

“AIM HIGH”

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Term Dates for 2008

7th April – 27th June
14th July – 19th September
5th October – 19th December

Dates to remember:

25th April – ANZAC Day
28th April – Curriculum Day
29th April – Bush Dance
1st May – Parents' Morning Tea
22nd May – Open Afternoon
21st May – Zone Cross Country
9th June – Queen's Birthday Holiday
17th/19th June –
Parent/Teacher Interviews
18th June – Senior/Mid Sports
20th June – Junior Sports
27th June – End of Term 2

Parent involvement at our school:

One of our school aims is to encourage parent involvement in their child's education as much as possible to form a home – school partnership in learning. By being involved in attending student centred interviews, being a parent helper or participating in working bees and school council are a few ways you can be involved.

Currently the Preps are focusing on a language experience program, which uses expertise of parents to stimulate students' learning. Monday was a fine example of this, with the Russell family bringing their farm to school! The Preps enjoyed learning about all the different products their farm produces. The visiting farm animals, including the sheep and chickens, and the farm motor bikes were a big hit. THANK YOU Kathy and Tony Russell for taking the time to do this for our students. The Preps are looking forward to future presentations by parents, including medical science, horses, cooking, Police, Japanese and Information Technology.

Currently the Senior Learning Unit is asking parents to nominate as parent helpers. A note has gone home outlining the roles you would be given. We encourage all parents of students in the Senior Learning Unit to consider this opportunity to be involved in the classroom program as it helps develop a greater understanding of the program and the students benefit from your additional help. As always, a BIG thank you to all of our Parent Helpers across all units for your ongoing support.

Parent Morning Tea:

Each month we plan to have an open morning from 9 – 10 in the staff room for parents to join Jane Warren and Chris Eddy for cuppa! The idea is an opportunity to have a chat and network with other parents. Feel welcome to join us on Thursday, 1st May.

Mrs Julie Thomas is retiring after more than 20 years of teaching at Bellaire!

Next Thursday (24th April) will be Mrs Thomas's last day before taking long service leave that will lead into her retirement. Mrs Thomas is well known to many of our families having taught across the school over a twenty year period. We will be celebrating her significant contribution to our school and all of her great teaching in a presentation at our assembly next Thursday (prior to the ANZAC Day public holiday). We encourage all families to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Thomas prior to her last day.

Assembly next week will be at 3:00 on Thursday, 24th April due to ANZAC Day on the Friday.

District Cross County at Barwon Valley Fun Park:

Wishing all of our representatives from Bellaire an enjoyable and successful day tomorrow at the District Cross Country. Students will assemble at the assembly area (under cover) at 9:30 and leave on the bus at 9:45am. Students will return to school at approximately 12:15pm. 60 students will be representing Bellaire.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK		
		AWARDED FOR:
PREP B	Sheldon	For being organised in the mornings and helping a new friend in Prep B
PREP C	Keeley	For working hard all week. Congratulations Keeley on such a great start to term 2!
PREP F	Tom	For being organised and ready to start each school day. Well done, Tom!
PREP S	Clayton	For his growing confidence to contribute to class discussions. Keep it up, Clayton!
JUNIOR L	Ruby	For her excellent understanding of adding small money amounts.
JUNIOR B	Stuart	For his persistence and improvement in all areas.
JUNIOR S	Sophie	For fantastic work efforts and always being a wonderful student!
JUNIOR J	Benjamin	For approaching all classroom activities with confidence and enthusiasm.
JUNIOR W	Maggie	For the fantastic journal and homework she completed while on holidays.
JUNIOR H	Ethan	For his fantastic efforts with the bush dance. Well done Ethan.
JUNIOR G	Lachlan	For his excellent reading and comprehension of texts.
JUNIOR M	Kayla	For always having a go during writing time. Well done!
MIDDLE B	Skyler	For being an outstanding mathematical student this week.
MIDDLE C	David	For using time out of school to create objects for our new DKU topic.
MIDDLE V	Michael	For always trying his best and for being a hard worker!
MIDDLE A	Sean	For being organised and ready to work all week.
MIDDLE K	Neive	For confidently sharing her THRASS knowledge with the class.
MIDDLE L	Meg	For her enthusiastic and hard working start to the new term. Well done, Meg!
SENIOR H	Mikayla	For trying hard to be organised all week.
SENIOR K	Sean	For making some great contributions to discussions and showing terrific concentration in workshops this week.
SENIOR B	Tim	For excellent detail included in his graphic organiser.
SENIOR C	Louis	For consistently having a positive attitude.
SENIOR M	Chantelle	For her creative DKU work in Term 1.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Bellaire Equestrian Team.

Results of Geelong College Dressage competition held 13th April 2008

(Second leg of the series)

Bellaire Primary School finished 4th from 27 Schools (Both Primary and Secondary). The first three schools were Geelong Grammar, Geelong College and Kardinia International College

Bellaire Primary School finished first in the Primary School Section.

Sarah - 2nd

Jessica - 5th

Lachlan - 3rd

Team standings after round two.

Bellaire Primary School are currently leading the primary school section.

Bellaire Primary School are currently 3rd overall. This includes all 27 schools competing and all age groups.



READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed the Reading Challenge:

Caitlin, Caleb, Tegan, Montana, Brianna, Lane, Tegan, Sophie, Isaac Zac Lola, Hayley. Well done to them all!

TENNIS LESSONS

Tennis Coaching with Tony Brushfield will commence on Monday 21st April for a 7 week term @ \$70.00.

Telephone enquiries- call Tony on 52440040 or 0408524898.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

We ask that all Entertainment Books could be paid for or returned to school asap.

BOOK CLUB –

All orders for Issue 3 Book Club should be returned to school no later than Tuesday April 29th.

ASTHMA PLANS – if you were sent a letter requesting a 2008 Asthma Plan for your child, could you please return the plan to the school office as soon as possible.

FUNDRAISER

for the

Guthrie Family

Auction Night

Saturday, 3rd May 7:00 pm

Geelong Racing Club \$20 per person
Contact Kellie on 0431288548 or Michelle on 0407318215 for more information

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA) cheques are now available for collection from the school office. If you wish to allocate your cheque or the schools portion to pay for fees, camps, swimming etc – please contact the school office to discuss as soon as possible.

FUN RUN

If any students still have Fun Run Sponsorship money to be returned to school, could you please do so asap so that this fundraiser can be finalised.

**DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY
THURSDAY 17TH APRIL**

BELLAIRE BUSH DANCE

**KD STEWART CENTRE
DEAKIN UNIVERSITY**

Pigdon Rd, Waurin Ponds

**Tuesday 29th April
7-9pm**

COST: \$10 per family

**Purchase your ticket at
the door**

BYO water

(no alcohol or food permitted)

*Please note change of
venue for this year's
bush dance.*



BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL

**An Opening Evening for all
Grade 6 Students and Parents
will be held on Tuesday May
20th 2008**

**Interested Parents of Grade 5
students are welcome to attend.**

Tours: 6.00-7.00pm
*Meet at the flag pole in
Rotherham Street*

Presentation: 7.00 – 7.45pm
In the School Gymnasium

Tours: 7.45 – 8.30pm

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