

9TH DECEMBER, 2013

Cover Stars: it's thumbs up as Annette confirms that she has been nice all year by getting a visit from Santa. Ho, ho, ho!

## From the Principal's Desk

So here we are at the end of another very successful school year here at Bell Primary School.

The new approach to accountability and the School Performance Framework was released in the government paper –“Professional Practice and Performance for Improved Learning: overview” last week. This paper outlines the approach to professional practice and performance in Victorian government schools.

Key features of the approach include:

- a consistent and transparent way of measuring the performance of all schools
- strengthened alignment between the performance goals and priorities of each school and the professional development goals of principals, teachers and education support staff
- greater opportunities for school communities to influence their school's improvement
- structured peer-to-peer accountability, to encourage the sharing of ideas and practice, within and between schools and staff
- fostering high expectations from within the education profession, rather than from outside it
- provision of support and intervention in schools, where it is required
- planned and purposeful feedback to the system about what is working, for which students and in what circumstances.

At the end of every year we complete the Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) setting goals and targets for the following year based on the analysis of our NAPLAN, AusVels assessments and other relevant data sets and the four year targets set in the 2012 Strategic Plan. The school leadership team have conducted an in depth analysis of our 2013 data and the AIP and the Annual Report will be shared with the community once the government releases the new templates and guidelines in term 1, 2014.

I would like to congratulate our School Council on what has been a challenging but satisfying 2013. Our parent members are Kimberley MacGain, Andrew Vincent, Kellie Soule, Annette McShane, Glenn Dunstone, Michael Blakey and Mikl Longstaff .Thank you

on behalf of Rod, Marg and myself as the DEECD council members for being such a pleasure to work with. We are well placed to lead our school to a bigger and brighter 2014.

Our next School Council meeting will be held on February 19th, 2014.

### Grade 6 Graduation

This is a very exciting time for our departing Grade 6 children. Congratulations to all of you for finishing the first phase in your education journey. I know the future for you is very bright and once you are over your first term nerves I know you are all prepared for the challenges ahead. We are all looking forward to celebrating your time at Bell at next week's Graduation ceremony on Tuesday evening followed up by your Big Day Out at Luna Park on Thursday.

### Welcomes and Farewells

It is always sad to say goodbye to some of our staff but we wish them well in their new endeavours.

We say farewell to Lauren Keim, Cheyne Brown, Sam Laffy and Sarah Pearce.

We welcome to Bell P.S.

Renee Timeon	Grade 1 /2
Sophie Gibney	Grade1/ 2
Dean Emmanuel	Grade 3 /4
Chelsea Keenan	Art
Toby Russo	Grade 5 /6
Xenia Matani	Grade 3/4

A very special big thank you to our dedicated teaching and Education Support staff. It is through their professionalism and commitment that the school achieves so much. There is so much that goes on behind the scenes to make things happen. I wish all staff the very best of holidays and make sure you take at least three full weeks off before you return to preparing and looking forward to all the challenges of 2014.

Cresten Pearce  
Principal

**The Worker Bees.** A HUGE thank you to these people below for their fantastic efforts at our recent Working Bee.



An especially big thank you to Prep Zoe's dad Nick for providing his earth-moving equipment and his time to the school for no cost! A very generous and appreciated commitment. Thank you, Nick.



### 'Oakover Village' redevelopment (Planning Scheme Amendment C136)

Darebin council is in the planning phase of a redevelopment around the corner of St Georges Rd and Oakover Rd including the industrial buildings and the former public housing properties. It is proposed as a 'new local activity centre, with up to 2100 people in 1000 new apartments, plus retail and services to support them'. This includes re-zoning including up to 12 storeys in some areas.



Council information about the process can be found on [yoursaydarebin.com.au](http://yoursaydarebin.com.au). Currently (this week) Council are holding meetings for those who made submissions in relation to the proposals.

If you think this will affect you and you would like to keep informed of the process, and what other community members are doing and saying, then email your address to add to the mailing list to Janine at [goldenwattles@gmail.com](mailto:goldenwattles@gmail.com).

A big farewell to our class of '13. Here's a reminder of their early years at Bell. We thank you for your contributions to our community and wish you all the very best for the future.





