Dear Parents,

Based on our current predicted numbers for 2014 our class structure will be as follows:

5-6, 5-6, 4-5, 3-4, 3, 3, 2, 2, 1, 1, Prep-1, Prep, Prep, Kinder Blue, Kinder White, Kinder Green

We will be allocating students to class groups for 2014 using this structure however parents are advised that this may change if numbers significantly increase or decrease.

A big thank you to our early years team in Pre Kinder and B4 - Mrs Sander, Mrs Karpiniec, Mrs Curtain, Mrs Jones, Mrs Arnold, Mrs Seymour, Ms Goich and Mr Claridge for another great year where students are being provided with a terrific foundation for their future schooling at Bellerive Primary. The final sessions for the year will be held this week. The commitment and involvement by parents in these programs have been greatly appreciated.

Good luck to all students participating in the Champions Swimming Carnival this Thursday at the Hobart Aquatic Centre - Trent Spriggs, Harry Anderson, Samuel Barwin, Bibs Pokhrel, Gabby Mackey, Kelby Miley, Caleb Devine, Max Murray, Mitchell Clifford, Mia Andrewartha, Mei Booker, Sarah Mundie and Abigail Browne.

Steven Hay
Principal

Growing Up Program Literature

The book titled, ‘Talk soon Talk often. A guide for parents talking to their kids about sex’ is available from the school office for all parents of Grade 5 and 6 students. This book will support the talks conducted for students during the Growing Up program last term. Please note that parents must collect the book in person or make alternative collection arrangements with Mrs Watkins in the school office.

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.
B4 at Bellerive News

Our third attempt at our visit to Sorell Farm was finally successful! Although a little drizzly, the weather held out for us to explore the wide range of animals on offer. We had the opportunity to watch a sheepdog in action, feed a very large pig, hold baby chickens and rabbits and pat horses, sheep, goats and guinea pigs. What a great experience for our B4 families - there were many smiles and squeals of delight!

A huge thank you to Lyn and all of the students who were involved, acting as our guides and providing answers to our many questions.

Next Week - our final B4 Session for 2013! We are looking forward to our end of year Christmas celebration picnic. We will meet at school around 9:00am and (weather permitting - again) we will walk to Bellerive Beach Park (or meet us there) for a play and picnic morning tea.

A reminder to please bring a small plate of food to share (nut and kiwi fruit free).

Please feel free to contact Louise on 0400 559 769 for any further information.

Louise Curtain, Sam Arnold and Louise Goich
B4 at Bellerive
Launching into Learning
What’s been happening in the
Next Steps Program?
By Nakita Bobbin (5-6 V/E) and Ms Palfreyman

Focus: Grade 5/6 VE - Gumnuts to Buttons
Last term Ms Palfreyman, Mrs Visser and Ms Mason were teaching us about Aboriginal history by doing an activity called ‘Gumnuts to buttons’. Now you will be thinking what is that? My class was divided up into 9 groups. We had to draw some things about Aboriginal life on our piece of paper. Then we sat in a circle near our Nations (9 groups) that were called North East, North West, Big River, Ben Lomond, Oyster Bay, South East, South West, North and Northern Midlands.

Reflecting on the activity:
Was there anything in the story that surprised you?
“I was surprised that the Europeans took land without permission”. (R.C)
“I was surprised how the Aboriginal people tried to defend themselves but the Europeans still took over” (N.B)
What did you learn of importance that you didn’t know before?
“How long it took the Europeans to see that the Aboriginal people were important”. (L. J) (R.A)

BEGINNER ROBOTICS
Some students from Prep have been involved in a beginner robotics program. Children have been learning how to program simple floor robots, called beebots and probots. Challenges have included getting their beebots to return to them from a journey across the room and to weave in and out of a slalom course. Robotics is part of the new Technologies section of the Australian curriculum currently under development.

The Australian Curriculum: Technologies will enable all students to learn about and work with traditional, contemporary and emerging technologies that shape the world we live in. Students progress from creative and directed play through to the consolidation of Technologies knowledge, understanding and skills. Students learn to apply computational thinking.

They also have a lot of fun,
Wendy Fletcher
Calendar of Events for 2013

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Achievement Certificates

The following students were awarded Achievement Certificates in Assembly:

- 5-6P Sophie Leeson, Bibhav Pokhrel
- 5-6V/E Nicole Smith, Liam Jackson
- 4B
- 3-4P Zach Isaac, Koda Salter
- 3L Lachlan Rankin, Nikita Suggett
- 2W Levi Page, Ella Mulcahy
- 2J/S Joshua Brown, Jordan Winter
- 1-2T Alice McGrath, Stella Harris
- 1P Amelia Wiggins, Owen Setchell
- Prep-1T Jasmine Burge, Casper Anjewierden
- PrepN Jack Connell, Nikolette Spiliopoulos
- PrepA/W Ella Clark, Kyle Kennedy

The Golden Ear Award was won by Prep-1 Tongs

Library News

As we need a few weeks to chase up all missing and overdue library books the last day for student borrowing this year will be Friday November 22nd. In the last week of November we will issue reminders for any books not returned and in the first week of December we will be issuing accounts for any missing/overdue books.

To save unnecessary paperwork it would be greatly appreciated if all families could endeavour to return all home readers and library books by the end of November.

Happy reading!

Annie Rathbone and Karen Jarman

Administering of Student Medication

We have recently had an increase in the number of students bringing medications to school requesting staff to administer these during the day. Can I please remind parents and carers that all prescribed medication MUST have a medical form completed and signed by the Doctor and any other medications MUST have a signed parent consent form for staff to be able to administer any medication. It is also against Departmental policy for students to keep prescribed medications in their school bag.

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