

Principal Team Column

“AIM HIGH”

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Term Dates for 2008

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

Dates to remember:

Blog Info session - 13th August
Middle Camp - 18th August
Curriculum Day - 1st September
Middle Unit Parent Info Night
(yr 4 only) - 4th Sept. 7.00pm
School Concert 11th September
End of Term 3 – 19th Sept
Holiday- Show Day – 17th Oct

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

These information sessions are designed to ensure that parents have every opportunity to learn about aspects of their children's education so that they can interact as positively as possible to support them in their learning.

• BLOGS

This week we have arranged for an information session about **blogs**. As many parents will know, all units have a blog on the school website that keeps parents up to date on events and learning experiences that are taking place in each unit. Parents of Senior students will also know that their children have their own personal blog where they store information about their passion project, their weekly timetable and the current goals that they are working on.

In order to ensure that parents are aware of this latest means to communication between home and school, Mr Pearce and representative teachers from each unit will be running this information session from **7-8pm TONIGHT** in the staffroom.

• GRAMMAR

Next week (Monday 18th 2:30-3:30pm), there will be an information session about using **grammar**.

• THRASS

There have been a number of parents expressing an interest in attending a further THRASS information session because they couldn't make the last one. If you are interested, please speak with Mrs Ling or Miss Madden so that interest can be gauged. Parents have also asked to buy a THRASS chart that they can use at home. These will be available for purchase to those who have attended the information session because parents need to be clear about how to use the chart to support their child's spelling strategies at home.

A Middle Unit Parent Information Night (Year 4 students only) will be held on September 4th 7.00pm (more information to follow soon)

DISTRICT SPORTS

Last Thursday, approximately 100 students competed at Landy Field in the District Athletics. Whilst all students competed well and tried their very best, the most rewarding thing was how well behaved and sportsmanlike they were. All students stayed in their allotted area and cheered on other Bellaire athletes as they competed. They represented our school extremely well.

It is always fantastic when we get messages from parents saying how proud that their children attend Bellaire. This was certainly the case last week.

Congratulations to everyone in our school community who uphold the beliefs that good behaviour and co-operative interactions are important life skills, and who act as positive role models for others.

A more detailed report on the results of the day is included in the newsletter. Many thanks to Mrs Jeffreys who organised the team and to the teachers who supervised. Thanks also to the parents who assisted and supported on the day.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK		
		AWARDED FOR:
PREP B	Zoe	For always being confident to have a go and displaying wonderful work habits.
PREP C	Emily	For challenging herself and working hard to achieve her learning goals in literacy. Well done, Emily!
PREP F	Jasper	For his persistence in reading with expression. Well done, Jasper!
PREP S	Meg	For always working hard on her handwriting by doing extra work at home. Keep it up, Meg!
JUNIOR L	Jarred	For always working hard and giving things a go.
JUNIOR B	Sean	For his improvement in all areas and for trying his best.
JUNIOR S	Hamish	For fantastic maths work and trying his best in all activities.
JUNIOR J	Declan	For his fantastic attitude and organisation in the classroom.
JUNIOR W	Noor	For the outstanding homework she has completed over the past few weeks. You rock, Noor!
JUNIOR H	Ethan	For showing that he can be a cooperative member of J/G and J/H. Well done!
JUNIOR G	Tully	For working hard in EMU and catching up on her EMU homework.
JUNIOR M	Ricky	For being an enthusiastic worker in maths.
MIDDLE B	Jesse	For an outstanding effort at the District Athletics!
MIDDLE C	Hannah	For doing her best during the District Athletics.
MIDDLE V	Teagan	For being a terrific worker in Maths groups and for showing independence.
MIDDLE A	Riley	For making an effort to listen and concentrate in class.
MIDDLE K	Natalie	For her concentration and careful reading in guided reading and for using the book to justify her opinions.
MIDDLE L	Gemma	For her great organisation, working well as part of a team and her friendly, helpful manner.
SENIOR H	Caitlyn	For a fantastic day at District Athletics.
SENIOR K	Tom	For completing a positive conference with lots of great discussion this week.
SENIOR B	Jacob	For an outstanding presentation of his scientist.
SENIOR C	Floyd	For showing great persistence while gold panning on camp.
SENIOR M	Keeley	For always being an enthusiastic and happy member of the SLU.

