MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

On Saturday the former Member of Pembroke, Vanessa Goodwin lost her battle with cancer and sadly passed away. I would like to take this opportunity of letting our school community know what an intelligent, caring and supportive local member she was and how much she backed Bellerive Primary in so many ways such as:

- annual attendance at our Quiz Night where she would organise a table
- active participant in many school events. One morning she turned up at 6.00 a.m. to cook breakfast for our students in the Big Sleep Out at school
- she lobbied extremely hard in gaining our school, funds for capital works
- she greatly assisted our school retrieve the old school bell from the Maritime Museum
- she regularly attended our Leavers’ Assembly and sponsored awards

She was a very quietly spoken and gentle lady however always walked the talk, possessed a strong character and could be trusted at all times. A very special person who will be dearly missed by so many people.

In staffing news please be advised of the following:

- Mrs Wagner has a new addition to her family. Tobias Wagner was born last Wednesday
- Mr Hughes and Mr Davis are both on LSL this week
- Mrs Round and Mrs Cross are both on carer’s leave this week
- Mrs Ellis has been appointed as Acting AST as a replacement for Mrs Curran who commences her maternity leave in Week 8 this term. As Mrs Curran’s main role is as support teacher, Mrs Ellis will leave her teaching roles on the 5/6 classes. A replacement/s is/are currently being considered.

Progress reports will be distributed next Tuesday 13th March. These reports will provide a brief report on
how your child has commenced the school year. Parent/teacher discussions will be held in the week beginning Monday 19th March. I would like to highlight that in addition to these formal reporting processes, all parents are most welcome to arrange meetings with their child’s class teacher to discuss their progress and performance at school at any time throughout the year.

Tomorrow will be the second round of the school sports roster where we travel to Howrah Primary for our football and netball matches which commence at 1.00 p.m. I am at a Principal’s meeting and Mr Mills takes over the coaching reins. It was terrific so many parents and grandparents in attendance last week supporting our teams.

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The following Grade 6 students have been selected as captains for our school teams at interschool carnivals this year. Selection was based on representation since Grade 3, performance, training attitude and sportsmanship:

- **Athletics** – Mila and Mitchell S-H
- **Cross Country** – Alisa and Noah
- **Swimming** – Isabelle and Tristen

Last Thursday saw an excellent attendance at the early years programs – B4 and Pre Kinder. In total 26 Pre Kinders and 6 siblings came to Pre Kinder and 44 children came to B4. Pre Kinders parents are reminded that only definite enrolments to Kindergarten in 2018 are able to attend the program at this stage. If your family is out of the home area and does not have a sibling enrolled at the school already then your child should participate in the B4 program. As part of the new DoE enrolment policy out of area families will be advised about their child’s placement for 2019 Kindergarten in Week 1 Term 4 provided the Department’s Intention to Enrol form has been completed and returned to the school. Also families in area intending to enrol their first child to our school should contact me to arrange an enrolment meeting. This is not a requirement of families who already have children enrolled in the school. All parents attending Pre Kinder with their children are advised that there were 23 children in the morning session last week in contrast to the afternoon session which had 3 children. Thus some parents may consider opting for the afternoon session if this is suitable.

At our school we provide an extensive music program which offers the class music program, guitar, woodwind, brass, recorder, marimba, piano and choir. The amount of groups we provide in each area is determined by our staffing resource and the number of students in each group is determined by what is practical (space and number of instruments) and as such some interested students, at times, may not be placed in a group they would like to be in. This year we have:

- **45 students in the guitar program. All students were placed.**
- **50 students in the Honour Choir. There were 170 applicants.**
- **25 students in the marimba group. There were 75 applicants.**
8 students in the piano group. All students were placed.

30 students in the recorder group

18 students in the brass program

22 students in the woodwind program

Grade 5 and 6 students will soon commence a debating program as part of the English curriculum – persuasive text. This program will provide students with the experience to make an informed decision about participation in the Term 2 Interschool Debating Roster which our school co-ordinates. Students will be required to make a decision about this activity at the end of this term.

