Dear Parents,

The school conducted a highly successful launch of the two history DVD’s and a terrific ceremony with the return of the old school bell, in the final week of Term 2. This significant historical event displayed the active partnership we have with the Bellerive Historical Society and the rich heritage our school and local community possesses. Special thanks to John Sargent from the BHS, Mr Peter Oldham (filmmaker) and Mrs Lewer and Ms Potter for all their hard work in producing these two wonderful DVD’s. The DVD titled Bellerive Village: Connecting the past to the present is available at the school office for $20. It was terrific on the night to have the old school bell returned to the school by the Maritime Museum. A customised display unit will be constructed in the admin office to house the bell and display our other wonderful heritage items. The story of the old school bell is a wonderful read and is published later in the newsletter.
An Activities Program will be held later this term over 4 weeks for all interested staff, students and parents. The program will offer a rich diversity of activities from Tuesday 25th August and will offer activities such as photography, modelling and deportment, cooking, physical fitness, French and much more. Each teacher will conduct an activity on a nominated day from Tuesday to Thursday from 3.10p.m. to 4.10 p.m. The activities will be offered to students, staff and parents either separately or together e.g.

- The modelling and deportment program may just be offered to upper primary girls.
- Cooking may be offered to students and their parents.
- A literacy program may be offered to parents and staff.

It must be stressed that the program is optional for parents and students. To add a greater number of activities to the program it is hoped that some parents may be prepared to offer a program over the 4 week period in relation to a talent they may possess. If you are interested in being a part of this program by conducting an activity please complete the section below and return it to the school office by Friday 31st July. You may wish to take a class with another parent. If you would like further details about this program please contact me at steven.hay@education.tas.gov.au

In Sport tomorrow, the boys will play football on the top oval while the girls travel to Montagu Bay Primary for their netball game. All matches commence at 1.00 p.m.

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**Activities Program**

Parent name: ___________________________ Mobile number: ___________________________

I would like to conduct an activity in the program. Name of activity: ___________________________

Please return to the school office by Friday 31st July

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**Alliance Française Poetry Competition**

On Friday June 26, six of our grade 6 students travelled to Hobart College to take part in the 2015 Alliance Française Poetry Competition. They were accompanied by Mr. Hay, Mr. Ashmore and Madame van Heijster. We first made our way to the Sandy Bay Bakery to celebrate our efforts. Students were allowed to choose between a croissant and a chocolate éclair to go with a hot chocolate (chocolat chaud). With our tummies full of French delicacies we made our way to Hobart College, reciting the poem on the way. Excitement was in the air when we arrived with many groups of school students from all over Hobart from grade 6 to grade 12. Our students were a little nervous at first but the friendly judges soon put them at ease. Mr. Hay and Mr. Ashmore took the students back to school at around 9.30 am. I am VERY proud of Cara Berry, Jasmine Cayzer, Edith Ashmore, Emma Freeman, Kyah Hammond and Antonio Longo for making the effort to learn the poem by heart and for reciting it to two judges.

*Ans van Heijster, French teacher*

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**Results of the 2015 Alliance Française competition**

Our school submitted the maximum amount of posters allowed to the competition.

- Grades 3/4 theme was “La météo” (the weather) – 6 posters were submitted.
- Grades 5/6 theme was “La mode” (fashion) – 6 posters were submitted.

In selecting posters for submission I made sure that ALL classes were represented.

Six grade 6 students travelled to Hobart College to recite the set poem.

**Results**

**Posters Grade 3/4**

- 3rd prize – Mackenzie Walker – 4 SC
- Honourable Mentions
  - Sienna Doig – 4 SC
  - Lilyanne Leslie – 3 L
  - Abigail Browne – 4 H
  - Logan Kearney – 3 P

**Posters Grade 5/6**

- Honourable Mentions
  - Julian Fenton – 4/5 W
  - Edith Ashmore – 5/6 MR

**Poetry Grade 6**

- Honourable Mentions
  - Antonio Longo – 5/6 MR
  - Jasmine Cayzer – 5/6 VE
  - Cara Berry – 5/6 VE

Congratulations and a big thank you to all students for their hard work and to Mr Ashmore and Mr Hay for transporting students to Hobart College. The Alliance Française prizegiving night will take place at Bellerive Primary School on Thursday July 30.
The Story of the School Bell

The O’May family has a long association in Hobart with their ferry service and is a significant part of the history of the eastern side of the Derwent River.

