From the Principal’s Desk
School Council - May Meeting

Our school council meets twice per term. It is made up of seven parents and three members of the teaching staff. There are a range of topics covered. Much of the hard work is done by the sub-committees. These include Finance, Garden and Grounds, Fundraising and the Education Sub-Committee.

At last night’s meeting we covered the following topics:

Andrew Williamson gave a presentation on the iPad project. This very exciting school initiative will be in place by the end of term. The prep – 2 grades will have access to iPads and the laptops will move up for use in the grades 3 – 6. This is a very significant improvement to our ICT Program.

School Council approved June 24th as pupil free day for the 3 Way Conferences to be held.

There are three important facilities projects that top the priority list at the moment.

They are maintenance and care of the trees according to the arborist’s report, repairs to the fire service and replacing the fence on the northern border along the lane way.

The recent distribution of the Statement of Values to the community and the management of parents who do not abide by the value statements.

School Council has followed DEECD guidelines and all school events where students are present are to be alcohol free. I clarified the DEECD policy in that this applies to any event where students are in the care of teachers including off-site such as the school performance at Darebin Art Centre. Events where the students are in the care of their parents such as the movie night at Westgarth theatre the restriction does not apply.

At last week’s Education Sub-committee our topic was the Healthy Eating Policy. We were delighted at the number of parents who attended and have collected their comments for consideration as we pull the policy together. It is not too late to have your opinion heard.

Please send your thoughts through the Bell email address - bell.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au and I will include them into our considerations as the policy is developed.

Our topic headings are:
- Curriculum
- Practice
- External Providers
- Community/ Fundraising

The staff will be discussing the policy at tonight’s staff meeting.

Chicken Pox
We have a reported case of chicken pox in the 1/2’s. The child was at school during the infectious period. Please keep your child at home if early symptoms appear.

Cresten Pearce
Principal
Bell French Club Term 2

Supportive, stimulating and fun learning environment with native speaker and experienced teacher of French.

Children of all ages and experience welcome. Feel positive about learning another language. Come and develop an ear and a feel for French with us.

Awesome preparatory experience for future high school language learners!

Thursdays 3.45pm-4.45pm (Mezzanine area in main building)

All enrolled kids get access to our great online resource:

Enquiries: Jim Callahan, 0432 719 034, jim.callahan@lcfclubs.com.au
Sidney Stanley: Learning. Sid always organises himself quickly and quietly so he is ready for learning. Every morning Sid puts his satchels away and is often the first on the carpet. He sits in a lovely learning position waiting for the day to get underway.

Toby Krasna: Creativity. Toby showed great creativity when we made 'face sandwiches' this morning. He turned his into a Minion! Great job Toby.

Nina Webster: Learning. For working hard on her writing goal. Nina has been stretching out words, listening to the sounds and matching those with letters. Keep up the fantastic work!

Leo Pike: Learning. For always making sure he is ready on the carpet in his best learning position. Leo shows the teacher he is reading for his learning curve to shoot to the stars by having his wide sparkly eyes looking at the front.

Tilly McAuley: Learning. For really applying herself during Reading Groups in particular. Till works on independent tasks quietly and when working in a small group reading lesson with the teacher, she really had-a-go and shared all of her thoughts confidently with the group.

Max Fain: Respect. Max always treating others how he would like to be treated and including all students in his games, activities and discussions. Awesome work Max!

Anna Sanders: Respect. Anna consistently shows teachers and fellow students respect by listening when others are talking and contributing when appropriate. Fantastic Anna, keep it up.

Finn Blakey: Respect. Finn has been improving his listening skills. You are respecting others by sitting in a good learning position and using eye contact when they are speaking. Great job!

Fynn Kosztka: Being a good listener and always waiting his turn to share his opinions. Keep up the amazing work.

Lily Moloney: Being a fantastic role model for 1/2A by always valuing her classmates opinions. You are a great student.