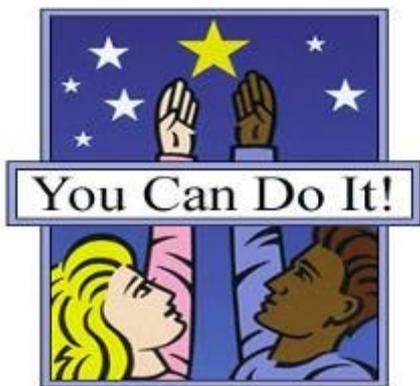
Instead of walking through the school gates, the 1/2s of Bell Primary stepped through the wardrobe and into the land of Narnia. There were fauns, lions, versions of the four Pevensy children, Kings and Queens, beavers, a sparkly crowd of terrifying White Witches, even a robin.

We began the day with a magical parade, a chance for photos, then went back to our classrooms. In 1/2LK we began the day by making gorgeous crowns – for once a King or Queen of Narnia, always a King or Queen of Narnia. We began by cutting our cardboard strips into crown patterns. Moya and Lauren measured them to our heads and stapled them (not to our heads) then we painted them with water colours. They looked lovely but we made them even more beautiful by sticking on decorations and glitter. Everyone’s crowns looked wonderful, they were all so

different!

After morning tea we settled down to watch the BBC version of Narnia and eat Turkish Delight!





## RESILIENCE

Young children who are resilient can calm down soon after being extremely upset (down, worried, angry) without needing the immediate help of an adult. They can also control their behaviour (not fighting, re-turning to work or play within a reasonable period of time) when they become extremely upset.

### EXAMPLES OF RESILIENT BEHAVIOUR IN YOUR CHILD

1. Stays calm and does not fight with a friend who will not share.
2. Stays calm and does not fight when someone says something mean to them. (Even if it is about their mother)
3. Stays calm and does not fight and seeks help from a parent or teacher when pushed by a sibling or friend.
4. Calms down within a reasonable period of time when they think someone has acted unfairly towards him/her
5. Stays calm and does not worry too much when he/she misses the bus and has to wait to be picked up
6. Stays calm and does not get upset when he/she is not the best at something. He/She still does his/her best.

### WAYS TO PRAISE YOUR CHILD FOR RESILIENT BEHAVIOUR

### ENT BEHAVIOUR

1. "I can see that even though you are a bit nervous, you are going to try to do it anyway."
2. "Even though you are finding this hard, you are not getting too upset about it."
3. "I can see you are making the right choice not to fight."
4. "Good for you, you didn't let yourself get too angry."

### TEACH YOUR CHILD THE FOLLOWING RESILIENT THINKING

1. When upset, it is good to find someone to talk to.
2. When upset, it is good to find something fun to do.
3. When upset, it is good to think "calm down" take three breaths "everything will be ok".



## Bright Sparks Creative Workshops Holiday Program - January 2014

Bright Sparks is a creative arts program designed to help children learn about themselves and develop a sense of inner strength, promoting confidence, resilience and general wellbeing.

10.30am - 12.30pm January 21, 22 & 23

\$80 / \$70 for a 3 day course or \$30 per session

Jika Jika Community Centre - Corner of Union and Plant Streets, Northcote

*Weekly sessions at Bell Primary School are currently fully booked.  
Bookings for the Holiday Program are essential by Friday, January 17.  
Contact Naomi on 0421 914 220 or email: [naomi@brightsparks.id.au](mailto:naomi@brightsparks.id.au)*



This year the Social Justice Club has raised \$1200 to donate to charities both local and abroad. The funds were raised by a donation from Preston Rotary Club when we participated in a decorated hat lunch during Children's Mental Health week, also by the children's cake stall which raised \$500 and through a donation from the Zine Club headed by Jack Honeybone from funds raised through the publication of their Zine (magazine). Today two Police representatives from the local Blue Light Disco also presented a cheque of \$200 towards our funds.



Carmel Stafford came in to speak to the Social Justice Group during Anti-Poverty week and stressed that each time the students meet they are donating their time thinking of other people.

We would like to thank all of those people who so generously donated toothpaste, toothbrushes and soaps to be sent to the Bahay Tuluyan orphanage in the Philippines. At present about half of our donations have gone to the Philippines and the rest will follow shortly. We still have some donations at school and will continue to collect as this can be an ongoing contribution that we make.

