MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

The new look front page of the newsletter features a few changes for this year. Please note our 2018 logo for our special 175th school anniversary year. You will see the logo on many upcoming school communications. I would like to thank one of our parents Cassie Groves for designing the logo so magnificently. In addition, each edition will feature a new historical photo at the bottom of the page. This week’s photo was taken when our team won the Division A Interschool Athletics Carnival in 2015 for the first time, after being promoted from Division B. This photograph was on the front page of The Mercury.

In staffing news please be advised of the following:

- Mrs Wagner has commenced her maternity leave earlier than expected
- Miss Ainscough has therefore taken over the 1/2 class role full time
- Mr Munnings will be the Grade 1 to 6 P.E. teacher on Mondays and Tuesdays for the remainder of the term
- Mrs Wise will be the Kinder/Prep P.E. teacher for the remainder of the year
- This will be the final week for Mrs Vincent before she commences her maternity leave on Friday.
- Mr Lenck will replace Mrs Vincent for the remainder of the year on her 1/2 class.
- Mr Hughes will be on Long Service Leave next week.

There will be a range of 175th school history activities as the year progresses to highlight the terrific heritage of our school. The date for the time capsule opening has been decided with two openings (day and evening) scheduled for Wednesday 7th November. To assist with circulation of information about the school history activities for the wider community the school is putting together an email distribution list of former parents, staff and students. If you know of a former stakeholder of the school who would like to be included in this list please email sammy.jones@education.tas.gov.au.

Tomorrow is the first round of our sports roster with our school playing Lindisfarne at home. The matches commence at 1.00p.m and will conclude at approximately 2.30p.m. Please note that due to the unsafe conditions of our netball courts matches will be played at Clarence High School.

Planning and documentation is taking place at the moment with our multi sports courts and car park projects.
This Thursday 1st March sees the commencement of the early years programs – B4 and Pre Kinder. It is hoped as many of our pre school children will be able to attend these sessions as follows:

Pre Kinder with Mrs Sander:
9.00a.m. – 10.30a.m. and from 1.00p.m. to 2.30p.m.
N.B. Parents are free to interchange sessions each week as suits.

B4 with Mrs Curtain and Mrs Arnold: 9.00 a.m. to 11.00a.m.

This Friday is the Schools Clean Up Australia Day where many of our classes will head out to the local community beach and pick up litter. Parents are requested to practise and discuss the recycle, reduce and reuse message. I would like to thank parents who are very creative in reducing litter with the focus on nude foods in school lunches. It’s great to walk by classes having lunch and seeing the amount of fresh vegetables and fruit in containers and noticing the reduction of processed packaged snackfoods.

The School Association AGM will be held on Tuesday March 20th at 5.00pm. All positions on the executive are vacant and interested parents are strongly encouraged to nominate. Our school requires an effective and vibrant School Association and at the moment require a new wave of parents taking on parent leadership roles.

Car parking assistance for AFL matches at Blundstone Arena will be required for the three matches this coming season. As for the BBL we will be seeking volunteers to assist from specific sectors of the school for each match as follows:

Kinder – Grade 2 parents: Saturday 14th April
Grade 3-4 parents: Saturday 19th May
Grade 5-6 parents: Sunday 29th July

Notices to parents seeking volunteers will be sent out a few weeks prior to matches.

Steven Hay—Principal
Bonjour!

The French Program at Bellerive Primary School started in Week 1 on the second day of the students’ return to school. We are fortunate to be able to teach French to all Grade 3 – 6 students. All students have been issued with a red document wallet (une chemise rouge) and the song and poem booklet (le livret de chansons et poèmes français).

In Term 1 Grades 3 and 4 are working on basic elements of the language using the French version of the well-known book The Hungry Caterpillar (La chenille qui fait des trous) as a basis. Grade 3-4 PJ is using a slightly different unit plan but the outcome will be similar. And of course, we will be singing our favourite songs regularly.

Grade 4-5 HR is learning to express what things they are able to do. As a starting point we use a traditional song about being able to play musical instruments (je suis un artiste. Chanson traditionelle). Some of the verbs we will be learning are: to sing, to dance, to write, to count, to fly and to jump.

Grades 5-6 is getting their heads around the use of various adjectives to describe people. We are currently reading and discussing a cartoon story (une bande-dessinée) about Nina and Léo meeting and talking about different people in a café. Students find the cartoon story hilarious as it deals with the very different way of people greeting each other in France compared to Australia. You might want to ask your child about this.

