

**“AIM HIGH”**

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#### Term Dates for 2008

14<sup>th</sup> July – 19<sup>th</sup> September  
6<sup>th</sup> October – 19<sup>th</sup> December  
**Dates to remember:**  
Senior Camp – 30<sup>th</sup> July  
Middle Camp – 18<sup>th</sup> August  
Curriculum Day – 1<sup>st</sup> September  
School Concert 11<sup>th</sup> September  
End of Term 3 – 19<sup>th</sup> Sept  
Holiday- Show Day – 17<sup>th</sup> Oct

### THE NED SHOW

Last Friday we had Jeff from the NED show perform a whole school assembly for us. It was aimed at being a student wellbeing extra curricular activity, based on **N**ever give up, **E**ncourage others and **D**o your best. The performance was of no cost to the school but required us to sell yo yos for five days to cover the cost. Many students are enjoying the yo yo craze and have a designated place in the playground to practise. We understand parents may feel some peer pressure regarding purchasing yo yos but assure you there is no expectation on behalf of the school.

Overall, it was a fun whole school activity with an important message, one that we feel was appropriate for a Friday afternoon as the students obviously enjoyed themselves.

### Senior Camp to Sovereign Hill:

Wishing all of our senior students and staff a wonderful camp. Having been on this camp before, I know how much fun and what a great learning opportunity it is. Looking forward to hearing the stories and seeing the photos on their return.



### Sustainable Schools – Water tanks:

Presently we are having water tanks installed for the veggie garden and to collect grey water to flush the toilets. The huge green tank will be put in place beside the sports shed. There will be some minor works happening over the next week to get them installed and hopefully filling with some predicted rainfall. This is the beginning of a number of strategies Bellaire hopes to develop to ensure we are doing our bit for the environment!

### Prep and Junior playground is out of bounds before school:

Playing on the Prep and Junior playgrounds is a safety issue before school due to the frost and dew making them very slippery. **We ask all parents of Prep and Junior students to talk with their children to ensure they find an alternative game before school.** Thanks- in anticipation!

### ORAL LANGUAGE PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

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<b>STUDENT OF THE WEEK</b>		
		<b>AWARDED FOR:</b>
PREP B	Katie	For always working very hard on her tasks and for being a great friend to everyone.
PREP C	Natalie	For using all of her reading strategies and using a big, loud voice when reading to the class. Well done, Natalie!
PREP F	Beth	For being persistent in writing to improve the size and shape of her letters. Well done, Beth!
PREP S	Paige	For her fantastic jungle story. Paige remembered full stops and capital letters. Well done, Paige!
JUNIOR L	Ethan	For his excellent understanding of four digit numbers.
JUNIOR B	Lillyan	For her wonderful, caring attitude towards everyone.
JUNIOR S	Sammy	For trying hard to improve her listening skills and work in small groups.
JUNIOR J	Rajat	For a fantastic start to the term.
JUNIOR W	Tanner	For his outstanding concentration and hard work in class this week.
JUNIOR H	Jacob	For always trying his best in everything he does!
JUNIOR G	Lucy	For listening carefully during class. Well done, Lucy!
JUNIOR M	Max	For completing 81 multiplication problems in four minutes!
MIDDLE B	Tom	For putting in a big effort this week and achieving goals!
MIDDLE C	Austin	For continuing to improve his concentration in class. Well done!
MIDDLE V	Bailey	For an excellent effort in Maths this week, Well Done!
MIDDLE A	Jordan	For doing his best at all times despite his injury.
MIDDLE K	Penelope	For her effort and hard work in writing this week. Great work!
MIDDLE L	Audrey	For being a helpful and friendly member of Middle L.
SENIOR H	Shelby	For working so hard on MADNOPS.
SENIOR K	Alex	For demonstrating a great attitude to work and life. Alex keeps on making fine contributions to all conversations.
SENIOR B	Holly	For presenting her scientist homework in a creative way. Great job!
SENIOR C	Madison	For trying really hard with her homework.
SENIOR M	Wade	For making great choices about his working environment in the SLU.

## CHESS TOURNAMENT

Interschool Chess Tournament took place at Torquay Primary School last week. There was 104 students participating from various schools and we had 7 teams involved, with 35 students from Bellaire competing.

The students from Middles and Seniors were exceptionally well behaved! I was so proud of the professionalism and team spirit they demonstrated. We had Leon Yang come 7<sup>th</sup> overall based on individual performance. We have one team - made up of Rowan, Byron, Fraser, Ashleigh and Katelyn, going through to the State Finals.

Overall, it was a great experience for our students and they did a brilliant job on the day!!

