5000 Poppies Project

Between 2014 and 2018 Australia will commemorate the Anzac Centenary, marking 100 years since Australia’s involvement in the First World War. And in 2015, there will be a large number of activities commemorating 100 years since the Anzac Gallipoli landing.

From its association with poppies flowering in the spring of 1915 on the battlefields of Belgium, France and Gallipoli, the poppy has become a symbol of both great loss in war and hope for those left behind.

As part of the 2015 Anzac Commemoration, the 5000 Poppies project will be “planting” a field of more than 5000 poppies in Fed Square Melbourne as a stunning visual tribute to Australian servicemen and women for more than a century of service in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

We are having our own Poppies Project here at Bell as part of our ANZAC unit leading up to Anzac day, 2014. Chelsea Kneale, Gill Hazelager and Kellie Soule are the organizers.

The first step will be a lunchtime club for the children and more details will be given later in the term.

Who’s Who

As our school grows and there are the inevitable changes in staffing and locations, it can be hard to keep a check on where to find grades, teachers and other staff. We have included a photo spread of all the staff and their home base to help this along. We are also introducing a lanyard system to identify staff and visitors to the school.
Lost Property!

Top tips from Cheryl, the queen of Lost Property.

- Please ensure that all clothing is marked with a FULL NAME—initials often aren’t enough.
- If you have pre-owned clothing, please make sure you mark your new clothes with YOUR name!
- Our Lost Property is located at the bottom of the stairs in the main building. New stock arrives all the time so check often if you’re missing something.

Cheryl Campbell.
Lost Property Specialist (DipEd BchLP)

ANZAC AT BELL TERM 1

Teaching and Learning

This term we are familiarising ourselves with the concept of ANZAC and developing an understanding of the 100 year anniversary throughout the school. I have purchased picture story books and fiction/historical novels that support this learning. Our assessments for student learning will be based on AUSVELS Literature as we meet the intended outcomes for responding to text.

In addition to the Literature, students will also be involved in a ‘Five Thousand Poppy Project’ and other related artistic and cultural activities.

War is a sensitive topic to deal with in the primary school classroom. It is a terrible and destructive thing, yet remains a significant part of our history and heritage. We do not want to expose the students to the brutality of war in a way that harms them, but nor do we want to trivialise it. We do not want to ‘wave the flag’ in a jingoistic way, nor do we want to disparage and undermine the significance of this part of Australia’s national heritage. Students can make their own informed judgments about all this when they are older. In the meantime we have tried to walk the middle path of informing without sensationalising, and developing some knowledge, understanding and empathy of the events without being a supporter of, or critic of, those events.

Students are also encouraged to consider ways in which Gallipoli is commemorated in our society.

Marg Sneddon
Assistant Principal
During the week beginning March 3 teachers will be conducting ‘Getting to Know You Interviews.’ The Preps have been involved in ongoing meetings with parents through their assessment meetings on a Wednesday and will continue with these until the end of the month. Grades 1 – 6 interviews will include the student, parent and teacher as the three parties combine to build a relationship. It is important to develop links between home and school by sharing the interests, strengths and attitudes to school as perceived by individual students and their families. Every child brings different background experiences to their learning, these experiences are highly valued by teachers as we develop an understanding of what it is that makes your child unique. It is important for us to know what makes a child excited about learning and how they share that at home.

The program and process will be as follows:

Grade 1 / 2 Interviews    Tuesday March 4 between 2:30 and 7:30pm.
Grade 3 / 4 Interviews    Wednesday March 5 between 2:30 and 7:30 pm.
Grade 5 / 6 Interviews    Thursday March 6 between 2:30 and 7:30 pm.

ALL children will be dismissed at the regular time of 3:30. If you and your child have an interview between 2:30 and 3:30 you will need to collect your child and take them with you for the interview. Teachers who have interviews during those times will leave a notice outside their rooms to let you know where to collect your child from.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Enter THIS school event code:

[BQH3B]

Select your child’s home group teacher to make your booking. A reminder to parents with more than one child, you will need to leave at least 15 minutes between interviews to get to different grade levels. Each interview time is 10 minutes. An additional appointment can be negotiated with the classroom teacher if necessary.

When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically – check your junk mail folder if you do not receive an email immediately.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time and change your interviews – until bookings close. If you are unable to complete this process please contact your child’s teacher to set up an interview time.

BOOKINGS OPEN THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20TH at 9:00am
BOOKINGS CLOSE THURSDAY FEBRUARY 27TH at 2:00PM

Marg Sneddon
Assistant Principal
Keon Park Tennis Club is located in Reservoir in the middle of Donath Reserve. Our family-friendly club offers coaching, social opportunities and competition for people of all ages and abilities. We are holding our annual Open Day on Sunday February 23 from 9.30-12pm, which will include free coaching clinics, information about what we have to offer as a Club and give-aways. Please do not hesitate to Email: keonparktennisclubinc_sc@hotmail.com for more information or for a digital copy of the flyer for this day.

Barista Basics — March 2014, Term 1
Want to work in the Hospitality Industry? Learn how to prepare espresso coffee using a commercial espresso machine in our Barista Basics course.

