

**“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:

**28th 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** – Prep/ Junior Sports

**27<sup>th</sup> June** – End of Term 2

#### WEBSITE

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

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

#### PARENT MORNING TEA

Friday, June 13 at 9.00am  
in the staffroom. All  
welcome!

#### ENROLMENTS FOR 2009

We might be just beginning the month of June but already we are putting plans in place for the beginning of the 2009 school year.

In the next 6 months we will be doing some more renovations to the buildings to accommodate the students who will be moving into the Senior Learning Unit next year. The alcove near the ramps between the two buildings is going to be built in to make an additional learning space for Senior students. This should all be ready for the beginning of the 2009 school year.

At the other end of the school, we already have 50 Prep students enrolled for 2009. Ideally, we would like to have 80 Prep students in our four prep grades. At present we are accepting enrolments from families both within and beyond our boundary. Next term we will put Prep enrolments from outside our boundary on an interim list and wait until we see if we have any vacancies.

To make sure that this process is carried out efficiently, it is important that we know of all siblings who may be wanting a place in Prep next year. If your child is due to start school next year, please collect an enrolment form from the office as soon as possible.

**\*\*Please make sure that this enrolment form is returned before the end of term.\*\***

Equally, it is important that we know if your children will not be attending Bellaire next year (not the Year 6 students).

Over the next few months we will be deciding on the number of staff who will be required to cover all classes at Bellaire. Accurate enrolment figures are vital for this process to take place effectively.

#### INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

Last week the School Council approved the purchase of an additional bank of 14 Apple Mac laptop computers for the Senior Learning Unit. I’m sure that parents who have children in the SLU will have heard how versatile and user friendly these computers are, especially for multi media presentations. There has been high demand for these computers by students in the SLU and it was felt that additional computers would assist their learning. The SLU already has 10 of these computers along with 20 PC desktop computers.

The Middle Unit also saw the benefits of these computers and recently purchased 10 Macs. They are introducing students to the range of multi media programs that can be used.

The Junior Unit is trialling 10 PC laptops so that students have the option of working on the computer in whatever space is most convenient for their learning.

Technology is rapidly changing and the school, with support of the School Council, is endeavouring to provide our students with every opportunity to experience cutting edge technology.

<b>STUDENT OF THE WEEK</b>		
		<b>AWARDED FOR:</b>
PREP B	Ariana	For being organised to begin every task and including her new learning goal in her writing.
PREP C	Jack	For his brilliant work in maths! Great work with ten facts this week. Keep it up Jack!
PREP F	Ashlyn	For remembering to use her reading and writing strategies. Well done, Ashlyn!
PREP S	Sidney	For always being willing to contribute to whole class discussions. Keep it up, Sidney!
JUNIOR L	Amelia	For her excellent imagination in her story writing.
JUNIOR B	James	For his improvement in presenting his written work!
JUNIOR S	Emily	For excellent writing and trying her best in all activities.
JUNIOR J	Mitchell	For enthusiastically making his own fantastic invention. Great work, Mitch!
JUNIOR W	Rhiannon	For concentrating really hard this week and getting lots of work done.
JUNIOR H	Olivia	For sounding out difficult words. Well done Olivia!
JUNIOR G	Tenille	For working hard in writing and for writing longer texts.
JUNIOR M	Charlotte	For working hard to improve her writing and for writing a terrific narrative this week!
MIDDLE B	Kiara	For wonderful work on her shape poem!
MIDDLE C	Kimberley	For completing an excellent homework project that displayed her knowledge of the sun.
MIDDLE V	Zac	For having a fabulous attitude towards his learning and trying his best at everything he does!
MIDDLE A	Peri	For working really hard to organise himself in class.
MIDDLE K	Nicola	For always working hard and doing her best. Well done, Nicola, on all your hard work!
MIDDLE L	Stephen	For his enthusiasm and persistence in guided reading and learning centres this week. Well done, Stephen!
SENIOR H	Adam	For his organisation of the sports shed!
SENIOR K	Emily	For working hard on all her goals this week. Emily produced some great evidence of this in her conference with a quiet confidence!
SENIOR B	Molly	For her positive attitude in her conferences. Well done Molly!
SENIOR C	Dylan	For a positive and encouraging conference!
SENIOR M	Emma	For her great work on her reading goals!

## **MS Readathon Reading Relay starts June 1**

Students are invited to join the MS Readathon this June. It is not too late to participate and help change the lives of people living with multiple sclerosis (MS).

Students can ask friends or family to sponsor them for their reading from June 1 – June 30 which includes current classroom and home reading texts. The fastest way to register is online at [www.msreadathon.org.au](http://www.msreadathon.org.au) with the help of mum or dad.

Good luck to those who have registered and don't forget to collect your sponsorship. You can return your funds in July to receive your certificate and reading rewards.

For more information, visit [www.msreadathon.org.au](http://www.msreadathon.org.au) or call the State/Territory office on 1300 677 323.

### **OUT OF THE MOUTHES OF BABES!**

The Prep students have been discussing how important it is to read with lots of expression so that the listener really enjoys the story. When asked about what 'reading with expression' means, one little treasure remarked, "It sounds like music to my ears!"

What a fantastic response from someone who has only been at school for about 12 weeks!

