Ground Project Updates

The installation of the shade sail on the northern side of the Learning Centre is waiting on building permit approval. Once this project is completed, the Finance Committee will make its recommendation to School Council on the expenditure of the rest of the 2013 fundraising funds. The next item on the list created from the 2013 Community Survey was seating around the grounds.

Community Involvement

As the schools profile broadens we are becoming more involved in education and related activities across our community.

Darebin Council

· The school provides a venue for local community meetings out of school hours.
· The school facilities are used to provide community education sessions.
· Council supports our events such as Ride To School day.
· Councillor Li will be attending the end of term assembly to distribute JSC badges.
· As a school we participate in the Darebin Council Best Start Program designed to improve kinder, pre-school and prep links in the council area.

Preston Rotary Club

· Supports our Junior School Council Social Justice Club
· Provides a speaker for students on the fight against polio.
· Is interested in exploring further links to support the educational needs for the community role and sees considerable potential in the future.

Community Information Sessions

I hope you are finding these very useful.

Years 6-7 Transition: We had representatives from Coburg and Northcote High schools providing information on the challenges of selecting a school and the challenges your children face as they make the transition to Secondary School.

Cybersafety: Issues and resources in Cybersafety were discussed and presented by Tony Richards.

Sexuality: The session scheduled for Wednesday evening will be presented by Vanessa Hamilton.

If you were not able to attend any of these sessions there is information from the evenings up on the website in the parents section.

School Council News

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 26th at 6.30pm. The Annual Report will be presented and Andrew Williamson will provide an update on our ICT project. All members of the community are invited.

The first meeting of the new School Council will be held directly after the AGM on March 26th at 7.30pm.

A Very Special Final Assembly

There are two important highlights of this term that we will be celebrating at the final assembly of the term at 1.30pm Friday April 4th. We are starting at an earlier time as Councillor Li from the Darebin Council will be presenting our Junior School Council representatives with their badges. The last of the voting finished on Friday afternoon so the new JSC is currently being formed.

At our School Council meeting next week we will be discussing public recognition of the fabulous contribution made by our hard-working Fundraisers to the Artificial Turf Project. We will be holding a ‘thank you celebration’ for the whole school. Assembly will be on the turf! Tom and the students now have a very different sport experience in ‘Tom’s new classroom’. 
Summer Sport.

Friday 7th of March saw the first round of the grade 5/6 Summer Sports roster. It was a home game against Westgarth. Result:

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Friday the 14th of March saw Bell Ps take on Wales St. Our next game will be on Friday 28th March against Fairfield away.

Swimming:


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Ride to School: Wednesday 19th of March is national Ride to School day. Students and Parents are encouraged to Ride their bikes, Scooters, Skateboards or walk to school.

Bike Ed: In Term 2, Grade 4 students will have the opportunity to participate in the Bell Ps Bike Ed program. It will run for 9 weeks. I strongly encourage all Grade 4 students to participate in the program. Please return forms and payment to classroom teacher by due date.

Camp: Information regarding the grade 4 and 5/6 camps has gone home. Please return forms and payment to classroom teacher by due date.

Tennis: Congratulations to Max Hamilton for winning his divisional Tennis Game. He will now go on and compete in the semi-finals. Good luck Max.

Marg Sneddon
Assistant Principal
School Values Certificates

Awarded to

**Ryder:** Demonstrating the school value of Learning by giving his best to all tasks and raising his hand to answer a question even if he is unsure of the answer.

**Alexandra W:** Demonstrating the school value of Teamwork by working well with her partner and using kind words while creating pink and purple pigs.

**Shep W:** Learning. Shep always gets himself ready for learning - quickly putting away his satchel or hat when he comes into class and starting his work as soon as he gets to the tables.

**Grace H:** Respect. Grace always uses kind words both in the classroom and during play times. She listens closely to her friends and teachers and uses beautiful manners.

**Oscar B:** Teamwork. Oscar is always kind and helpful to his classmates and peers. He helps others tidy up, even if he is not asked to.

**Mateo R:** Learning. Mateo has been working really hard when he does writing. He makes sure he uses an Alphabet Strip to help him write real letters.

**Ani C:** Learning. By finding a really good 'learning position' on the carpet and watching her teacher with her sparkling eyes.

