

From the Principal's Desk:

WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School survey is an annual student survey for Year 5 to Year 12 students offered by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience.

This is the eleventh year that the survey has been offered. Students from Years 5 and 6 at our school will participate in the survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school over the period Monday May 3 to Friday May 7. The survey only takes 20-30 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time.

The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of July.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.

Prep Enrolments 2015

It is hard to believe but I had my first round of 2015 Prep tours today. It feels like the year has just started and here we are coming in to May. The tours are being conducted at 9.30am on Mondays and Fridays. They book up very quickly so please encourage any interested parents to book in as



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soon as possible. We will be closing enrolments at the end of August to allow for future planning for 2015.

The following websites will prove useful for prospective parents: www.bellps.vic.edu.au/#!prep/c1y8x

www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/primary/Pages/choosing.aspx

www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/primary/Pages/starting.aspx and of course our website has lots of information: www.bellps.vic.edu.au

Sunsmart

Children are not required to wear hats for the months of May, June, July and August.

The Victorian Child Oral Health Survey will be conducted at the school on May 19th and 26th. The students are randomly selected and the forms are sent home for parent approval. If you do receive one, please return it to the school promptly.

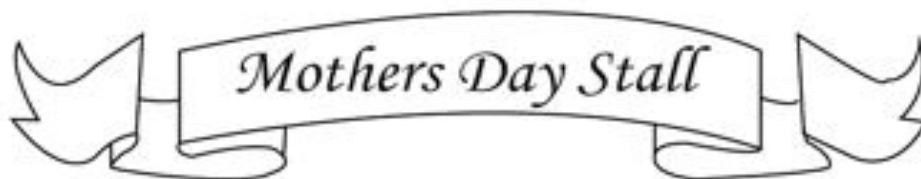


Last week our Senior students attended a special Anzac Day ceremony at the Shrine of Remembrance. It was certainly a very thoughtful day for all. Our wreath, (pictured) was laid by Griffin and Charlotte. Poems, composed by our students, appear inside this edition of Bell News.

Bike Shed

As many of you will have noticed, our bike shed is very popular and often full to capacity. Many of the older children are exercising their communal responsibility by using the external bike stands to lock their bikes onto which provides us with some additional space within the shed. The efficient use of the bike shed that allows children to come in and out quickly relies on additional support for the children in parking their bikes and some good management skills. We are very fortunate to have Eric's assistance with the smooth running of the bike shed, he always has a cheery 'hello' for everyone coming along the path through the south gate and has a friendly chat with the children as he helps them with their bikes and scooters. As you can see in the photo Eric has been coming in earlier to get the bikes out of the shed and lined up ready for students to collect at the end of the day. We would like to publicly thank Eric for the great contribution that he makes to the Bell Primary School Community.

Marg Sneddon
Assistant Principal



Stock Required!

Due to the increase in students at Bell, we require more items to sell than we have with previous stalls.

Our preference is to keep our Mothers Day Stall full of hand made craft / gifts / food items / plants.

Are you able to help? Items we've sold in the past have included badges, key rings, soap on a rope, plants, seedlings, lavender bags, coin purses. Keeping in mind our prices are between 50c to \$10.

If you are able to help with any items, please email
amanda_dunstone@yahoo.com.au

We will require items by Wednesday 7th of May



School Values Certificates

Awarded to

Lachlan Bird: Learning. By working so well on his holiday writing and using lots of word stretching.

Zac D'Onofrio: Teamwork. By being a fantastic helper in the classroom. You are really helping our Prep class be ready for our learning.

Lachlan Graham: Learning. Lachlan produced wonderful writing about his holiday. He carefully spelt his sight words correctly, matched his letters and sounds and wrote lots of information.

Ashlin McGowan: Respect. Ashlin always finds a good learning position on the carpet and reminds her friends to do the same. She works quietly and independently during class time, showing great respect for her own learning and the learning of the people around her.

Samson Tyler: Learning. By demonstrating great persistence in his writing. Samson concentrated well on his work when creating a beautiful poster about his holidays. He has been working hard to continue improving his writing and send his learning curve shooting to the stars!

Jack Tasker: Teamwork. Jack shows such amazing communal responsibility in the classroom. He is often seen cleaning up after others without even needing to be asked.

