

“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:

28th 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

EDUCATION WEEK

It was fantastic to see so many parents and particularly grandparents who visited students in their classrooms last week. Students were very proud to show their achievements to their families and to introduce them to the teachers and friends.

NATIONAL AWARDS FOR QUALITY SCHOOLING

Next week, Mrs Warren and Ms Eddy will be in Canberra to accept an Excellence in School Improvement Award from Ms Julia Gillard. This is a national award sponsored by the Federal Government and recognises innovative and effective practices in schools. It has been great that Bellaire has been recognised for the wonderful achievements that have been achieved recently with the introduction of the Senior Learning Unit and the coaching program.

There will be an opportunity for Bellaire to take part in presentations with all other winners and hopefully we will take away some more ideas that could further refine programs in our school.

Three teachers, Blanche Cook, Nigel Holloway and Rick Kayler-Thomson, will also be going to Canberra as part of an aspiring leadership initiative organised by the Barwon South Network. They will visit schools in Canberra and also take part in the presentations from all the National Awards for Quality Schooling winners.

I am sure that they will bring back many new skills from this learning opportunity.

US STUDENT TEACHERS

Last week we had 2 student teachers from the University of Alabama USA, Holly Simpson (Prep C) and Lindsey Brown (Junior W) start their teaching experience at Bellaire. Thanks to the McCoy and Johns families who are hosting the girls during their stay in Australia. These student teachers have provided some information about themselves and is published on the back page of today’s newsletter.

CAN YOU HOST?

We have another student teacher, this time from Kentucky, USA who will be here in August. If you would enjoy the experience of having a student teacher staying in your home and helping them to have a real ‘Aussie’ experience, I would love to hear from you. They pay their board each week to you and we ask that you provide them with a room of their own and their food



PARENT MORNING TEA

Our next morning tea for parents will be held in the staffroom on **Friday 13th June** – put this date in your diaries!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK		
		AWARDED FOR:
PREP B	Tara	For identifying what 'good readers' do and stating that she can now read.
PREP C	Ella	For trying hard to concentrate and showing good listening skills. Great work, Ella!
PREP F	Isaiah	For a great effort in listening for the starting sounds in his words when writing. Well done, Isaiah!
PREP S	Luca	For working hard to hear and record all the sounds in his words when writing. Well done, Luca!
JUNIOR L	Sharnah	For her excellent improvement in reading.
JUNIOR B	Olivia	For working really hard towards achieving her learning goals.
JUNIOR S	Campbell	For his hardworking attitude in Junior S!
JUNIOR J	Roth	For being organised to begin the school day.
JUNIOR W	Emily	For working hard in class and always doing her best work.
JUNIOR H	Rachel-Lee	For her outstanding efforts in class discussions.
JUNIOR G	Tully	For using her knowledge of the THRASS chart to solve tricky words.
JUNIOR M	Kyle	For his hard work during maths this weel. Great effort, Kyle!
MIDDLE B	Macie	For always giving her best in class!
MIDDLE C	Aidan	For continually being organised to start each day. Well done Aidan!
MIDDLE V	Zoe	For showing excellent organisation and persistence in all areas!
MIDDLE A	Jacob	For being a friendly, helpful member of our class.
MIDDLE K	Andoni	For his concentration and effort during writing.
MIDDLE L	Aberdeen	For working hard in writing and achieving her writing goals. Well done, Aberdeen!
SENIOR H	Meredith	For her fantastic maths project.
SENIOR K	Brittany	For showing real confidence in reading workshops this week and for working hard on her reading goals. Great performance, Britt!
SENIOR B	Eryn	For being persistent with her goals and for approaching tasks with determination.
SENIOR C	Dylan	For fantastic work on his DKU project.
SENIOR M	Claire	For a positive attitude towards her school work.

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.

Parents Victoria Online Conference 2008 26 May to 1 June

The Parents Online Victoria Online Conference 2008 is now in its second day. Log on to the conference website (at no cost) at:

<http://www.cybertext.net.au/pv/>
PRIZES FOR PARTICIPATION – BUT REGISTER FIRST, PLEASE

An interactive whiteboard will be won by the Victorian government school with the greatest number of registered participants commenting on the message boards on Day 3 (Wednesday 28 May). A second whiteboard will be won by the Parents Victoria member school with the greatest number of registered participants commenting on the message boards throughout the entire conference. In order to be eligible to win the prizes, parents must register themselves online (before participating in the message boards) - indicating the name of their child's school - at: <http://www.cybertext.net.au/pv08.htm>

THURSDAY 29 MAY: 'Should canteens sell only healthy food? How does your canteen rate?'