Mira Rowlands: Respect. Mira always helping others, packing up quickly and listening well when on the floor. You are a positive role model to others - well done!

Lughan Simmonds: Respect. Lughan is an excellent listener in class, works hard on his learning goals and treats others how he would like to be treated. You rock Lughan!

Poppy O’Loughlin: Respect. Poppy always displays respect when listening on the floor. She makes good choices about where she sits and contributes her wonderful ideas for all to hear. Great job!

Giselle Bassi: Respect. Giselle always listening to instructions and putting her hand up when she wants to share something. Keep it up Giselle!

Jack Parry: Respect. For being a good listener and always waiting his turn to share his opinion. You are a great role model!!

Kayla Vinent-Cassidy: For exceptional organisational skills which allows her to begin tasks and follow through until tasks are complete. You set a fine example to others. Well done.

Maeve Gunning: Confidence and Resilience. Maeve has proven her confidence by being brave to answer questions and to state her opinion in class discussions. Moreover Maeve has been resilient in overcoming unexpected circumstances and tries to find the positive in every situation. Good job Maeve!
Reilly Isaacs: Reilly demonstrates respect by ensuring the classroom is clean and tidy. He often volunteers to ensure tables are clean and reminds others to tidy up after themselves.

Quinn Baker: Quinn demonstrates respect by ensuring everyone in the classroom is valued. I particularly liked the way he welcomed our new student and ensured he was included in games and activities.

Vasilias Papaioannou: Persistence and Confidence. Vasilias has displayed confidence in class by putting his hand up and getting involved in class discussions. Vasilias has also portrayed persistence by trying his best in maths and writing. His persistence in his learning and staying focus on task has greatly improved. Keep it up Vas!

Ayesha Bassyouni: For displaying excellent persistence with her reading during Guided Reading by using strategies like skip it, read on, then go back and re-read when stuck on a word before reading on. Fantastic work Ayesha.

Levi Mason: For displaying great getting along skills by working with other students to produce fair guidelines for playing footy with other friends and classmates at recess and lunch. Fantastic effort Levi!

Maisie Welsh: Teamwork. For being an outstanding team member during our camp activities, having an enthusiastic approach to all challenges. Her positive attitude and ability to communicate with her peers make her invaluable member of 5/6.

Tom Vinci: Learning. By consistently producing homework of an outstanding standard so far this year. He shows a dedication to his learning inside and outside of school. Super work Tom!

Quinn O’Brien: For creating a beautiful poppy picture and thoughtful ANZAC poem. Well done on your lovely work.

Max Ryan: For demonstrating that he can be motivated and energized at school; contributing to class discussions – being an enthusiastic learner.

Zeke Joyce-Robertson: By producing an exemplary piece of writing working on his camp recount. He used lots of adjectives and described the events in detail and brought them to life.

Hello Everyone,

The Active sports program is underway with the sports children have chosen being: Mon – Basketball, Wed – Football, Fri – Athletics. All children have been doing their footy tipping each week with the last winner being Charlie P, Congratulations Charlie, and have fun spending your voucher. Children have shown great interest in making all different paper planes to fly so this week we will have templates and designs for different planes for the children to complete and we will have a paper plane flying competition. Next Friday the 23rd of May we will be participating in the Biggest morning Tea and all families are invited to come and enjoy scones and pancakes with a cuppa for a gold coin donation between 7am – 9am. We look forward to seeing you all.

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Buried Treasure found at Bell Primary!

“There’s gold in dem dar hills!”, exclaims exuberated student.

On Friday 2nd May at approximately 2.05pm, students of Bell Primary School uncovered buried treasure on the North Oval. For many months now, a dedicated group of diggers have spent their playtimes excavating the hill closest to the learning centre but none of them could have dreamed that within this mound of dirt and clay lay “ANCIENT COINS!”

As two surprised and delighted grade two student celebrated their loot, onlookers strained to get a look at the coins - a penny dating all the way back to 1952 and another so ancient, only the outline of a kangaroo could be made out.