### **BARWON ZONE CROSS COUNTRY**

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May, five Bellaire students participated in the Barwon Zone Cross Country Carnival. They were Isaac, Caitlin, Ashley, Tim and Hayley. All the students ran a great race and were very competitive. Outstanding performances were by Isaac who finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the 11 Boys and Hayley who finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the 12/13 girls. Both have qualified through to the State Cross Country Championships in June. This is a fantastic achievement and we wish them all the very best.

## **WORKING BEE**

Thanks to the following families who assisted at the Working Bee last Sunday:

Tan, Read, Thomas, Ryan, Whale, Levick, Loughnan, Patterson, Wilson, Anderson, Tizard, Ding, Cooper, Richmond, Lindros and Weaver families.

A BIG thank you to Steven Gough for co-ordinating the working bee with the assistance of the Scarlett family.

*Our school grounds look much neater this week due to weeding, sweeping, collection of litter and a clean up in the veggie patch too! Great job!*

### **HOOP TIME DAY**

On Wednesday 42 Senior students attended the McDonalds Hoop Time Basketball Carnival. Bellaire had 6 teams in total in the boys, girls, future stars and rookies divisions. All the teams put in some competitive performances and there were many highlights. We all improved in our basketball skills as the day progressed. A special thank you to parents Julie and Megan who coached teams on the day. Thank you as well to Mr Chittenden and Mrs Jeffreys for their organisation of the day.  
by Alex

### **RUGBY CARNIVAL**

Last Friday we had a senior girls and senior boys team attend the Geelong City District Rugby Carnival. We played tackle rugby so we were all very sore but it was so much fun. We have been training hard at lunchtimes with Mrs Jeffreys and Julie from Melbourne Storm, and our improved skills certainly showed today. Both teams had great wins on the day but were beaten by a very skilful Torquay team. Best players on the day were Will Sexton in the boys and Stacey Geelhoed in the girls. We have now qualified for the Barwon District Rugby Carnival. Thank you to Sally Hockey for helping on the day with coaching and organisation.

by David

## **READING CHALLENGE**

Congratulations to those who are persisting with the Reading Challenge. So far the statistics for completion are:

Prep – 26%, Year 1 – 14%  
Year 2 – 30%, Year 3 – 16%  
Year 4 – 22%, Year 5 – 14%  
Year 6 – 8%

The challenge is to get ALL students to complete the Reading Challenge. Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed the Reading Challenge: Meg, Freya, Jacob, Lillyan, Phoebe, Catriona, Jack, Isabella, Kyle, Mitchell, Emily, Nicola, Mackenzie, Molly, Hannah-Mae, Wilson, Molly, Mackenzie, Zakiah, Joshua, Holly, Michael, Zoe and Kaitlin. Well done to those students.

### **TRELOAR FAMILY**

The Bellaire school community offers its deepest sympathy to Tanya, Meredith and Ruby on the passing of their husband and father. We are all thinking of them at this very sad time.

### **PREP & JUNIOR SPORTS CARNIVAL**

The Prep & Junior Sports Carnival will be held on Friday June 20<sup>th</sup> on the school oval. The emphasis for the carnival is 'fun and participation'. We invite all parents and grandparents to attend the Sports day between 9:30 and 1pm. Followed by a Prep & Junior celebratory picnic on the oval at 1:15pm. Students are asked to wear their school shorts / tracksuit pants with a t-shirt in their house colour and appropriate footwear. We look forward to seeing all parents at the carnival to support all our Bellaire future 'sport stars'!

### **STUDENT CENTRED INTERVIEWS**

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

# WHY DO CHILDREN FIGHT?

Young children may fight or become aggressive out of frustration or anger. If they don't get what they want they can lash out and hit, throw things or start yelling. Children need to learn how to deal with their anger, what's acceptable and what's not. It's o.k. to be angry but it's not o.k. to hurt people or things when you're angry.



How children deal with frustration or anger will depend on their temperament, what is modelled for them in the home and how parents respond to their behaviour. Young children are ego-centric, that is, their world revolves around them. Therefore they can be demanding and easily upset when they don't get what they want. They don't understand sharing or how someone else might feel if they snatch a toy away.

Understanding comes with age and development but parents need to teach acceptable ways of behaving. If children are being aggressive towards another child, they usually get a reaction. The victim may cry and give up a toy or there may be immediate attention from a parent. Children like attention. Young children don't discriminate between good and bad attention, or attention for doing the right or wrong thing. If children see their parents fighting or arguing and raising their voices, then they are likely to do the same thing when they have a problem. Parents need to model that it's alright to disagree with one another but we don't have to fight and get upset about it.

How to minimize and manage fighting:

- Encourage children to play cooperatively with others by explaining the rules; be gentle; take turns and keep your hands and feet to yourself.
- Teach children how to problem solve for themselves, ask what the problem is, what each child wants and how they can compromise.
- If your child fights or becomes aggressive, act quickly and tell your child to stop hitting and play nicely. Praise them if they do as you ask.
- If the fighting doesn't stop, tell them the consequence will be quiet time/time out. Separate the children to stop the fighting.
- After quiet time/time out, allow your child to return and rejoin the activity to see if they can play co-operatively. Praise them if they can or return them to quiet time/time out if the fighting persists.

Try to be consistent in reacting to fights and remember that it takes two to have a fight, so be fair.

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## **CITY OF GREATER GEELONG SAFESTART PROJECT**

**Childhood injury prevention course - Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Contact 5227 0975 or email [safestart@geelongcity.vic.gov.au](mailto:safestart@geelongcity.vic.gov.au)**