

# **Bell Park North B's – Putting the Buzz into Learning program**

This year started exceptionally smoothly at Bell Park North Primary school with our classes commencing the new **Bell Park North B's – Putting the Buzz into Learning** program.

Children and teachers worked 'like busy bees' beginning the process of developing agreed routines for their class and discussing the different ways individuals within a group can help themselves and others have a great year. The start of school year program included regular healthy snack breaks, 'brain buzzes', group tasks and a whole school fitness program.

The focus for us at school during these first 10 days was on developing positive relationships with each other. Educators know that children learn best when they are in a safe, secure, encouraging and stimulating environment. The 10 day program "Putting the Buzz into Learning" establishes an environment for this to happen most effectively.

All members of the group, class or school has a responsibility to work together in a cooperative and supportive manner. This means that whilst children are supported to make wise and sensible choices, they are also expected to take responsibility, in keeping with their age and readiness, for the choices they make in class and in the yard each day.

Over the year classes will revisit the values that are especially important to their class and to the school. The whole school values for 2007 are:

Term 1 Care & Compassion

Term 2 Doing your Best

Term 3 Responsibility

Term 4 Freedom

Bees are an organised and productive community with different bees fulfilling different roles. We learn that we each have a contribution to make to our school and wider community and like the bee colony we bring different skills to our communities. We may be different but we each have an important and interrelated contribution to make for the success and productivity of our school community.