place on Saturday April 30. Application forms are on our website or available from the General Office, but these must be returned by COB Wednesday April 20

Further information is on the NHS website. Please note applications for the ACE program close before Open Morning.



# Thornbury High School OPEN NIGHT

## Thursday March 17th 2016 - 7pm



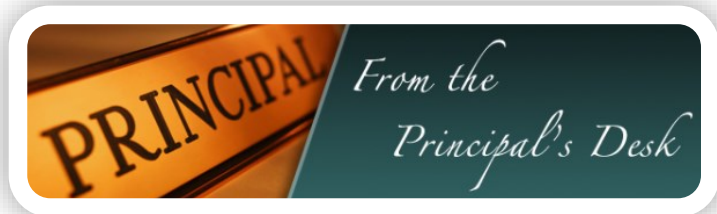
Guests are invited to arrive via Matisi Street and gather in the School Gymnasium.

The Principal Peter Egeberg will make a small presentation. Following this, parents and students will take part in a number of activities as well as a tour of the school.

Tea and coffee will be served in the staff room from 8:30pm with ample opportunity for informal discussion with the Principal, Year Level Coordinators and teaching staff.



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## Bell Primary Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 23rd March at 7pm (in the multi-purpose room).

At the AGM you will have the opportunity to:

- Meet your school councillors (parent and teacher members)
- Find out more about what the council and various sub-committees do
- Find out where and how you can be involved to make Bell PS an even better experience for our children
- Hear from the councillors on school objectives for the year ahead

We encourage parents to attend and hear from parent and teacher members of your school council. Councillors will touch on the following:

- The council's role and the numerous committees that exist;
- How parents can be involved in the council or committees to add value to your students experience;
- Hear from the committees on their achievements in 2015 and plans for this year and beyond;
- Review of the 2015 school finances;
- Cresten will present the Annual Report for 2015.
- Andrew Williamson (Teacher) will discuss future direc-

tions in Information Technology

- Shelley Baulch (Parent) will discuss fundraising achievements and future goals
- Adrian Whitehead presents gardens and grounds projects and visions.
- Glenn Dunstone will discuss the Strategic Infrastructure Group and future directions.

### Ride 2 School

Well done JSC for the brilliant Ride 2 School Day last Friday. It was very exciting to see so many riders. It went very smoothly. Some parents have expressed concern that some adults are riding into the school ground on their bikes with no helmet and on their mobile phones. Please remember to 'walk don't ride' within the grounds and to follow the same rules we have for the students to keep everyone safe.

### Time flies

This is the last Bell News for this term. So much has been achieved in this busy term. We are having lots of things done in the holidays. Our plans include improving the grassed areas with some areas being sectioned off,

Arborist work on the trees, painting of shelter sheds and rubbish removal. We are expecting the lift works to commence which means there will be large equipment on site. The Department of Justice Sunday Crew will be here on Sunday, March 27th and the grounds are closed. Please follow all signage and not allow your children to play here without supervision.

*Cresten Pearce*, Principal



## A Blast from the Past

With many of our students doing an enquiry this term on the history of Bell Primary, there have been many questions about the disused third floor such as why it isn't being used and what currently lives up there.

Our students were presented with images from the sole classroom up there and a shocking discovery was made by 5/6L's Sarah SI

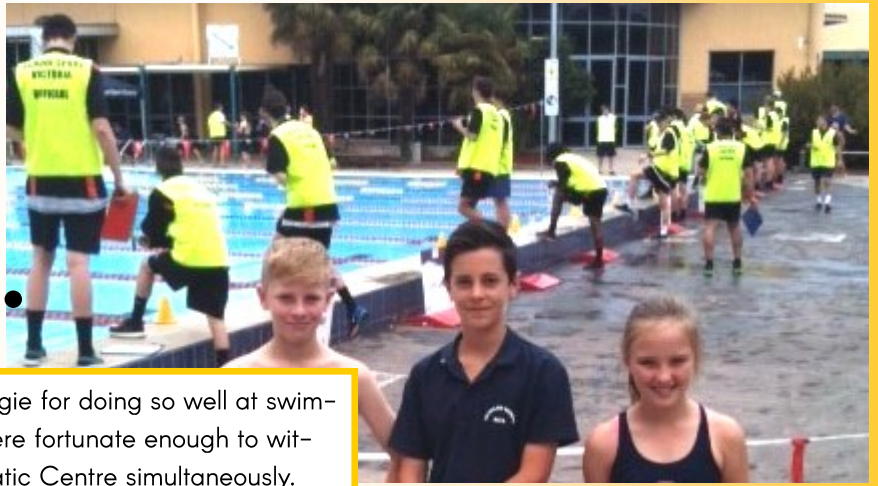
Looking closely at the old blackboard reveals that her Uncle Paul, a former Bell student, had scribbled twice on the board before the area was closed off for safety reasons.