Blanche Cook.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Sasha** for achieving **Honors** in both her bronze and silver exams for Modern Ballroom Dancing.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Hayley and Isaac who last weekend competed in the Victorian All Schools Cross Country Championships. Hayley came 73 out of 128 (racing against girls in years 7 & 8) and Isaac came 14 out of 162 (racing against boys in years 7 & 8 also). Well done to both of you!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Katie & Sam who on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July, competed in the 2008 Seido Karate Grovedale Tournament. Both girls competed in the Blue-Yellow belt U/14 Kata event. Both girls were rewarded with trophies for their show of concentration, skill and discipline with Sam finishing second and Katie third. Well done girls!

**CANTEEN NEWS** You should receive a new canteen menu with today's newsletter – please note that we have had to increase the price of most items on the menu but we have tried to keep the prices as low as possible.

## EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

The 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment of the EMA is now open for applications – if you have a valid health card and you have not applied for the 1<sup>st</sup> instalment, please collect an application form from the office. If you applied for the 1<sup>st</sup> instalment and qualified, you do not need to reapply for the 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment. Closing date for the 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment is 1st August 2008. (Your health card must be valid as of the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2008)

## UNIFORM SHOP

Please note that the Uniform Shop will be closed on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August.

**HELP NEEDED** – As most of you are aware, Maiva Wells manages the Uniform Shop and does a great job of it but she really needs someone to assist her in the busy times especially over the prep orientation times. If you are interested please contact the school office.

## STUDENT ART

Make time to visit the exhibition of student portraits “Who’s Who” at the Geelong Art Gallery until 10<sup>th</sup> August.

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**CHILD’S GRADE** \_\_\_\_\_

## READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to those who are persisting with the Reading Challenge.

**REMEMBER** that the Challenge finishes on **August 31<sup>st</sup>** – all books need to be on the website before this date so that they can be verified. That means there are only about **4 weeks to go! Keep reading!**

Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed the Reading Challenge: Caitlin, Cecilia, Tom, Ben, Laura, Ayden, Jacob, Nicholas, Emma, Georgia Jesse, Harley, Tegan, Makayla, Rebecca, Trae, Taylah, Tanner, Kyle, Mollie, Zalli, Kieran, Ariana.

Well done to those students.

## TENNIS COACHING -

With Tony Brushfield will re-commence the week starting July 28<sup>th</sup>. Telephone enquiries to 52440040 or 0408524898

**BOOKCLUB** the current issue closes this week.

## PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS THRASS

There will be a parent information session that explains all about the THRASS program. It will be held at the school between **7-8pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August**. THRASS charts will be available for sale to those parents who attend the information session. If you would like to attend, please fill in the form below.

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**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILD’S GRADE** \_\_\_\_\_

## **BELLAIRE CONCERT**

The whole school Bellaire Concert will be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September at the Arena Sports complex in Victoria Street, North Geelong. It will start at 7pm and finish by 9pm. Tickets will **only** be sold at school in the weeks prior to the night. (ie. No tickets will be sold on the night.) It is sure to be an exciting event with all students actively involved with singing and actions. A big thank you must go to Mr Dandy for all of his extra efforts teaching the children their songs. Classes will have discussions to create a list of suitable costumes that could be worn on the night. Ticket sales will commence on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August. An order form will be sent home with the newsletter on August 6th. We look forward to an entertaining evening and seeing everyone there.

Jodi Schulz

## **KICK AROUND AUSTRALIA DAY - FRIDAY 8th AUGUST**

2008 is the 150th anniversary of AFL football. To celebrate this, we are participating in a national event called 'Kick Around Australia Day' on **Friday 8th August**. To coincide with 'Kick Around Australia Day', we are having our casual dress day for term 3! It is a FOOTY THEME so make sure you dress up in your favourite football team's colours! We are asking for a gold coin donation to help raise money for Cystic Fibrosis. Other activities for the day will be finalised in the coming weeks, but there will certainly be footy focussed classroom activities, a staff v student footy match at lunchtime and some other fun events to look forward to.

## **“JUNIOR GAFFA” GROVEDALE ARTS FESTIVAL FOR ALL!**

Grovedale College Gymnasium

\$2.00 per person

TUESDAY 12TH August 7.00 pm. Art exhibition (Drama room) door opens at 6.00pm and GYM door opens at 6.30pm

The Prep Unit and the 'Miles Per Hour' band are performing on the night. There will also be an animation piece shown from the Seniors and Ruth Hayes has put in some artwork by various students

## **GEELONG FOOD RELIEF CENTRE**

Every year the Geelong Food Relief Centre (Foodbank) provides more than eight thousand families in the Geelong region with emergency food supplies. This means that more than 24000 adults and children use our service.

The Geelong Food Relief is a not-for-profit charitable co-operative of welfare agencies throughout Geelong, the Bellarine Peninsula, South Coast and Winchelsea.

Bellaire PS supports the Toucan Winter Appeal each year and a box will be in the foyer for your donations of non perishable food items i.e.tins of food from August 1<sup>st</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup>..

If every family donated one tin that would be fantastic.