Julia Moloney: Learning. By working really hard and taking good care yesterday when writing her school holiday recount. Julia put a lot of effort into making sure that she used her "sticky fingers" to lock her idea in her head before writing.

Adrian Wilson: Learning. By actively working on his writing goals to hear and record sounds in words and persist with this tricky task to write more.

Alexandra Wright : Teamwork. By being a responsible and helpful partner. When her partner had a problem in the toilets, Alexandra went to get help from a teacher. What a wonderful friend.

Zoe Panagiotopoulos: Zoe has demonstrated creativity by giving careful consideration about what she would like to share with her classmates. Zoe sang a series of songs from the story 'Annie'.

Amir Toukhsati: Amir has demonstrated creativity when decorating his wreath to celebrate Anzac Day. I particularly liked the way in which he carefully used his finger to colour

in the detail of red poppies and ribbon using his finger and thumb.

Liam McGowan: Creativity. Liam has been working on his creativity by developing his expressive voice. He is now using his voice to add emphasis and to express how a character is feeling. Well done!

Alice Hillman: Creativity. Alice has been wonderfully creative in writing recently. She has included details and writing sentences to make pictures in the reader's mind. Excellent job!

Finn Evans: Creativity. Finn has been using different styles of handwriting in his text types to make different words stand out. Very creative!

Thomas Harris: Creativity. Thomas used a variety of materials to create little creatures during the grade 1/2 inquiry day. Very interesting. Well done.

Acacia Wright-Hall: By writing interesting stories about Little Red Riding Hood, the ANZACs and her weekend. Well done Acacia!

Violet Longstaff: By using 'sizzling starts' in her recount writing to make them more interesting. Keep it up Violet!

Grace Popp: For taking her time and creating a wonderful poppy from scratch during ANZAC week.

Jerico Enge: For taking his time and creating a wonderful poppy from scratch during ANZAC week.

Dominic Creswell-White: By using lots of adjectives to make his writing more interesting. Dominic has tried hard to reread his writing and add words to describe things in more detail. Great work!

Claire Stephens: By experimenting with different design materials during our Grade 1/2 Inquiry Day. Claire worked together with her peers to try new and creative ideas through art and design. Well done Claire!

Allister Arbuckle: Resilience and Confidence: Allister has shown confidence by being brave to put his hand up and answering questions. He has also displayed resilience in his learning during reading groups, not giving up, even when there are difficult words.

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School Values Certificates

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Rahima Toukhsati: Getting Along Award for displaying great getting along skills by listening to others, sharing classroom resources and being an active member during small group work.

Lola Vincent: Persistence & Confidence: Lola has shown persistence in her learning during maths and reading. She has also demonstrated confidence by being able to share her knowledge with others.

Eve Guzowski: for Getting Along. Eve's humorous, respectful and fun loving attitude sets a fine example for the other members in her class. It is a pleasure to have you in my class.

Oscar Tyler: For displaying persistence by not giving up when work tasks seem a little difficult and challenging.

Omar Bassyouni: Congratulations Omar on persisting with your independent reading goals. By working solidly both at school and home you have been able to change the way you read. You are now reading with fluency and expression. A huge achievement! Well Done!

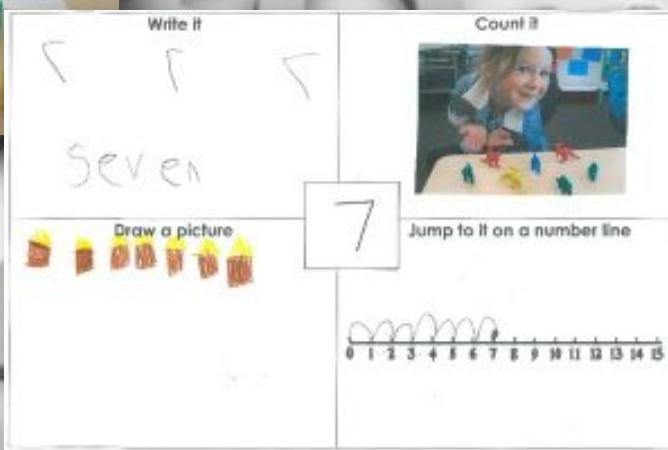
Stanley Skinner: Congratulations Stanley on consistently putting yourself in a position where you have to come out of your comfort zone and take a risk. This is truly an admirable attribute you should be proud of.

