Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

This Friday we thank the many volunteers who have supported school and class programs this year at Bellerive Primary. This assistance is greatly appreciated, highly valued and supports student learning and school operations.

At this stage of the year we should reflect on the magnificent achievements and successes by our school over the 2017 school year. We should all be proud of the high standard our school reaches in a range of areas – learning, music, sport, health and well-being and positive school image.

School captain speeches by interested and current Grade 5 students and voting by Grade 4 and 5 students takes place tomorrow as part of the process in determining the 2018 school captains. The student vote will be used as a guide by staff in selection of next year’s school leaders. The announcement of students for these roles will take place at the Leavers’ Assembly on Thursday 21st December.

Student Summary Reports will be distributed tomorrow and outline your child’s progress, achievement and progress. One of the main areas to focus on will be the effort rating for your child.

I would like to thank Ange Machin, Loren Russell, Kellie-Ann Gordon, Penny Plaschke, Nadine McGarry and Ange Ogg for assisting with uniform sales last Thursday for our 2018 Kinder students.

A reminder that the canteen will be open for the last time in 2017 tomorrow. Again we thank Mrs Macdonald for her terrific service and reliability this year.

Steven Hay—Principal
Bonjour!

On Friday December 1, Grade 3–6 classes, who are all learning French, presented a real treat to those present: the flash-mob performance of the French version of the well-known song, ‘If you are happy and you know it’.

Students practised for several weeks as some of the lines in the song are quite difficult to pronounce for little Australian tongues.

All singing students are to be congratulated on this lively and effervescent rendition of the song.

Bien fait!

Laura Bain
Ans van Heijster

French teachers

Languages quote of the fortnight:

“What the survival of threatened languages means, perhaps, is the endurance of dozens, hundreds, thousands of subtly different notions of truth”.

(Mark Abley, Canadian writer, born 1955)

NDIS Information Session

The NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme) is a scheme that provides support to hundreds of thousands of Australians with a significant and permanent disability and their families and carers (for further information please see the flyer sent home with the newsletter this week). Their priority is to ensure that people with a disability continue to get the support they need. Our area (Bellerive) is now being serviced by Mission Australia and to provide information to any interested families and answer any questions, they will be coming to our school on Monday 18th December. Please let the office know whether you would like to attend this presentation.

Who: Mission Australia presenting information about the NDIS
Where: School Hall
When: Monday 18th December at 2:50pm
RSVP: To the Office by Friday 15th December

Triathlon sportsmanship and fun!

Friday December 8th
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 24 December
10am Traditional Communion
5pm Donkey rides
6pm Kids Christmas Service
11pm Candlelight Communion

Christmas Day 25 December
9am Christmas
Celebration Service with communion

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

Grade 3-4 Lewer Raffle

1st Prize Handmade quilt from African fabrics (photo Below)
2nd $50 Bunnings Voucher
3rd $20 Big W voucher

Drawn 15th December
Cost $2 each—tickets available from Grade 3-4 Lewer classroom

School Banking News

We are currently waiting on the delivery of rewards ordered over the past 2 weeks. As soon as they arrive we will have them distributed to the appropriate classes. Thank you for supporting the School Banking System. We will be welcoming some new banking coordinators in 2018. We will let you know who they are in 2018. Keep an eye out on the newsletter for 2018 starting dates.

Jo, Sarah, and Sally

BANKING 2018

Annette from the Commonwealth will be on site Tuesday 14th February 2018 to answer questions and open new bank accounts for new and existing customers.
Final Science Club this week!
This Thursday, December 14th, will be the final session for the Grade 3 Science Club. This term we have enjoyed such diverse tasks as making slime, finding out which brand of cat litter is best, building straw roller coasters, making UV radiation detectors, making sun prints and most recently making jitter bug robots from recycled CDs. Science club will start again in February next year with the Grade 6 students.

Wendy Fletcher
Science Club Co-ordinator
**Key Dates for 2017**

**WEEKLY**
Banking: Tuesday weekly **Resuming 2018**
Uniform Shop: Tuesday 2:45pm - 3:15pm
                      Friday  8:30am - 9:15am
Canteen **Mon 11 and Wed 13th Final day**
**Wed 13th December**
Choir: Friday                    Recorder: Friday

**DEC**
Tue 12th  Whole School Picnic Bellerive Beach
Wed 13th  Excursion all Grade 1-2s Nutgrove Playground / Playhouse Theatre
Wed 13th  School Captains Speeches and Voting
Wed 13th  Final class transition Kinder—Grade 5
Wed 13th  Summary Reports Distributed
Thu 14th  ECE Performance 9.15am
Fri 15th  Primary Performance Assembly 9.15am
Fri 15th  Volunteers Morning Tea 11.00am
Fri 15th  Certificate Assembly 1.30pm
Mon 18th  Guitar Concert 1.45pm
Tue 19th  Leavers Day Out
Wed 20th  **Final Day for Kinders Blue and White**
Thu 21st  Leavers Assembly 11.00am
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**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

**Students Commence for 2018**
**Wed 7th**
**Thu 8th**
**Tues 14th**

**Kinder Green’s First Day**
Commonwealth Bank onsite

**Achievement Certificates**

5/6ME  Lexie and Max
5/6VE  Phoebe and Lucy
5/6WP  Abigail and Mackenzie
4/5HH  Alessio and Owen
3/4SR  Kyle and Louisa and Elliott
3/4B  Hannah and Douglas
3/4L
3/4M  Celeste and James
1/2WA  Summa-Lee and Lilith
1/2F  Kobi and Lucy
1/2VW  Yashika and Oliver
1/2L  William and Chloe
1/2LP  Evie and Seb

**GOLDEN EAR AWARD— 3-4 FONE**

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