The following is an excerpt from an email we received from the Bahay Tuluyan orphanage:

'Catherine was telling me that many, many children have bad teeth and often lose them all before they reach adulthood. They have lots of toothache so it will be wonderful to give the children toothbrushes and to encourage them to look after their teeth. It is very generous of the students who contributed to the collection. Thank you very much.'

Stay tuned for the first Bell News next year when we will be able to publish the list of charities and organisations that the students have donated to.

**Lisa Iapozzuto, Marg Sneddon.** Social Justice Club Convenors.

### *Maths Board Game Afternoon*

*What a fabulous afternoon we had in 1/2T. A room full of grade 1/2 students, some fabulous maths questions, interesting board games and a room full of mums and dads, grandmas and grand-dad's...*

*This term students had been working on devising their own maths board game and had to write their own maths questions. Each game needed its own title, objective and trap!*

*We invited our families to come along and play the games for the afternoon. All that could be heard was the sound of dice rolling, tokens moving and lots of maths questions being asked.*

*A fabulous, well attended afternoon!*

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# Christmas...a time of Hope



Help us to give hope to a child  
by becoming a foster parent.



For more information call Lynette Tollit at  
Anglicare Victoria Preston (ph. 8470 9999)

## Lost Property Notice!

All lost property will be on display after the last assembly then all off to the op shop to find a loving home.

# Yoga for purpose, clarity and courage

One-day workshop, Saturday 18 January 2014  
@CERES, Stewart St., East Brunswick

With international yoga teachers

Kerri Kelly (Managing Director, Off The Mat, Into The World) and Marianne Elliott (UN Mission Leader in Afghanistan, human rights advocate, peacekeeper and author of *Zen Under Fire*).

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Is 2014 the year you start  
living your life  
'on purpose'?

Know yourself better, build  
resilience and get clearer about  
your purpose, vision and path

Use yoga, mindfulness and  
self-inquiry to find clarity  
and courage

*Off the Mat, Into the World*  
is a global, non-profit  
program using the power of  
yoga to ignite personal  
and social change.

For info and registration, visit:  
[offthematintotheworld.org.au](http://offthematintotheworld.org.au)



# The Significance of our 'You Can Do It and School Values Certificates'

Every day, throughout the day, each child in our school receives acknowledgment of the work and effort they are putting into their academic and personal and interpersonal learning from their teachers and peers. This acknowledge comes in many forms; specific feedback, review at the end of each lesson, plus ones, acknowledgment in class and year level meetings, a smile, a nod or a comment. Every now and then, a significant milestone is acknowledged with a 'You can Do It' or School Value Certificate at our assemblies. We do not de-value the meaning of the public acknowledgment of a milestone by giving every child a certificate.



Hello Everyone,

Wow, the year is drawing to an end so rapidly. This week the children will be busy with lots of Christmas craft. This terms winners for sports participation in the senior school are Pheobe B, Aakashsha, Charlotte. Winners in the junior school Alex B, Charlie and Alice H. Awesome work guys!

Last week was the last session of Active After School Communities Sports so the children said goodbye to Bob and Wayne. They will be back in 2014 to deliver another fantastic sports program. Keep up the great work guys!

We have received a large number of new enrolments for 2014 so bookings are essential to secure a place, particularly in the afternoons.

Sadly at the end of term we must say goodbye to our wonderful staff member Craig, who is leaving to pursue other paths. Craig is well-liked by all the children at the program and is a wonderful team-player with the staff. Craig's last day is the 20<sup>th</sup> of December. He will be greatly missed and we wish him all the best for the future.

Wishing you all a very safe and happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before Care Activities	#3D Star #ABC Basketball	#Advent Calender #Act it Out	#Christmas Cards #AFL Football	#Christmas Angel #Balloon Soccer	#Christmas craft #Eye ball relay
After Care Activities	#Christmas Cracker #Playground Play	#Christmas masks #Disease Tiggy	#Star ornament #Basketball	#Christmas pencil toppers #Foot Relay	#Christmas hearts #Soccer

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](http://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.

