Dear Parents/Caregivers and Community Members,

Welcome to Week 6 – we are over half way through the term! Where has it gone?

We have been very busy here at Bellmere analysing our student data which we have collated from the first 4 weeks of school and writing support programs and curriculum unit plans based on this data. Over the first 4 weeks, teachers have been getting to know their students. They are quite confident now of the needs of their class and being able to plan learning programs which will target these needs. Cohesiveness amongst our students is improving with students taking onboard the ‘Bellmere’ expectations of behaviour. There has been a very positive feel in the school over the last couple of weeks as students are settling down into the routines and procedures of our new school.

We are half way through connecting all BYO iPads to our school network. This takes some time as all iPads have to be individually connected to our server and downloaded with our school profile. Once this has been completed, we will work on the 50 school owned iPads and these will be shared amongst the classes and support those students who do not have access to their own iPad. Students will be able to work in groups sharing these iPads through our classroom TVs and Apple TVs. Once all this preparation work has been completed, whole class and individually designed learning tasks supported by the iPads will begin in earnest. Our goal is to have this ready by the end of Term 1. Thank you for your patience with this. We are very eager to start implementing our iTEL program.

I have been working on our Annual Improvement Plan for 2016 and Budget and our Investing For Success Plan for 2016, which will be submitted at the P&C Meeting tomorrow evening. These plans detail our strategic direction around our explicit improvement focus for 2016. I am keen to share these with the community and seek feedback from you. Once approved by the Department, they will be uploaded onto our school website.

Our key focus areas are:

Reading; Spelling; Number; Differentiation;

I have the pleasure of meeting with our Senior Leaders on Wednesday to discuss their hopes and dreams for a leadership position at our school. Next week students will commence their campaigning leading up to the voting of our school leaders. I wish them luck throughout their campaign.

Until next fortnight,

Deb Lorraway

From the Principal…
Student of the Week Awards

Prep A
Jazmine M - For embodying the school Determination value and working hard to make connections between speech sounds and their pictures in SSP lessons.
Ethan M - For embodying the school Achievement value through always doing his best in every literacy and numeracy activity.

Prep B
Jake C - Being Determined to Achieve. Jake shows enthusiasm and determination when learning new skills.
Zalia W - For Honesty and Respect. Zalia always shows respect for her teacher and her fellow classmates.

Prep C
Shaylah R - For always caring for others. Shaylah is always looking after others by including them in the playground and in classroom activities.
Mitchell R - For being determined to achieve by always trying his best and making connections to his learning. Well done Mitchell!

Prep D
Charlie M - for displaying confidence when discussing his Show and Tell to his peers.

Harmony S - for showing determination when completing her rotation activities.

Year 1A
Willow S – Willow always shows her teacher and classmates respect by being kind, helpful and well-mannered.
Jai W – Jai shows his determination to achieve through his amazing efforts in writing and spelling.

Year 1B
Willem A - for working hard to achieve and always doing his best to have a positive attitude.
Kordelle A - for being honest and respectful and a reliable student.

Year 2A
Mahalia D – For always being respectful and trying your best.
Kaleb R – For being a nurturing and caring student and modelling good behaviour choices to your peers.

Year 2/3
Indi C – Determination
Luke T – Achievement

Year 3A
Natasha B - I am determined to achieve
Noah E - I care for myself and others

Year 3B
Millicent F – Determined to achieve
Ihaka W – Determined to achieve

Year 4A
Kade W - For showing determination and persistence to master the jump strategy in mathematics.
Shania G - Shania demonstrated a nurturing spirit by assisting a new student settle into class at Bellmere.

Year 4/5
Isabelle M - Showing Determination to Achieve by spending her own time to work on class projects.
Renee W - Caring for others by working well in groups and taking turns.

Year 5A
Ryan C- determined to achieve
Charlee K- determined to achieve

Year 6A
Kayhlia B - determined to achieve
Olivia A - determined to achieve

LOTE - French
Georgia C - 2/3B and Peyton D Prep A .... for determination to learn, shown through listening and "having a go".

