Dear Parents,

Today reports are being sent home. The reports summarise the school performance of students and provide a rating based on their current level of achievement in English, Maths, Science and History. Grade 3 to 6 receive an A - E rating as well as a descriptor. Prep to Grade 2 students receive the descriptor. All parents are advised that a C is a very good rating as this indicates that a student is performing at his/her grade level. Please feel free to discuss your child’s report with class teachers should further information be required.

The final School Association meeting will be held this evening. I would like to acknowledge the outstanding contribution our Association makes to the life and operations of the school and pay special tribute to the fine leadership of our Chairman - Mr Phillip Excell.

This week we have a variety of events planned:
- ECE performance assembly
- Hosting Bowditch residents
- School picnic
- End of year BBQ
- Primary performance assembly
- Certificate assembly
- Volunteers morning tea

A busy time of the year and it would be great to see as many parents in attendance at these events to celebrate another fine year at Bellerive Primary School.

I would like to warmly thank all parents who have volunteered their services and valuable time to assist with school programs and activities. The contribution and involvement of our parents is amazing and highly valued.

Steven Hay
Principal

2014 Student Assistance Applications

The application for 2014 Student Assistant has been received. If you think you would qualify for Student Assistance, please come to the office and collect an application.

If you were eligible for Student Assistance for 2013, you do not need to fill out a new application. A letter from the Department of Education has been sent to all 2013 eligible families informing them of their 2014 approval or advising them that they are no longer eligible.

If you have a child starting Kindergarten for 2014 and already have children receiving Student Assistance, please either fill out an application for that child or add their details to the letter from the Department and return to the school office. Approval is not automatic for siblings starting in Kindergarten.

If you have any question please contact the office staff.
2014 UNIFORM OPEN DAYS
AND LEVY PAYMENTS
Prior to school starting back next year on Wednesday February 5th, the Uniform Shop will be open on three occasions.

Wednesday 29th January: 3:00pm - 5:00pm
Thursday 30th January: 9:00am - 12:00pm
Friday 31st January: 10:00am - 11:00am

Please note that Friday 31st January will be open for returns and exchanges only. No purchases can be made on this day.

School levies can also be paid on these days. Next year’s levies will remain as follows:

  Kinder: $200
  Prep-6: $280

SCHOOL BANKING
Last day for school banking will be Tuesday 17 December 2013. Next week will be the last week to claim rewards using your tokens. We have limited items left, so we will do our best to make sure we have the rewards for you. The rewards are:

- money boxes, head phones, calculators, drink bottles,
- torches, knuckles, wallets, Book Light, hand balls, pods (Pens/Highlighters in Case)

Thanks
Toni Smith and Jodie Hayes
School Banking Co-Ordinators

Science club news.
Bellerive Primary School has won the School Science Prize from CSIRO and Double Helix for our efforts in supporting and encouraging students in science. This competition required schools to explain what they were doing to encourage children to engage with science. Feedback from the judges was that they were “very impressed with Bellerive Primary’s enthusiasm for science”.

The prize, a year’s subscription to the children’s science magazine Scientriffic, will be awarded to a member of the Science Club who has demonstrated outstanding levels of interest, scientific thinking and commitment.

Wendy Fletcher

What’s been happening in the Next Steps Program?
By Nakita Bobbin (5-6 V/E) and Paris Kruse (5-6 V/E)

Focus: Grade 2 W and 2 SJ - Making Shelters
During term 4 grade 2 Wagner and grade 2 Jones came to the Next Steps room to learn about Aboriginal cultural traditions. They used sticks, leaves and bark to make a shelter and clay to stick it down on the plate. Here are some pictures of the finished shelters and some of the plants that they used.

Reflecting on helping with the making by Nakita Bobbin
I was surprised that the grade 2’s huts and shelters turned out so life like.

Did you know?
The Aborigines who lived in the windier and colder parts of Tasmania made sturdy dome-shaped huts. Bendy branches were used to make the frame work of these huts, which were then thatched with grass or bark and lined with bird feathers. (N.B)
School Association EOY BBQ – Thursday 12th Dec 2013 commencing at 5:00pm

We warmly welcome all our School Community to our School Association 2013 End of Year BBQ. Come and have a BBQ dinner on us (FREE) as we celebrate an incredible year where we set a number of new Benchmark records.

All beverages will be reasonably priced. Our Christmas Raffle will be drawn at 6pm.

2013 Christmas Raffle

Once again we have some fantastic prizes on offer for our 2013 Christmas Raffle! We will be sending home a book of ten raffle tickets for each family today $2 per ticket or $10 for the book of 10 tickets. Extra books can be collected from the school office.

The Raffle will be drawn at our EOY BBQ on Thursday 12th December at 6pm. We’re hoping to spread some early Christmas cheer to some lucky families!

Your School Association

SCHOOL HISTORY

A special unveiling ceremony of the school information signs was held yesterday. The signs provide details of the early school sites. The signs are located at 52 King St and 13 Chapman St.
## Calendar of Events for 2013

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### ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES

The following students were awarded Achievement Certificates in Assembly:

- **5-6P** Chloe Wilson, Brodie Close
- **5-6V/E** Nakita Bobbin, Hayden Wall
- **4B** Jassmine Kilburn, Jaden Denholm
- **3-4P** Mei Booker, Caleb Devine
- **3L** Jasmine Wilson, Zoe Isaac
- **2W** Mitchell Clifford, Phoebe Neal
- **2J/S** Lauren Palmer, Sarah Jenkins
- **1-2T** Mia Booker, Tristen Munns
- **1P** Prep-1T Kloe Lumley, Riley Lee-Heath
- **PrepN** Ava Mackey, Lily Ward
- **PrepA/W** Jedd Johnson, Mia Grant

The Golden Ear Award was won by Prep Norris

### Library News

All student library and home reader books should now be returned to the library.

Accounts will come home this week for any books that are still outstanding. Payment for these should be made to the office before the end of this school year please.

If you have any queries about library books or home readers please contact us as soon as possible.

Happy reading!
Annie Rathbone and Karen Jarman

### CANTEEN NEWS

The final Canteen day for this year will be this Friday 13th December.

A reminder that sushi orders need to be at the office by the end of school Thursday to be ordered for Friday.

Lisa Robertson