PS: 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](mailto:admin@oshclub.com.au) or by phone on 8564 9000. Remember you must book your children in to before or after care via the OSH Club website <http://www.oshclub.com.au>

**PS: No hat No outdoor play**



## Interested in Violin lessons at Bell Primary in 2014?

Enquiries/bookings are now being taken for violin lessons at Bell with Violin teacher Renee Bufton. The lessons are conducted during school hours. A small number of violins are also available for hire per term. If you would like any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me or collect a parent information sheet from the office.

email: [reenebufton@gmail.com](mailto:reenebufton@gmail.com)

phone: 0402 307370

website: [reenebufton.wix.com/bluewrenmusic](http://reenebufton.wix.com/bluewrenmusic)

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**COME & TRY  
SOCCER DAY**

**DAREBIN WOMEN'S SPORTS CLUB**

BELL PRIMARY SCHOOL Community

Sunday December 15th  
Capp Reserve, Halwyn Cres, Preston

**10am-11.30am**

Darebin Falcons will run programs for girls aged 4 to Under 14's in the 2014 season.

Get active, make friends, have fun....try soccer!

New Under 14s  
team in 2014  
[falcons.org.au](http://falcons.org.au)

For more information contact  
[soccer@falcons.org.au](mailto:soccer@falcons.org.au)



# 1/2 Plant Exhibition Evening

Thursday 12 December

5-6pm

As a conclusion to our Plants Unit of work, all the grade 1/2 classrooms will be set up as an exhibition space to showcase all our work and research projects.

Families are invited to come along and move through the 1/2 classrooms and learn all about our inquiry questions!



## NEWS FROM BELL'S KITCHEN



Hello from Bells Kitchen. We are readying ourselves for the summer bounty. We have brand new pots, we have sharp knives (thanks to the fund-raising grants)



### But we ain't got no fruit!



We are happy to come and pick from your tree or any that you have permission to harvest from,  
Or alternatively pick us a kilo bag or two, put them in your freezer and we arrange pick up/drop off

Either way message Roseanne on 0425 828 701 and let her know what/when/where fruit you have available.

We are keen to receive all summer fruit especially apricots & plums, rhubarb, strawberries, tomato

If you are not sure, please give us a call. And we are always keen to have new people join us.

Let us know if your interested in making any jams, chutneys, sauces etc



And remember to recycle your Bell's Kitchen jars under the table outside the school office



## The Summer Reading Challenge is on again at Darebin Libraries

Win an iPad or iPad Mini in Darebin Libraries' Summer Reading Challenge. Packed with fun activities, the Summer Reading Challenge encourages kids aged 5-12 years to keep reading over the school holidays while exploring the library and having fun completing the five challenges.

Kids who take up the challenge will have to hunt for clues in the library, find a mysterious book, solve puzzles, seek out answers hidden on the Challenge web page and of course, read some fantastic books!

If you have a young challenger keen to be involved, just pick up a Challenge Map at Preston, Northcote, Reservoir or Fairfield Library and get started. The Challenge runs until 5pm, Tuesday 4 February, 2014.

**Win an iPad or an iPad Mini!**

 **Community**

[www.spongeclub.com/challenge](http://www.spongeclub.com/challenge)



For cool kids  
aged 5-12 years





# Kids in Space!

Endorsed by Darebin Council

Jan 13 - 17, 2014

9am – 12 noon each day 4-12 year olds

Games, craft, songs, cooking, teaching (Christian values), experiments, skits and more!

Cost is \$5 per child per day or \$10 per family per day

At St Marks Church, 21 Beatty St, Reservoir.

Please visit

[www.stmarksreservoir.melbourneanglican.org.au](http://www.stmarksreservoir.melbourneanglican.org.au) to download enrolment form

and for further information Contact Gretta:

[grettajones@hotmail.com](mailto:grettajones@hotmail.com) or 0439 130 789



## Grade 5/6's **Build a Bridge** and then get over it.

Grade 5/6 students have been completing a number of 'mini-projects' as part of their Maths work in Term 4 – stepping away from the 'boring' sums and worksheets they've been completing over the year! The latest project sees them combining their knowledge of angles to construct a number of bridges – using just matchsticks, wire, and sometimes paper. You may not think that tiny sticks of wood would be able to hold up heavy objects, but as you can see from some of the pictures, there are some skilled engineers amongst our 5/6 cohort!