We have given Uncle Paul a retrospective 'time-out' and are confident he won't do it again.



# Swimmingly.

Congrats to the dynamic trio of Mitch, Rylie and Maggie for doing so well at swimming last week. They placed a fifth and fourth and were fortunate enough to witness every single staff member at the Northcote Aquatic Centre simultaneously.



## Sounds a bit loopy.

The grade 5/6 students officially started their recording projects last week. Over the next 4-5 weeks the students will be collecting numerous sounds from around the school. These sounds will form the basis of a larger soundscape or rhythmic composition.

The learning intention of this session was to experiment with the hardware and software to discover the limitations and possibilities. The students had to work in pairs using Garageband on the iPad to record a series of sounds and see if they could loop them into a short rhythmic piece of music.

Attempting to get a better reception by touching a pole.



## Bell's Got Talent for Marg and Martin

Marg and Martin have been honoured to be the sole audience members at another lunchtime concert by some of our talented Grade 1 girls. Thanks to the girls for providing original music, costuming and some excellent choreography.

"I'm glad I didn't spend hundreds of dollars on Madonna tickets", said the Lunch Order Man. "Who needs the Material Girl when you've got 'Australia's Got Talent' whilst eating a healthy salad sandwich?"







Elliot celebrates only two more weeks of school left. Oh, and Ride2School Day also.



Vote for me! Vote for me! I'll give you free stickers and will reinstate Pogo2School Day.



## The all important count is in from Ride2School Day

From prep – 4 we had 168 students ride. Grade 5/6's had 79 students. Well done to everyone who participated and special thanks to JSC members who helped run the event.

## BELL PRIMARY'S FAIR AND FRESH FOOD CONNECTION.

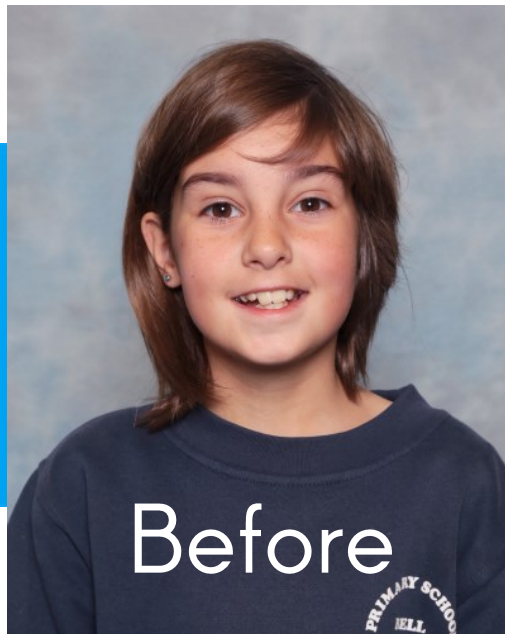
Would you like to order your organic veggies and groceries online and collect them from Bell? It's not just fruit and veggies, CERES Fair Food stock ethical food products, bread, dairy, as well as bathroom and home products.

You can order as much or as little as you like, choosing one of their set boxes, or by "building" your own box. There is no joining or delivery fee.

Ceres Fair Food has a pick-up location at the school on Tuesdays. To register or find out more email [soniaorchard@optusnet.com.au](mailto:soniaorchard@optusnet.com.au) (Sonia Orchard) and she will email you the link so you can join the BELL PS pick-up. You can get 5% off your first order.







Congratulations Phoebe K on your brave shave this weekend in support of the Leukaemia Foundation!

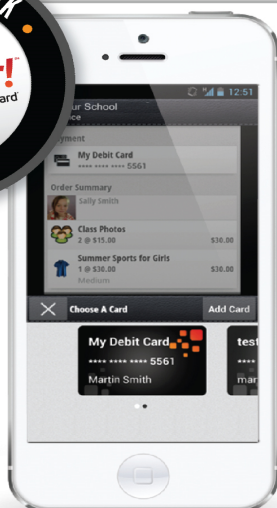
Bell PS is supporting Phoebe in her quest for funds by holding a Grade 5/6 only crazy hair day this Thursday with a gold coin donation or by donating to the Donation box at the office.

