Dear Parents,

Last week the results from the Student and Parent Surveys were released by the Department of Education. These results are featured as an insert in the newsletter. In the Parent Survey there was a 44% response rate (22 returns out of 50), which was slightly disappointing. However in all statements throughout the survey our parents rated our school at a higher level than the state average. In general the parent opinion was very positive about our school across a range of areas. In the Student Survey there were 40 Grade Five and Six students surveyed online. Again the results were quite positive in all areas except for one. The survey indicates our students would like more involvement and voice in school decision making. The survey results will be discussed with senior students, the School Association and at a staff meeting to glean areas which we need to focus on next year as part of our School Operational Plan.

The 2014 School Operational Plan is currently being developed and will be published on Friday 16th December. There will be a range of goals set next year to continue school improvement in the following areas:

- English
- Mathematics
- Australian Curriculum
- Quality Teaching
- Campus Management
- Technology
- Supportive School Environment
- Early Years

The goal for staff and the School Association is to make Bellerive Primary School the best school it can be delivering high level outcomes for students, staff, parents and the local community.

In the last three weeks of the year we will have many excursions, activities and events planned for students in the wider community. It is important that all students ensure they are in school uniform and project a positive image to others. I highly value comments from community members who frequently communicate that our students display excellent manners, look good, make appropriate decisions and are a credit to our school.

A reminder to parents of students enrolling at Clarence High in 2014 that their Orientation Day is tomorrow and that they should report to Clarence High School by 8:30a.m. Our 68 Kindergarten students attend their orientation sessions this week. Next year we will again have three groups. 2014 will be a special year personally as it was in 2007 when I first met the Kinder group who will be our Grade 6 students next year. Time flies!

Last week Phillip Excell and myself met with the General Manager of Learning Services South to outline our school’s enrolment trend and the likely need for extra classrooms in 2015. A submission was delivered which outlined the reasons for enrolment of every 2014 student. It was an interesting exercise and one of the key findings was that 13% of our students were enrolled from the Bellerive home area but now live outside this zone. It is important to detail this information to the Department so they have an accurate profile of our school in order to make informed decisions. Our conservative enrolment projections indicate the following:

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The reason for the jump from 2014 into 2015 is because our smallest year group (Grade 6 with 23 students) will be replaced by about 60 Kinders. Next year we will have an extra class which will be accommodated with the use of the current Next Steps room. In 2015 we will have an extra two classes which we will need to find space for. During the BER program we developed four new classrooms as a result of the positive growth of enrolments at Bellerive Primary.

It will be terrific to reunite with some of our former students who are in Grade Ten at Clarence High and will be part of a Work Skills program at our school over the next two weeks assisting staff in a variety of roles.

Good luck to all Grade Four to Six students who will be performing at the Combined School’s Concert at the DEC on Friday. This event will be a culmination of a year’s work for our choir, brass and woodwind students. A big thanks to Mrs Cross and Mr Reade for their outstanding teaching this year with these groups.

Please be advised our school picnic this year will be held at Orana on Thursday 12th December and that all parents are invited along to have a great day with staff and students.

Congratulations to all students who participated so enthusiastically last week at the Champions Swimming Carnival and special thanks to all parents who assisted with supervision and transport.

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.
Congratulations to Rachel Hosie 5/6 VE who has recently represented Tasmania in the School Sports Australia National Track and Field Championships held in Brisbane. Rachel competed in discus with a best throw of 26.90m to place 10th, and shot put with a put of 9.23m to place 11th. Both these results were personal best achievements for her in very hot and humid conditions. Well done Rachel!

Scholastic Book Club
Thank you for all your orders. Just a quick note about collection of orders when they come in. Apologies for any confusion I have caused but if you wish to collect your order from the office rather than the classroom this needed to be written on the order form/envelope. If you would like to collect your books from the office please could you drop me a quick line at dana_davies@Hotmail.com with your child’s name and class.

Many thanks, Dana

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
We’re putting the fun back into school fundraising

Support Bellerive Primary School
Buy a $99 BriskGO Holiday Card and we’ll give Bellerive Primary School $40!

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.

Your School Association

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
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
**Calendar of Events for 2013**

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Geilston Bay High School 3:30-4:30                                  |
| December 4 | KB, KG, KW Excursion - Playhouse Theatre                             |
| December 4 | P/1T, 1P, 1/2T, 2W, 2T/S, 3L Excursion—Botanical Gardens, Robin Hood |
| December 4 | High School Orientation                                              |
| December 5 | 2014 Kinder Blue and White Orientation                              |
| December 6 | Combined Schools Concert—DEC                                         |
| December 9 | Prep A/W & Prep N Excursion                                          |
| December 11 | ECE Performance Assembly 9:15am  
Kinder - Grade 2                                                       |
| December 11 | Kinder Blue and White Conclude                                       |
| December 12 | School Picnic - Orana (Roaches Beach)                                |
| December 11 | School Association End of Year BBQ                                  |
| December 13 | Primary Performance Assembly 9:15am  
Grade 3 - Grade 6  
Certificate Assembly 2:00pm                                           |
| December 13 | Volunteers Morning Tea - 10:55am-11:30am                             |
| December 13 | Kinder Green Conclude                                                |
| December 16 | Christmas Service - ECE 10:00, Primary 11:30                        |
| December 18 | Leavers’ Day Out                                                    |
| December 19 | Leavers’ Assembly - 11:00am                                         |
| December 19 | Last Day of Term 4                                                   |

**Achievement Certificates**

The following students were awarded Achievement Certificates in Assembly:

- **5-6P**: Reilly Morton, Chloe Wilson
- **5-6V/E**: Mykayla Bone, Melody Tims
- **4B**: Rueben Stivicic, Marcus Bourke, Toby Fenton, Emma Freeman
- **3-4P**: Fatima Hassan, Elailah Butterworth
- **3L**: Michael Leeson, Gabbi Houston
- **2W**: Sienna Doig, Ashton Burk
- **2J/S**: Ruby Swain, Sarah Mundie
- **1-2T**: Mitchell Shott-Hanlon, Keegan Grant
- **1P**: Anais Fitzpatrick, Max Stops
- **Prep-1T**: Isabelle Stanley, Ryan Linnell
- **PrepN**: Nena Timsar, Ned Marriott
- **PrepA/W**: Archer Tully, Nate Howcroft

The Golden Ear Award was won by 3 Lewer

**Important Dates for 2014**

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| January 29 | Levies & Uniform Shop  
3:00pm - 5:00pm                                                       |
| January 30 | Levies & Uniform Shop  
9:00am - 12:00pm                                                      |
| February 5 | Term 1 Commences  
Prep-Grade 6 & Kinder Blue & White                                    |
| February 6 | Kinder Green first day                                               |
| February 10 | Hobart Regatta Day—Public Holiday                                    |
| March 10   | Eight Hour Day—Public Holiday                                        |
| March 14 & 17 | School Photos                                                        |
| April 16   | Students final day for Term 1                                         |
| April 17   | Student Free Day                                                     |
| May 5      | Term 2 Commences                                                     |

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