Dear Parents,

Last Friday our school was superbly represented at the Combined Schools Concert by 24 choir members, 19 woodwind students and 21 brass students. The number of participants in our band program reflects the high priority and the strong investment we have made to ensure our students are provided with opportunities to be a part of this superb program. Each individual at the Concert on Friday should be congratulated for their efforts over the year at the weekly lessons and numerous practice sessions. Mrs Cross and Mr Reade have conducted the band program and are terrific teachers and make the music sessions fun and challenging and set high expectations for our students. Our school will continue to grow the music program ascertaining what the possibilities are to extend the band program by introducing percussion. For next year all current Grade 5 students are expected to continue in the band program. 2017 Grade 4 students will have the opportunity of being a part of the band program next year. Details will be provided to these students by Mrs Cross early in Term 1 2018.

Mr Hughes presented impressive maths learning data to the staff last week which builds on the terrific feedback from our Prep PIPS results and Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN results. In PAT Maths testing (Grade 1-6) the target set was to have 25% or more students performing at the 75th percentile and above. Results for each grade were:

- Grade 1 – 42%
- Grade 2 – 30%
- Grade 3 – 54%
- Grade 4 – 38%
- Grade 5 – 45%
- Grade 6 – 32%

The school average is 40% of all Grade 1 to 6 students at or above the 75th percentile.

The results from the Champions Swimming Carnival were as follows:
The final General Meeting of the School Association will be held this evening. I would like to thank the parents who regularly attend meetings and assist in decision making and discussion to enhance school improvement and to provide opportunities for students to maximise their learning outcomes. A big thanks to Phillip Excell for leading the School Association with passion, energy and expertise and also thanks to the high number of parents who support the Association at many levels.

We welcome our 2018 Kindergarten students this week at their orientation sessions on Thursday. At present we have 55 students for our three Kinder classes next year. A reminder that Kinder Blue and Kinder White will continue to be held next year from Monday to Wednesday each week with Kinder Green scheduled from Tuesday to Thursday. Our Pre Kinder and B4 programs will commence on Thursday 1st March next year.

Good luck to all students in the Primary Schools Triathlon this Friday 8th December. A big thanks to Mr Claridge for co-ordinating students for this event. Mrs Curran will be the teacher in charge on the day at the Triathlon. Students are requested to be fully prepared for any weather conditions and to be well organised with all requirements for their events.

Could all parents, even in inclement weather like last Friday, please ensure they follow school expectations about car parking after school and pick up zones. The area in the bus zone and ECE staff car park is not an area to park cars or wait for students to come out of class.

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Steven Hay—Principal
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.

St Marks Church

Christmas Eve Christmas Day
24 December 25 December
10am Traditional Communion 9am Christmas
5pm Donkey rides Celebration Service
6pm Kids Christmas Service with communion
11pm Candlelight Communion Suitable for all Ages

St Mark’s Anglican Church Bellerive
Cnr Clarence & Scott St Bellerive—stmarksbellerive.org.au

Grade 3-4 Lewer Raffle

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Drawn 15th December

Cost $2 each—tickets available from Grade 3-4 Lewer classroom

Launch Into Learning Bellerive

Reminder: Kinder 2018 Orientation is Thursday 7th December.

Mrs Anna Sander—Pre Kinder Teacher
Louise Curtain—B4 Co-ordinator
Sam Arnold B4
Book Week Prize Recipients

Grade 5/6 Book Week winners choose their prizes with Ms Rathbone and Mr Hughes.

Congratulations to our school representatives who participated in the Champions Swimming Carnival. Outstanding effort by all.
Key Dates for 2017

WEEKLY
Banking: Tuesday weekly Final day 6th Dec Thu 21st
Uniform Shop: Tuesday 2:45pm - 3:15pm Thu 21st
Friday 8:30am - 9:15am
LIL: 9.00am Final day this week
Canteen Thursday and Friday Final day Friday 8th December
Choir: Friday Recorder: Friday

DEC
Tue 5th School Association Meeting 5.30pm
Wed 6th Kinder Christmas Concert 9.30am
Wed 6th Excursion all Grade 3-4s Botanical Gardens
Wed 6th High School Orientation 10.50am—3.05pm
Thu 7th 3-4 Lewer Christmas Market (see advert)
Thu 7th Kinder 2018 Orientation
Thu 7th School Association End of Year BBQ
Fri 8th Primary Schools’ Triathlon
Mon 11th Christmas Services—St Mark’s Church: 10.00am ECE and 11.30am Primary
Mon 11th Band Transition 1.30pm—4.30pm
Tue 12th Whole School Picnic—TBC
Wed 13th Excursion all Grade 1-2s Nutgrove/Playhouse
Wed 13th School Captain Speeches
Wed 13th Summary Reports Distributed
Thu 14th ECE Performance 9.15am
Fri 15th Primary Performance Assembly 9.15am
Fri 15th Volunteers Morning Tea
Fri 15th Certificate Assembly 1.30pm
Mon 18th Guitar Concert
Tue 19th Leavers Day Out
Wed 20th Final Day for Kinders Blue and White

Leavers Assembly 11.00am
Final Day of School for Students Including Kinder Green

SCHOOL YEAR 2018
JAN
Tue 30th Uniform Shop Open 9.00am—12.00pm
FEB
Thu 1st Uniform Shop Open 3.00pm—6.00pm
Fri 2nd Uniform Shop Open for returns only
Wed 7th Students Commence for 2018
Thu 8th Kinder Green’s First Day

Achievement Certificates
5/6ME Hailey, Alex
5/6VE Tyler, Jacob, Sarah
5/6WP Ashton, Andy
4/5HH Alessio, Ryan
3/4SR Rylie, Ruby
3/4B Polly, Isabelle
3/4L Luke, Rory
3/4M Portia, Hayley
1/2WA Lily, Jack
1/2F Oliver, Charli
1/2VW Brodie, Lily
1/2L Ruby, Hamish
1/2LP Fynn, Seb

GOLDEN EAR AWARD— 3/4 SR

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