Hosted by Sharron Healy, Parents Victoria, from 10am to 11.30am and 8.30 pm to 10pm

FRIDAY 30 MAY: 'What do you think could be done to improve family/school partnerships? Do you have examples of good practice?'

Hosted by Jo Silver, Victorian Parents Council, from 9.30am to 11.30am & 1.30pm to 2.30pm

PARKING AT SCHOOL TIMES

The following is an excerpt from that leaflet which explains the Kiss and Drop Zone in Larcombe Street.

'NO STOPPING' VERSUS 'NO PARKING'

No Stopping means **NO STOPPING** at all – even if you are letting someone out of the car, and regardless of whether you leave the engine running and stay in the car.

NO PARKING a driver must not stop on a length of road or in an area to which a no parking sign applies, **unless** the driver is dripping off or picking up, passengers or goods. The driver can not leave the vehicle unattended and must complete the stop within 2 minutes or in accordance with what the sign indicates.

The following appeals would not be considered valid reasons for withdrawal of parking infringements:

No Stopping

- I only stopped to let my passenger out.
- I only stopped for 2 mins.

No Parking

- I only left my vehicle to get my passengers or retrieve the goods.

Also could parents please consider the residents in the neighbouring streets surrounding Bellaire especially in Amberley Court - when parking **PLEASE DO NOT park across residents' driveways** – you will be booked

There are still some parents parking in the school yard before and after school – this is really not acceptable and it endangers the safety of our students.

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: Annalise, Xavie Paige Holly, Adam, Freya Georgia Ben, Well done to those students.

STUDENT CENTRED INTERVIEWS

Please note that Student Centred Interviews will be held on Tuesday, 17th June and Thursday 19th June. Pop these dates in your diary.

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*

MIDDLE UNIT FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A WORKING BEE THIS SUNDAY 1ST JUNE 2008 – 9.00AM-11.00AM

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.

WEBSITE

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

www.bellaireps.vic.edu.au

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

US STUDENT TEACHERS

HOLLY SIMPSON

My name is **Holly Simpson** and I am a student teacher from The University of Alabama in America. I am completing my degree in Elementary (Primary) Education. I am very excited for the opportunity to complete my educational training with Bellaire. I have a passion for teaching and feel this experience will benefit my future classroom role. Back in Alabama I enjoy travelling, cooking and collecting children's books.

LINDSEY BROWN

Hello Bellaire students, teachers and parents. My name is Lindsey Brown, I am 22 years old and I am a student teacher from the University of Alabama. I travelled from the United States to complete my degree in education. I am currently teaching in Mr Andrew Whiteside's classroom. I am also living with the McCoy family. Their three young children Holly, Mitchell and Emily, attend Bellaire.

At home it is hard to find free time. However, I do enjoy spending time with my family and friends. I love the outdoors. I enjoy camping, fishing and hiking. I also love travelling to new places and working with under privileged children and families. I have travelled to Mexico four times to build homes for different families. In March of this year, I also travelled to Jamaica to work with an all boys orphanage, to rebuild damaged facilities, as well as to teach the boys who lived there.

I arrived in Geelong on May 14th and I have loved every minute. I hope to learn more about the Australian culture, as well as the education while I am in Australia. I am enjoying teaching at Bellaire and look forward to meeting and working with the students, teachers and parents!.

Sincerely

Miss Lindsey Brown

CITY OF GREATER GEELONG SAFESTART PROJECT

Childhood injury prevention course - Tuesday 24th June, 1st & 8th July 6-9pm

Held at Ariston House - 245 Pakington Street, Newtown

This course was developed to advise parents about the importance of preventing injuries to their children. Injuries to children aged 0-8 is the leading cause of child death and 2nd most common reason children are admitted to hospital.

The course incorporates childhood injury prevention strategies, home safety and Paediatric-Based First Aid with a focus on childhood injury and illness. The course is completed over 3 weeks. An important learning experience for all families with young children. **Cost \$25 per person or \$40 per couple.** All participants receive free home safety products, an information package and course notes.

A certificate for first aid is also awarded. Supper is provided weekly.

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