Nicholas Lountzis: Getting Along. By being an enthusiastic, positive member of 5/6R who regularly volunteers to help out in class. Keep up the great attitude Nick!

Lucinda Mills: Learning. By showing a commitment to her learning that extends beyond the classroom, consistently submitting homework of an excellent standard. She has set a high benchmark for the rest of the class. Keep up the fantastic work Lucinda!

Laila Chanzi: For teamwork. Laila has made a fantastic and friendly start to her time at Bell.

The Preps have really been exploring numbers and different ways of representing a number. Last week each Prep was given a number to explore and they were asked to write it in numerals and words, count it out using concrete materials, draw a picture of that many items and also jump to their number on a number line. Many of the Preps were also able to say what number came directly before and directly after their number when asked. What amazing mathematicians we have in Prep!



Victorian Child Oral Health Survey (VCOHS)

The Victorian Child Oral Health Survey (VCOHS) is coming to **Bell Primary School**.

The VCOHS is a state wide dental survey that will help provide a snap shot of the oral health of children across Victoria. The Survey will collect dental data from around 6,000 children aged 4 to 14 years from approximately 150 Government, Independent and Catholic schools.

Your participation will help contribute to the collection of important and useful oral health data used to improve dental services across Victoria.

A team of researchers from Dental Health Services Victoria (DHSV) will soon be inviting a random selection of parents from **Bell Primary School** to take part in the Survey.

Participation will include completing a questionnaire and a basic dental examination for your child at the school by a trained and qualified dental team.

All children enrolled at the school will receive a dental pack for the school's involvement in the Survey.

More detailed information on participation will be sent home to parents and students by the school principal in the coming weeks.

For more information about the Victorian Child Oral Health Survey contact a member on the VCOHS research team on (03) 8341 1788 or email vcohs@dhsv.org.au.



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XIN JIN SHAN CHINESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE SCHOOL A TASTE OF CHINESE CULTURE – FREE INFORMATION AND PARTICIPATION SESSION

Interested students from Grades 1 – 4 are invited to come along to an open session in the Learning Centre on Thursday May 8 from 3:45 to 4:45 to participate in a 'Taste of Chinese Culture.'

In attendance will be teachers of Culture, Martial Arts and Music from the Xin Jin Shan Chinese Language School. This is a wonderful obligation free opportunity for children to participate in various activities from Chinese Culture.

Expressions of interest will need to be sent to Marg Sneddon through the Bell P.S email or leave a note at the office by Friday May 2.

Reminder to students registered with the Xin Jin Shan Language and Culture School

Term 2 classes commence on Thursday May 1 and finish on Thursday June 26.

Marg Sneddon

Bell P.S Co-ordinator

Xin Jin Shan Chinese Language and Culture School



Preston students keen to solve Avenue of Honour mystery



Bell Primary School students [redacted] and [redacted] want to find out the history behind a group of trees in the school drive way. Pictures: Angie Baskakis Source: News Limited

A PRESTON school hopes the community can help solve the mystery of a stand of plane trees believed to commemorate local diggers who died in World War 1.

Bell Primary School principal Cresten Pearce wants to uncover the history of the 12 large plane trees lining the school's driveway, which she suspects form an Avenue of Honour.

>>Do you know the history behind these trees? Please tell us below.

An Avenue of Honour is a memorial avenue of trees, with each tree symbolising a person.

A former student has said he remembered the trees being mature when he attended the school in 1947, some 19 years after it opened.

"We're appealing to past members of the school community if they know anything about the history of the trees can they contact us as we're keen to find out so we can record it (on a plaque) for future generations," Ms Pearce said.

Ms Pearce said over the years former students had given her precious nuggets of information about the school's history, such as the existence of "dug out" bomb shelters on its oval during WWII.

"Someone will know who planted those trees and why," Ms Pearce said.

"Out there in Preston there's so much knowledge about the community."

If the area is confirmed an Avenue of Honour it can be included on a national register.

"It's important to record it because so much of our history is oral history and it goes when the people holding it in their heads go."

The research is part of a series of projects the students will take part in to prepare for next year's Anzac Day centenary.

One of these projects has involved creating fabric poppies for the 5000 Poppy Project.

The initiative will see thousands of the flowers "planted" in Federation Square as a visual tribute to Australian servicemen and women for more than a century of service.

