

Term 2

- **Term Dates**

7th April-27th June

- **Athletics**

District– Thurs August 7th

Zone –Tues 16th September

Region– Fri 17th Oct

- **Debates**

Round 2 Thursday July 24th

Round 3 Thursday August 7th

Round 4 Thursday August 21st

- **University of NSW**

Maths Thursday 20th July

English Tuesday 12th August

Computer Wednesday 27th August

- **Camp**

July 30th, 31st and August 1st

This half of the term has been great! We have done so many things! One week in May some senior students went to the McDonalds Hoop Time Competition. There were six teams in the competition. One girls' team, one boys' team, two future stars and two rookies. We all had a ball and enjoyed ourselves lots. Also, the following Friday there were a group of students that went to participate in the Rugby Gala Day. There was a girls' tackle team and a boys' tackle team. The girls won their match against the Leopold tackle team. The other two matches were very close. We drew against Mandama and lost to Torquay with a score of 3 to 4. We came back with a fantastic outcome qualifying for the Barwon Zone rugby competition! This term, all students have participated in the winter interschool sports playing a sport of their choice. Every assembly the house captains have given a report for every week of the sports. The sports were football, netball, t-ball

and soccer. Everyone enjoyed participating and had a ball. Last Wednesday all senior and middle students went to Landy field to participate in our school athletic sports. Everyone had to compete in the events except for the 800 metres and 200 metres which were not compulsory. All the students had a great time and scored as many points as they could for their house. In the end Strickland (Yellow house) came first, Landy (Blue house) came second, Cuthbert (Green house) came third and Elliot (Red house) came fourth. This term all students have had the choice of changing their art, French, sport and L.T workshops. There were a range of different choices. In French all seniors had to complete (with or without a partner) an area of work which involved researching a French speaking country of their choice. We were expected to find out information ranging from maps, general information or even finding out areas of

interest in the country of your choice. In the last week of term all students were required to choose all their new workshops and specialists for term three which was very exciting. I wish everyone a happy and enjoyable holiday and hoped you enjoyed my article!

By Emily



Parents Perspective— Being a Parent Helper

Hi, I have two boys at Bellaire, Jacob in the Senior Unit and Ayden in the Middle Unit. I have been fortunate enough to be a Parent Helper from the first year that Jacob started at Bellaire in Prep and continued with Ayden's years through to Middle. I have had the pleasure to see both my boys grow and develop throughout their years of schooling. It has been a great privilege to meet and interact with their friends and watch lasting friendships increase. The couple of hours I do as a Parent Helper gives me a greater insight in to seeing how the class is organised and how the children can work independently, as a group or on their own. This is not like when I was at school, all in rows and heads down. The biggest wow factor (I guess the teachers would get this all the time) is when you're there helping and a child

“gets it” or something 'clicks' for them. You can see how proud they are of themselves, which of course makes you feel incredible. Watching the students on the computers is another eye opener. In Prep they know what they are doing, but when I get asked, can you help me, a deep breath is usually needed, and then it's pretty simple. Although as my boys progressed some of the computer questions needed a couple of deep breaths! This year I have helped in the Middle unit and travelled with the Middles for Hoop Time Training and Hoop Time. I coached the Future Stars and I also travelled with and coached the Senior Future Stars. It was amazing how well the kids played and progressively got better by the end of those days. That was very rewarding for me.

I have followed all the Senior Inter School Sports events. I scored for the cricket last term and enjoyed watching the quieter boys surprising their peers with some pretty impressive batting and fielding skills. This term I have had the privilege of being involved in the soccer team, at home and travelling on the bus for the away games. Again the boys impressed me with their team support. To have teachers from other schools say how impressed they were with our boys sportsmanship was very impressive. Although, the day I had to ref a game was a bit nerve racking but we got through it. Being a Parent Helper is a wonderful experience. If you ever get the opportunity even for just one day, whether it be on a bus trip or in the class room you will enjoy it. Thanks for the opportunity. Cheers Julie Beattie.

Josh

I am having lots of fun in Miss Brushfield's maths group. Sometimes we play maths games like when we played North South East West. I reckon I have enjoyed everything in D.K.U all year! I like the newspaper article but don't understand editorial's fully yet but I am interested with the whole idea of the newspaper. I have enjoyed the whole year so far and had made lots of new friends and created new skills to help me with school and outside school. I have had the best year of school in my whole life and I am lucky to have the best teacher in the S.L.U!!!!