A reminder that the School Association AGM will be held on Tuesday 20th March at 5.00 p.m. and we require interested parents to take on leadership roles in this important decision making group in the school. Please get involved if you have the time, learn more about the operations of the school and contribute to the direction of Bellerive Primary.

School photographs will be taken on Friday 23rd and Monday 26th March by MSP Photography. All parents are requested to ensure their students are in the correct attire for these photographs as follows:

Boys – navy school shorts, school polo top, white socks and black shoes/runners

Girls – as for boys or preferably summer dress, white socks, black shoes/runners

Please note the following:

- Girls photos are sometimes optimised when the hair is tied and not covering faces
- Hair ties should be navy, white or black
- ‘Loud’ runners can dominate photos and black shoes or mainly white runners are preferred
- White socks make the photographer’s job much easier

A timetable for photographs will be published in an upcoming newsletter in this special year for our school – celebrating 175 years.

Our School history photo this week is taken of Jan Archer in 1967. This photograph is interesting as it was taken from an ECE classroom and in the background you can see the primary block with the first classroom being the current computer lab. The Middle Block was opened in 1972 following a fire in 1970 which destroyed the far building in this photo which was the old hall.

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.
Each year, Autism Tasmania organise a series of workshops for parents, carers, grandparents and families of young children on the autism spectrum. These sessions are free and are a great way to hear about autism, meet other families who support a child on the spectrum and to ask questions! Below are the details for the sessions coming up:

**Understanding Challenging Behaviour – Hobart**

8th March at 10am – 12pm
Glenorchy LINC, Rm 2
4 Terry St, Glenorchy

“Suitable for parents and family carers of children of all ages, this session explores the characteristics of autism, the impact these have in everyday life, and methods for investigating the underlying reasons for challenging behaviours. Understanding the function of a challenging behaviour is the first step to initiating positive change.”

**Addressing Challenging Behaviours – Hobart**

15th March at 10am – 12pm
Glenorchy LINC, Rm 2
4 Terry St, Glenorchy

“This session explores the process of Positive Behaviour Support as a means of understanding the function of a challenging behaviour and identifying useful strategies to initiate positive change.”

**Sensory Processing: Understanding and Addressing Common Challenges**

17th May at 10am – 12pm
Glenorchy LINC, Rm 2
4 Terry St, Glenorchy

“Sensory Processing differences are common in autism and can cause challenges for participating in everyday activities. This session explores the nature and impact of these differences and strategies for managing challenges.”

**School: Keys to Successful Collaboration**

14th June at 10am – 12pm
Glenorchy LINC, Rm 2
4 Terry St, Glenorchy

“Successful collaboration between families and school staff can have a positive impact on the education of children on the spectrum. This session explores key aspects of collaboration and strategies to achieve success.”

For further information and/or to book tickets to any of these workshop please go to www.autismtas.org.au/events/
KEY DATES FOR 2018

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

MARCH
- 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
- Parent Teacher Discussions
- Tue 20th School Association AGM & Meeting 5.30pm
- Thu 22nd Division A Athletics Carnival
- Fri 23rd School Photos – NO ASSEMBLY
- 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 CONCULDES
- Mon 30th TERM 2 COMMENCES

ACHEIVEMENT CERTIFICATES

5-6ME  Mollie & Emily
5-6VE  Douglas & Poppy
5-6WP  Logan & Linkin
4-5HR  Sampson & Rylie
3-4SR  Lachie & Amelia
3-4PJ  Lachie & Samantha Wa
3-4L  Charli & Ethan
3-4M  Lily & Oscar
1-2A  Madeleine
1-2L  Palepa & Macie
1-2LW  Elizeo & Lily P
1-2FW  Evie & Quan
1-2F  William & Grace H
Prep-I H  Eden

Golden Ear Award - 3-4 SR

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