Don’t forget to vote for our Sport House Names before Friday. 4 Proposals were received and the community has been invited to add their votes to the student population’s votes.

Look out!
There are children about

Children are unpredictable around buses.

Be alert.
FROM THE P&C

Bellmere State School Canteen are calling out for Volunteers!! The P&C and Canteen are looking for Volunteers for:

Our Breakfast Club
Wednesday 8am-9:30am
Thursday 8am – 9:30am

Wednesday Food Preparations
Wednesday 9:30am-1pm

Thursday Canteen Open Day
Thursday 8am-2:30pm

If you are interested in Volunteering in our Canteen please contact pandc@bellmeress.eq.edu.au.

Please Note: All Volunteers must do an Induction with Deb Lorraway (Principal) prior to helping in our school. The next volunteer’s induction session is on Tuesday 8 March from 8.45 to 9.45am in the Resource Centre.

Breakfast Club Donations

We have found that our students love Breakfast Club and especially love Toast, Juice and Milo.
If you are unable to help in our Canteen but would still like to help out in some way, The Breakfast Club is seeking donations of brand new, unopened items such as:

- Vegemite
- Jam
- Honey
- Butter
- Milo
- Juice

Thank you and we are looking forward to hearing from you.

What’s happening in Prep B

Prep B has had a wonderful start to our 2016 school year. Our class has worked hard to establish daily routines and every day we are learning many new skills in literacy and numeracy. At the moment, Prep B is focusing on retells. We have read many books and participated in activities where we are learning to identify characters and the beginning, middle and end of stories. Prep B especially loves to use the puppet box to retell their stories.

Miss McAllister, Mrs Pinches and Prep B

A special thank you to the Thomson family for the recent donation of books for the Resource Centre. It was greatly appreciated!
Getting to know each other

Term 1 is looking very exciting!

The children have had so much fun making paper plate spiders.

Last week the children created the idea of making a sign to put outside the service to show other children about Before and After School Care.

Kelli and Renee
School Plus Bellmere.

Laugh Out Loud – Learn through Play with School Plus!

We welcome new friends to join in the excitement. For further details please call the Service on 0468 936 908 or email bellmere@schoolplus.com.au or visit our website at www.schoolplus.com.au.

For new enrolments


If you are an existing School Plus family and haven’t tried my Family Lounge, please contact School Plus Support Office on 07 3161 9904.

Once registered with my Family Lounge you can download the free App and be able to do the below 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

- Make casual Before and After School bookings (with instant confirmation)
- Advise of an absence for permanent and casual bookings
- Advise of a cancellation for permanent and casual bookings (Note all cancellations are defaulted to absent and School Plus applies the correct cancellation policy depending on the number of days and where incursions and excursions are non-cancellable.)
- Make all Vacation Care bookings (with instant confirmation)

On my Family Lounge website, you can do the following:

- Make, change and cancel permanent bookings (not instant confirmation)
- Make, change and cancel casual bookings (with instant confirmation)
- Make all Vacation Care bookings (with instant confirmation)
- Change family details including people authorised to collect your child/ren, phone numbers etc
- Enrol an additional child

School Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school, please call the school number (ph: 5498 0666) and you will be directed to the school absence message bank. Leave a detailed message with your name, phone number, your child’s name, class, reason for absence and anticipated return date to school.
Thank you to all those staff, parents, community members and students for coming up with some creative ideas around naming our Sporting Houses and School Mascot. Please find below 4 Proposals to be voted on. You can cast your vote by emailing jsain7@eq.edu.au and indicating your preference. Voting will close at 3pm on Friday, 4 March.

