



Dear Families,

Currently the school is conducting an inquiry into the school bus service which provides transport for some students who reside in the Mornington / Warrane area.

### **Background Information**

Mackillop College opened in 1994 on the old school site of Mornington Primary School. When Mornington Primary closed, a section of Mornington on the top side of Cambridge Rd became a part of the Bellerive Primary home area as a result of an agreement between the Department of Education and Mornington Primary's parent body. In addition a bus service was set up from Mornington to Bellerive Primary to service students from that area.

When I commenced as Principal in 2007, the school had three bus services operating – Mornington, Camelot Park and Clarendon Vale/Rokeby. As the latter two bus services had low student numbers and transported them to suburbs outside our home area, it was decided to discontinue these services.

The Department of Education conducted a review of home areas over the past few years resulting in our school losing the Mornington component of our home area with our sole zone now being the suburb of Bellerive from Wentworth St around to Quarry Rd.

### **Mornington Bus Service**

Metro is currently operating a morning and afternoon Mornington bus service. The school has commenced an inquiry into whether this bus service should continue to operate based on the following reasons:

- Mornington is no longer within the catchment area for enrolment at Bellerive Primary School
- equity is a factor where no other communities, including Bellerive, having a bus service to them
- the numbers currently catching the Mornington Bus Service are relatively low. In the first 3 weeks of school there were on average 7 students in the morning catching this bus and in the afternoon an average of 11 students catching the bus
- staff time is impacted by bus related matters
- an alternative bus option exists in Alma St, near Corpus Christi. Currently students who catch a bus to Howrah walk up Jennings St, cross Alma St using the crossing guard service and board the bus outside Corpus Christi with Corpus Christi students.

## Inquiry

The inquiry into the Mornington Bus service has involved the following actions to date:

1. Data on student use of the Mornington Bus service was collected up until Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.
2. The information about the Mornington Bus Service was presented to the School Association as part of the Principal's Report on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.
3. A discussion at the School Association meeting was held with a decision made to survey parents of students who catch the Mornington Bus Service. 17 surveys were handed out. It was communicated to all parents about the survey and parents were encouraged to contact me at school should they require a survey to be emailed to them.
4. The survey information has been collated and will be presented at the School Association meeting tonight.
5. Further information is required from Metro as part of the ongoing consultation and decision making process with this matter. Parents are encouraged to email me at [steven.hay@education.tas.gov.au](mailto:steven.hay@education.tas.gov.au) to provide any further information to me. There has been no decision made about the Mornington Bus Service at this point in time.
6. All school decisions made about the school bus service need to be discussed with Metro and government officials.
7. Based on feedback received from parents in the survey, it is clear that if a decision is made to discontinue the bus service, then this would not take place until 2022.



Steven Hay - Principal



### Launching into Learning - Bellerive

**LiL (Birth—4 ) runs every Thursday morning. Due to restriction on numbers attending, B4 will be for in area families only.**

**Pre Kinder families must pre-nominate their attendance preference time by emailing Anna Sander at [anna.sander@education.tas.gov.au](mailto:anna.sander@education.tas.gov.au)**

**Pre Kinder is only for children already approved for Kinder in 2022**



Mrs Anna Sander  
Pre-Kinder Teacher



Mrs Louise Curtain  
B4 Co-ordinator



Mrs Lisele Rankin

**LiL Times for 2021**  
B4 - Thursdays  
9:00am - 10.30am  
Pre-Kinder—Thursday  
Session 1 9:00am &  
Session 2 10:30am

## 2021 Student Assistance Applications

The application forms for 2021 Student Assistance are now available.

These applications are for **new** enrolments to the school who believe they may be eligible for Student Assistance in 2021 (including Kinder students, new enrolments entering Prep-Grade 6) and families whose financial situations may have changed.

**Please note all families who qualified in 2020 and have children entering Kindergarten will need to complete an application form for that child.**

Forms can be collected from the office or downloaded from the Departments website [www.education.tas.gov.au](http://www.education.tas.gov.au).

