Dear Parents,

Last week I met with our three Kinder teachers who expressed their views about changing the days for Kinder Green to promote greater collaboration between the three classes to maximise student learning opportunities, enhance professional learning and to provide school / class operation benefits. The proposal would be for Kinder Green to operate on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and thus overlap with the other two classes for two days each week as compared to the current situation with an overlap of one day each Wednesday. With this proposal the positives would be:

- teachers would have extra time to collaborate together and share practice, involve in greater professional learning and utilise extra time for planning together
- there would be greater capacity for teachers to co-ordinate group work between the three classes
- increased flexibility for class timetables would result
- additional options for Kinder excursions and whole school carnivals and programs would result. Currently Wednesday is the only day possible for these activities
- the Kinder rooms would be free for use by other students in the school on Fridays

Through our discussion we identified that after school care, car parking, playground space and parent work days could be issues to consider. The next stage in the process is to consult with the parent community about this proposal and seek feedback from the School Association and the 2018 Kindergarten parents. A survey will be sent to all 2018 Kindergarten parents this week seeking this feedback. We will send out the survey to all parents who we know about who have sought a Kindergarten enrolment for their children for next year. If you do not receive a survey form it’s because your child’s name is not on our current enrolment list so if you are in this situation and want to have a say about this proposal please contact me at steven.hay@education.tas.gov.au and I will forward a survey form on. A final decision about this proposal will be made by the end of this term to allow next year’s Kinder parents an opportunity to make child care and work arrangements.
Please be advised Mrs Goich is unavailable tomorrow and therefore there will be no guitar lessons for Grade 4 students.

Sport this week is against Montagu Bay on Friday 17th March with the boys playing at home in football and the netball teams playing at Montagu Bay. All games commence at 1.00pm. All matches for the remainder of the roster will be held on Wednesdays.

It was terrific to hear that 5 new parents have joined the School Association to assist with school decision making and supporting our school with funding for school resources and school programs. Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st March at 5.00 p.m. with all 4 positions being vacant – Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary. All nominations for these positions must be forwarded to me as Public Officer by 5.00 p.m. this Friday 17th March.

**SRC Notes:**

- National Ride to school day this Friday! A large number of children indicated that they would ride their bikes or scooters to school on Friday as part of National Ride to School Day. We will take a photo of everyone with their helmets, bikes and scooters on basketball courts at 8.45am. Hope you can be part of this healthy initiative! Remember your drink bottle.

- SRC news – the SRC is now meeting on Wednesday mornings at 8.30am. This term we are supporting the canteen, promoting Ride to School Day and raising money to purchase Morning Fitness equipment. Students are encouraged to discuss these events with their classes and bring any items to our meetings. One of the items discussed at last week’s meeting was the safe storage of scooters. Thanks to Mr Davis our groundsman we will now have a new scooter rack installed along from the canteen. Completion date and exact location to be announced in the coming weeks.

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**B4@Bellerive**

This week we will be making, printing and painting all things ‘blue’.

- **9.00am** Art & craft play time (indoor and outdoor)
- **10.00am** Movement and music
- **10.15am** Fruit and Story
- **10.30am** Gross Motor Play
- **11.00am** Home Time

We look forward to seeing you.

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Sam Arnold
Louise Curtain

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Steven Hay—Principal

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Natalie Wickham
Acting AST Bellerive Primary
5/6 Teacher

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5/6 Teacher
Parent Teacher Discussions

Parent/Teacher Discussions will be held between Monday 20th and Friday 24th March. Families will be able to book interview times as soon as this letter is received. As places will fill quickly, we urge you to be prompt in accessing the School Interviews website so that you can secure a time that best suits your family.

It is important to note the main purpose of Parent/Teacher Discussions at this stage of year is for teachers to gain a deeper understanding of the children in their classes.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au
Enter THIS school event code: 2rssb
Then follow the 3 simple steps.

When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately. You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close. Bookings for Parent/Teacher Discussions will close 9:00am Monday 20th March.

For parents who don’t have access to the Internet at home, at work, at a friend’s house or on their phones, please contact your child’s teacher who will assist you with making a booking.

Interviews are strictly 15mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time for an interview, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements. Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking.

Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 6244 1200.

Gavan Hughes
Assistant Principal

MSP Family Photos

Family photo forms are to be collected from the office prior to photo day.

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At our school we aim to create a safe and supportive school community for everyone.

Sometimes, it can be difficult for parents or carers to know what to do when their child talks to them about a form of bullying.

You are an important part of our work to prevent bullying and to respond effectively if it happens. Stopping bullying involves everyone.

**If your child talks to you about bullying:**

1. **Listen** calmly and get the full story. Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation. After they’ve told you their story, ask questions to get more details if you need to: who, what, where, when. Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child’s experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress to your child.

2. **Reassure** your child they are not to blame. Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse. You could say things like, ‘That sounds really hard to deal with. No one should have to put up with that.’ or ‘I’m so glad you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school; that’s not fair at all’.

3. **Ask** your child what they want to do and what they want you to do. A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem. While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.