This family came out from Scotland in 1856. The second son in the family, Robert, obtained employment as an engine room boy on the P.S. Kangaroo. In 1863, the two elder brothers, Thomas and Robert had two ferry boats built named Perseverance and Scottish Chief and started their ferry business. A year later they were joined in the business by another brother James. This was the start of an extended service of trans Derwent crossings between Bellerive and Hobart.

The PS Kangaroo was bought by the O’May brothers in 1903. This vessel was the longest serving ferry ever on the Hobart – Bellerive running from 1855 to 1926 – 71 years. The ferry was built in 1855 at the Domain Slip and owned by the Tasmanian Government. The ferry cost 1 800 pounds or $3 6000 to build. The O’Mays made many improvements to the ferry and ran Kangaroo, under Captain Harry O’May. The Kangaroo had many nicknames such as The Pig Boat, The Twins and Double Guts. The boat was scrapped at the end of its time in Kangaroo Bay in 1926. Before it was scrapped the bell was taken off the boat.

The bell was in the possession of James O’May. James and the family decided that the bell should be donated to Bellerive State School. The bell was set up in the school in Kings St in either late 1926 or early 1927 and was used to start the school day and signify the start and end of classes.

During the time of Arthur Walker’s headmastership which was from 1939 to 1950 the bell was stolen. It went missing in 1945 because the ‘thief’ was disappointed in the manner the bell was being cared for. A poem was left where the bell was positioned and it outlined that if the bell wasn’t cared for in the future it would be taken away again. When the polished bell was returned to the school Mr Walker wrote a thank you poem in reply.

Bellerive Primary moved to the new school site in Leslie St in 1954 and the bell came as well to perform its normal duties.

Unfortunately, the bell went missing again in the late 1960’s. Kim Peart, a local resident and passionate individual for history set about a public campaign to find the bell over a 6 month period but to no avail.

Then in 2013, John Sargent from the Bellerive Historical Society noticed a short article in the journal, Maritime Times of Tasmania. Part of the article said,

_Fascinating new donations continue to arrive at the Museum including a bell from the trans-Derwent ferry Kangaroo._

It was donated by Ian Wilson who had come across the bell in Victoria at a deceased estate.

Following this discovery by Mr Sargent it was decided for the school to request the return of the school bell. However the Maritime Museum took the view that the bell was gifted to them and they should retain possession of it.

After many months of negotiations and discussions which was a bit like a tug of war, an agreement was formed between the School and Museum. The agreement is that for the time being the bell will be loaned to the school each year however the Maritime Museum will retain ownership of it.

So we thank the Maritime Museum for this agreement. The bell will form an integral part of the school museum/ history collection and will bring many fond memories back for many of the school’s former students who were at school when the bell was in operation.
**CONTACT DETAILS**
20 Leslie Street, Bellerive 7018
Phone: 6244 1200  Fax: 6244 1299
Email: bellerive.primary@education.tas.gov.au

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**ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES**
The following students were awarded Achievement Certificates in Assembly:

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The Golden Ear Award was won by 3P.

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**CALENDAR 2015**

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**4/5 Wickham News**
Trash and treasure stall items will be collected in our classroom any time. The stall is for students, parents and staff and will be held at lunch time and after school on Thursday 23rd July. All money raised will go to reducing the cost of our camp to Hagley in Term 3.

Thank you, Natalie Wickham

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**Canteen News**
Please find attached a newsletter and the Term 3 Menu.

**Lunch Specials**
**Wednesday & Friday**
- Shepherds Pie $4.00
- Vegetarian Shepherds Pie $4.00
**Soup of the week:**
- Carrot, Sweet Potato & Bacon $3.50

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:**
The canteen will be closed on Wednesday 29th July.

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**Hello Families,**
Just letting you know that I will be at Bellerive Primary School on Wednesdays this term.
If you would ever like to talk to me about your child’s speech and language programme please contact the office or email me at sarah.kearney@education.tas.gov.au.

Thanks,
Sarah Kearney
Speech Language Pathologist