**Tom Witherden**  
**PE Co-ordinator**

# Physical Education



### 3/4 Soccer V's Thornbury: On

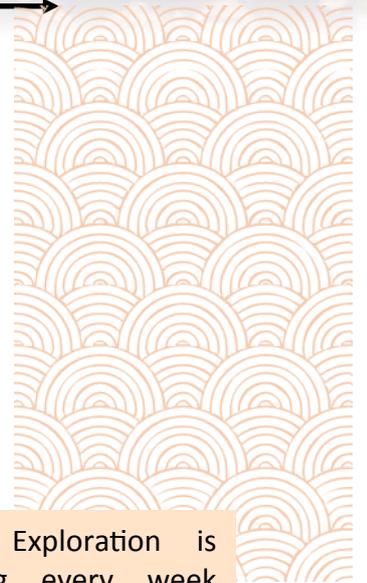
Friday the 13th, grade 3/4 students from Thornbury Primary will be coming to Bell P.S to play a friendly soccer match against a grade 3/4 team. The game will be from 2:00pm-3:00pm on the south oval. Participating students will need to bring soccer boots, shin pads (if possible) and some shorts to play in. Tops will be provided.

**Boys to Men:** Reminder that the boys to men program will be held on Thursday 12th of December from 5:30-7:30.

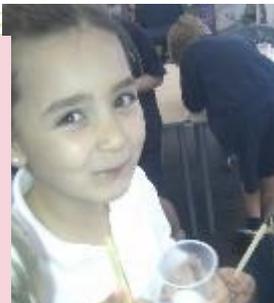


*Congratulations to the Girls Rounders team who won the premiership for 2013 and the Mixed Softball team, who were runners up.*

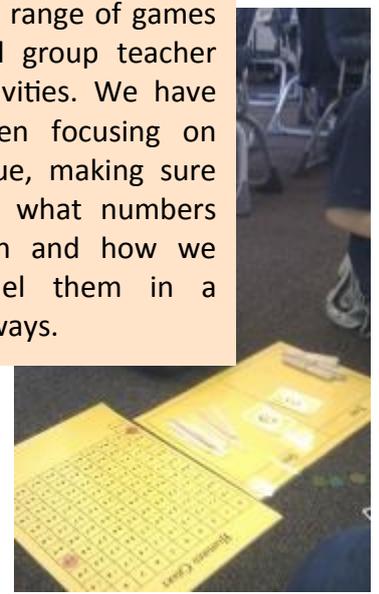
**What's been going on in Prep? So much has been happening in Prep as we head into the final weeks of school for 2013. Take a look!**



This term we have been exploring 'The Five Senses' and last week we conducted some taste testing. There were a range of responses to the different flavours including some very funny faces after the lemon juice and teriyaki sauce and some big grins when students found the sugar.



Number Exploration is continuing every week through a range of games and small group teacher focus activities. We have really been focusing on place value, making sure we know what numbers are worth and how we can model them in a range of ways.



# GIRLS ROCK!!!!

## Grade 3/4 'MPOWER STRIDE' Girls Program

### *Our Reflections on the program.....*

I have really enjoyed doing the girls programme and all the activities. My favourite activity was the fantasy island because we had to use a lot of teamwork and we got to get to know lots of different girls. The girls programme has made me a lot more confident because last year and before the girls programme I was always sitting at the back and I was not confident enough to ask questions, mainly in maths. Since we started the girls programme I have been doing pretty much the opposite. If we didn't do the girls programme I would not have all the good friends that I have.

#### **By Rahima 3/4A**

I feel like the girls program has really boosted my confidence. The program was really helpful because I learnt that if two of your friends have a disagreement it's okay not to take sides. In one of the tasks I got to read a compliment about my role in the school play and that made me very happy. I also know that it's okay to disagree with people because the point of friendship is to be there for each other and compromise on things.

#### **By Sarah 3/4A**

The first time I came into the girls program, I was pretty lonely. I didn't know how to handle my friendship issues. After a few lessons though, I started to have no problems or any issues at all. The program has taught me a lot of things including how emotional girls can get, working in a team or with a partner and having patience. I know the girls program will help me during many stages in life, especially when I go to High School. My favourite activity was when we worked as a team during Fantasy Island.

#### **By Vyomika 3/4B**



There wasn't one particular session that I liked the most. All of the lessons put together made me learn that friends are one of the best things people can have in their life, and that Power Girl has been building up inside my body. If anything, it has made me realise that I am ready for Grade 5 and that I have good friends to go up with and hopefully into High School. The main thing I have learnt is that friends can be fragile, a little like glass. You don't want to drop them because they might get their heart broken, but if you drop them lightly they can be fixed but definitely do not drop them hard. I know all about this because my wall of confidence was broken at the start of the year, but now I am all fixed and full of confidence.

