Dear Parents/Caregivers and Community Members,

Last week, our 8 House Captains were voted in. It gives me great pleasure to announce our new House Captains:

**Wararba** - Flora and Taytum

**Bunya** - Ryan and Izzy

**Bell** – Ethan and Jazmin

**Kabi** – Sinavai and Ava

I’d like to pass on my congratulations to our 8 captains and wish them all the best as they take on their exciting roles.

Over the next week our Music captain will be elected along with our Student Councillors. On Assembly on 15 March, all our newly elected leadership representatives will receive their badges and take their oath. Invitations for family members of our newly elected representatives will be out as soon as the positions are finalised.

Every year, schools are required to share with the Community our goals, targets and actions around our explicit improvement agenda. Our Annual Improvement Plan and our Investing For Success Plan can be located on our school’s website. These will be uploaded in a couple of days. Our major focus areas are Reading and Spelling. Our goal is to ensure that all our students are successful at decoding and comprehending and transferring their skills to a variety of texts for enjoyment and engagement. Our plans will list the strategies on how we plan to do this. In order for parents to be able to engage their children at home, using the Bellmere way, we are offering parent workshops in Reading and Spelling. Our first parent workshop will be on 28 March, from 2.00 to 3.00pm. The focus will be spelling. Come along and learn how to code map with your ‘duck hands’. The level of information will suit children in the lower years or those children in middle/upper who are struggling with spelling. Afternoon tea will be supplied. Please RSVP to Jenny or Meredith in the front office by Thursday, 23 March. admin@bellmeress.eq.edu.au

So far this term, we have held two Volunteer Induction sessions with the third and last one for the term coming up on March 9 from 9am to 10am, Conference Room in Administration. It has been great to see so many community members wanting to volunteer in our school. A list of those ready-to-go volunteers has been passed on to the relevant supervisory staff members so please contact them when you’re ready...
to commence. At the Induction sessions, parents indicated they would be interested in some skilling around behaviour management, reading and spelling. So, we’d thought we’d combine a morning tea to celebrate your involvement and a session on behaviour micro skills. This morning tea/workshop for our Volunteers is on 21 March at 9am. Please RSVP to Jenny or Meredith in the front office by Thursday, 16 March if you are able to join us. admin@bellmeress.eq.edu.au

I am pleased to update you on the progress around getting our Canteen operational again. The P&C will be advertising for a paid Canteen Convenor and the plan is to have the successful candidate in place so that the Canteen can commence operating again in Term 2. We will be opening the Canteen for 3 days per week (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) from 8am to 12 noon. Parents will be asked to order both lunchbreaks together. The school will man the second lunch break sales (e.g. iceblocks, etc) with the majority of food being prepared in the morning and handed out with the first break. The job advertisement can be located by clicking Canteen Convenor Position Description.

Of course, we will still need volunteers to assist. I would like to propose that we create a class community with one parent of each class taking on the position of liaison person of this community. We would allocate 1 week every 19 weeks to a class to volunteer in the Canteen (we have 19 classes). This means parents of a class would contact the class liaison person and identify when in that week (Wed-Fri) they could assist in the Canteen. A roster can then be prepared for your week over the 3 days. Sometimes it’s easier to commit to 1 day every 19 weeks then every week. For this to work, parents would need to come on board during their week and help out. For those parents who can’t volunteer, they may wish to donate food items for baking. The more successful we can make our Canteen operations, the more likelihood we have of ensuring that a profit is turned over, our hours of operation can increase and children are exposed to healthy and interesting food choices. If you are interested in nominating for the liaison person position for your child’s class, could you please send me an email: dlorr1@eq.edu.au. Looking forward to hearing from lots of you!

This week I will be attending the State Principal’s Conference at the Gold Coast from Wednesday to Friday. Mr Caudwell will be looking after the school.

Lastly, I’d like to encourage you to attend the P&C AGM on 14 March. We will be looking for new executive members so please consider. Most of the hard work has been done by our outgoing Executive in setting up our P&C from scratch. However, if you’re not after a position but would like to come and participate in the decision making process, you are more than welcome.

Student of the Week Awards

Prep A
Mitchell J - for always showing persistence when practising his writing.
Naiyah L - for always being an active participant in class and promptly completing classroom work.

Prep B
Ethan G - for working hard and being so excited to learn how to write.
Cooper B - for working hard with his SSP speech sounds, even choosing to do them in his free choice activity time

Prep C
Ariella P - for always helping out friends in need and taking pride in tidying the classroom environment.
Aaron B - for being an active participant when learning his SSP sounds, lines and numbers.

Prep D
Lucas K - for putting in 100% effort into SSP activities.
Charlotte T - for always helping out and encouraging others.

Prep/1 F
Charlie R - for persevering in learning in maths facts.
Zalia W - for persevering in learning in maths facts.

