LIBRARY:
Children visit the school library and are able to borrow books each week. All children are requested to bring a library bag to protect library books. Library bags may be purchased from the school office for $8.00.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE:
Phoenix Services operate After School Care and Vacation Care at our school. This service is available for 4 year olds. After school care for Kinders will operate from 2:30pm – 6:00pm with students being collected by a Phoenix Services staff member at the end of the school day.

NEWSLETTER:
A newsletter is published each week on Tuesday. Kindergarten Blue and Kindergarten White students will receive the newsletter on Tuesday and Kindergarten Green students will receive the newsletter on Wednesday. The newsletter can also be found on our school website.

MEDICAL:
If there is medical information the school should be aware of, please provide details to the school office and to Mrs Sander, Mrs Curtain and Mrs Seymour. Office staff will contact parents if student illness or injury is of serious concern.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP AT SCHOOL:
Parents/carers are most welcome to assist within the classroom. Once the class is settled at the beginning of the year, an invitation to participate in the parent program will be extended. If you have a special interest please let the class teacher know. Generally you will be asked to work with a small group of children or with an individual student.

EXCURSIONS:
Excursions are part of the ongoing educational program and at this early stage will further develop a child’s independence and experiences. The excursions are generally linked in with the class program and parents are encouraged to be part of these learning experiences.

ABSENCES:
If your child is absent for any reason, please ring the school office to advise the reason for the absence.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE:
I feel confident your child will experience a successful introduction to school with the Kindergarten year providing a terrific foundation for lifelong learning. Mrs Sander, Mrs Curtain and Mrs Seymour are excellent teachers and will provide a safe, stimulating and fun learning environment for your child and work towards establishing sound routines and expectations to enhance your child’s success at school. Please contact me if I can provide assistance at any time.

Steven Hay
Principal

Child’s Name:

Kinder Group:
PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR KINDERGARTEN:

One or two weeks before your child is due to start Kindergarten, talk about this experience in a positive way. Discuss the other children they will meet, and about Mrs Seymour, Mrs Sander, Mrs Curtain, Mrs Moore, Mrs Karpiniec and Mrs Jones who will help everybody with their work in the classroom. Indicate to them that their experiences will be similar to Pre Kinder and child care. Monitor your child’s start to Kinder and let the teacher know if there are any issues. Establishing regular contact with your child’s teacher provides opportunities to discuss a range of matters to enhance your child’s learning.

LEVIES AND STUDENT ASSISTANCE:

The levy for 2013 is an all-inclusive cost of $180 which covers the cost of art materials, stationery, other resources, cultural performances and excursions.

If you think you qualify for Student Assistance, please complete the application form which can be collected from the office. If payment of the levy contribution poses a problem do not hesitate to contact Mr Hay. Payment by instalments is an option for parents. Should parents prefer this option, please contact the school office.

LUNCH AND MORNING TEA:

Please provide healthy food in a lunch box each day for lunch and morning tea. We strongly encourage sandwiches, rolls, fruit and vegetables. We would prefer that chips, roll-ups, chocolate bars, etc are not brought to school. In addition, foods with nut products should not be provided in lunches, as our school has a nut free policy.

A daily drink, preferably water, is required and the plastic bottle should have your child’s name clearly labelled.

UNIFORM:

The wearing of school uniform is strongly encouraged at Bellerive Primary School. The little ones look great in uniform and it establishes sound practices for later schooling. School track pants, cargo shorts, cargo pants, polo shirts, polo vests, polar jackets, rugby jumpers, skirts, dresses, skorts, hats and hair clip and bands may be purchased from the Uniform Shop. The Uniform Shop will be open on the following dates:-

This Year: Tuesday 11th or Thursday 13th December following your child’s orientation session.

Next Year: Tuesday 29th January 9:00am – 12:00pm
            Thursday 31st January 3:00pm – 5:00pm

SMOCKS:

Students are encouraged to bring their own smocks to use during art activities.