Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity of outlining our key targets for the 2017 year as published in the School Operational Plan.

Curriculum

Mathematics will be our number one focus this year in developing whole school consistency and delivery of the maths program. Through an inquiry approach to our professional learning we will identify the key areas in maths to focus on to make the biggest impact on student learning. There will be a year of consolidation for English and the other curriculum areas. Our Values Program will be revamped this year to suit the needs of all students relative to their stages of development.

Technology

The school will be purchasing 4 laptops for the computer lab, 21 ipads for the ECE classes to share, a large monitor for the Central Meeting Room, repair and replace old equipment and install a new sound system in the hall. In addition we will increase teacher professional learning, continue to provide skills and knowledge to students and parents about cybersafety and increase the Bring Your Own Device program for all classes from Grade 3 to 6.

Teaching and Learning

The Gifted and Talented program at school will be broadened by providing further professional learning to teachers about catering for the extension needs of students in classes. In addition, increased online CELO programs will be provided for students and the Science Club will continue.

Health

Morning Fitness, gold accredited canteen, Move Well Eat Well initiatives, school health nurse program, Growing Up program, Body Talk program and St John’s first aid program will all continue. In addition our school will be introducing well-being programs such as Kids Matter and Positive Detection Program to further develop student mental health.
Early Years

Our school will be allocating significant resources in the Birth to Prep age range. For Preps each of the three classes will have a teacher assistant in the morning block five days per week for the whole year supporting learning. In Term 1 the key focus will be on speech and language development which is critical to support students’ literacy progress. Also our support staff will be engaged more in the Pre Kinder and B4 programs.

Supportive School Community

A staff group will meet weekly with the key target of increasing student attendance and reducing the number of later arrivals at the school. It is hoped that all staff will further increase their satisfaction in their roles by the school increasing staff feedback strategies and implementing a co-constructionist approach to all decision making, collaborative planning and professional learning.

Campus Management

We have commenced the pine bark replacement program around the school with rubber softfall in the Kinder play area. Flying foxes will be erected on the bottom oval and the ECE courtyard will be further developed. The new Primary toilet block will be ready for use in Term 2. It is hoped that funds will be available for a ramp in Middle Block and for the fitout of the staff toilets in the office area. Tutorial rooms around the school will be developed for small group and individual learning opportunities. Collaborative work with Tennis Tasmania will continue to redevelop the netball courts into a modern multi sports area. It is clear from the list above, our school has set a high improvement agenda again so that Bellerive Primary continues to provide a quality education to ensure that student learning and development is our number one priority. All interested parents who would like further details about any of the listed targets are requested to make contact with me at school by email: steven.hay@education.tas.gov.au

The Interhouse Athletics Carnival will be held for all Prep to Grade 6 students next Tuesday 21st February from 9.10 a.m. This carnival is mainly for the Primary students with the ECE Fun Carnival held later in the term at a date to be finalised. Next Tuesday’s events will be as follows:

First Session: Sprints Grade 6 to Prep Tug of War 1/2, 3/4, 5/6 Staff vs student relay

Recess: 11.00 a.m. to 11.20 a.m.

Second Session: 600m races Grade 3 to 6 Sack races Grade 3 to 6 Tunnel Ball relays 3/4, 5/6 Shuttle relays Grade 3 to 6

All students are requested to wear a top matching the colour of their school house:

Burton – yellow McIntyre – red Murdoch – green O’May – blue

All students are assigned a school house and all siblings should be in the same house. Please contact the school office for any queries about these matters.

House captain speeches and elections will be held this week and all Grade 6 students who would like to run for these positions are asked to prepare well for their speeches on Thursday.

Mrs Cross outlined the music specialist program to students in areas such as Honour Choir, marimba, recorder, woodwind and brass last Friday. Testing for Grade 5 inclusion into the band program will be held tomorrow. Mrs Goich will be taking Grade 4 to 6 guitar again this year and notices are being sent out today for all Grade 4 students and Grade 5 and 6 guitar students from 2016. It is very important that students who participate in specialist programs are fully aware of the commitment factor and realise the program is for the whole year with all groups except band which is a two year commitment. It is essential parents hold discussions with their children about participation in specialist music programs and the commitment required for lessons, practising at home and attending after school practice in some cases.