All forms need to be supported by copies of previous year's tax returns, Centrelink income statement or Centrelink Health Care Card (although the health care card does not mean a family will automatically be approved for STAS )

Families approved for student assistance in 2020 (other than if you have a child entering Kinder) should have received correspondence from the Department regarding 2021 student assistance.

**If you have any questions please contact the School Business Manager , Mrs Smith , for assistance.**

### Qkr! Is here!



Qkr!<sup>TM</sup> (pronounced 'quicker') is a mobile payments platform that enables consumers to order and pay for goods and services directly from their smart device. The app is **FREE** and offers mobile payment technology and aims to save parents time. Qkr! accepts all major credit and debit cards and consumers can register more than one card. An information flyer is attached to this newsletter.

Parents are able to order from our Uniform Shop via the Qkr! app. All orders will be processed, bagged and be available for collection from the office within 48 hours.

### \*\* ICT AGREEMENTS \*\*

**ICT Agreements** will be sent home with all students in Grade 3-6 today. These forms must be signed by both student and parent, before being finalised with a signature from their class teacher.

**Please return the completed form to school as soon as possible.**



## KEY DATES FOR 2021

<b>WEEKLY</b>	<p><b>Assembly – 1.45pm Friday</b> <b>Limited seating.</b> Parents and carers of students presenting can book a seat via the office.</p> <p><b>Uniform Shop: Wednesday 8.45-9.15am</b> We <b>recommend</b> uniform purchases be made via Qkr! Alternately, Facebook search bar Bellerive Primary School Uniform Buy/Sell/Swap/Giveaway to join this closed group.</p> <p><b>Canteen</b> Thursday &amp; Friday weekly</p>
<b>Fridays</b>	<p><b>(Specialist music timetable / Honour Choir to recommence Term 2)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade 6 Brass/Woodwind 9.00am</li> <li>Grade 5 Brass/Woodwind 10.00am</li> </ul>

### March cntd.

Wed 31st	Easter Services Gr3-4 10.00am Gr5-6 11.40am
Wed 31st	<b>Term 1 Ends</b>

<b>March</b>	
Tue 2nd	School Association AGM & meeting 7.00pm
Fri 5th	Schools' Clean Up Australia Day
Mon 8th	<b>Eight Hour Day Public Holiday</b>
Thu 11th	Excursion 3-4SS Marine Discovery Centre all day
Fri 12th	Assembly 1.45pm—5-6PM, 5-6MM, 3-4WS, 1-2K and 1-2VC
Tue 16th	Excursion—Kinders to Bellerive Beach 9.30am—1.30pm
Wed 17th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Div A Interschool Athletic Carnival</li> <li>Excursion 3-4D &amp; 4W Marine Discovery Centre</li> </ul>
Fri 19th	Harmony Day
Tue 23rd	MSP School Photographs
Wed 24th	MSP School Photographs
Fri 26th	Assembly 1.45pm—5-6WB, 3-4SS, 1-2CC, 1-2L and 3-4R
Tue 30th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Champions Athletic Carnival</li> <li>Kinder—Prep Assembly 1.45pm</li> </ul>

### ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES

<b>5-6WB</b>	Elissa and Amelia
<b>5-6PM</b>	Eamonn, Grier, and Oliver
<b>5-6MM</b>	Ava and Fynn
<b>5-6HM</b>	Arav and Michael
<b>4W</b>	Quan and Sophie
<b>3-4WS</b>	Rylee, Hudson, and Nicola
<b>3-4SS</b>	Halle and Lachlan
<b>3-4R</b>	Finn and Annabelle
<b>3-4D</b>	Isla, Chloe, Siska and Ava
<b>1-2WC</b>	Jonty and Taylor
<b>1-2VC</b>	Emilee and Max
<b>1-2L</b>	Eleni and Allen
<b>1-2K</b>	Nathaniel K, Nathaniel T, and Sophie
<b>1-2CC</b>	Lachlan and Rosa

### SRC BADGES WILL BE PRESENTED ON FRIDAY 12th MARCH IN ASSEMBLY.

#### CONTACT DETAILS

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