

“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:

17th/19th June – Student
Centred Interviews
18th June – Senior/Mid Sports
20th June – Prep/ Junior Sports
27th June – End of Term 2

SPORTS

We had two very big days of sporting competitions last week.

On Wednesday all **Middle** and **Senior** students competed in track and field events at Landy Field. With such large groups to get through all events, we were thankful to those parents who volunteered their time to assist. Without the assistance of these parents the events would not have taken place as efficiently. At the end of the day on Wednesday, scores for the four Houses were very close. It all came down to the final events – the 200metres. These races took place on the oval on Friday and the winning House was announced at assembly:

- Strickland 153.39
- Landy 153.16
- Cuthbert 141.75
- Elliott 127.24

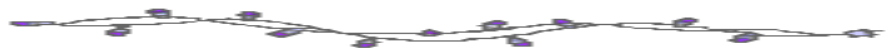
Congratulations to Strickland for winning by less than one point!

Points were awarded throughout the sports for examples of good sportsmanship. This year the sportsmanship scores were:

- Cuthbert 33
- Strickland 30
- Elliott 21
- Landy 20

Congratulations to Cuthbert House!

Thanks to Sarah Jeffreys for all her organisation of such a mammoth event; to Abbey Howard for her assistance; to all the parents who helped throughout the day; to all the teachers and students teachers for their organising of the events; to all the students who competed with such good sportsmanship;...and to the clever person who organised the Coffee Van to be there to provide a much needed hot cuppa throughout the day!



On Friday, the **Prep** and **Junior** classes held their sports on the oval and terrace. Students competed in their Houses in events such as the sack race, the obstacle course, soccer kick and long jump.

The main emphasis for these younger students was participating and having fun – and they were certainly doing that! It was a real carnival atmosphere with many parents and grandparents watching and cheering the students as they competed.

Thanks to Jodi Schulz for her organisation of the Prep/Junior sports and to all the teachers who conducted such fun activities with the students.

A special thank you to Noreen McGrath and her helpers who provided a warming cuppa for all spectators on Friday.

STUDENT CENTRED INTERVIEWS

Thanks to all the parents who participated so enthusiastically in the student centred interviews last week. Students have worked hard to achieve many goals throughout this first half of the year.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK		
		AWARDED FOR:
PREP B	Laura	For being organised in her Student Centred Interview and always trying her best. Well done, Laura!
PREP C	Georgia	For doing a great job in preparing and conducting her Student Centred Interview. Well done, Georgia!
PREP F	Zoe	For her confident presentation of her Student Centered Interview. Well done, Zoe!
PREP S	Samuel	For his improved writing. Samuel has tried hard to use finger spaces and reread his own writing.
JUNIOR L	Nathaneal	For his excellent preparation and organisation of his Student Centred Interview.
JUNIOR B	Jocelyn	For being a fantastic scientist during the CSIRO incursion.
JUNIOR S	Sam	For impressing the socks off his mum at his Student Centred Interview!
JUNIOR J	Noah	For being a kind and caring friend to everyone in Junior J.
JUNIOR W	Kyle	For working hard and catching up on his Student Centred Interview preparation. Great effort, Kyle!
JUNIOR H	Jonathan	For his outstanding interview.
JUNIOR G	Sian	For her neat work and taking the time to complete tasks well.
JUNIOR M	Josh	For being a hardworking member of Junior M and always putting the chairs down in the morning.
MIDDLE B	Gasim	For excellent participation on Athletics day!
MIDDLE C	Jessica	For using a confident voice when presenting her work at Student Centred Interviews.
MIDDLE V	Molly	For excellent effort across all areas of her learning!
MIDDLE A	Stella	For her persistence and sportsmanship at the sports.
MIDDLE K	Laura	For her enthusiasm and encouragement of others on our Athletics day at Landy Field.
MIDDLE L	Jack	For his enthusiastic participation on Athletics day. Well done, Jack!
SENIOR H	Evangeline	For a fantastic effort at sports day.
SENIOR K	Fraser	For displaying genuine sportsmanship at the Athletics Carnival this week. Keep up the great attitude Fraser!
SENIOR B	Cameron	For his enthusiasm, determination and persistence in the school Athletics.
SENIOR C	Isaac	For a fantastic DKU presentation and having a great attitude to everything he does. Well done, Isaac!
SENIOR M	Tom	For having a great conference!



SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC

Where: Wandana Heights Tennis Club.

When: Monday July 7th through till Wednesday July 9th.

Cost: \$45.00 per child

Enquiries: Phone Tony Brushfield on 5244 0040 or 0408 524 898.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is opened every Monday morning 8.45-9.15am and every Friday afternoon from 3.15 – 3.45pm.

SOCIAL CLUB BOOKS

Our Social Club Books have arrived and are at the office ready for collection. Thanks to all the families that supported this fundraiser.

LITTER AWARENESS

Hello, I'm Zac (S/M) and I am talking to you about the amount of litter in our school. If we don't decrease the amount of litter then our school will lose its reputation of being a safe school and visitors will be disgusted if they see our school yard so dirty. Besides would you like to see our school yard so dirty? Believe me, I wouldn't. Did you know that plastic bags last up to 1000 years until they decompose! A dirty school yard is also very smelly, and the school yard looks ugly. It will also be dangerous for Mother Nature by little animals choking on our NO GOOD dirty rubbish and dangerous for us! Although we are trying to help the litter problem we need you to help us as well.

We will organise a cleanest area event, the cleanest area we provide for each unit will win weekly! Seniors will have the bike racks and the senior playground, preps have their playground and the sandpits, the juniors will have the eating table area and the senior deck and finally the middles will have the senior basketball courts, the grass eating area and the middle portable deck. **PLEASE DON'T LITTER IN BELLAIRE!!!!**

CASUAL DRESS DAY!

**Last day of term 2
27th June 2008**

It has come around again – this term's casual dress day! This term we have decided to go a bit backwards. Students have the opportunity to come dressed in their casual clothes, however, as it is backwards day – let's wear our clothes BACKWARDS! This term we are raising money for the Royal Children's Hospital. Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation to support this charity. Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate footwear for the playground.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Isaac and Hayley who competed in the Victorian Primary School Sports Association Cross Country State Final last Friday in Bundoora. Out of all students in the state, Hayley came 7th and Isaac came 3rd. What magnificent efforts! Isaac will now go on to compete at the national level.

...and to...

Claire, Senior M, a local member of Westcoast Calisthenics, who has been selected to represent the Victorian Junior team at the upcoming National Calisthenics Championships to be held in Perth. Good luck, Claire!

WELL DONE TO YOU ALL!!

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!

READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to those who are persisting with the Reading 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: Nicola, Will, Saskia, Amy, Nathan, Ebony, Bronte. Well done to those students.

CANTEEN HELPERS NEEDED URGENTLY!!

If anybody could help in the canteen on the following days it would be greatly appreciated - Wednesdays between 9 and 11am or Friday between 12:30 and 2:30. If you can help please call Liz on 0409 861 870.

ASG INSPIRATION TEACHERS AWARDS 2008

Parents can nominate a teacher of their choice for these awards. If you think your child's teacher is exemplary in engaging community, developing resilience and/ or innovative, consider filling in a nomination form.

The prize is a trophy and a \$5,000 grant for professional learning. It is also a great way to show them how much you appreciate their hard work. Applications are available from the front office and close on the 31st July.

GAFFA

The annual Grovedale Arts Festival for All will be held on Tuesday, August 12 at Grovedale Secondary College. Selected pieces of artwork from throughout the school have been sent to the college for display. Students have been told if their artwork has been chosen. I will be on long-service leave during term 3 but more information will be in the newsletter closer to the date.

Ruth Hayes