As word spread about the buried treasure, prospectors came from across the yard to see what other prizes lie beneath the soil of the North Oval.

“All we expected to find was an old Coke can but instead we came away with a King’s ransom”, said one digger.
Dear Bell Family and Friends,

Bell Primary School is hosting Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea on Friday, 6 June 2014 to raise funds to help those affected by cancer. During the week of June 2nd, we will be collecting donations for Cancer Council Australia at various locations at the school. Please make a donation, big or small. Every dollar we raise contributes to vital cancer research and clinical trials, support services for patients, their families and carers, and information and public education campaigns. (All donations over $2 are tax deductible and receipts can be provided.)

Bell’s Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea will be a celebration of all of our efforts to this worthy cause. Please bring a small plate of food to share and join us for a cup of tea, sweet and savoury treats, entertainment, and *raffle drawings. Please extend this invitation to Bell’s extended family of carers, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends.

A team is very much needed to help out with donation collection and morning tea. If you can help out for any length of time – a little or a lot, please contact Elizabeth Ko any time at school, Class 1/2T, or via email etlpham@yahoo.com.

Please also visit http://www.biggestmorningtea.com.au for more information and details.

*For a chance to win prizes, raffle tickets will be available for purchase for $2 each, during the week of June 2nd. Funds from the raffle will also be donated to Cancer Council Australia.
The Sci-Fi Composition Zone

Some of the most exciting music ever written has been for the genre of science fiction. John Williams; Star Wars, ET and Close Encounters Of The Third Kind, come to mind when thinking about music and Sci-Fi. Over term 1 grade 5 and 6 students have used a number of technologies to create short compositions that represent the characters, setting and atmosphere of their planned science fiction narratives.

Core to my philosophical beliefs as a music teacher is the idea of demystifying the role of the composer so that the students themselves can be composers too. As in other areas of the curriculum students are taught to be writers, readers, mathematicians and historians. One sure way to encourage students creative thinking process is to allow them to collaborate with others to create short compositions. This can be done through using tuned and untuned percussion instruments. However, technology can empower students by giving them agency to arrange and compose through computer software tools such as Garageband and Soundation.

For their compositions the grade 5 and 6 students used Soundation. Its a powerful online music generator, that allows the students to arrange a number of pre recorded sound samples and loops. The electronic nature of these loops were ideal for the sci fi sound the students were trying to portray.

When planning their Sci Fi narrative the students worked in small groups or pairs and used a fantastic mind mapping tool called https://www.text2mindmap.com. Using this plan/outline the students then each week composed short vignettes to support the characterisation and atmosphere for each section of their narrative.

YEARS 1 & 2 MEDITATION AND WEAVING

This term the students have started each lesson with 5-10 minutes of meditation. Meditation teaches them to quiet themselves, be calm, relax and helps with creative visualisation. The students have responded really well to the meditation and I’m sure we’re all going to miss it next term! Below is the book I used if you would like to continue meditation at home with your child.

We started the term off with sketching and tracing different types of leaves. The students then used pastels and textas to add colour to their sketches. They then cut their drawings into strips and wove them through black paper to create a patchwork paper ‘blanket’ which is now in their art journals.

For 5 weeks, the Year 1 and 2s have been working on these beautiful woven works. It’s been such a pleasure working on this project with them, as all the students have been saying how excited they are to come to art and how much they love making their ‘kites’ as they call them. I will be doing a display of them in the corridor this week.
For the past several years we have been fortunate enough to have players from the Carlton Football Club come and visit our 3-4 students and run them through a series of drills and exercises. The kids have always enjoyed these visits and this was no exception with Heath Scotland making an appearance along with Nadine from AusKick. It was terrific to see all students participating in the activities.

Thanks Carlton Footy Club for being a community based club and providing our young people with the opportunity to meet real life footy players.

Face Sandwich?

Last week the Preps did something a little bit different.