Location: Merrilands Community Centre
Time: 9.15am — 3.15pm
Days & Dates: 4 sessions - Tues 11th, Wed 12th, Mon 17th, & Wed 19th March 2014
Statement of Fees: $28 plus Service & Amenities fee $10 conc./$25 non-conc. Fee for Service: (not eligible for subsidised training) $215 plus S/A.

Retail Industry Placement Program
The program is suitable for a person wishing to gain retail, customer service and sales skills plus work experience in the retail sector.

Location: Merrilands Community Centre (MCC) & Northland Youth Centre (NYC)
Days: Tuesday (MCC) & Thursday (NYC)
Dates: Tues. 18th March to Thurs. 15th May 2014 (includes 1st week of school holidays @ MCC)
Duration: 8 weeks - 40 hours Work Placement
Cost: $50 Conc. $53.10Full Fee Plus Service & Amenities fee $10 conc./$25 non-conc. Fee for Service (not eligible for subsidised training) $990

For more details ring PRACE on 9462 6077 or visit our website: www.prace.vic.edu.au
Help! Our books need covering!!

Do you have what it takes to cover a book? Are you handy with scissors? Do you have an eye for a straight line? Do you love the smell of fresh contact paper?

If you’ve answered ‘Yes’ to any of the above, then Bell Primary needs you!

We have many news books that need contacting and we need volunteers to take home a package, or it can be done here during school time.

Do you have what it takes? Please see Marg or visit us in the office and we’ll give you a pack to take home.

Many thanks, from the cold, naked books of Bell.
The Faces of Bel I

This is who we are in 2014.

- Robin Griffin 3/4G
- Lisa Iapozzuto 5/6I
- Annette Delia Admin
- Xenia Matani 3/4X
- Karen Elsbury Library/Prep
- Toby Russo 5/6R
- Cheryl Campbell Ed. Support
- Rod Bennett PrepR
- Angela Georgiou PrepG
- Chelsea Kneale Art
- Matt Atanovski 1/2A
- Ruth Vonarx Welfare
Summer Sport.

Our first game in the interschool summer sports roster will be a home game against Westgarth Primary School held on March 7th. Please return permission forms and payment to your child’s classroom teacher by Friday 28th February.

Tennis:

The District Tennis tournament was held on Monday 17th of February. 5 students from Bell Ps took part, along with 21 students from other schools in the district. Beautiful weather saw some high class tennis played by all students.

In the end, Max Hamilton (Grade 4) was runner up in the boy’s event, after been narrowly beaten in the final. He will now participate in the divisional finals in the upcoming weeks.

Well done to all students on a fantastic day

Swimming:

District swimming tournament will be held on Tuesday 25th of February at Northcote pool. This year Bell has a team of 11 swimmers competing. Good Luck to all!

Tom Witherden
In primary school, some students miss on average 3 weeks of school per year. That's half a year of school by the end of year 6.

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child’s education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It’s vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

**Sickness** – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they’re ill. It’s vital that they’re only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It’s vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

**“Day off”** – Think twice before letting your child have a “day off” as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

**Truancy** – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent’s permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child’s school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx
Today’s Preps are brought to you by the letter ‘a’.

Preps have been super busy learning the Letters of the alphabet, and practicing the sound each letter makes. Last week, we learnt the Letter Aa.

We had a think about words that begin with the letter A, and drew pictures of these in our Letters and Sounds books, as well as practicing how to write the letter correctly. Have a look at some of our beautiful work!

Brunswick Hockey Club ‘Hook in2 Hockey.’ 5 week program Brunswick Secondary College
Wednesday 5pm March 5th
‘Come & Try’ Wednesday 5pm February 26th U10, U12, U14 and U16 Players welcome
Training commences Tuesday March 11th
For more details contact
Eddie Castaner eddie-at-home@hotmail.com 0488772273
1/2T have been working hard during Start Up Week and getting to know many other students from the 1/2 area. Together we have created a class motto ‘1/2T’s Clever Cookies.’

“In 1/2T we are Clever Cookies because we are all good at different things. We celebrate our differences and our achievements!”

The students in 1/2T designed their own unique clever cookies using cardboard, coloured paper, buttons, sequins and other craft materials.

I am a clever cookie because I am good at bowling. – Gilbert

I am a clever cookie because I am good at writing. – Acacia

I am a clever cookie because I am good at reading, writing and drawing. – Sunday

I am a clever cookie because I am good at skateboarding. – Paige

I am a clever cookie because I am good at writing lots of pages and swimming. – Ben

I am a clever cookie because I am good at mining and digging in hard dirt. – Matteo

I am a clever cookie because I am good at somersaults in the water. – Iona

I am a clever cookie because I am good at swimming, writing and reading. – Ethan

I am a clever cookie because I am good at singing. – Mia

I am a clever cookie because I am good at basketball, running and swimming. – Boyd

I am a clever cookie because I am good at skateboarding. – Kleo

I am a clever cookie because I am good at climbing trees. – Anine

I am a clever cookie because I am good at writing, reading, swimming and running. – Mira

I am a clever cookie because I am good at swimming, writing and reading. – Ethan

I am a clever cookie because I am good at harvesting wheat. – Finn

I am a clever cookie because I am good at magic and sport. – Caspian

I am a clever cookie because I am good at skating. – Anton

I am a clever cookie because I am good at writing and reading. – Violet

I am a clever cookie because I am good at swimming. – Abby

I am a clever cookie because I am good at skating. – Kyan

1/2T looks forward to developing our clever cookie minds in 2014!