**THANK YOU TO ALL THE 1/2 PARENTS AND FRIENDS
THAT HELPED OUT AT OUR INQUIRY DAY!**



Your support was very much appreciated; we hope you had as much fun as we did!

Bell Anzac Poppy Dedications

William Arthur Grey	WW2	Oswald Brill	WW2	Randolph Creswell	WW1
Celeste Obertelli	WW1	Percy Denis Coghlan	WW1	Colin Creswell	WW1
Thomas Jackson Weightman	WW2	Ronald Robert Francis	WW2	Vincent George Stafford	WW2
Michael Guzowski	Unknown	Peter Prendergast	WW2	Bradley Hall	WW2
Wladyslaw Guzowski	Unknown	Leonard Arthur Kneale	WW1	John O'Brien	WW2
Franek Guzowski	Unknown	Leonard Ray Weate	WW2	John Morgan	WW2
Stanislaw Krupko	Unknown	Frederick Austin Laird	WW2	Wesley Schiabe	WW2
Paddy Connaughton	WW1	James McCormick	WW2	Michael Quinlan	Vietnam War
William McDonald	WW1	Joseph Harrison Love	WW1 and WW2	Victor Leuliette	WW2
Keith McDonald	Borneo	Justin O'Loughlin	WW2	Horace Maddox	Korean War
Dorethy Kimber	WW2	Tom O'Loughlin	WW2	Travis Weaver	WW2
Geoffrey Kimber	WW2	William Foster	WW1	Frank Dolphin	WW1
Donald Urquhart	WW2	Ronald Carlyle Denham	WW2	Peter Deville	WW2
Nancy Urquhart	WW2	Paui Richardson	Vietnam War	William John Stanley	WW1
Burnham Dvn	WW2	Milton Mitchell	WW1	Leslie William Stanley	New Guinea
Thomas Oakley	WW2	Percy Chapman	WW1	Kenneth Richard Stanley	WW2
Cecil Churchill	Unknown	George Francis Rouch	WW1	Basil Grose Atkinson	WW2
Ronald Filleul Bunton	WW2	Alec Fred Thompson	WW1	Charles William Atkinson	WW2
John Yetman	WW1	Thomas George McShane	WW1	Edward Thomas Fanning	WW2

Grades 5/6 Shrine Poems

ANZACS

The ANZACS were excited
But that didn't last long
When they saw land they knew they were wrong.
They started to fight - but knew they would lose
And after a week the dead started to ooze.
After at least a year they started to retreat
But at least when they were home
there was proper food to eat.

By Max



The Shrine

*Students to Veterans,
All there to remember,
Happiness and Sadness,
Joy but Sorrow.*

By Griffin



The Shrine of Remembrance.

*So many people full of emotion.
Voices boomed as soldiers marched.
People sang in proud voices.
Wreaths lay around a flame.
Tears swelled up in my eyes.*

By Esther



THE LAST POST

THE SOUND OF THE BAGPIPES OVER THE LAST POST.
YOU THINK ABOUT WHAT THEY DID FOR US.
A STORY TOLD BY ELDERS LONG AGO
TO FIND THE MEANING OF PEACE AND LOVE.

WRITTEN BY JULIAN



ANZACS

Emotionally moving for mostly all
Very sad for relatives who were lost
Chilly but warming
Lest we forget the ANZAC soldiers.

Written by Patrick



ANZAC Poem!

Upset and sad,
Getting emotional with all the stories,
All the family and friends that have lost
loved ones,
Lest We Forget the ANZAC's

By Jacqui



THE SHRINE POEM

The bravery of the soldiers is a story to tell,
And that is a story that I would not like to hear.
The story of the girl made my heart drop.
We are now safe and in peace
But it's a price to pay.



Bella C

A little Solider Boy

The words said aloud spun around in my mind.

Thanking all that helped.

A little solider boy joined the ground in a peaceful place, a place called Home.

As I get up to sing the Ode,
this time I sing with a reason.

Lest We Forget

By Anna



The AZNAC'S poem

A solider dies a poppy blows.
In the wind to and fro.
We should all be proud of our country.
They fought and fought for us to day.
So we can live a happy life.

By Connor



Shrine Poem

When the flags fly high
And the bag pipes get blown
You can be quiet for a minute
And remember that your men that have passed
And we will get moved by the past.