First, we read an eBook together called ‘The Face Sandwich’ which was about a boy who constructed a sandwich that looked like a cat.

Then we all got to make our own Face Crackers before enjoying eating them. There were all sorts of animal faces being made including a grasshopper and a hippo! After that we had our first go at Procedural writing.

We all wrote instructions for what we did to make our face “sandwiches” in our writing books. The teachers had already written a title and a list of ingredients for our writing so we just had to write the method/steps.

What amazingly brave writers all of the Preps are!
Camp Waratah Bay
A Fabulous Time Was Had by All!

From rock rambling, a giant 15mtr swing, a nitro crossing, a jail break, damper making, night walk, boat building, ropes course, disco and beach volleyball...we barely had a minute to spare.

Camp Waratah Bay kept us all busy with a variety of activities. On the first day we ventured out to the rock pools and had a wonderful time working our way through a scavenger hunt list. The highlight of the afternoon was the giant crab that one team managed to find. After dinner everybody made themselves super presentable for the disco. Marg led the way with the Nutbush and Time Warp!

Day two was taken up by a rotation of activities. I’m not sure who had more fun...the kids or the staff? I’m sure you all heard about the giant swing...it went up...up...up to 15metres. There were a few squeals and a few very white faces but overall it was certainly the highlight of the day. The torch lit night walk was a great way to end the day. Seeing thousands of soldier crabs scattered across the beach was quite an experience. We looked out for wombats and echidnas but I think it might have too cold for them!

Friday morning was spent on the beach...a variety of activities including a soccer game, Vortex, beach cricket, sand drawing, a sand sculpture competition and just enjoying the vast space took up the morning.
Bike Ed: Grade 4 students have started the Bike Ed program, a reminder to those students to please bring bikes and helmets on Tuesdays.

Cross Country: The District Cross country will be held on Tuesday 27th May at Bundoora park from 10:00-12:00. This is for students in grades 4, 5 and 6. Distances are: 9/10 year olds-2km, 11 and 12/13 year olds-3km. could students participating please return the forms and money to their classroom teacher by 23rd May.

Family Life Victoria: Monday 26th May
Family Life Victoria will be holding a Sexuality Health and Education at Bell Ps, for Girls and female parents/Guardians in grades 3/4 and 5/6 on Monday 26th May. Year 3&4 is from 6:00-7:00. Years 5&6 is from 7:15-8:15. Please return permission form and payment to classroom teacher by 16th May.

Summer Sport: Friday 9th May saw the first round of the Winter sports roster played.

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School Photo Day is here again!

Schoolpix will be us on Friday, May 30!

Photo Day Tips:

Dress:  Clean and tidy as per school uniform guidelines.

Hair: 
Neat and swept off face.

Orders: Complete your order form and return to school prior to photography day (or as directed by school staff)

Pre-orders: To pre-order online, take your personal Order and ID Numbers found on your order form and go to www.schoolpix.com.au. All orders placed online will receive a free 20cm X 25cm black and white portrait print.

Email: info@schoolpix.com.au
IMPROVING TRANSPORT AND ACCESS IN OAKOVER VILLAGE

You’ve received this invitation as we are seeking to work with your community to improve walking, cycling, traffic management, on-street car parking and public transport facilities.

We are running a workshop to bring locals together with Council officers, to develop ideas to better manage your streets, making it easier and safer to get around. We will talk about the area bound by Miller Street, Gilbert Road, Bell Street and the railway line.

OAKOVER VILLAGE TRANSPORT WORKSHOP

5.45pm for 6.00pm start, until 8.00pm
Thursday 22nd May 2014
Studio Room
Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre
Light refreshments provided

Please RSVP for the workshop by
Monday 19th May via

Phone: 8470 8768, or
Email: planningservices@darebin.vic.gov.au
## May–June 2014

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

### Permission Slips & Payment Reminders!

| All Families | School Fees & Levies | Very Overdue |