**Ben N:** Learning. By being brave when he is writing and working hard on his writing goal.

**Archie K:** Learning. Archie has been displaying persistence with learning and never giving up.

**Milla I:** Learning. Milla has been persisting with her learning and never giving up.

**Emma M:** Learning. Emma has been displaying great skill using speech marks in her writing.

**Ivy M:** Learning. Ivy has shown her great skill in handwriting, forming letters correct and consistently.

**Taj G:** Learning. Taj has been confidently chunking long unfamiliar words to solve them.

**Violet H:** Learning. Violet has been working hard on her reading goals and thinking about the books she is reading.

**Otto M:** Teamwork. For showing great communication and listening skills while working with his partner to complete a story retell in pairs.

**Isabella B:** Teamwork. For showing great communication and listening skills while working with her partner to complete a story retell in pairs.

**Caspian L:** Learning. Caspian has been working hard on his recount writing.

**Sunday M:** Learning. Sunday has been concentrating and working hard on all her work in class.

**Kiam C:** Learning. Kiam has been curious and is asking great questions to find out new things about 'ballet'.

**Stacey T:** Learning. Stacey has been showing persistence in learning to read and write new words.

**Mia H:** for being confident in who she is and making new friends in Bell PS.

**Edward C:** for being persistent in his handwriting and trying his best to write neater.

**William S:** Organisation. William is always ready for learning time, with his books ready for each session. Congratulations William, keep up the great work.

**Elizabeth T:** Learning. Lizzy has been having a go during maths and writing sessions and has been using her class time productively. Keep on having a go Lizzy, as I’m already seeing big improvement. Well done.

**Leon M:** Respect. Leon has shown the school value of respect by working co-operatively in his maths group, respecting others opinions and suggestions. Keep up the good work Leon.

**Teagan C:** Learning. Teagan has been working extremely well in her maths group, often taking on the role of leader within the group and ensuring everyone is on task. Well done Teagan.

**Vasco M:** for persisting with using his log in details to access several websites used within the classroom.

**Kayla V:** for Organisation. Kayla always has all materials ready to begin work promptly and has her workbook always neat and well organised at all times.

**Caelen D:** for Persistence. Congratulations for approaching challenging tasks with enthusiasm and always trying to achieve your personal best.

**Tali C:** for showing resilience when feeling down and looking at the positives in life and have the flexibility to bounce
1/2A & 1/2M went outside and played a few ordinal numbers game. In this game, students were given ordinal numbers in the form of numbers (1st, 2nd, 3rd etc...) and words (first, second, thirds etc...). In complete silence students were to find their matching number and get in order from smallest to largest.

Dion Penna: Getting Along. For trying his best to resolve conflict and showing compassion for other students.

Griffin Nairn: Learning. By always completing his homework to an excellent standard. Taking care with calculations; ensuring his handwriting is tidy and completing creative tasks appropriately.

Bella Cervelli: Respect. By working hard on achieving her learning goals and demonstrating respect for her own learning. Well Done Bella! The harder you work and apply yourself - the more you have to gain.

Astrid G: for Learning. Astrid is always organised and positive and ready to learn. She confidently asks questions and contributes to discussions. Well done Astrid on a great start to grade 6.

Georgie W: Getting Along. For settling-in so well to the Bell Primary community and bringing a positive energy to the classroom.
The Preps have been having a wonderful time working with their buddies on Friday afternoons.

Practicing teamwork and sharing, the Preps and their buddies created friendship chains by linking the words Respect, Teamwork, Caring, Friendly, Honesty, Kindness and Happy.

Can’t wait to see what the Preps and their buddies get up to next time!
Preps have been dancing and singing up a storm in music over the past couple of weeks. It all started out when we decided to turn ‘Bananas, Bananas’ into a rocking partner dance with a twist at the end (although most of the students preferred to jump). We quickly progressed to our new favourite song ‘Clap, Clap Your Hands’. In this tune the students with their partners had to dance to a series of movements that included pressing noses and tapping chins in time to the music.

After that we progressed to combining some singing with instruments to ‘We Can All Play In The Biggest Band’. Here the students learnt the song and then divided into groups where they were given the chance to rotate through the various instruments. The students loved being given the chance to play their instruments as a whole band whilst singing the song.

Last week’s musical analysis using the thinking routine ‘See (Listen), Think, Wonder’ the students watched Music From A Dry Cleaner... Here there were lots of thinking and wondering about how the musician created music from machines. This followed on perfectly from the previous weeks analysis of Music From A Tree.

THE “TO BE ANNOUNCED” Values and You Can Do It Awards.

