



# Bellerive Primary School

## The late bell

### BIG DRAW

DURING Term 2 Bellerive Primary participated in its own Big Draw after receiving \$1500 in funding through the Artist in Schools Program. The program involved all students from Kinder to Grade 6, parents and community members. The objective was to focus on drawing and its importance in children's lives. As a school we created a tile mural and a wall mural.

### STRIKING POSE

A NEWLY formed uniform committee consisting of students, staff and parents has met to review and revitalise the school uniform. The new uniform will be available in December.

### CIRCUS FUN

JUGGLING balls and devil sticks, swinging pois, twirling diabolos and plates have been skills which students at Bellerive have been lucky enough to learn, under the watchful eye of teacher Mr Ross Eldershaw. The students are planning to put on a performance later this term.

### EARLY YEARS

BELLERIVE Primary caters for the learning needs of children from birth to Grade 6. Our school conducts a pre-Kinder program and a birth to four program.

### SUNNY SUPPORT

THE Sunshine Girls is a fundraising group formed by four friends in Grade 5 and 6 who wanted to help others. They started their activities on Daffodil Day, raising \$474.15. Today is Boardies Day and the group has raised money for the Clifton Beach Surf Life Saving Club with a free dress day and a beach party.

# STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE

BELLERIVE is one of oldest schools in the state's south, having been established in 1842 by the Education Department.

There were only 30 students at the beginning and they went to school at a beautiful sandstone building in King St on the Bellerive Bluff.

By the end of World War II numbers were growing rapidly and land was bought at Leslie St in the centre of Bellerive.

By 1955 there were over 900 students at the Leslie St campus and the former school at King St was also used because of the huge numbers.

Not long after, more schools were opened in neighbouring suburbs and by 1980 the attendance levelled out to fewer than 600 pupils with 26 teachers.

Over the 165 years there have

been 26 principals. Mr Steven Hay is the current principal of Bellerive Primary School.

We now have 291 children at the school and we are working on promoting the school's great sporting, academic and musical education to attract more students.

Our school song was written in 1990 by Mrs Diana Perry. When Mrs Perry was employed as a music teacher she realised Bellerive didn't have a school song.

The Derwent River is an important part of the Bellerive community so it became a key theme for our school song. The line "Links with the sea" was written because Bellerive means "beautiful river".

The line "We have been going strong for a long, long time" reflects the fact our school has been around for 165 years and many older residents attended here.

In our school, behaviour and manners are very important, so we sing the line "In our school work we will excel, in behaviour and manners as well".

Every student at Bellerive Primary School is a part of the community's future so that is why Mrs Perry included the line "To our future and all it will bring".

The last line "A pride we just won't sell" shows how proud every Bellerive student is to be at the school, and it's true — we wouldn't sell our pride for anything.

### School song

Bellerive School has links with the sea,

Bellerive School the best there can be,

We've been going strong for a long, long time,

Bright days we all can see.

CHORUS: So we lift up our voices and sing,

To our future and all it will bring,

We will work hard at this school of ours,

Bellerive School has everything.

In our school work we will excel,

In behaviour and manners as well,

In all things we do, our pride will shine through,

A pride we just won't sell.

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## Gaining leadership skills Keen writer Carly goes for gold

MEMBERS of a Red Cross group at Bellerive Primary School learn valuable leadership and skills through involvement in the school and community.

Based at the school, this Red Cross group has been learning life skills and social responsibility for nine years.

The members also learn self-respect, self-confidence, positive attitudes and compassion for others.

Based on Red Cross principles, the program focuses on health and safety; service to the community; the role of the Red Cross; and international friendship.

Some of the activities run through the school group are:

- Learning about the role of the Red Cross, its principles and a visit to Red Cross House.
- Celebrating World Red Cross Day, usually with an exhibition of the role of Red



FORTNIGHTLY VISIT: Bellerive students with Mrs Gwen Vance from Bowditch Hostel.

Cross and a birthday cake in recognition of the founder, Henry Dunant.

- Easter Egg Appeal through the school and delivery of chocolates to citizens in our community.
- Regular contact with Bowditch Nursing Hostel in Lindisfarne.

- Successful participation in poster competitions.
- Community Service within the school.
- An annual talent quest.
- Participation in Red Cross events and visits with other Red Cross groups to share our work.
- End-of-year barbecue.

## Keen writer Carly goes for gold

ONE of our talented Grade 6 students, Carly Hickman, has been judged the best writer in her grade in Tasmania in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools Writing Competition.

The competition is conducted by the University of NSW in Australia and 12 other countries in the Pacific region. It is available to all students in Tasmanian schools from Grades 3 to 12.

Carly had to write a persuasive argument on the topic: "Is it a good idea to stop selling junk food to children under 12?"

Carly entered the competition because she wanted to see how well she would go in writing and what her results would be compared



WINNER: Carly Hickman with her award.

to students in other schools.

At a presentation in Hobart on October 3 at the Salamanca Inn, Carly was awarded a gold medallion in recognition of her excellent work.

The awards ceremony recognised all the medal winners in Tasmania this year. The competitions were computer skills, English, mathematics, science, spelling and writing.

Carly is looking forward to entering more competitions in the future.

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