

“AIM HIGH”

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Term Dates for 2008

14th July – 19th September
6th October – 19th December

Dates to remember:

District Aths - 7th August
Footy Dress Up Day - 8th Aug
Blog Info session - 13th August
Middle Camp - 18th August
Curriculum Day - 1st September
School Concert 11th September
End of Term 3 – 19th Sept
Holiday- Show Day – 17th Oct

Chair Replacement Program:

We have now replaced all the old bucket chairs with new posture chairs across all classrooms. We now have an abundance of old bucket chairs for sale at the bargain price of \$5. They may be useful for cubby houses, play rooms etc. Your choice of color and size! Just see Jane Warren or Chris Eddy and we will be happy to help you.

Senior Camp to Sovereign Hill:

Last week 112 students and 12 adults enjoyed 3 days at Sovereign Hill camp. The weather was chilly but didn't stop any of the activities. Students worked in small groups with a teacher/student teacher and experienced life in the goldrush of the 1850s. The opportunity to enter a tent or hut and chat with an 'old timer' who told us all about life on the goldfields made the camp real. At the education centre, all students had the chance to write on slates and with an ink dip pen, and many were dressed up in the clothing of the 1850s. Spending the nights in a cabin with lots of mates is always a highlight and the night time activities of the Sound and Light Show and a fabulous drama night rounded off a memorable camp.

We would like to thank all teachers and student teachers who attended this camp for their time and effort in planning and supervision. Being on call around the clock is a big task and we appreciate your willingness to participate so students can experience camps like this.

School Services Officers National Recognition Week 4th – 8th Aug

This week we take a bit of time to acknowledge the work of our office staff, integration aides, canteen and uniform shop staff and THANK them for all their hard work and preparedness to lend a helping hand. Please take a moment to stop and say thanks too if you get the chance. Our SSO staff do a great job! ☺

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!

Parent Information Sessions:

This week we have had to provide information about the Oral Language Program, THRASS and Preparation for Puberty. We trust that parents have found these sessions informative and thank all staff involved in these programs for their time and organisation. We look forward to future parent information sessions, such as one on Blogs (details to be provided soon).

Yo Yos are no longer for sale

Many students have enjoyed the yo yo craze and have actively spent play times practising. Our commitment to the NED program is now complete and our supply is now depleted. There will be no more yo yos for sale from the office. A special thanks to the office staff for being yo yo sales reps and technicians!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK		
		AWARDED FOR:
PREP B	Lewis	For always trying his best and being confident to have a go.
PREP C	Cassandra	For her amazing persistence and progress in literacy. Keep up the great work, Cassandra!
PREP F	Mia	For being confident to walk in the classroom independently and being organised to begin each day. Well done, Mia!
PREP S	Trae	For working hard to improve his handwriting while using dotted thirds. Keep it up, Trae!
JUNIOR L	Emily	For her excellent improvement in her writing!. Great work, Em.
JUNIOR B	Cooper	For trying his best in writing and getting more work done.
JUNIOR S	Paris	For trying her best in all classroom tasks and for being very helpful.
JUNIOR J	Emily	For her excellent work and effort in DKU.
JUNIOR W	Lani	For enthusiastically participating in classroom discussions.
JUNIOR H	James	For making lots of new friends at Bellaire. Well done on a great start in your new class, James.
JUNIOR G	Rebecca	For her wonderful work on 2D and 3D shapes.
JUNIOR M	Sasha	For trying hard to use capital letters and full stops correctly.
MIDDLE B	Bethany	For being an excellent class member!
MIDDLE C	Cody	For producing outstanding division strategies during numeracy this week.
MIDDLE V	Liam	For improved organisation and for trying to have his books ready at the start of each day.
MIDDLE A	Tamia	For always doing her best. Well done!
MIDDLE K	Harrison	For his persistence and hard work in maths. Keep it up, Harrison.
MIDDLE L	Cooper	For his organisation and working well in class. Well done, Cooper!
SENIOR H	SENIOR CAMP	
SENIOR K	SENIOR CAMP	
SENIOR B	SENIOR CAMP	
SENIOR C	SENIOR CAMP	
SENIOR M	SENIOR CAMP	

A LETTER TO PARENTS

Dear Parents,

It is great the way parents have been using the kiss and drop zone. Children have mainly been doing the right thing. But it is still important that it is used properly. We understand that parents may want to get out of the car to kiss their child or get their bag. But if you are in the kiss and drop zone we urge you not to do these things for they are not the correct way of using the kiss and drip zone. If parents wish to do these things we encourage you to park the car.

