Dear Parents,

Raffle books for the School Association Christmas Raffle are being distributed to each family today. A big thank you to Ange Machin, Ange and Daniel Ogg for co-ordinating the raffle. It is hoped we can raise $8000 from the raffle with 25% of the proceeds being directed to the Maddi Clifford Appeal.

The prizes are terrific and I would encourage families to be active in selling the books and wish everyone all the best when the raffle is drawn on Thursday 10th December at the End of Year BBQ.

Parents of Prep students will today receive reports for the PIPS tests completed this year. In February the first PIPS test was administered. The second test was completed early this term. The reports indicate the progress students have made for this test which is one element of the testing program for this year group. The report outlines the achievement students have made with Literacy, Phonics and Numeracy. Our school performance overall was quite impressive.

- In Literacy our whole school Prep cohort increased its percentile ranking from 69.8 to 73.7 – an improvement of 5.6%
- In Numeracy our whole school Prep cohort increased its percentile ranking from 70.2 to 73.3 – an improvement of 4.4%
- Our students are near the 73rd percentile of all state schools which means if there were 100 schools in the list we would be ranked 73rd in performance.

The Early Years programs (B4 and Pre Kinder) conclude this week. I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Sander, Mrs Curtain and Mrs Arnold for providing rich learning experiences for our future students and to all parents who see the importance of these programs in their child's development. It's terrific to witness committed and motivated parents bringing their children to these programs and working in partnership with the school and picking up ideas to act as co-teachers with their children at home. At this stage we have 72 students enrolled for Kinder next year.

- 85% of these children attended Pre Kinder this year
- 56% of these students attended 10 sessions or more
- 40% of these students attended 20 sessions or more

Kindergarten Performance Assembly

The Kindergarten Performance Assembly will be held on Wednesday 2nd December commencing at 9.30 a.m.
Don’t forget to ‘like’ your School Association Facebook page, and other school pages also (links below) to keep up to date with events and what is happening around your school.

You may have seen the fliers from the Clarence City Council, and the school fliers around the school for our BBQ Marquee at the Clarence City Council Christmas Concert on the Bellerive Boardwalk on Sunday 6th December, 6.30pm. Menu has been finalised and is included in our flier– see info on the second page for details on what we are selling. Please come along, and encourage your family and friends to come along and have their tea there while enjoying the event. Lock it in the diary now – less than 2 weeks away!

Raffle books will be sent home this week to all families – fantastic prizes and tickets are only $2 each (books of 10 tickets). Please share with your friends, family and neighbours. For $2, they could win a brand new 55” TV, just in time for Christmas!

THANK YOU…….
To our sponsors, donors and supporters of our Annual Christmas Raffle 2015 (books being sent home this week!), and our BBQ Marquee at the Clarence City Council Christmas Concert on the Bellerive Boardwalk – Sunday 6th December – 6.30pm.

Thank you!

State Representation
Did you know, that if your child is selected to represent the state in a sport, and their selection originated from a sporting event held at the school, you can apply in writing to your School Association, for a financial contribution towards your child’s costs for that representative event? Please forward your request to mail.bpsa@gmail.com. You can also apply to the Clarence City Council for a ‘quick response grant’ via this link: http://www.ccc.tas.gov.au/page.aspx?u=1450

Girls Grades 3 and 4 Netball Roster

Grade 3 girls
The Grade 3 girls are showing great promise on the court, and are learning the positions and rules as they go. Well done girls. The FOURTH WEEK OF GAMES is on this Thursday 26th November – 3.30pm – 4.30pm. Games run for 6 weeks. 3.30pm – 4.30pm. Clarence High School netball courts. Same time and same place each week.

Grade 4 girls
Grade 4 girls had their FOURTH game yesterday afternoon. It was fantastic to watch them all out there having a go. The next game is next Monday 30th November. Games run for 6 weeks. 3.30pm – 4.30pm. Clarence High School netball courts. Same time and same place each week.

Cost is $5 per child for the entire 8 weeks

IF YOU HAVEN’T PAID YET, PLEASE MAKE YOUR $5 PAYMENT URGENTLY TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE, ATTENTION TO ANGE OGG.

Have fun girls!
BPS POLO TOP AND CAP FOR PARENTS & TEACHERS!

If you help out at any of our events – car parking, barbeques, community events, etc. and would like to represent the school by wearing a badged polo top, and a cap, you can! These tops and caps were worn by many volunteers on the Quiz Night. We had lots of comments about how professional our team looked, and it is a great way to represent the school when working on fundraising events. These tops can be ordered, and a sample top is on display in the entry to the office. The caps could also be worn to school athletics carnivals and cross country events. These could be great items of clothing for teachers in the warmer months too! Order form is included with this week’s newsletter. It is suggested to purchase a size larger than your normal size as the tops are a very small make. Please speak to Ange Ogg if you are interested and would like more info or to discuss. Samples of sizes are in the office for you to try on for size – please ask Kelly.