Lest We Forget

By Sam



Walking Memories

Sorrow was what went through my brain,
Encouraging people, many young,
Come together, some in song,
The music that the students played,
With representatives of each guild,
Made a day of memories, sadness and inspiration.

By Aphra



For the past six years, Michaela's dad, photographer Steven Pam has been chronicling the school and our events.

For the last day of Term one, Steven has captured some wonderful moments of our special assembly and our mouth-watering cake stall. As always, we thank him for his excellent eye in presenting the best of Bell!



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- the work of stephenpam



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Throughout March, twenty students across 5/6 were fortunate enough to participate in the Darebin Film Project.

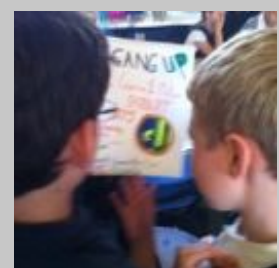
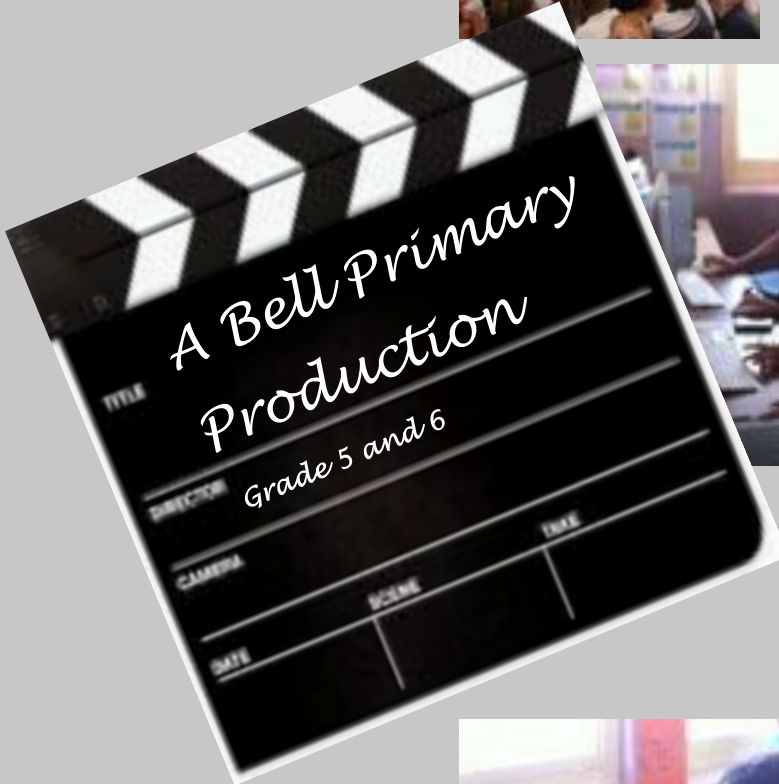
This film course consisted of four workshops run by professional film maker Emma Roberts, taking students through the different phases of film production: from idea development and script writing through to shooting and post-production.

The students threw themselves into the project, working collaboratively and showing wonderful creativity. They worked tirelessly during lunch times and any spare moments they had – re-shooting scenes, composing soundtracks or putting the finishing touches on their final edit – in order to meet the end of term deadline.

Then, at the end of term one, each of the five production companies premiered their film to all 5/6 students. It is anticipated that all five films will also be shown at the upcoming Darebin Film Festival (details will be provided to participating students when they are available).

If you would like to watch the films, please visit the 5/6 Blog (<http://56bellps.global2.vic.edu.au/>) to access the links.

The films will be screened at the My View From Here exhibition on Sunday May 25th. The exhibition is between 3pm and 5pm at the Darebin Intercultural Centre - 59a Roseberry Ave Preston. The films will be screened on a loop, so you are welcome to arrive any time and you'll be sure to see the films.





Reminder

You Are What You Eat – Or So They Say

This year at Bell P.S we are due to write the Healthy Foods and Oral Health Policy.

Consumption of food is such a diverse topic across the community. If you would like to contribute or are interested in the formation of a policy come along to the staff room at 6pm – 7pm on Wednesday May 7.

Please RSVP to the Bell email address **by this coming Friday**: bell.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Marg Sneddon

Education Sub Committee Convenor.