#### **By Sunita 3/4O**

I think that the Girl Program helped me stand up for myself but at the same time it was very fun. I really liked the game when we went around the room dancing to music and then when the music stopped we got into groups and acted out scenarios. I also liked making our own islands because we got to meet new people! But overall I think the best part was how it helped me to say "no" because I used to be scared that the person I said "no" to would get angry but now I am more confident!

#### **By Michaela 3/4M**



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# Music Theatre Boot Camp



Music Theatre Boot Camp is a fun, inclusive school holiday program which introduces primary aged kids to the skills of Music Theatre.

The programs run 9.30 to 3, Monday to Friday with students playing games and forming friendships as they rehearse a song, dance and scene from a well known music theatre show.

Summer 2014 runs in the Northcote/Thornbury area  
6th to 10th January 2014  
13th to 17th January 2014  
20th to 24th January 2014

For more information and bookings visit  
[musictheatrebootcamp.com.au](http://musictheatrebootcamp.com.au)  
or call 9078 3676

## “It’s not okay to be away ... nor to be late to school”.

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem.

One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day—and gets there on time.

It sounds simple, but it’s true. The correlation between school attendance and children’s achievement levels is well-established. The more time kids spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success. Conversely, according to a report from the Victorian Auditor General, students who are regularly absent from school are at the greatest risk of dropping out of school early, and of experiencing long-term unemployment.

School absenteeism is a huge problem in Australian schools—and much of it is parent-condoned. It would appear that Australian students miss an average of between 12 and 15 days per school year, with parent-condoned absenteeism highest among young primary-age children. That adds up to a year’s lost schooling over the school-life of a child. In today’s highly competitive world, this rate of absenteeism is alarming, putting our kids at a distinct disadvantage.

### That’s not a reason to be away!

It’s now commonplace for children to stay away from school for reasons that would have been unheard of just twenty years ago. These include staying away to celebrate their own or a sibling’s birthday; being absent because they stayed up too late watching television; going shopping for clothes; an extended long weekend; and kids not wanting to take part in a sports day or special school event. This type of absenteeism sends a strong message to kids that parents don’t really value learning or their children’s school experiences. Australian kids only spend **15%** of their total time at school. They spend more time asleep than they do at school. So we need to maximise every day to get full value. That means turning up to school every day, **on time**.

### Being late is not okay either

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late. Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day, with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do, valuable learning time is lost to them and their classmates.

***This year at Bell primary 1204 late passes were issued. This is means that classes were interrupted 1204 times.*** This is not a record that we are proud to own and we will be working hard as a school in 2014 to change this situation.

### It takes strong parenting...

We know how persuasive children of all ages can be when it comes to taking a day off school. It takes a strong will to resist the persistent pressure that kids can bring to bear, particularly if they play the guilt card with comments such as “It’s not fair that I have to go school today because Aunty is coming to visit!” Nice try. But the answer should be “No!” As parents we need to make a commitment that our kids make the most of their precious time at school. That means that we send them to school every day, **on time** and ready to make the most of the school day. Of course, there will be times, such as illness or genuinely extenuating family circumstances, when kids should be away. But these need to be a rarity rather than the norm. It’s reassuring to know that you increase their chances of future success just by making sure they turn up to school every day. And of course regular school attendance also helps kids prepare for the workforce, where it will be expected that they turn up each day work-ready and on time. The real world is unforgiving of those who stay away or **who are late** with NO EXCUSE.

## Boys Health Program 2013

Bell Primary School is offering a 2 hour session on puberty, sexuality and other health issues for boys in Grade 5 & 6. This program aims to enhance the relationship between boys and their male carers, through providing information, activities and discussion.

**Each boy should be accompanied by their father or male carer or significant male in their life.**

The program will be co-facilitated by Tom Witherden and Cheyne Brown who both have vast experience in working with young people and parents. Along with Sam Laffy, Matt Atanasovski and Andrew Williamson.

9th December, 2013

The session will be held from  
5:30pm to approx 7:30pm

**Session date is:**  
**Thursday 12th December**

For further information about the program please contact Tom Witherden / Cheyne Brown at Bell Primary School on 94805622.

# Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who completed the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge.