CLARENCE CITY COUNCIL CHRISTMAS CONCERT (CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT) ON BEELERIVE BOARDWALK – ‘SNOW’ THEME!

Bellerive Primary School has been fortunate enough to have been offered by the Clarence City Council, to run the BBQ Marquee at the City of Clarence Christmas Concert (Carols by Candlelight) this year. The event is hosted by the Clarence City Council. The event is on Sunday 6th December, 6.30pm – 9pm - on the Bellerive Boardwalk. Please mark this in your diary and come along and support the school BBQ fundraiser and enjoy some of the Christmas spirt too – and some good food!

If you are able to help at all on the night, please contact your school Association members. We need volunteers! Please join the event set up on the Association Facebook page to receive updates.

Menu:
- Veggie burgers served in hamburger roll, with onion, lettuce, tomato and cheese
- Beef burger served in hamburger roll, with onion, lettuce, tomato and cheese
- Sausage served in long roll with onion (all with choice of tomato, BBQ or mustard sauce)
- Soft drink, water, juice pop tops, popcorn, lolly bags, Valhalla icecream, chocolate, and our school’s Christmas raffle tickets will all be on sale also!

UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 26th November, 3.30pm – Clarence High School – GRADE 3 GIRLS – FOURTH NETBALL GAME
Monday 30th November, 3.30pm – Clarence High School – GRADE 4 GIRLS – FIFTH NETBALL GAME
Sunday 6th December, 6.30pm – Clarence City Council Christmas Concert – Bellerive Boardwalk – BPSA RUNNING BBQ MARQUEE!!!
Tuesday 8th December, 5.30pm – School Association Meeting – Central Meeting Room - all welcome J
Thursday 10th December, 4.30pm – Bellerive Primary School End of Year BBQ and Raffle Draw!
Tuesday 17th December – Student’s last day at school
Tuesday 22nd December – BLUNDSTONE ARENA – CAR PARKING AT SCHOOL - HOBART HURRICANES GAME
Friday 1st January 2016 – BLUNDSTONE ARENA – CAR PARKING AT SCHOOL – HOBART HURRICANES GAME
Our final session for B4 is this week,
Thursday 26th November
Christmas Party!!
Come along this week to celebrate another year of fun times together!

9-9.45am Gym fun in the hall
9.45am Pack up ready for music
10-10.30 Christmas sing-a-long with Louise Goich (in the hall)
10.30-11.30 Christmas party in the B4 room

Please bring along a small plate of food to share for our party (no nuts please). A reminder to also collect any artwork and scrapbooks!

We look forward to seeing you all this week, Sam and Louise

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Christmas Services

The annual Christmas services will be held on Monday 14th Dec at St Marks Church. The ECE service is at 10.00 a.m. And the Primary service is at 11.30 a.m. All students whose parents completed permission forms for attendance at church services at the beginning of the year will be attending the relevant Christmas service. If you are not sure about your child’s situation please check at the school office. Parents are encouraged to attend the services.
Triathlon update
Last Friday a team of 30 plus students competed in the 2015 Schools Triathlon at Bellerive Beach. I would like to congratulate our students on their stellar performances, good sportsmanship and organisation for each of the legs. A big thank you to Tim Claridge for his organisation, the parents who helped during the day (a great job) and the Grade 5 and 6 students who showed excellent leadership by helping our younger students on the day. A special thank you to the following people who volunteered after school to be part of the Bellerive Primary Clean-Up Crew and pick up rubbish, pull down shelters and gather the signage etc.

   Audra and Mia, Kylie and Emani, Carolyn and Sarah, Maria and Laura, Malessa, Keegan, Bryanna, Chris, Ebony, Nikita, Lachlan, Hannah, Curtis and Ruby.
I am hoping that Bellerive can field an even bigger team next year.
Natalie Wickham

Salvation Army Christmas Appeal
The SRC would like to support the Salvation Army with their Christmas appeal for 2015. With the help of local schools the Salvation Army provide that little bit of extra help for those in need at this special time of year. We would like to collect pre loved or new toys for the Love Bag provided by the Salvation Army. These will be collected up until Wednesday the 9th of December ready to be gifted to their new homes at Christmas.

It would be appreciated if you all could have a look at home and find any toys which you could donate, bring them to school and drop them into the Love Bag in the front foyer. Please do not wrap your gift. Your toys could make someone's Christmas extra special.
Thank you!

4SC had a wonderful time at Pinocchio in the Botanical Gardens yesterday.
CALENDAR 2015

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Uniform Shop News

Beat the January rush and pre-order your 2016 uniform now at 2015 prices!!

- See the office for an order form and return to the office by Wednesday the 9th of December.
- Orders will be processed on Thursday the 10th of December
- Orders can then be collected from the office on Friday 11th December onwards.

Arrival of new stock

Skorts are now available to purchase:
Sizes 4-16 $25 each

Kindergarten Performance Assembly

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