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New enrolments are currently being accepted for Term 2.
 Please be quick as we will finalise timetables shortly ahead of week 3 lessons.

Enrol directly on our website: www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au OR collect an enrolment form from your school Administration office

Note: due to the popularity of the program we cannot guarantee there is an available space for your child. However, we will do our best to accommodate your child and if no space is available we will put your child on a waiting list and notify you of this after week 3 timetables are finalised.

Reminder for existing students: re-enrolment from one term to the next (including from one year to the next) is automatic so you do not need to send in a new enrolment form each term.

Many people have asked for a link to register for Fresh Fruit and Vegies at Bell each Tuesday. The link to register is:
<http://tinyurl.com/qe2rqfk>



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Bell Air Staff Netball Update

After qualifying rounds, Bell Air was placed into Division 4 which is proving to be the right fit for our developing side. We are currently sitting on 1 win, 1 loss and 2 draws and all of these games have been close battles. Andrew Williamson is a new addition to the side, proving to be a talented goal keeper and earning the title of 'Best on Court' in his second game. Special thanks go out to Toby's brother, James, and Lisa Hughes-O'Bree for filling in when called upon. The Autumn season runs until June where we hope to make the finals series and bring home the flag.



Hello Everyone, Welcome back to term 2 at Bell Primary OSHClub. We hope everyone enjoyed a lovely Easter break.

The Active After Care program will begin next week. The sports are yet to be confirmed as they are going to be selected by the children throughout the week.

This week, our theme is herbs, grass heads and sunflower seeds. The children will take part in the planting of herbs and seeds in our OSHClub Garden as well as a take home option which will be planted in recycled plastic bottles.

Also, a big congratulations to last week's footy tipping winner Angus and this week's winner Joe. Well done boys and have fun spending your vouchers!!

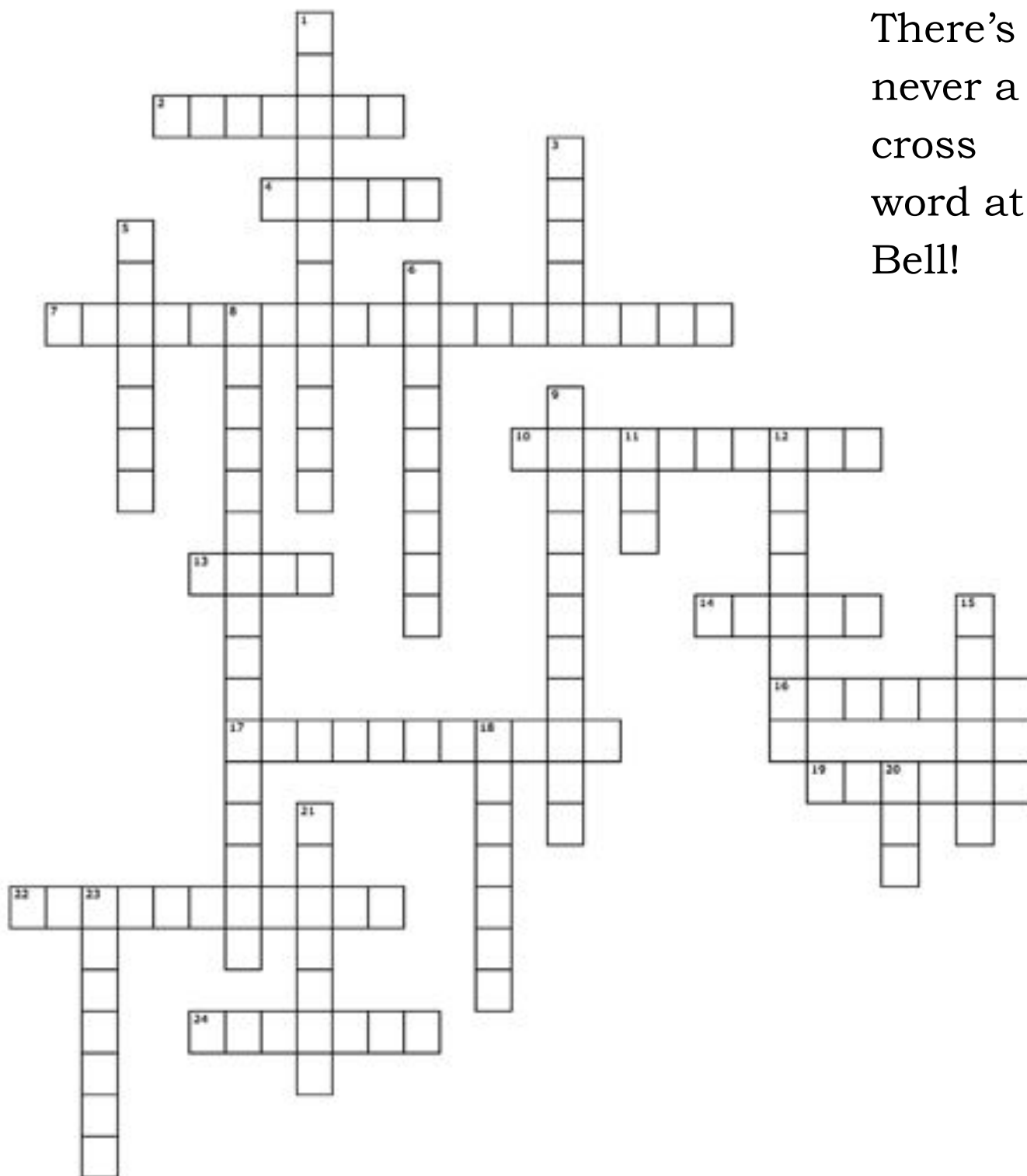
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before Care Activities	Draw your plant	Create our nature table	Planting sunflower seeds	Grass heads	Let's water our OSHClub Garden
	Colours game	Ten pin bowling	ABC basketball	Balloon blowing race	Playground fun
After Care Activities	Grass Heads	Planting Sunflower Seeds	Let's water our OSHClub Garden	Grow Your own Seeds	Playground Fun
	Homework Club	Homework Club	Homework Club	Homework Club	Homework Club

