

## Principal Team Column EDUCATION WEEK

**“AIM HIGH”**

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#### **Term Dates for 2008**

7<sup>th</sup> April – 27<sup>th</sup> June  
14<sup>th</sup> July – 19<sup>th</sup> September  
5<sup>th</sup> October – 19<sup>th</sup> December

#### **Dates to remember:**

**19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> May** –  
Education Week  
**20<sup>th</sup> May – 9-11am**- Open  
Morning for new families  
**22<sup>nd</sup> May** – Open Afternoon  
for Bellaire families  
**28<sup>th</sup> May** – Zone Cross  
Country  
**9<sup>th</sup> June**- Queen’s Birthday  
Holiday  
**17<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> June** –  
Parent/Teacher Interviews  
**18<sup>th</sup> June** – Senior/Mid Sports  
**20<sup>th</sup> June** – Junior Sports  
**27<sup>th</sup> June** – End of Term 2

This week we celebrate the myriad of programs, experiences and interactions that take place in schools every day.

Yesterday we welcomed new families to the school for an Open Morning from 9 -11. This was an opportunity to show these families all the positive features of our school and to give them a little information about the projects we are working on that will enhance the educational opportunities for all the Bellaire students.

#### **OPEN AFTERNOON**

On **Thursday afternoon 2:30 – 3:30** we are hoping to see many parents, grandparents, family and friends to come along to school and visit our classrooms. Each class will continue with their regular class program and families are welcome to join in. We also encourage families to visit the Library and specialist classes as well. **Seniors will be at Art, French, PE and Computer lab. If your child is in the SLU please ask them or check their timetable on their blog to see which lesson they have at this time. Preps will be in their regular classrooms.**

We look forward to sharing the celebration of Education Week with our school community.

#### **PUBLICITY**

It has been great to see photos of students in the local newspapers. We are always proud of the achievements of students and the way that they and their families are committed to education.

Keep your eyes open for further pictures in the newspaper this week.

#### **YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE**

On Monday, the School Captains, School Vice Captains, Sports Captains and Sports Vice Captains attended a conference at the Geelong Football Club. They worked in small workshop groups with young leaders from other schools to develop their leadership skills under the guidance of Principals from throughout the Barwon South Network.

They learnt about what makes a good leader, how to conduct meetings, how to organise events, getting to know people and lots more.

They enjoyed a special lunch and were inspired with talks from three different readers.

All students represented themselves and their school in a positive way and we hope that what they learnt will benefit the entire school. Congratulations on the excellent “team construction.”

#### **Innovation in Education Show Case last Friday:**

Both Mrs Warren and Ms Eddy represented Bellaire PS at this event last week. We gave two presentations on the work we are doing in ‘personalising learning’ in the SLU. We also saw speakers from other schools and interstate present on amazing innovations in using technology to engage students. It was also terrific to see many other schools are designing flexible learning spaces, such as ours, to further engage their students in learning.

<b>STUDENT OF THE WEEK</b>		
		<b>AWARDED FOR:</b>
<b>PREP B</b>	Montana	For always being organised to begin the school day and her amazing detail and colour in her drawings.
<b>PREP C</b>	Isabella	For being such an organised and focussed worker who always tries her best. Well done, Isabella!
<b>PREP F</b>	Abigail	For trying very hard to complete her work on time. Well done, Abigail!
<b>PREP S</b>	Meg	For having the confidence to get organised by herself each morning. Keep it up, Meg!
<b>JUNIOR L</b>	Eneko	For using his time effectively and completing set tasks.
<b>JUNIOR B</b>	Cassidy	For trying hard to use her time effectively.
<b>JUNIOR S</b>	Grace	For fantastic writing and maths!
<b>JUNIOR J</b>	Bronte	For being a kind and helpful class member of Junior J.
<b>JUNIOR W</b>	Isaac	For working hard this week to get himself organised quickly when starting something new.
<b>JUNIOR H</b>	Bree	For using great strategies when reading a more difficult book.
<b>JUNIOR G</b>	Saskia	For her comprehensive journal of her holiday.
<b>JUNIOR M</b>	Tegan	For fantastic shapes book in the computer lab.
<b>MIDDLE B</b>	Jonty	For his outstanding effort in all areas of schooling!!
<b>MIDDLE C</b>	Emily	For working hard all week on her handwriting and achieving her pen licence.
<b>MIDDLE V</b>	Sam	For showing a big improvement in her writing, and for achieving her writing goals!
<b>MIDDLE A</b>	Belinda	For her friendliness and persistence in class.
<b>MIDDLE K</b>	Keeley	For her creativity and original ideas on her DKU poster about Earth.
<b>MIDDLE L</b>	Justin	For being a helpful and friendly class member and assisting other students with their work.
<b>SENIOR H</b>	Eliza	For her fantastic maths project.
<b>SENIOR K</b>	Josh	For keeping up an excellent and very well organised Passion Project Blog. A fantastic example to all!
<b>SENIOR B</b>	Hayley	For having a positive attitude in all subject areas.
<b>SENIOR C</b>	Paige	For her hard work in DKU and her helpful and positive attitude.
<b>SENIOR M</b>	Mikaela	For her friendly and positive attitude in the SLU.

## JOINING THE CHORUS

Do you have the talent to sing or perform your specialty act in front of 8,500 people, centre stage at Vodafone Arena in September?