If you are interested in practising French vocabulary, phrases and songs with your children you may want to use the following resources:

- Website: Victorian Languages Online – French
- Youtube clips of the songs of Alain le Lait (numbers, days of the week, months of the year and many more)

Au revoir,
Ans van Heijster
French Teacher

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**Free Parent Information Session run by Autism Tasmania - Understanding Challenging Behaviour**

When: 8th March, 10am – 12pm

Where: Glenorchy LINC, Rm 2, 4 Terry St

For more information head to https://www.autismtas.org.au/events/
SCIENCE CLUB

The Grade 6 Science Club started this week with a STEM challenge about building Ferris wheels. STEM tasks integrate the four specific disciplines — science, technology, engineering and mathematics — in an interdisciplinary and applied approach. In this challenge students needed to design and build a free standing Ferris wheel that was made of hexagons and had two symmetrical wheels that would rotate smoothly around a central point. With hot glue guns, icy pole sticks and lots of creative thinking, our Ferris wheels were soon under way.

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.
Launching into Learning Bellerive

Welcome to a new year of LIL!!
Our year of fun and learning at B4 and Pre Kinder will commence on Thursday March 1st and continue Thursday weekly thereafter.

B4: 9:00am – 11:00am
Pre Kinder: 9:00am – 10:30am or 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Goulburn Street Primary School
Forest Road, West Hobart

Cost: TAG members’ children $125.00 each, Non-members $175. Priority will be given to TAG current financial members. Cost includes provision of a team shirt.

The facilitators and attending TAG members are volunteering their time; your payments will contribute to running costs, the upkeep of the TAG Robotics equipment and use of the venue.

To register, click here or go to https://www.trybooking.com/T8IK

Note: These sessions are being run in Hobart. To register your interest for a Northern or Northwestern robotics group, email tagnorthnorthwest@gmail.com with the subject line LEGO Robotics North/Northwest

And the fine print:
1. Participants will be working in pairs.
2. A responsible adult must remain at an observer. TAG does not assume duty of care.
3. If you have your own laptop with a full windows operating system, please bring it along (note: the software may not run well on Macs, nor on Notebooks)
4. All LEGO components are the property of TAG and must be returned at the end of each session.
5. Sessions may be cancelled if insufficient enrolments are received.
6. An additional refundable deposit of $10 per child will be required to ensure kits are complete at the end of the final session.

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LEGO Robotics

Working with a partner you will:
• Design and build LEGO robots
• Program the robots to obey your commands
• Improve the robots and programs through experimentation
• Work towards entering the Robocup Rescue competition (2018 competition dates to be advised)

Suits gifted students grade 4 and up
Weekly, commencing Sunday 18th March 2018
9:30am-11:30am

SRC FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR!!
Wednesday 28th February at 8.30am
Mrs Wickham/Phillips classroom
*Please bring pencil and Notebook*

Support our School and get collecting

We would love your help collecting Coles Sports for Schools for our school. Tell your friends and family to get involved as well, because the more vouchers we collect, the more sports gear our school will receive.
KEY DATES FOR 2018

WEEKLY
Banking - Tuesdays
Uniform Shop - Tuesday 2:45pm-3:15pm
Friday 8:30am – 9:15am
LIL Program – Starting Thurs March 1st
Canteen - Thursday & Friday
Choir & Recorder - Friday

MARCH
Thu 1st  B4 and Pre Kinder (LIL) resume
Fri 2nd  Schools Clean Up Australia Day
Tue 6th  Kinder Excursion – Nutgrove Park 10am
Mon 12th PUBLIC HOLIDAY - 8 HOUR DAY
Tue 13th  Progress Reports Distributed
Mon 19th  Freemasons visit Grade 5-6ME
Tue 20th  School Association AGM & Meeting 5.30pm
Thu 22nd  Division A Athletics Carnival
Fri 23rd  School Photos
Mon 26th  School Photos
Thu 29th  Easter Church Services - ECE 10am Primary 11:30am
Fri 30th  GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL
Mon 2nd  EASTER MONDAY
Tue 3rd  EASTER TUESDAY
Thu 5th  Champions Athletics Carnival
Tue 10th  Kinder and Prep Assembly 1:40pm – 2:10pm
School Association Meeting
Fri 13th  STUDENT FREE DAY – TERM 1 CONCLUDES
Mon 30th  TERM 2 COMMENCES

ACHEIVEMENT CERTIFICATES

5/6ME  James and Ella H
5/6VE  Anais and Charlotte
5/6WP  Rose and Tyler
4/5HR  Carolyn and Charlotte
3/4SR  Ben and Rhys
3/4PJ  Nate and Rebecca
3/4L  Laylah and William V
3/4M  Louisa and Andre
1/2W  Beniah and Mia
1/2VL  Summa-Lee and Oliver
1/2LW  Adele and Blake
1/2FW  Ruby and Jackson
1/2F  Vincent and Annabelle
Prep-I H  Lucas

Golden Ear Award - 5/6ME

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