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

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.

There's
never a
cross
word at
Bell!



Across

2. What AFL team does Tom barrack for?
4. One of our school captains
7. Popular local secondary school
10. Our Grades 4,5 & 6 Camp site
13. Used to teach in Thailand
14. 3/4X teacher
16. What sort of bus is Bell getting?
17. Open each Monday & Thursday for school clothes
19. New High School opening in 2015
22. Motto: ...and supporting each other
24. Ms Pearce's first name

Down

1. Nearest Shopping Strip
3. Last week we commemorated which day?
5. Our local Council
6. Our P.E teacher's last name
8. Our online lunch order company
9. Bell's Main street address
11. What does Chelsea teach?
12. Name of our fortnightly publication
15. Ruth's last name
18. Marg's last name
20. What is Mrs McIntyre's baby going to be?
21. Language studied at Bell after hours
23. One of our office people

April-May 2014



Events Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	28 9-11 Playgroup 9.00 * Whole School Assembly 8.45—9.15 Uniform Shop	29 12.30-3.30 Gr 4 Bike Ed	30 9.00 Grade 5/6 Camp	1 Grade 5/6 Camp 3.15-3.45 Uniform Shop	2 Grade 5/6 Camp 9-10 Fundraising Crafts	3
4	5 9-11 Playgroup 9.00 P-2 Assembly 8.45—9.15 Uniform Shop	6 12.30-3.30 Gr 4 Bike Ed	7	8 9.30-1.30 Mothers Day Stall 3.15-3.45 Uniform Shop	9 9.30-1.30 Mothers Day Stall 1-3pm Winter Sport Bell Vs Wales St	10
11 Sunday Crew**	12 9-11 Playgroup 9.00 3-6 Assembly 8.45—9.15 Uniform Shop 6.30 School Council	13 12.30-3.30 Gr 4 Bike Ed Naplan	14 9.00 Grade 4 Camp Naplan	15 Grade 4 Camp 3.15-3.45 Uniform Shop Naplan	16 Grade 4 Camp 1-3pm Winter Sport Bell Vs Fairfield	17
18	19 9-11 Playgroup 9.00 *Whole School Assembly 8.45—9.15 Uniform Shop	20 12.30-3.30 Gr 4 Bike Ed	21	22 3.15-3.45 Uniform Shop	23 1-3pm Winter Sport Bell Vs Westgarth	24

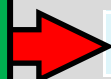
****Please be advised that all-school Assembly this year may be postponed or rescheduled due to weather conditions.***

****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 Families

School Fees & Levies

Overdue