**Proposal 1:**
**Sporting House Names:**
Banyan – orange - another name for Moreton Bay Fig
Kurrajong – green - Aboriginal word for ‘fishing line’ which is what the bark was used for by Indigenous Australians – also known as bottle tree
Wirraminna - yellow - Aboriginal word for wattle tree
Jacaranda – purple - words symbolising survival and protection
**Mascot:** Bellmere Tree

**Proposal 2:**
**Sporting House Names**
Uluru - red (representing Australia's outback)
Whitehaven- blue (representing Australia’s beaches)
Katoomba- purple (from the 3 sisters and representing Australia’s mountainous regions)
Daintree- green (representing Australia's rainforest regions)
**Mascot:** We believe this proposal also feeds into easy ideas for each house to have a mascot - using animals that live in these habitats.

**Proposal 3:**
**Sporting Houses**
Wararba - blue - the district dialect name for the Kippa Ring or Bora ceremony - landscape
Kabi – orange - indigenous local people - Indigenous reference
Bell – red - European settlers of Bellmere - European Settlement
Bunya – green - for the forest of bunyas that were felled by settlers - Flora
**Mascot:** Bella the Koala

**Proposal 4:**
**Sporting Houses**
Woorim – red - kangaroo
Warigul - dingo or wild dog
Kabul - carpet snake (also means Caboolture)
Maroochy - black swan
**Mascot:** each house to have their own mascot as indicated above

Year Six have been working really hard on their writing skills over the past few weeks. In particular, immediately engaging their reader during the first paragraph of their writing. Here is something we put together as a class. We had such a blast, and a laugh! Who knew writing could be this much fun?

I could feel the blood rushing to my perfectly manicured face. The tall, luxurious walls of the metal box was no place for the onslaught that was about to reach our noses. The silent but deadly poof of gas that had expelled itself out of my pug’s tiny bottom had started its attack. We were packed in like sardines. There was no escaping it. In a fifty story building, we were on our way up to 47 but still only at 25. We had a long way to go. I saw people scrunching their noses up, their faces filled with absolute disgust, their eyes watering from the deadly gas. All I could think was, I hope they didn’t think it came from me.

Did we have you thoroughly engaged?

We have a very special day coming up at Bellmere State School. One of our Year Six students, Cherokee Best, is taking up the brave challenge to shave her head for the ‘Shave For a Cure’ charity. We all have so many unfortunate connections to those with cancer, so we thought we would get behind this fundraiser and support Cherokee at the same time. With this in mind, we would like to support Cherokee in her challenge to raise money for this very worthy cause. There will be donation boxes placed in each classroom across the school if you wish to donate over the next 2 weeks. Cherokee will be shaving her head on the 15th of March at 2.30pm. Any students wanting to watch need to bring a gold coin donation. Please hop on board and support Cherokee on her quest to help cure cancer.
HIPPY Information Session

**When:** March 16th  
**Time:** 2:15-3pm  
**Where:** the Resource Centre

Come along to hear Cathy from HIPPY Caboolture. Cathy will be coming to do a session on Home Interaction Program For Parents and Youngsters

- A **free** two year program  
- Ages 4-5 pre prep and prep year  
- Build’s self-esteem and confidence for Parent and Child  
- Helps your Child be ready for school  
- Strengthens links to your community  
- Families have fun learning together

**Free** HIPPY storybooks and activity packs for all HIPPY children to enjoy when they do the HIPPY program.

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Scholastic Book Club.......  

Thank you to those parents/carers who purchased books from the first issue of Book Club.

Your purchases earn the school rewards to assist build our library resources.

Students will be bringing home issue 2 this week with books starting from as little as $1.00.

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1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING PARENT COURSE

**Learn to manage difficult behavior in children 2-12 years of age**  

**at Bellmere Early Learning Centre**  

184 Bellmere Road, Bellmere  

**Mondays 14th and 21st of March, 9:30am - 12:30pm**

**Learn:**  
- How to discipline without arguing, yelling or shouting  
- How to set behaviour  
- How to handle challenging and testing behaviour  
- Choosing your strategy, the three choices  
- Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour  
- 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour

**Parents will receive:**  

**Registration Fee:**  

Free course – unfortunately children cannot attend these sessions.