- Renee

Hi everyone,

The art room is in desperate needs of 1litre plastic containers and wool or yarn. If you have either of these, can you please pop them in the purple bins outside the art room. Thank you kindly! Chelsea.

For Grades 5/6: In a few weeks time we will be doing an art project that requires yogurt containers or a container similar to the picture below. Can you please bring in a container (students need one each) and if you have more than one it would be great if you could bring that in too so we have spares. Also, if you have any dry leaves, seedpods, bark, dried flowers etc that you might like to use as decoration please bring those in too.

(This is French for yogurt, apparently.)
Last week, Grade 4 students from 3-4O and 3-4X participated in this year’s ‘Safer Internet Day’. We were absolutely amazed at the students participation in the online Virtual Classroom and how much knowledge they brought with them. They demonstrated 21st Century ideas and expectations of what is to come in their world of technology. The following information outlines the purpose of the program. Our Bell students along with 18,000 other Victorian students and teachers participated in this online community. We brainstormed, participated in a quiz and even imagined what life in the future of technology might look like. Well done kids. And….for some of you parents….you might remember the older brick phone….how far we have come!

After the online forum, students went onto the website and posted comments. Needless to say how very proud we were of their achievements and how knowledgeable they all were. WAY TO GO BELL!

To read all about ‘Safer Internet Day’ visit http://www.itwire.com/your-it-news/home-it/63092-today-is-safer-internet-day

Hello Everyone,

Last week the Active Sports Program started in Aftercare. The Active Sports Program will run on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon with the children choosing what sports they would like offered. We have professional coaches delivering these programs. Children have shown great interest in lego building. This week we will be having lego building competitions so be watching out for some great photos. This Friday is a pupil free day so OSHClub will be running a full day program with lots of exciting activities planned for the day.

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Coordinator: Barbz Finnigan
Assistants: Anna, , 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 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.

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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 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
“It’s all about us!”...

...when you’re in Grade 1/2!
The 1/2s have been doing their 'About Me' Presentations this week. These presentations gave students a chance to share something about themselves with their classmates. Students brought in an object from home that was special to them and presented a short talk about the item. These are some photographs of the students in 1/2T.
PRESTON (DAREBIN) BLUE LIGHT DISCO

Friday 28th Feb 6.30-9PM

Preston Town Hall
274 Gower Street
Preston

Ask your parents to like the page if you are under 13

Preston (Darebin) Blue Light Disco
Ask your parents to like the page if you are under 13

8 - 14 year olds
Cost: $8.00
Contact: Jo Parisis
0418 144 446

www.bluelight.org.au
Check Out Arts @ Bell

http://bellpsarts.global2.vic.edu.au

We have a new Arts blog. Please subscribe to keep up with all the creative news at Bell.

This blog is a way to share the wonderful artwork and music that the students have created at Bell P.S. Sometimes you might like to see what students are doing in other year levels different from your own child’s or you may just be curious to see what your child is up to in music or the art room. This blog is a facilitator for just that and will keep you up-to-date with your child’s artistic education.

This blog will operate as an online gallery and will be updated as students finish their works and also during the process of work. So, it would be wise to save this page as a bookmark on your computer so you never miss a post!

We are delighted to share the artwork and music of Bell Primary School’s students with you all and we hope you enjoy celebrating their artistic successes.

Please use the categories listed in the right hand sidebar to find grade related posts eg: If you are looking for Prep Art you can select the category “Art Prep” and you will then see all the latest posts of the Preps enjoying art.

Lunches are ordered online from our menu and delivered directly to school labeled with your child’s name, class and order details. You can order one day or as many days as you wish over the period of the menu. You choose either a TWO Course or THREE Course Lunch. There are 27 options within each Course Menu each day.

TWO Course Lunch costs $7.65 and a THREE Course Lunch costs $9.15 irrespective of the menu choices you make!

Available all days except Tuesday.

Order now: www.classroomcuisine.com.au
# Events Calendar

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**Feb 23**
- 8:45 Uniform Shop
- 9:00 Assembly—Whole School*
- 9:00 PlayGroup
- 10:00-1:00 District Swimming

**Feb 25**
- No Preps today - Introductory interviews
- 6 - 7:00pm Prep Reading Info Session

**Feb 26**
- 3:15-3:45 Uniform Shop

**Feb 27**
- 3:15-3:45 Uniform Shop

**Feb 28**
- 9:00-11.00 Summer Sport

**Mar 1**
- Introductory interviews

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

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**School Fee's Information**

Please pay as soon as possible.

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**Permission Slips & Payment Reminders!**