GEELONG CITY DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Last Thursday, 105 Middle and Senior students travelled to Landy Field to compete in the Geelong City District Athletics Carnival. Competing schools were Mandama, Leopold, Torquay and Bellaire. We had some fantastic results throughout the day with all students giving their very best. Some students were fortunate to receive ribbons for top three places. The Bellaire team for the Zone athletics carnival will be announced in the coming weeks. The **Zone Carnival** will be held on **Tuesday 16th September** at Landy Field. Congratulations to all the competing students for your efforts, achievements, sportsmanship and wonderful behaviour. All the teachers were proud to say they were associated with the Bellaire team! It was lovely to receive a kind email from a parent which highlighted the behaviour and conduct of our students. An honourable mention needs to go to Emily (SB) for her sportsmanship in the 800m. A Leopold competitor fell and Emily stopped running to assist her before continuing on in the race. This shows true sportsmanship so well done Emily! We would like to give a big thankyou to Sue Crisp for giving up her valuable time to teach the relay teams how to effectively run a relay race and change batons. We had a lot of success in the relays which we credit to her brilliant teaching. Thank you Sue! Thank you to Mrs Johnson, Miss Brebner, Miss Murfitt, Mrs Norton, Miss Simpson and Miss Brown for your assistance and co-ordination on the day. We were overwhelmed with parent support on the day which was a big help in co-ordinating events and student management. Thank you to Liz, Peggy, Sally, Sally, Julie, Dianne, Julie, Kel, Leanne, Noreen, Jackie, Peter, Sally and Mandy. **Mrs Jeffreys - Middle and Senior PE/Sport.**

KICK AROUND AUSTRALIA DAY

On Friday, the whole school got into 'footy fever' to participate in 'Kick Around Australia Day'. The day was a nationwide event to celebrate 150 years of AFL football. All students dressed up in their chosen teams AFL colours and participated in footy focussed classroom activities. The day was also a fundraiser for Cystic Fibrosis research and we raised great funds to assist them to find a cure. The highlight of the day was the inaugural Staff v Students footy match at lunchtime. It was a highly skilled and tough affair. At the end of the match, the teams could not be separated with an 8.5 a piece draw. Best on ground performances were from Josh, captain of the student side and Mr Whiteside whose height and presence around the field was very intimidating for the students. We wish Ms Eddy a speedy recovery from her comical 'in the pack injury' and commend her on her ability to re-enter the game in the second half! Thank you to Tony for his umpiring expertise and Joel for his fantastic commentary.

**Read Josh's report on his blog: <http://conjosbps2.globalstudent.org.au>

\$570 was raised for research into Cystic Fibrosis.

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. Some students have only to finish one or two more books to complete the 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 **2 weeks to go! Keep reading!**

Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed the Reading Challenge: Brooke, Trent, Zoe, Cassandra, Connor, Charlie, Sarah, Jordan, Sarah, Isaiah, Stephanie, Ella, Myra, Samantha.

Well done to those students.

GOLF DAY

On Monday 4th August 3 Bellaire boys – Lachie, Will and Nick, went to play golf at Clifton Springs. We all tried our best. When we got there the organiser put us in groups of 4 with other students we didn't know. We played only the back 9 holes. Once we had finished the scorers handed in the scorecards and the winners were announced. Will made it through to the next round. Well done to all boys for trying their hardest. Thanks to Al and Tony for transporting and coaching, and to Mrs Jeffreys for organising the day. Nick.



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.

GAFFA

On Tuesday night the Prep students and our resident rock band, Miles Per Hour, performed at the GAFFA concert organised by Grovedale Secondary College. They did a fantastic job and we are very proud of their talents. Thanks to Miss Cook for all her organisation in preparation for these performances. Photos will be posted on the unit blogs.

BUCKLEY'S ENTERTAINMENT COMPLEX

Buckley's Entertainment Complex are proudly support initiatives that encourage student participation in physical activity. We were fortunate to be one of 37 schools in the region selected to receive free sporting equipment courtesy of Buckley's. We received three footballs and three netballs. Thank you to Buckley's for their support and donation.

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.) Individual tickets are being sold this year (maximum 4 per family – not including Bellaire students) so everyone will need to present a ticket at the door to enter. Ticket sales will commence TOMORROW Thursday 14th August and an order form is included in the newsletter today. We look forward to an entertaining evening and to seeing everyone there.

Jodi Schulz

NO DOGS IN SCHOOL GROUNDS