Year 1A
Evy B – Evy can always be relied upon to listen attentively, work productively and to be a good friend for everyone in 1A.
Jye B – Jye is an enthusiastic learner who always works to the best of his ability.

Year 1B
Melanie V - for showing whole body listening and modelling excellent behaviour choices.
David R - for showing a ‘can do’ attitude when working with numbers.

Year 1C
Fitty T – for always cheerfully completing tasks and being a diligent worker.
Ethan M – for always being willing to give things a go and for being an amazing class friend.

Year 2A
Lachlan W - for demonstrating outstanding and consistent effort and attitude within the classroom. It is a pleasure to have you in our class.
Willow S - for being a fabulous role model to her peers and always being organised for her day. Keep up the great work Willow.

Year 2B
Lyra G - for a positive attitude towards learning.
Declan B – for always trying his best to complete tasks.

Year 2C
Indigo B - always making beautiful choices in the classroom. Congratulations.
Tawhiri W - always being ready for learning. Congratulations.

Year 3A
Ocean W - always organised and ready to start the day.
Claire D - determined to achieve tasks with maximum effort.

Year 3B
Declin K – for outstanding SSP spelling and reading work! Wow!
Roine M – for being thoughtful and caring towards others.

Year 4A
Milli F - for working collaboratively on an information report.
Mackenzie H - for working collaboratively on an information report.

Year 4/5 B
Chelsea A - for always being determined to achieve.
Cooper R - for big efforts in his first week at Bellmere State School.

Year 4/5 C
Ella F - for showing a determined to achieve attitude in all learning areas.
Noah E - for having a fantastic start to the school year and always giving things a go.

Year 4/5D
Samara T – showing respect to all staff and peers consistently
Akira K – applying herself to class tasks and showing responsible behaviour consistently

Year 5/6A
Sinavai T - for being determined to achieve. Sinavai is always on task and sets an excellent example for her peers.
Mackenzie C - Mackenzie's dedication to her schoolwork in the classroom is always superb. Well done for being determined to achieve.

Year 6B
Angelina P - for being a caring and supportive classmate.

Kaiser J - for being an active and engaged learner.

LOTE – French
Jaxon C - 3B for applying all his skills to learn French
Branson K - 3B for participating fully in French lessons

**Caboolture District Sports Trials**

Well done to all students that have trialled for these teams. Remember, students from all over this region compete against each other for spots on the team. If you don’t end up making the team don’t be down on yourself. Put in your best efforts and you will gain valuable experience from these trials.

Remember, students wishing to trial for a district team need to see Mr Newell prior for the paperwork.

Mr Newell

**Bellmere State School and Caboolture District Sport Dates**

All the dates for BSS sporting events as well as Caboolture District carnivals, gala days and sporting trials can be viewed:

- Under the ‘What’s Happening’ section of the Bellmere State School website
- Bellmere SS
- On the noticeboard near the office

**Positive Behaviour Acknowledgement**

**PART 3**

**ATTENDANCE AWARDS**

Every fortnight, the class with the best attendance data receives a certificate and a trophy at Assembly.

Every fortnight, the class with the most improved attendance receives a trophy and certificate at Assembly.

Students who attend school 95% of the time, will have their name placed in a draw at the end of the term for the chance to win an amazing prize!
**Car Parks**

The staff carpark gates at the far end of Dobson Lane will remain closed at 3pm, commencing Monday, 27 February. Parents will no longer be able to access this carpark. Staff (who do not work in Administration) have been advised to access the staff carpark from Monday onwards to allow more space for the community in the front two carparks. There will be a small number of carparks reserved for Administration staff in the side front carpark along Dobson Lane. We do have a representative from the Transport Department coming to the school to observe the flow of traffic at peak times and provide advice on how we can improve the congestion and ensure the safety for our students.

Another issue with our carpark is the lack of desire by a lot of parents/caregivers to cross the roads at the pedestrian crossing. This is particularly bad near the dental van exit. I would think that parents would be keen to model the correct road safety behaviour for their children however many are crossing the road between 3.00 and 3.10 up from the crossing while cars are streaming out of the carpark. If this behaviour persists, then the gate near the dental van will also remain closed at 3pm causing all to exit through the front gates and hence, use the crossing. Parents, I’m asking for your support with this request.

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**Wanting to Volunteer?**

All volunteers (whether class, canteen, resourcing, etc) must go through our school induction process. We have held two induction sessions already this year, and our third session will be on **Thursday 9th March at 9am**.

If you are not a parent/caregiver, you need to produce a Blue Card. These will need to be brought along to this session. If you don’t have one, we will provide you with the details on how to obtain one.

Looking forward to having you support our school!