Annalise

I've enjoyed being in the S.L.U and I've mad lots of friends. I've achieved lots of goals and also got my pen licence. I've found the math projects tricky but fun to do. I love being able to choose which workshop I go in and doing different things. Whenever I go to a conference I always have a good time. I think that Miss Brushfield is great. Being in Senior B is really fun and all my classmates are really nice. I've enjoyed getting the challenge and having a good time. Overall my first two terms in the S.L.U have been wonderful and I can't wait for more!

Gemma

I have achieved most of my writing goals and I have received my pen licence from Miss Brushfield. I am very happy with all my work that I have completed and all my work that im finishing. I have learnt so much about Australian history with our DKU project. I have learnt heaps of infomation about the first Trade Union and the Gold rush. I know by the end of the year I will be ready for high school. At the start of this year I thought I wasn't prepared for secondary work but now I am confident.

Byron

I love the SLU - it is so good here I think I could even live here! DKU has been fun this term. I think this term's DKU is better than last term's. I have had great friends this year and I'm fitting in very well. I really need to work on managing my homework time a bit better because I'm forgetting to get my mum to sign my diaries and I'm doing homework on the night before it is due. I have had a huge strength in reading because I've recently got a principal award for my reading goal. I'm looking forward to camp (obviously!) I love SENIORS!

Adam

I have really enjoyed this half of the year. I have accomplished a lot and I feel like I have had a boost of confidence. One of the many things that I have achieved was the Geelong College Challenge. It has provided me with a great experience that I will

remember to my dying days. My Goal for the next half of the year is to give everything 110% effort. I am looking forward to next term with running the sport shed for yet another term. I am, also looking forward to finding out if I am in Tech Wizards and if I am I will look forward to the experience.

Josh

A highlight of the year so far has probably been coming into year 6 so "smoothly". I was anxious at the start of the year to see what it would be like in year 6, with the extra responsibility and so forth, so being a grade 6 is awesome!

I am proud of being a good buddy to my buddy Trae. He is awesome, and it's not fair that we only see our buddies every 2nd week, but it's really fun. A goal for term 3 & 4 would be to get my writing neater and get my pen licence. I have enjoyed school this year! (Sounds weird doesn't it?) I think that is because I know it's my last year of primary school, so I guess I have to lap it up! All my friends are the best. Some of the grades 5s that I knew in Middle are cool, and we like to have a laugh. My main friends would be: Alex, Tom, The Hogans, Greg, Pat, Doug and heaps of others.

Emma

A highlight of this year would be getting into the Geelong College Challenge. Even though I was an emergency I still had lots of fun.

This year I would be proud of my written newspaper article I did for my writing workshop at the start of term 2. I think I put lots of good information on it and put some good powerful language in it too.

My goals for term 3 and term 4 would probably be to do different things to what my friends do. That's because in term 1 I did everything my friends wanted to do. I did want to do it but they wanted to do it more than I did.

I have enjoyed many things this semester, some of the things I enjoyed would be interschool sports, writing and many more things. I loved interschool sports because I love sport.

My friends have been ok so far this semester. I have had a few ups and downs with some of my friends but it has all gone away now. I am happy with my friends and sometimes for a change I go and play with some

of my other friends like Emily Mc, Holly, Amy and Becca.

Bethany

My improvements are that I achieved my pen licence. I have achieved a lot of goals that I couldn't get in middle so I believe that I have done really well this year. I have learnt so many things this year and I am willing to keep learning. I have learnt a lot about feelings and so much about Australian History. I have learnt a lot of new maths subjects such as Where's Wally, Base Project and Pascal's Triangle. I am really impressed with the year so far. I like all of the teachers that I have had and they have all taught me heaps. I have enjoyed so much this year, all of the timetables and the sign ups. I have enjoyed going in groups that are not just people in my grade and I have just had a great time. All the sport subjects have been great, especially Hoop Time and Interschool Sport. It has been a great privilege to go to such a great school.

Liam

I feel very honoured to be in such a big learning space that only Bellaire students get to be in but I feel sorry for all the other students at other schools and previous students that don't get to be in such a magnificent learning space. I have made huge improvements in my writing and my neatness in maths presentation and I am proud of all of these things. My favourite subjects are P.E , maths, reading, writing, L.T. and music. My friends are Jarrod, Tom and Luke. My highlights for this year are interschool sports, Pascal's Triangle and my Base Project.

