

“AIM HIGH”

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Term Dates for 2008

14th July – 19th September
5th October – 19th December
Dates to remember:
Senior Camp – 30th July
Middle Camp – 18th August
Curriculum Day – 1st September
School Concert 11th September
End of Term 3 – 19th Sept

WELCOME BACK

It has been great to see some many students eager to get back to school after a short break to recharge the batteries! We hope all families had a chance to do some exciting things over the holidays.

On Monday we welcomed some new students to the school:

Gemma (ML),
Joel (JM)
Faith (JW),
Emma (JL),
Ali (JJ),
Dickson (MA),
Raymond (SC).
James (J/H)



We hope these students and their families quickly get to know others in the Bellaire school community.

We also welcomed 2 new teachers to the school – Ms Amber Adams will be teaching in the Senior Learning Unit 4 days a week and Ms Jenny Baker will be taking Reading Recovery whilst Mrs Scarlett is on leave. And some familiar faces are taking on new roles this term – Ms Hilary Fairlie will take over the role as home group teacher of Senior C; Ms Chloe Dodson will be teaching Junior J; and Mrs Susan Perks will be working in the art room 3 days a week while Mrs Hayes is on leave.

Mrs Warren has also sent a message that she is working hard on her leadership course at Harvard and we will hear more when she returns next week.

We are all looking forward to a very productive term.

Already this week we have had a visit from Lilydale Primary School eager to learn more about the way we teach in our Senior learning Unit.

The Senior camp at Sovereign Hill will take place in week 3 and later in the term the Middle camp to Kangarooie will take place – some exciting times for these students this term!

Our resident rock band ‘Miles per Hour’, along with a number of other acts, have a ‘gig’ at the GAFFA concert organised by Grovedale Secondary School later in the term.

And, of course, we are all looking forward to the School Concert that will take place at The Arena on Thursday 11th September.

NEW TECHNOLOGY

Over the holidays three new interactive whiteboards were installed in Prep B, Junior L and Middle C. In addition, three other interactive whiteboards were given a ‘renovation’ to make them easier to use. I’m sure students and staff will make the most of this amazing technology to assist with their learning.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK		
		AWARDED FOR:
PREP B	Kyah	For always remembering to include what 'good readers' do when reading and for reading with expression.
PREP C	Cameron	For working hard on his learning goals and building his resilience in Term 2. Well done, Cameron!
PREP F	Ryelee	For his great effort in class throughout Term 2. Well done, Ryelee!
PREP S	Holly	For her enthusiastic presentation of her Student Centred Interview.
JUNIOR L	Sharnah	For her excellent improvement in writing!!
JUNIOR B	Tess	For always being cooperative and willing to help others.
JUNIOR S	Harry	For good listening behaviour and trying his best all week! Well done, Harry!
JUNIOR J	Cassidy	For always using beautiful manners in the classroom. Well done, Cassidy!
JUNIOR W	Shanay	For being a fantastic member of Junior W. We will miss you!!
JUNIOR H	Teishe	For doing a great job on her maths test!
JUNIOR G	Jayden	For asking more questions and being confident.
JUNIOR M	Kayla	For the fantastic effort she has made to write more during writing time.
MIDDLE B	Jack	For being an outstanding leader in the classroom!
MIDDLE C	Nick	For creating an original space speech that left students in Middle C speechless.
MIDDLE V	Angus	For having a terrific attitude to work and play!
MIDDLE A	Nathan	For an excellent talk to the class.
MIDDLE K	Ashley	For making excellent contributions in literature circles. Congratulations on a hard-working finale to term 2, Ash!
MIDDLE L	Sasha	For working hard all term and doing her personal best. Well done, Sasha!
SENIOR H	Thomas	For a fantastic conference.
SENIOR K	Hannah	For always being an optimist and putting in 100% effort into everything she does.
SENIOR B	James	For his creative and entertaining approach to his DKU presentation.
SENIOR C	Catriona	For an excellent DKU presentation.
SENIOR M	Emily	For being a positive and helpful member of the SLU.

UNIFORM SHOP

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

FOOTBALL

Mr Morris has organised some tickets to the Geelong v Melbourne game at the MCG on Friday 8th August. If you would like some free tickets (maximum 2) please write a convincing letter saying why you should be the lucky winner and send it to the school office by Wednesday 23rd July.

