Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Last week the School Association approved funding for the following projects for 2018:

- French dictionaries and utensils for French cooking
- A 3D printer
- Apps for the Kindergarten ipads
- Gardening Club irrigation system
- ECE courtyard redevelopment
- Library refurbishment
- 6 additional outdoor tables/seats for the Primary playground
- Musical instruments for the marimba program

The funding for all these projects amounts to approximately $36,000 which is terrific support for student learning, school programs and school improvement. This support is greatly appreciated and reflects the hard work and commitment of the School Association and to the parents who support Association activities. One of these activities is the car parking for major Blundstone Arena events which has provided our school with approximately $50,000 over the past 6 years. This fundraising activity will continue over the summer for Big Bash matches and it is hoped that parents will volunteer to support School Association members during the four matches. It was decided at last week’s School Association meeting to roster grade levels for specific matches and for parents from these grades to be encouraged to volunteer time and lend support as follows:

- Thursday 21st December – Kindergarten/Prep families
- Thursday 4th January – Grade 1 and 2 families
- Monday 8th January – Grade 3 and 4 families
- Monday 15th January – Grade 5 and 6 families
Today, each family has been sent a notice about this request. It would be appreciated if all parents who are able to assist for approximately two hours, could send back the reply section by Friday 17th November.

The Bike Education program, partly funded by the School Association for our Grade 4 students is held annually and commences next Monday 20th for 4L and 4M students and on Tuesday 21st for 4SR and 4B students. Mrs Hamilton’s Grade 4’s will be equally split over the days. The program incorporates bike skills, road safety and bike maintenance and concludes with a community ride around the streets of Bellerive. Students are provided with bikes and helmets however it’s fine for students to bring their own bikes if they are in good working order. Students bring their own bikes are requested to leave them in the bike rack near the library upon arrival at school.

Our school received excellent news from the Department of Education about an increase of our clerical hours in the school office. Our current allocation is .89 (about 4.5 days). This allocation has been significantly increased to 1.65 (8.25 days). This increase is as a result of a review about clerical staff hours in all schools and the allocation now falls in line with our enrolment figure.

Steven Hay—Principal

GROW YOUR OWN

Attention all aspiring home gardeners

The Southern Support School is proud to offer a FREE one day course to residents of Clarence City Council.

Course participants will acquire basic garden knowledge and skills to establish their own veggie patch at home.

How to build raised beds
Organic food production
Cultivation of year round crops
Crop rotation
Soil mixes
Propagation
Food security
Seed saving

A FREE one day course delivered by a qualified Horticulture Teacher.

Dates: Wednesday 22nd November and Wednesday 13th December 2017

Contact: Annette Counsell

Phone 03 6165 6200 Mb 0484 614 709 email: Annette.counsell@education.tas.gov.au

Southern Support School
223 Clarence Street, Howrah
Launch Into Learning Bellerive

The date for the Kinder 2018 Orientation Day is **Thursday 7th December**. Timetabling for the morning will be:

- Kinder White 2018 - 9.00am
- Kinder Blue 2018 - 9.40am
- Kinder Green 2018 - 10.20am

This week in Pre Kinder, Mrs Anna Sander will conduct the class without parents present. Mrs Carmen Altman (Kinder Green Teacher) will be attending the 1.00pm Pre-Kinder session this week. See you all for LIL fun on Thursday!

**UNIFORM PRE ORDERING**

We are again offering the option to pre purchase school uniform items prior to Kinder Orientation on 7th December and back to school uniform days in January 2018.

Uniforms will be pre bagged and labelled and kept at the office for collection. Payment will be required prior to collecting uniforms. Forms need to be returned to the office no later than the 5th December to allow time for bagging the following week.

Please note: If you are unsure of your child’s clothing size it would be better to attend the Uniform Shop after your child’s orientation session.

Marg Smith—Business Manager

**Urgently calling for volunteers—we need your help!**

Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running we need your help.

The program requires new volunteers to facilitate the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards. This only takes a small amount of your time one day a week. The Commonwealth Bank and current co-ordinators will provide support in how to run the program. We can do this progressively over Term 4 and into 2018 to support.

Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising. Currently, School Banking day is Wednesday but can change next year to suit the new coordinators.

If you are interested in volunteering for this great program, please call Sally McGrath 0408 190 489

**FINAL BANKING DAY FOR 2017 IS THE 6TH DECEMBER**

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**IT’S TIME FOR OUR BOOK FAIR!**

When: Tuesday 14th November (today) through to Friday 17th November

**Times:**

- 8.25am — 8.55am
- 12.50pm — 1.10pm
- 3.00pm — 4.00pm

**Where:** School library

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**Launch Into Learning Bellerive**

Mrs Anna Sander—Pre Kinder Teacher

Louise Curtain - B4 Co-ordinator

Sam Arnold B4
Marimba Mania 2017

The Marimba Mania team

Congratulations to Campbell, Luke, Mitchell, Jasmine, Anais, Jasper, Stella, Molly, Bram, Lexie, Emily, Flynn, Tayla-Maree, Douglas, Ambilly, Nina, Lauren, Laura, Mollie, Alisa, Maddison, Nena and Mackenzie for the dedication and enthusiasm that they have shown this year as members of the marimba group. A special mention to Mitchell who played flute in Bosanova and Midnight March in the performances. I was incredibly impressed at the efforts of all of the students in the team who showed initiative and thoughtfulness as they were packing up and setting up for our performances and demonstrated fantastic musicianship as they performed during Marimba Mania 2017. I was an incredibly proud music teacher.

The Marimba Mania team has been rehearsing on Friday afternoons giving up some of their lunchtime and half of their Student Free Day in October in order to prepare 10 pieces of music for their performances on Friday November 3 and Saturday November 4 on the lawns of Parliament House. However, due to the weather the event was moved to Margate Primary School on Friday and sadly it was cancelled on Saturday. This year there were 11 schools involved in Marimba Mania including Cavendish Primary School from Victoria.

It was an amazing and memorable experience to be able to perform with so many other students. We all had a great time. An enormous thank you to the parents who assisted the team on Friday. It is wonderful to have such a supportive group of parents that are so reliable and enthusiastic. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Carolyn Cross

2018 Student Assistance Applications

The applications for 2018 Student Assistant have been received. These applications are for new enrolments to the school who believe they may be eligible (these include Kinder students, new enrolments entering Prep-Grade 6, and families whose financial situations may have changed).

Please note all families who qualified in 2017 and have children entering Kindergarten will need to complete an application form for that child.

If you were approved for student assistance in 2017 (other than if you have a child entering kinder) you do not need to do anything, The Department will contact you via mail to notify existing recipients of their eligibility or non-eligibility.

If you have any questions please contact the admin staff for assistance.
2018 Grade Transition

As discussed in our school newsletter last term, we will be conducting a transition program across the school this year. The first of these transition sessions will take place Wednesday afternoon and involves students being placed into mixed groups. The groups are not an indication of 2018 classes. The focus of the transition program is:

- familiarising students with the environment
- examining student dynamics
- supporting students to develop broad range of relationships

A reminder that there will also be transition sessions on Wednesday 22nd November and Wednesday 13th December.
**Key Dates for 2017**

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**Achievement Certificates**

- **5/6ME** Rose and Jorrin
- **5/6VE** Ali and Riley
- **5/6WP** Ruby and James
- **4/5HH** Lexi and Emily
- **3/4SR** Olivia and Kloe
- **3/4B** Chloe and Fintan
- **3/4L** Ben and Catriona
- **3/4M** Imogen and Charlotte G
- **1/2WA** Sofia and Josephine
- **1/2F** Eleanor and Ariane
- **1/2VW** Skyla and Audrey
- **1/2L** Evie and Seth
- **1/2LP** Brianna and Taika

**GOLDEN EAR AWARD— 1-2 Lenck**

**REMINDER:**

The final Kinder / Prep assembly for the year will be on Wednesday 15th November at 10.15am. We hope to see you there!