We recognise the importance of school and community acknowledgement and celebration of our students’ achievements and milestones. As the school grows bigger some traditions and practices need to be adapted to meet the changed circumstances. We will be giving our “You Can do It and Values “awards to students at the year level assemblies and grade meetings and celebrating these achievements in the Bellnews.

For a new tradition we want a fresh name and logo for these values and habits of the mind awards. We are running a competition with a $ 50.00 gift voucher (of your choice) and public acclaim for the person/s who designs or significantly contributes to the development of a name for the awards and the logo for the awards. This competition is open to present and past students, parents, families, staff and friends of Bell primary School.

Please email electronic designs as .jpg to the school email address bell.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au and place hard copy designs in the box at the front office.

Ruth Vonarx
Bell PS Wellbeing Coordinator
We are well underway with our eSmart accreditation journey. Members of the eLearning team have begun the process of reviewing our policy and procedures that deal with technology and its use at Bell Primary School. Part of this process was to invite Tony Richards to run some sessions with students, teachers and parents. These sessions will become a regular feature on the annual school calendar as it is important for us as a school community to keep up to date with our eSmart awareness. The sessions were very informative and it was great to see so many ‘a-ha’ moments from the students, teachers and parents as Tony discussed how we can be ‘Cyber Smart’.

“I found Tony very truthful. I went home and deleted my Instagram account. It worked, Tony was able to give really good reasons and examples on how and why we need to be smarter on the internet.” Aphra (Grade 6 student)

“It was really scary to find out that there was no such thing as privacy.” Miguel (Grade 6 student)

“The session was great because it informed us as children how to behave on the internet as well as being safe.” Emma (Grade 6 student)

“It made me really consider how I use the internet and how important it is that we teach the students how other people use the internet as well. It was a really good pause for reflection on the way the two generations (teachers and students) use and be online.” Ivy (Prep Teacher)

“What a great presentation from Tony Richards. It was good to find out about the latest websites that our kids are interested in and also, how we as parents, need to keep the lines of communication open so that we can keep an eye on what they are doing in order to keep them safe. Although at times we seem to be worried about the dangers of Internet use by our young kids, Tony ensured us that as long as we enforce fair and strict guidelines at home, then using the Internet can be wonderfully informative and enjoyable for the whole family.” Kellie Soule (School Council President)

Look out for the Cybersmart page on our school website under the ‘For Parents’ Tab which contains some of the links that Tony discussed during the sessions.

Andrew Williamson, eLearning Co-ordinator
Notes were distributed last week for this year’s Premiers’ Reading Challenge. The completed permission form needs to be returned to class teachers. In the Your Authority and Consent section of the form please make sure that the relevant boxes are ticked.

Children in years Prep to 2 need to read or experience 30 books during this period. Children can read with a parent, teacher, brother or sister, classmate, buddy or friend. Twenty books need to come from the Challenge booklist which is available at

Students in Years 3 to 6 need to read 15 books with 10 books coming from the Challenge booklist which is available at

All books need to be entered on-line by 6th September 2014.

Karen Elsbury
Premiers’ Reading Challenge Coordinator

The sporting spirit is alive and well among the Bell PS Staff too with some of us taking up the sport of mixed netball. The newly established team 'Bell Air' includes Tom Witherden, Toby Russo, Matt Atanasovski, Angela Georgiou, Anna Buchanan, Sophie Gidley, Ruth Vonarx, Megan McGowan and Moya Lythgo. With offers from other Bell staff to fill in when required.

Bell Air debuted their skills (and hot pink bibs) on court on Wednesday 12th March. They defeated the 'Betty Whites' 27 to 4 with Tom Witherden being declared by the umpires as 'Best on Court.' Bell Air didn’t fare quite so well in their second match last Wednesday evening which saw them loose to the ‘Renegades’ 29 to 5. Special mention to former Bell teacher, Sam "Stepping" Laffy for filling in for the evening.

Donations for Gardening Club

We can’t wait to get started with Gardening Club this year! Our vegie boxes will make lovely homes for some new winter vegetables. If you happen to have any left over seeds or seedlings we’d love to give them a wonderful home this year. It would be much appreciated if you could send them into Moya’s classroom.

Happy gardening!