Visit [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au) to find some strategies. The website has tips and ideas for different bullying situations. One idea is to practise strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.

4. **Contact** the school. Your child may be reluctant for you to do this, so discuss the idea and reassure them that the school want to know and is able to help. Make an appointment to meet with your child’s teacher and, if you need to, ask to talk with the principal. Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child’s safety.

**Check in regularly** with your child. Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check in regularly with your child about their experiences and their feelings. Your ongoing support is important.

If you are looking for support for yourself to deal with a bullying situation, you will find ideas on the Bullying. No Way! website for parents. As well, please contact the school if you would like to discuss any aspect of our approach to preventing bullying.

Thanks for your support to make our school a great school for everyone.

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**Sport Report:**

Last week Bellerive played Howrah at their school. The home teams were too strong in each match.

In football, the boys were a point in front at half time but faded away to lose by 41 points,

Howrah 15.7. 97 d Bellerive 8.8.56

In netball the girls played well with Ruby Swain shining in her position.

Howrah A d Bellerive A
Howrah B d Bellerive B
Gifted Awareness Week for 2017 is March 12th to 18th.

Children at Bellerive Primary school have access to a range of extension opportunities. At present we have students participating in many of the Education Department’s Gifted Online Programs including philosophy, coding, maths extension and general academic extension. We have our after school Science Club which is currently available to Grade 6 students but will focus on a different year group each term. Throughout the year children are also offered opportunities to participate in competitions and challenges such as the Maths Talent Quest, Science Talent Search, the Young Archies and Bebras computational thinking challenge. This year we are also looking at classroom differentiation practices which can better support and challenge students to achieve their potential.

Wendy Fletcher
Gr Cert Ed (Computing for Teaching and Learning)
Gr Dip Sp.Ed
M.Ed (Gifted and Talented)

BELLERIVE JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday 22 March 2017
3pm in the Meeting Room, Bellerive Primary School

New committee members are very welcome

Information on registration for the 2017 season will be advertised shortly
The season is expected to start in the first week of May

CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen is open on a weekly basis each Thursday and Friday and I am looking for volunteers to assist me to operate the canteen more efficiently. If you can help either on a Thursday or Friday can you please email me on vmcdonald8@bigpond.com or phone/text me on 0402 481 627.
Lunch will be provided as well as tea/coffee.
Many thanks,

Vicki McDonald
Canteen Manageress
**Key Dates for 2017**

**WEEKLY**
- Student Banking: Tuesday weekly
- Uniform Shop: Tuesday 2:30pm - 3:15pm, Friday 8:30am - 9:15am
- B4: Thursday 9.00am—11.00am
- Recorder: Friday
- Canteen: Thursday and Friday
- Choir: Friday

**MAR**
- Tue 14th: Progress Reports Distributed
- Wed 15th: Freemasons Visit—Grade 6s
- Fri 17th: Sports Day **NB. Change of day from Wednesday.**

**Mon 20th:** Parent Teacher

**Tue 21st:** School Association Meeting & AGM 5.30pm

**Wed 22nd:** Division A Interschool Athletics Carnival

**Wed 29th:** ECE carnival 12.20pm Top oval

**Fri 31st:** School Photos

**APR**
- Mon 3rd: School Photos
- Wed 5th: Champions Athletics Carnival
- Tue 11th: School Association Meeting 5.30pm

**Wed 12th:** Easter Services / Freemasons Visit Grade 6s/ Clarence High Band 10.00am Gr 3-6

**Thu 13th:** Student Free Day—End of Term 1

**Fri 14th:** Good Friday

**MAY**
- Mon 1st: Term 2 commences
- Tue 9th: School Association Meeting 5.30pm
- 9th-12th: NAPLAN
- Fri 12th: State Athletics Championships

**Wed 17th:** Interhouse Cross Country / Freemasons Visit

**Achievement Certificates**
- 5/6ME Emily Gobbey, Lexie Lethborg, Max Hurst
- 5/6VE Jade Aram, Makayla Bennett
- 5/6WP Blake Voss, Eboney Bennett-Scrimshaw
- 4/5HH Max Marshall, Tomas Reardon
- 3/4SR Rusty McMullen, Maggie Hopster
- 3/4B
- 3/4L Luke Palmer, Ella Stops
- 3/4M Imogen Knoop, Nate Howcroft
- 1/2WF Lily Jensen, Ryan Munns
- 1/2F Gracie Bahr, Patrick Jefferson
- 1/2VV Ellie Turner, Grace Hughes
- 1/2R Hamish Hurst, Palepa Leauma
- 1/2LP Oliver Mackey, Ivy Norris

**GOLDEN EAR AWARD—1-2R**

**Entertainment Book**

**GRAB A BARGAIN!!!**

We are once again fundraising for the School Association with the Entertainment Book.

The 2017/18 book will be launched in early May.


Place your order before 3 May to receive your Early Bird Bonus Vouchers with up to $200 worth of additional offers that you can use right away! (Subject to availability)

Thank you for your continued support!