## Prep

Fynn Kosztka	Gus Cross	Lulu Poultney	Sophie Richmond
Zoe Panagiotopoulos	Sean Brennan	Mia Purcell	Hamish Bunton
Clarisse Koh	Kes Wilton		

## Grades 1 /2

Sarah Macphee	Riley Dexter	Nathaniel Huff	Maebh Acton
Bailey Hunt	Aimee Pownall	Taj Gilbert	Lydia O'Reilly
Lola Vincent	Liam Kelly	Leon Mathers	Joshua Stanley
Imogen Murnane	Edwin Bottomley	Thomas Venuto	Claudia Pike
Charlotte Batagol	Benjamin Saccone	Liam McGowan	Theo Wyatt
Romy Gunn	Madelin Kosztka	Lewis Acton	Henry Wakeham
Goldie Poultney	Sean Brady	Evan McAuley	Ella Wright
Sophia Magain	Jemillah Ware-Nachabe		

## Grades 3 /4

Sunita Patton	Nina Ilsley	Thomas Brady	Ilya Gunn
Jackson Kosztka	Felix Blaikie	Felix Cresswell-White	

## Grades 5/6

Alice Treloar	Daniel Batagol	Ella Murnane	Nina Lord
Peppa Poultney	Riley Guerin	Alana Humphreys-Grey	Aphra Nolan
Ruby Bottomley	Esther Vincent		

Karen Elsbury, Premiers' Reading Challenge Coordinator

## Library News

The library has now closed for the rest of the year. All library books need to be returned to school as soon as possible.

Karen Elsbury, Teacher Librarian

**Keyboard/Piano and Guitar Lessons:** The end of the year is fast approaching and students have been preparing for class concerts to be held between the 6-13th December. Well done to all!

Look out for an email regarding re-enrolment for 2014. Please respond before the end of term if you wish your child to be re-enrolled for next year.

If you are currently on the waiting-list you should receive an email confirming your wish to remain and commence classes in February. Please contact me if you do not receive this email.

Anyone wishing to commence lessons in 2014 should contact me via email or phone as places are limited.

Regards, Jacinta Guerin, Ph 9480 0235 Email [jacintagn@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jacintagn@optusnet.com.au)



# Textiles, Textiles, Textiles

Grade 5/6 students have been busy creating some unique Australian Fauna textiles responses to the work of textile artist Annemieka Mein. There have been quite a few false starts, lots of adjustments to plans as students have discovered more about the potential and limitations of fabrics, fibres and threads. Lots of new skills and techniques have been explored and with practise the application of the skills has improved in the course of the projects.





# Calendar of Events

# DECEMBER

SUN	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	
8	9 Assembly: 3-6 Uniform Shop: 8.45am to 9.15 9.30 Playgroup Party 10.00 Prep Fire Education 10.30 1-6 PMI Open Day	10 Yr6 Transition to High School. Gr5 to Coburg HS. 6.00: Funkey Music Performance	11 10.30: Parent Helpers Morning Tea 7.00pm: School Council Meeting	12 Uniform Shop: 3.15. <b>Xmas Fund-raising Stall.</b> 5-6pm: 1/2 Plant Exhibit <b>5.30pm: 5/6 Boys Health Program</b>	13 Reports go Home 9 to10am Parent's Craft Club Xmas Fundraising Stall 3/4 Soccer Vs Thornbury	14
15	16 Icy Pole Day \$1. No assembly today / Uniform Shop Closed for stocktake	17 7.00: Grade 6 Graduation	18	19 Uniform Shop Closed for Stocktake Graduates Big Day Out	20 1.00: Whole School Assembly 1.30: Early Dismissal	21

## Important Dates for the Start of 2014

Wednesday 22nd – Friday 25th January :School Office Open / Monday January 27th: Public Holiday / Tuesday 28th: All staff only - Full day Program / Wednesday 29th: Pupil Free Day

**First Day Back** — Thursday 30th: Grade 1-6 and half the Preps / Friday 31st: Grade 1-6 and half the Preps.

**Whole school attends on Monday February 3rd!**

**BELL XMAS CRAFT STALL**

**THURS 12 TH DEC**  
**IN-SCHOOL STALL FOR THE KIDS**  
**PLUS**  
**TWILIGHT STALL**  
**3.30 - 6.30 PM**  
**FOR FAMILIES & FRIENDS**

Includes a Book Stall from Social Club Books, a percentage of sales goes back to the school

**FRI 13 TH DEC**  
**IN-SCHOOL STALL FOR THE KIDS**