The Fresh Glimpse of Bell Airs
The 3/4 cohort have been reading the novel Simpson's Donkey by Peter Stanley during reading sessions. The novel touches on some of the memorable moments in our history, with the story told from the perspective of the donkey. As a whole class students have participated in numerous literature response tasks and have begun to track Sevilen's (donkey) journey using maps to help with their research.
Reminder: Parent Sexual Health Information Session
Talking ‘The Talk’
With Sexuality Educator Vanessa Hamilton
If you have missed sending an RSVP you are still welcome to come along on the night.

For all Parents and carers of Primary School Age children: Prep to Grade 6
*Please note: this session is not designed for children to attend, thank you.

When: Wednesday 19th March 2014 7.00pm – 8.45pm
Where: Multi Purpose Room

OUT OF THE BLUE

SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES

A ‘No Parking’ sign means that drivers must not stop in the area indicated by the sign unless they are dropping off or picking up passengers or goods. While stopped drivers are not permitted to leave the vehicle unattended, which means they must remain within 3 metres of the vehicle. The driver must complete their task and drive on within two minutes.

Drivers with a disabled parking permit may stop for twice the allowed time.

A driver must not stop in the area shown by the arrows on the sign, even if they are picking up or dropping off passengers. Similarly, drivers must not stop along sections of road marked with a continuous yellow edge line, where older ‘No Standing’ signs are being phased out, but they have the same meaning as ‘No Stopping’.

Penalty
$29

No stopping on a children’s crossing or
Within 20 metres before or after
Within 10 metres after a children’s crossing
You cannot proceed through the crossing until all people are off the crossing.

Penalty
$144

Not to stop within 20 metres before or within 10 metres after a sign indicating a bus stop.

Penalty
$87

You are not permitted to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb

We all understand that pick up and drop off times around schools are very busy.
Do the right thing be aware and be patient.

Penalty
$87

Signs are placed around school precincts to protect our kids

Police will enforce breaches of the road rules.
From The Office:

Hi everyone,

If you would like to make felt poppies at home, there are templates pinned to the arts notice board outside the art room - please take one. If you would like to make crocheted or knitted poppies please see the patterns on the website below:

http://5000poppies.wordpress.com

If anyone has any poppies that they have made for the project, could they please bring them in because I'm going to start counting them to gauge numbers.

Thanks,

Chelsea

BOOK COVERING

Parents and friends thank-you for your great response to the request for book covering. I am still waiting for covered books to be returned to me. Could you please check if you still have a bag of books at home either covered, or waiting to be covered, and return them to me as soon as possible. If you haven’t been able to complete the covering process I will happily follow that up at school.

Marg Sneddon

WALKING BUS UPDATE

Wanting to be part of an easy, fun way to get to school? The walking buses to the East & South of school are starting to take shape! Hoping to start next term!

Please, get on board.

Next stop....... Meeting!

At the meeting we will go through information gathered so far and how we want it to work – it needs to be easy, safe and functional, for all involved.

If you want to know more, please speak to Nada (Harrison in Prep R) or Shelley (Ed 3/4X and Hugo Prep G)

Go to http://doodle.com/6p48889fst4s32tn

Meeting options are given and if you fill in which times you are available for, then the app will find the best time for all of us. Could you also please send your name and email details to nada@nouriture.com.au so that you can be contacted.
Hello Everyone,

Last week we have been focusing on the seasonal change into Autumn. Children have enjoyed collecting leaves and making pictures with different coloured leaves. We have also started footy tipping for the year which in the past has been very popular. Children have shown lots of interest in Origami, from making planes to chatterboxes so this week we will be focusing on making anything origami, we will also be celebrating St Patricks Day with lots of things green on the menu.

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Before Care Activities

After Care Activities

OSHC program phone: 0413123119  OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000
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.
From our School Captains, Emma and Henry:

Dear fellow students, parents and guardians,

Coming up on Wednesday 19th of March, Bell Primary is running a Ride to School Day. On that Wednesday, we would like students to “try” to ride, scoot or even walk to school to promote healthy and active lifestyles. Be sure to join in to have fun and help people! An easy ride for a healthy cause. There will also be a raffle being held for a $150 bike shop voucher. If you’re not interested in the raffle you can still come to the final assembly (when the raffle winner will be announced) to see the handing out of our 2014 School Captain and J.S.C badges.

Emma and Henry - School Captains.
## March & April 2014 Events Calendar

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

### Permission
- Grades 5/6: Waratah Bay Permission - 28th March
- Grade 4: Bike Education - 28th March
- Grade 4: Waratah Bay Permission - 29th April
- All Families: School Fees & Levies - Overdue