Register for this course by contacting Sue Kinsler and Liz Gandy on 5428 1477

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Advertisements

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Bellmere State School  
Community Play Group

Children from 0-5 years and their parents, carers & grandparents are welcome to join our Community Playgroup.

We will have music time with Miss Amy, story time with Miss Liz, and play time with Miss Kris.

We will have guest speakers throughout the year.

This is a place where you can build new friendships, share your experiences and be involved in the School Community.

**Where:** Bellmere State School Q Block  
**When:** Commences 16th March and runs every Monday except School Holidays & Public Holidays

**Time:** 9am-11am

**What to Bring:** Hat, water bottle, your own Morning Tea is a must.

Contact Robyn on 5428 0807 (Bellmere State School / Main Office)

Parent & Care - Hand in Hand Together

Limited spaces – phone 54980666 to book your place
New fantastic school holiday program now running for disengaging 11-16 year olds.

Very important new opportunity - Please read to end.
Veterans 4 Youth (V4Y) is a NEW school holiday program run by Veterans for youth aged 11 to 16 years to correct their negative attitudes and to teach them to handle the challenges of life so they can grow to integrate with society and become responsible young adults.

We use trained military veterans to run our courses. We have found that children seem to show veterans a level of respect that they don’t normally show to parents, teachers, or even the law. This gives us a unique advantage to get through to them. Perhaps it’s the ‘warrior ethos’, or maybe it’s just the down to earth and practical approach we take. The V4Y Life Ammo Course is a 12-day residential camp based on the military ethos of self-discipline; teamwork; moral and physical courage; and self-worth. V4Y camps are designed to provide a challenging, fun, and educational environment whereby adolescents can connect to, or reconnect with:

1. A structured value system.
2. A respect for themselves and others.
3. A sense of self-worth and confidence.
4. An ability to participate fully as part of a team.
5. An attitude of resilience.
6. An attitude of personal responsibility based in an understanding of consequence.
7. An understanding of, and desire for physical health and well-being.
8. An ability to maintain and care for their personal effects and possessions and contribute to the care of communal environments.

The V4Y camp experience will bring positive change - graduates will become more confident in acting as individuals and part of a team, and be better able to make values based decisions which allow them to contribute as members of their families, peer-groups, schools and wider community.

In order to achieve these objectives, the camp consists of learning and experiences that fall under six key learning areas (KLA).

1. Values and Ethics
2. Self Worth and Confidence
3. Teamwork
4. Responsibility
5. Resilience
6. Health and Well-Being

Our camps are designed for the “average” 11-16yo who might lack self-confidence; be disobedient, disrespectful, or rude; or prioritise computer games or social media above their homework or jobs around home.

They are NOT suitable for highly troubled teens who might be addicted, involved with the Juvenile Justice system, have a history of violence, or who have any form of mental issues. We will also have to restrict entry to any youth who requires large volumes of drugs to control their behaviour. This is a ‘very’ early intervention course only.

Next Course Dates:
Course 2-16 (QLD/VIC/NT holidays): Tues 29 Mar 16 to Sat 9 Apr 16
Course 3-16 (NSW/ACT/WA/TAS/SA holidays): Tues 12 Apr 16 to Sat 23 Apr 16

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
www.v4y.com.au

Testimonial
"We sent our son on the January 2016 “Life Ammo” course. We’ve done plenty of other things before to try and help calm his behaviour – including bringing a behaviour management specialist into the home for intense therapy for a three-month period – but nothing worked as well as this has. For my son, it was the whole structure and routine which worked well for him. Knowing that he would have to get up in the morning, exercise and get into that repetitive routine was really important. The camp built his confidence too. This is a child who would live with his Xbox 24/7. The fact he went two weeks without it showed him that he doesn’t need it to survive. I’m so impressed with the impact that two weeks made.” - Teresa Irvine

Contact details:
1300 874 034 or email: info@v4y.com.au

Thank you for your support. Together we WILL make a difference!

Daimien Patterson
Founder