Mikaela

This bit of the year has been really fun. I love how we have timetables and get to sign up for things. I have improved by getting my pen licence and achieving heaps of my goals. I absolutely love the fact that next year we get buddies. I can't wait for that! I have heaps of friends. I sometimes have fights with them but then we always solve it. I like it how we have Hooptime and I like all the sports Mrs Jeffreys chooses. I have been so excited to do interschool sport in the last couple of years and now I can do it. Miss Murfitt is a great teacher and so are all the others. I really like the SLU. It is heaps of fun. I love how we can sit in different places and how we have different teachers. I have learnt heaps of things and know so much more. I like it how there are 50 questions in our timetable list. So I have had heaps of fun and that's the truth!!!

Term 3 Overview

	Reading	Writing	Maths
Week 1 14-18 July	Literature Circles Reading Novels	Debating	Multiplication and Division
Week 2 21-25 July	Literature Circles Reading Novels	Debating	Multiplication and Division
Week 3 28-1 August	CAMP		
Week 4 4-8 August	Literature Circles Reading Novels	Debating	Multiplication and Division
Week 5 11-15 August	Literature Circles Reading Novels	Debating	Multiplication and Division
Week 6 18-22 August	Literature Circles Reading Novels	Performing Debate 1	Multiplication and Division
Week 7 25-29 August	Literature Circles Reading Novels	Debating	Measurement
Week 8 1-5 September	Literature Circles Reading Novels	Debating	Measurement
Week 9 8-12 September	Literature Circles Reading Novels	Debating	Measurement
Week 10 15-19 September	Literature Circles Reading Novels	Performing Debate 2	Measurement

May the Force Be With You

Create a concept map about pushes and pulls.	Week 1 – 18 th July.
Draw a scientific diagram to explain the forces at work when dropping a ball of plasticine.	Week 2 – 25 th July
Draw a scientific diagram of your milk carton launcher.	Week 2 – 25 th July
Complete a POE to explain the process you followed when using your milk carton launcher to launch a car by pulling the rubber band back.	Week 4 – 8 th August
Draw a scientific diagram to explain the forces at work in the first milk carton experiment.	Week 4 – 8 th August
Complete a POE to explain the process you followed when using your milk carton launcher to launch a car on different surfaces.	Week 4 – 8 th August
Draw a scientific diagram to explain the forces at work in the second milk carton experiment.	Week 4 – 8 th August
Complete a POE about the first rotocopter experiment.	Week 5 – 15 th August
Complete a scientific diagram about the forces at work in the first rotocopter experiment.	Week 5 – 15 th August
Complete a POE about the second rotocopter experiment (different sizes).	Week 5 – 15 th August
Complete a scientific diagram about the forces at work in the second rotocopter experiment (different sizes).	Week 5 – 15 th August
Complete a POE about the rocket experiment.	Week 6 – 22 nd August
Complete a scientific diagram to show the forces at work in the rocket experiment.	Week 6 – 22 nd August
Complete a POE about the buoyancy experiment.	Week 7 – 29 th August
Complete a scientific diagram to show the forces at work in the buoyancy experiment.	Week 7 – 29 th August
Write up a scientific plan for your own experiment.	Week 8 – 5 th Sep
Draw a scientific diagram for your own experiment.	Week 9 – 12 th Sep
Write up your own experiment.	Week 9
Share you experiment with your DKU group.	Week 10

Term 3 homework

Please note detailed information will be provided with your child when each task is sent home .

Week	BLOG Homework Tasks
Week 1 Given 16/7/08 Returned 22/7/08	Decide upon a Scientist to research and find information about them (include source).
Week 2 Given 23/7/08 Returned 29/7/08	Create a presentation of choice to educate your peers about your chosen scientist and attach it to your BLOG (include source).
Week 3	No Homework Due to Camp
Week 4 Given 6/8/08 Returned 12/8/08	Write at least three new facts about water tension (include source).
Week 5 Given 13/8/08 Returned 19/8/08	Write at least three new facts about how your body would respond if you were on the moon (include source).
Week 6 Given 20/8/08 Returned 26/8/08	Write at least three new facts about static electricity (include source).
Week 7 Given 27/8/08 Returned 2/9/08	Write at least three new facts about how cars move (include source).
Week 8 Given 3/9/08 Returned 9/9/08	Write at least three new facts about how planes fly (include source).
Week 9 Given 17/9/08 Returned 23/9/08	Write at least three new facts about how boats float (include source).