Steven Hay—Principal
BREAKFAST CLUB

We are thrilled to be operating our school Breakfast Club for another year. All students are able to access this free service commencing Monday 20\textsuperscript{th} February. Parents are also welcome. Our generous band of volunteers will continue to serve toast, juices, milo and fresh fruit from 8 a.m. Anyone wishing to assist for an hour approximately once per month, please contact our school office or email School Chaplain Kerry Lee at kerry.m.lee@education.tas.gov.au for further information.

2017 Student Assistance Applications

The application for 2017 Student Assistant has been received. If you think you would qualify for Student Assistance, please come to the office and collect an application form.

If you were eligible for Student Assistance for 2016, you do not need to fill out a new application. A letter from the Department of Education has been sent to all 2016 eligible families informing them of their 2016 approval or advising them that they are no longer eligible.

However if you have a child starting Kindergarten for 2017 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.

2017 LEVIES

All levies should be finalised by 31\textsuperscript{st} March. Payments can be made at the office or by BPay. Payments are also accepted at Service Tasmania. Please refer to your invoice for BPay instructions.

If you have any queries in regards to levies please see Mrs Smith in the office.

School Nurse News

Hi Everyone. Bellerive Primary School is a “Move Well, Eat Well” school. This means that we promote exercise and healthy diets. Lunch boxes get a bit tricky. Supermarkets push the convenient packages of highly processed treats as lunchbox items and it is very easy to be drawn into the convenience of them.

But: If you do the maths, highly processed, over packaged “Cheese spread & biscuits” cost $35.10 per Kg! Whereas, fresh cucumber rings, a few carrot sticks, a couple of grape tomatoes and a few slices of block cheese, cost $9.30 per kg. Same with “Roll Ups” $42.90 per Kg, Apples $4.00 kg

There are great ideas for lunchboxes on their web site www.movewelleatwell.tas.gov.au/families

SCHOOL CROSSING - JOBS!

The Department of State Growth actively encourages interested parents and guardians to apply for positions as School Crossing Patrol Officers (SCPO).

If you are interested in earning some extra money and would like to be involved in your local school community you should consider applying. For more information about the role and responsibilities, including training, please contact SCPO Coordinator, Karen Leslie on (03) 6166 3248 or online at www.jobs.tas.gov.au.
Key Dates for 2017

**WEEKLY**  
Student Banking: Tuesday Commencing 14/2  
Uniform Shop: Tuesday 2:30pm - 3:15pm  
Friday 8:30am - 9:15am  
B4: Commences Thursday 2nd March  
Recorder: Thursday 11:20am - 12:00pm  
Canteen: Continues in 2017  
Choir: Friday 1:30pm - 2:10pm

**FEB**  
Tues 14th School Banking Commences  
Thurs 16th House Captain Speeches  
Fri 17th House Captain Elections  
Tues 21st Interhouse Athletic Carnival  
Tues 21st School Association Meeting 5.30pm  
Thurs 23rd School Association Welcome BBQ

**MAR**  
Thurs 2nd B4 Commences 9.00am-11.30am  
Thurs 2nd Pre Kinder Commences 9.00am—10.30am and/or 1.00pm—2.30pm  
Fri 3rd Clean Up Australia Day  
**Mon 13th** Public Holiday—Labour Day  
Tues 14th Progress Reports Distributed  
Mon 20th Parent Teacher  
Mon 20th – 22nd Grade 6 Camp—Spring Beach Orford  
Tues 21st School Association Meeting & AGM 5.30pm  
Wedn 22nd Interschool Athletics Carnival  
Fri 31st School Photos

**APR**  
Mon 3rd School Photos

**Achievement Certificates**

Assembly will be Friday 17th February commencing at 2.10pm.