STUDENT ART

There is an exhibition of student portraits “Who’s Who” at the Geelong Art Gallery until 10th August.

Emily, Alex and Daniel all have the portraits they drew in this exhibition. These were chosen because they were bright and colourful and made a great eye-catching display.

Congratulations to all the ‘Portraiture Workshop’ for participating. We encourage families to support the students and our local gallery by making a visit one weekend.

Mrs Sweeten

CANTEEN NEWS

Special for July and August –
2 Chicken Strips and Corn and
bottle of water for **\$3.50**.

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

STATE SCHOOL SPECTACULAR TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Tickets are now available exclusively for all staff, students and families of Victorian government schools for this year’s *Victorian State Schools Spectacular* performance *Made in Australia*.

There are just two weeks before tickets will be open for sale to the general public so book now to be assured of good seats.

Made in Australia - the Victorian State Schools Spectacular 2008 and *Government Schools Expo* will be held at Hisense Arena (formerly Vodafone Arena) at 2pm and 7.30pm on Saturday 6 September; and 2pm on Sunday 7 September. The *Victorian State Schools Spectacular* is a massive performance event featuring the talents of 2,500 students performing onstage in massed choreography and song.

This year’s performance brings together a 100 piece orchestra, a 950 voice choir, more than 1200 dancers, 30 vocalists and 70 speciality performers. The performers are all students from Victorian government schools from all across the state.

“Made in Australia” is a celebration of Australian culture – past and present. The music and songs are our most iconic well loved numbers taken from Australia’s rich archive of popular music.

Tickets are available through Ticketek on 132 849 or www.ticketek.com.au
For enquiries about the show: contact Joining the Chorus on (03) 9415 1700 or go to www.education.vic.gov.au/spectacular

READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to those who are persisting with the Reading Challenge – I’m sure many students enjoyed the chilly weather over the holidays to snuggle up with a book!.

The challenge is to get ALL students to complete the Reading Challenge.

Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed the Reading Challenge: Stella, Maggie, Jake, Keeley.

Well done to those students.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Wade who has been selected to represent Geelong this coming weekend in the Victorian Provincial Baseball League little league baseball tournament being held in Boneo, Rosebud Victoria.

He is part of a 14-player team that will travel & stay in Boneo & play six games during the weekend as part of the tournament.

The Geelong team is highly rated having won 4 of the last five tournaments in this age group. Good Luck Wade!

CASUAL DRESS DAY!

Our casual dress day on the last day of term 2 raised **\$581.85**.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Each term, Bellaire Primary School takes part in a wide variety of extra curricular activities that enhance the learning opportunities for both students and staff. The following list includes many of the activities that took place in term 2:

- Dr Neil Suggett's visit from the UK and his training in the area of coaching
- Science curriculum training
- Dr John Ingram's visit from the UK
- Three staff attending the National Quality Teaching Awards Conference in Canberra as part of the Aspiring Leaders group
- Principal team attended the award ceremony at Parliament House in Canberra to accept an award in the National Quality Teaching Awards
- PM Writers professional development
- THRASS professional development
- Staff attended interviews for the Herald Sun Teacher of the Year Awards

SPORTS

- District, Barwon Zone and State Cross Country
- Winter interschool sport
- McDonalds Hooptime basketball clinics for Middle and Senior students
- Basketball Geelong 'Skill, Play and Fun' day for Middle unit
- Futsal Indoor Soccer Competition for Middle unit
- Melbourne Victory Soccer Challenge for Middle unit
- District Rugby competition
- Aussie Hoops Basketball Clinic by the Geelong Supercats
- Lunchtime Rugby coaching clinics for Seniors conducted by Julie Sunley of Melbourne Storm
- District Boys Netball competition
- School Athletics sports day for Middle and Senior units
- Prep and Junior sports day

CURRICULUM

- ANZAC Day ceremony attended by student leaders
- Bush Dance
- Pre excursion to Eastern Gardens
- Premier's Reading Challenge promotion with Michael Panckridge
- Student Leaders' Conference at Geelong Football Club
- Middle unit incursion to the Cosmodome
- Education Week open morning and afternoon
- Roaming Reptiles Prep incursion
- Science of toys Junior unit incursion

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!