Do you want to shine in Victoria's largest performance event?

Victorian government school students are invited to audition for the Victorian State Schools Spectacular 2008.

Open auditions for solo vocalists and specialty acts are being held on Saturday 31 May.

Contact JOINING the CHORUS on (03) 9637 3906 to register and find out more.

## The Parents Victoria Online Conference 2008

website will open from 6am on 26 May at: <http://www.cybertext.net.au/pv/> but please register yourself online first at <http://www.cybertext.net.au/pv08.htm>

The conference will feature seven 'live' daily online discussions, each of them hosted, for several hours each day, by a member of Parents Victoria, expert staff from the Department for Education and Early Childhood Development or the Victorian Parents Council. Each 24-hour period will focus on a topic that is currently of concern to parents.

We encourage our families to look at the updated school website:

[www.bellaireps.vic.edu.au](http://www.bellaireps.vic.edu.au)

Look in 'What's News' for the latest news at Bellaire!

## UNIFORM SHOP – Monday 8.45-9.15am and Friday 3.15-3.45pm

Winter scarves are now available \$5.00 (bottle green polar fleece) and also girls winter tights are available at a cost of \$10.00.

## ATTENTION- ALL YEAR 6 Students and their families

*An important letter came home last week with information about enrolling in Secondary School in 2009. PLEASE read this information carefully.*

*Information Sessions are Belmont High – 20<sup>th</sup> May  
Grovedale College – 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
Matthew Flinders – 7<sup>th</sup> May  
Oberon High- 26<sup>th</sup> May  
All State Secondary Schools  
Information Sessions and more details are listed in this form.*

*Information sessions for other secondary schools – please contact the school directly.*

## Please note the change to page No. 3 of the parents pack of the Transition documentation.

In the case of Matthew Flinders Girls Secondary College, students residing within the school's designated neighbourhood area will be given priority, followed by students with an older sibling already enrolled and attending the school and other students as selected by ballot.

Belmont High School, Bellarine Secondary College and Matthew Flinders Girls Secondary College also offer accredited Accelerated Learning Programs (ALP) where students selected for these programs are included as part of the Year 7 placement process.

Every effort will be made to ensure that the great majority of students will obtain placement in the secondary school of their first preference.

Please ensure your form is returned by the due date.

**IF YOUR CHILD DIDN'T RECEIVE A FORM – PLEASE CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER ASAP.**

## READING CHALLENGE

Great to see so many Senior students adding to their list of books read for the Challenge. The challenge is to get ALL students to complete the Reading Challenge.

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

Jessica, Cameron, Emily, Lewis, Tara, Aaron, Bailey, Ethan, Hannah, Zac, Emily. Well done to those students.

## STUDENT CENTRED INTERVIEWS

Please note that they will be held on Tuesday, 17<sup>h</sup> June and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Pop these dates in your diary.

## 30 YEAR REUNION

I am organising a 30 year Bellaire reunion for those students in Grade 6 in 1978. Please email me on [kasey@bigaustralia.com.au](mailto:kasey@bigaustralia.com.au)

Kasey Drayton

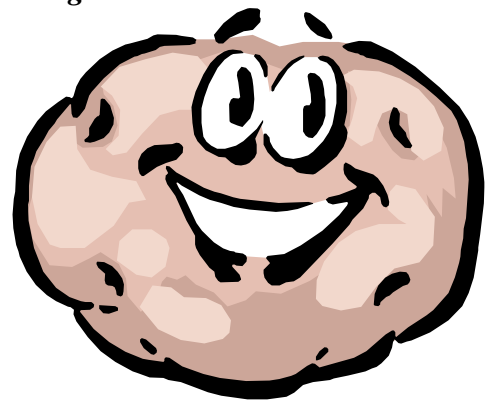
## CANTEEN

### Special for the month of MAY

Baked Potato and a bottle of water  
\$3.50.

You can Choose from the following fillings:-

*low fat grated cheese;  
coleslaw;  
sour cream;  
bolognese sauce*



## READING CHALLENGE

Last week Gayle Tierney MLC and author, Michael Panckridge visited the school as ambassadors for the Premier's Reading Challenge. Several students presented their thoughts about reading –

**Teagan, Mikaylah and Imogen East** prepared an acrostic poem to share on the day:

**R**eading is fun  
**E**xciting stories to be found  
**A**lways something new to learn or discover  
**D**oing the Reading Challenge is cool  
**I** like reading snuggled up in bed  
**N**othing is better than a book  
**G**reat stories let your imagination go wild.

**Skyler** spoke beautifully:

My name is Skyler. I am 9 years old and in grade 4. This is my second year completing the Reading Challenge. During my first year I felt a little overwhelmed by what I thought was a large number of books to read in a short period of time. Because of this I felt that I had to read fast and I didn't really enjoy the books. I also picked the books that were the shortest rather than the ones that I would have found the most interesting. Nevertheless I completed the Challenge and I do believe that I gained from it. My experience this year has been completely different. I started the Challenge in early February and I chose books that appealed to me rather than ones that I would finish in the quickest time. I go to bed every night and read for as long or as little as I like and I don't feel any need to rush the books. I have learnt that reading can take me to another land very different to my own. Once I start reading a book, I can't take my eyes off it until the book ends or I fall asleep. Thanks to the Reading Challenge I now love to read and couldn't imagine a day without curling up in my bed and going to my different land.