If you're feeling more generous, we really encourage you to visit Phoebe's World's Greatest Shave page and donate: <http://tinyurl.com/gnx37sw>



For Grade 5/6's only!  
This Thursday is Phoebe's Crazy Hair!  
It's a Gold Coin Donation so go crazy.

This is a picture of a girl with a drink bottle on her head. She doesn't go to Bell Primary as we do not condone nor encourage fizzy drinks of any kind unless they are to be used for Crazy Hair Day.



## Can two parents set up an account for the same student?

Qkr!™ offers the ability for two parents to set up an account for the same student if needed. However, please note that the two accounts are independent and no details are shared between them.

# FUNDRAISING

## CUPCAKE BAKERS WANTED – 80 BATCHES REQUIRED!

CUPCAKE STALL WILL BE THE LAST DAY OF TERM 1

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March @ 2.30pm

And we need your HELP!!



To ensure we have enough **CUPCAKES** for every student after the end of term assembly, we need your help by whipping up a batch of cupcakes or 2!

There are many ways to help out with this event, so if baking is not your forte please consider signing up for a number of other tasks; setting up the stall, selling cupcakes on the stall, or sorting 1200 cupcakes:

**Please sign-up on VolunteerSpot using the following link**  
<http://vols.pt/EAsBKU> OR

**Follow the links on the Bell PS Website.**

**A special request: Only families familiar with food allergies to provide Allergy-Friendly Cupcakes or Non-Cupcake (sugar-free) options!**

This is always a fun event and a wonderful way for the Bell School Community to celebrate the end of first term.  
 Hope you can help!

**Julie Kelly** ([jkelly1501@gmail.com](mailto:jkelly1501@gmail.com)) or  
**Shelley Baulch** ([ticklesandcuddles@gmail.com](mailto:ticklesandcuddles@gmail.com))

Please if you have any queries or questions about this FUNDraising event please refer to the FAQ's on the website, or email [bellps@fundraising.com.au](mailto:bellps@fundraising.com.au)

## This week from Fundraising

### Tesselaar Bulb Drive!

Going home today is an order form for flower bulbs. Plant them now, they'll hide until spring, and then burst into colour. All the while raising funds for the school. Please support!

### Cup Cake Stall

We are getting ready for our popular cupcake stall on the last day of term.  
 We need cake bakers and stall sellers.  
 Please see below on how to register to help.

### Sustainable House Day

We are looking for host houses for a Bell Primary Sustainable House Day. House hosts would be asked to give a 30 minute tour to an interested group of people from the Bell Community in early Term 2. Email [bellpsfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:bellpsfundraising@gmail.com) for more info.

Tash  
 Bell Fundraising Convener

## Fundraising Calendar

Friday 18th March – Fundraising meeting  
 Our regular fundraising group planning session.  
 All welcome.  
 9:00am Multi-purpose Room @ school.

Thursday 24th March – Cupcake Stall  
 Last day of Term 1.  
 2:30pm @ school.  
 Details to come.

### TERM 2

Friday 15th April – Tesselaar Bulb Drive  
**ORDERS DUE**  
 First Friday of Term 2.  
 Deposit order form in pink bin outside office.

### MOTHERS DAY STALL

Week 4 in Term 2  
 Looking for lots of creative crafts  
 Get the kids making during the holidays!





## Inquiry – How will we attract more butterflies to the butterfly garden?

1/2ST have been investigating how to attract more butterflies to the butterfly garden. Many of us have different theories about what will work – (Colours, flowers, smells, heat, food, habitat, etc.) Today we tried making 'butterfly mud pies' to attract more butterflies. We used dirt, water, sugar and salt. What do you think will happen?



## Events Calendar - Term 1 final 2 Weeks

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
14 Labour Day Public Holiday – No School Today!!!	15	16 T20 Blast 7.00pm School Council	17 3.15 Uniform Shop Grade 5/6's Crazy Hair Day	18 9.00am FUNdraising Meeting	19	20 10.30am Gardens and Grounds Working Bee
21 Harmony Day 9.00–11.00 Play-group Uniform Shop Closed	22	23 7.00pm Bell Primary Annual General Meeting (M.P Room)	24 Uniform Shop Closed End of Term 1 (Early finish at 2.30pm) 2.30 Cupcake Sale	25 Good Friday	26	27

First Day of Term 2 is Monday April 11