We are concerned for the welfare of the students and other drivers. For students here are some tips for how to stay safe in the kiss and drop zone.....

1. If you are being picked up we advise you to stay away from the road.
2. When being dropped off make sure you can reach your bag.

We would like parents to please follow these guidelines for dropping off your child.

1. Make sure your child's bag is in a reachable position in the car.
2. Drive all the way to the end of the kiss and drop zone if possible.
3. At the end of the zone do not completely park the car or get out of your car.
4. Kiss your child goodbye and let them out of the car.
5. Drive Safely!!!

Thank you

Kate and Jes.

UNIFORM SHOP Please note that the Uniform Shop will not be opened this **Friday 8th August**. It will be opened next on **Monday 11th August 8.45 – 9.15am**.

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 days. If you are interested please contact the school office.

CANTEEN NEWS

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. Price increases will take effect from Friday 1st August.

STUDENT ART

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

CONGRATULATIONS to Hilary Fairlie (classroom teacher of Senior C) for a fantastic Grand Final Performance on the “Battle of the Choirs” last Sunday night. Unfortunately Hilary’s choir didn’t win the Grand Final Prize but it was a great effort to get into the final three. Well done Hilary!!

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION - GRAMMAR

Would you like to find out more about assisting your child with **grammar**? Katie McArthur (Speech Therapist) is offering practical information sessions about assisting children with grammar at home and in the classroom. Sessions will begin on Monday 18th August at 2.30 – 3.30. If you would like to attend please return the slip below to the office or Jo Barry.

I would like to attend the Grammar information session on Monday 18th August
NAME _____

CHILD’S GRADE _____

READING CHALLENGE NOT LONG TO GO!

Congratulations to those who are persisting with the Reading Challenge.

REMEMBER that the Challenge finishes on **August 31st** – all books need to be on the website by **AUGUST 25TH** so that they can be verified. That means there are less than **3 weeks to go! Keep reading!**

Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed the Reading Challenge: Amy, Bailey, Shani, Jarryd, Beth Well done to those students.

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.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION – BLOGS

Mr Pearce and teachers from each unit will be conducting a parent information session on how to use blogs on **Wednesday 13th August**. Put this date in your diaries.

I would like to attend the Blog information session on Wednesday 13th August
NAME _____

CHILD’S GRADE _____



YUMMY WINTER LUNCH IDEAS FOR THE KIDS!

- Vary bread from day to day e.g. wholemeal, rye, pita, foccacia or bagels.
- Cold cauliflower or broccoli with cheese sauce.
- Left over fried rice, pasta or roast vegetables.
- Chopped vegetables, e.g. carrots, cucumbers, celery, cherry tomatoes or cooked corn on the cob served cold.
- Thermos of hot soup (with or without noodles) with a wholegrain roll.
- Quiche or cold pizza muffins.
- Bread topped with anything or on its own, scones, pikelets or muffins, fruit buns or bun loaf, crackers, popcorn or breakfast cereal.
- Pocket pita bread filled with chicken, avocado and salad.
- Always include fresh fruit, chopped, sliced or diced (use sealed containers for fruit salads).
- Include nuts* and dried fruit, such as peanuts*, apricots, apples and banana chips, they make great snacks.
- Low fat fruit yoghurts are fantastic and are high in calcium.
- Include low fat raisin and fruit bread and high fibre buns for a sweet snack.
- Unsalted, unbuttered popcorn and rice crackers are great snacks.



* Nuts are a high allergy food for some children. Check your school's policy regarding nuts. For more information on the Anaphylaxis Guidelines for Schools, go to www.allergy.org.au/pospapers/anaphylaxis.htm

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 1st – August 31st..

If every family donated one tin that would be fantastic.

BELLAIRE CONCERT

The whole school Bellaire Concert will be held on Thursday 11th 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.) Ticket sales will commence on Thursday 14th August and an order form will be sent home with the newsletter on the 13th August. We look forward to an entertaining evening and to seeing everyone there.

Jodi Schulz