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**Uniform Demerit Slips**

From this week on, the school will be starting to issue uniform demerit slips to those children not in full school uniform. The process around this is:

- If a child is in incorrect uniform, their class teacher will pull them aside quietly and ask if they have a note from their parent. If they do, they will collect it and place on file.
- If not, then the class teacher will inform the child that a reminder will be going home to parents identifying what part of the uniform that doesn’t meet our Student Dress Policy requirements.
- The class teacher will tick the part of the uniform that isn’t correct, date it and name it and then keep in a plastic sleeve until the Friday.
- On the Friday, the class teacher will send the sleeve over to the office with all the uniform demerit slips and a letter will be sent home to parents with the demerit slips attached. We will also keep the data on this.
- If parents don’t respond to this initial phase, then a warning letter will be sent from the Principal to the parents, indicating that their child will receive a demerit point from their Spirit of Bellmere tally if failure to follow the Student Dress Policy continues.

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**Prop Donations**

The front office is collecting any donations of suitable “prop” items. These will be used for Performance Arts classes and even during class lessons that lend themselves to a bit of theatre. Should you wish to donate any of these types of items there will be a collection box in the front office.

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**From the Office**

**STUDENT ABSENCES** – We have implemented the new SMS text messaging service to notify parents of their child/children being marked as absent for the day. Simply reply to the text with your child’s name, reason & duration of the absence. If for some reason you are unable to reply by text or phone call, please send a note to the office with your child the next day.

Just a reminder – Please name all of your student’s clothing and food containers. It becomes difficult to return items if they are un-named.

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

**Wednesday & Friday**

**8am – 9am**
BEHAVIOUR FOCUS TERM ONE – ORGANISATION

In 4A we have been working on ways to be organised. We made a list of ways that being organised can help us succeed at school. Perhaps you might try some of these:

The night before:
- Put my clothes out
- Charge my iPad
- Make my lunch
- Make sure I put my clothes in the wash
- Complete my homework
- Put my musical instrument out ready on Monday night
- Have a sensible bed time

When we arrive at school:
- At 8.30 put our iPad in the classroom
- Sharpen pencils and get books out ready for the morning session
- Hand in notes to class teacher
- Put our fruit and water bottle on desk
- Go to the toilet and have a drink

During the day:
- Listen to the teacher’s instructions and complete work
- Follow the school and class rules
- Eat a healthy lunch
- Enjoy playing with friends
- Be on time for class

We think we should set goals that are achievable; it is better to achieve lots of LITTLE goals to help us reach the BIG goals

Be Organised

In 2B our goal is to be organised and ready to learn after each break. We follow these steps after each break.

Get ready for class when the bell rings:
1. Stop play immediately
2. Put equipment away
3. Go to the toilet
4. Wash your hands
5. Have a drink
6. Put your hat way
7. Line up
Bellmere S.S. P&C Association
AGM is coming up!

Tuesday, March 14
5:45 PM-7:00PM
Located: Administration
Conference Room

We need:
• A President
• A Vice-President
• A Treasurer
• A Secretary

Without these 4 positions filled we cannot have a P&C and our children/students will
miss out on what we can offer them

**Previous officer bearers are happy to share their knowledge and help
  guide our new executives in the right direction**

We also need the following positions and subcommittees:
• Fundraising Committee (Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary)
• Volunteers! (We are always in need of Volunteers for 1 hour or 3 hours,
  whenever you can help we will say YES!)

If you are interested in nominating yourself or someone else for an
executive role you can do so via the P&C Executive nomination forms
which will be available to collect from Administration - nomination
forms can be handed in before the AGM or on the night (preferably
before)

Come along and meet us, get to know who we are and enjoy some nibbles.
Join the P&C, vote for the committee members for this year, stay informed about what
is going on within the school, have a say as to what we do and how/where we spend the
money we raise.
A special visitor is coming to Bellmere!

A special Dollarmites visitor is coming to school to talk to us about school banking.

It is a surprise character who is excited to see you all during the week 8 parade 2:15pm Wednesday 15th March.

I would like to thank all the families who have supported the school banking program so far this year, it is a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Please remember to carefully fill out your deposit slip and double check the amount of money you are depositing each week. Please only send in money that will safely fit in the deposit wallet pockets as the wallets do not last if too many coins are squashed in the pockets each week.

I would also like to thank Amy Foster and Lyndall Hall who volunteer their own time to help me process our banking every week - THANK YOU!!

Remember, School Banking day is every TUESDAY.
You can support Bellmere State School when purchasing through Amart Sports. Simply sign up for a “Team Amart” card (no cost), nominate Bellmere State School and everytime you make a purchase 5% of the value of the sale is passed on to Bellmere School. It is possible to still support us without getting a team card (mention the school at time of purchase) but having a card does allow for notification of special offers and discounts. Another great way to support Bellmere through everyday purchases.

Great saving for parents! 50% off First Aid quals. Book before 5 March so get in quick.