



“AIM HIGH”

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Term Dates for 2008

14th July – 19th September
6th October – 19th December
Dates to remember:
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

MIDDLE CAMP to Kangarooobie:

Last week the Middle Unit students went on a 3 day camp to Kangarooobie, a camp site which is a working farm down at Princetown. Our students seemed oblivious to the chilly weather as they eagerly participated in bush and beach walks, environmental games, rope courses, hut building and feeding the farm animals. The trip to the glow worms at Melba Gully was also a highlight. The behaviour of all students was excellent, with co operation and willingness to help out as duty groups helping spread the work. A BIG thank you to all staff and student teachers who attended. A three day camp is a big responsibility, especially when you are on 24 hour call with little sleep. There were lots of happy but tired campers at the end of the camp! Also thanks to students and parents that have taken time to thank the staff involved – the staff appreciated your thoughts.

BUILDING WORKS at Bellaire:

We have a couple of projects on the go at present.

- There is a single garage being built in the Prep/ Junior playground that will be fitted with experiential learning equipment. This will provide our younger students with play resources, such as play kitchens etc.
- The new learning space for the Senior Learning Unit is currently out to tender and we are hoping to see work started as early as the September school holidays. This project will fill in the alcove between Middles and Seniors to be a creative learning space that will accommodate an additional home group in the SLU for 2009.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Last week, a random sample of families was posted the 2008 Parent Opinion Survey. Parents are asked to fill in the survey in the next few days and send it back to school in the envelope provided by **Friday 29th August**.

CURRICULUM DAY

A reminder to parents that next **Monday 1st September is a Curriculum Day** – *there will be no school for students.*

Teachers will be working on the development of the mathematics teaching program across our school. This has been a long term project and we have already seen some of the benefits from teachers' enhanced knowledge of maths reflected in the work that students are undertaking.

Teachers will also take part in a workshop related to building and maintaining resilience with Roger Dingle.

Those parents who would like to make use of the Out of School Hours Care program on that day, should call the co-ordinator on 52440567 (before 9am or after 3pm) to see if there are places available.

NATIVE GARDEN

With a few showers of rain, the garden at the front of the school has really grown...and so have the weeds! There might be some eager parents with green thumbs who would like to bring along their gardening gloves, a trowel and a garbage bag so we can spruce up the garden beds before the weeds get out of control. We would really appreciate your support

STUDENT OF THE WEEK		
		AWARDED FOR:
PREP B	Tara	For being focused on her learning tasks and for being a wonderful helper in Prep B! Well done, Tara!
PREP C	Ella	For dedication to her work and focus on achieving her learning goals. Well done, Ella!
PREP F	Megan	For working very hard in writing to sound out the words and sit her letters in the correct spaces!
PREP S	Sidney	For her fantastic reading with lots of expression!
JUNIOR L	Nathaneal	For his excellent work on adding description to his writing.
JUNIOR B	Caitlin	For always presenting written work with care and enthusiasm.
JUNIOR S	Oliver	For beautiful writing about his wonderful family pet dog, Tara!
JUNIOR J	Ali	For fantastic work and effort on his Olympic information report.
JUNIOR W	Caleb	For participating actively on the Junior 'Healthy' excursion.
JUNIOR H	Jialin	For working hard to achieve her reading, writing and numeracy goals.
JUNIOR G	Sian	For all your extra hard work at home.
JUNIOR M	Sasha	For her enthusiasm during writing with Mrs. Koehler this week.
MIDDLE B	CAMP	
MIDDLE C	CAMP	
MIDDLE V	Angus	For always having a go, giving his best and having a fabulous attitude on camp!
MIDDLE A	Tyson	For being an independent, happy camper!!
MIDDLE K	Darcy	For his positive attitude and willingness to 'have a go' at everything on camp. Fantastic!
MIDDLE L	CAMP	
SENIOR H	Felix	For working hard to catch up all term!
SENIOR K	Amy	For doing an excellent job with her maths and science homework this week. A very high standard, Amy!
SENIOR B	Raymond	For his creative and entertaining recount on his experiences on camp.
SENIOR C	Jonathan	For giving 150% at concert practice!
SENIOR M	Liam	For always having a positive attitude.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT - SLU

A Middle Unit Parent Information Night (Year 4 students only) will be held on **September 4th at 7.00pm**. This information night will provide parents with a comprehensive overview of how the Senior Learning Unit operates and the differences that they might expect as students move into this area. We encourage all parents to attend so that they have a clear understanding of the SLU and how they might support their children as they anticipate the move into the SLU and into 2009.

DEBATING

Last week there was a fabulous report about the debating team. Unfortunately it was credited to the wrong student. The debating report was written by **Alex**. Sorry for the mix-up Alex. Keep up your great journalistic skills.

Last Thursday the debating team took part in another unseen topic – that movies have a detrimental effect on the world. They had to argue the affirmative view against Drysdale PS. They did a fantastic job, especially in their rebuttals, and won this last debate. Alex was named Speaker of the Debate. They are now waiting to see whether they will get into the finals. Well done to the debating team and their coaches.

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.) Anyone requiring on the floor seating for the disabled or the elderly, please send a note to Jodi Schulz or come and see her at school. We look forward to seeing all families at the concert.

LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK

Literacy and Numeracy Week takes place **1st – 5th September**. We will be celebrating Literacy and Numeracy Week with a special session on **Wednesday 3rd September**. All students will work in multi-age groups to undertake a literacy/numeracy activity related to a picture story book that they enjoy reading together.

ISAAC HOCKEY

Last weekend Isaac competed in the Australian Primary Schools Cross Country Championships. While the frost was still on the ground, Isaac launched into his race around Eastern Gardens and came in 7th in his age group. This was a fantastic effort – well done Isaac. He will be eligible to compete in this age group again next year so we will be looking forward to seeing how his training develops.



BOOK CLUB

The current issue of book club closes today and future issues will close on the **last Wednesday** of each month.

LEGACY WEEK

1st September – 5th September
Junior School Council students will be selling armbands (\$2) and badges (50cents) during Legacy Week.

DOGS IN AND AROUND THE SCHOOL YARD – No Dogs are allowed in the school yard and outside the yard **PLEASE** clean up after your dog!!

READING CHALLENGE

The Reading Challenge finishes on August 31st. All students who are intending to complete the Challenge should have entered their books on the website and completed the parent permission slip by now. Any books entered after today may not be credited.

Congratulations those students who have recently completed the challenge!

THRASS

A number of parents have asked if another THRASS information session for parents could be held. This has been arranged for **Monday 8th September at 2:30** in the staffroom. THRASS charts will be available for purchase for those who attend the information session at \$6. If you would like to attend, please complete the slip below and return it to the office as soon as possible.

I would like to attend the THRASS information session

NAME:

CHILD'S GRADE:

Sign-On day for **Highton Heat Junior Cricket** will
be:

Sunday, August 31.
10:00am - 12:00noon
Everybody welcome!

If you would like to play, come along to the clubrooms
@ McDonald Reserve, Reynolds Rd Highton and register.



Enquiries to:

John Smart: 0419524513
jsmart@deakin.edu.au

or

David Wilson: 0425 865 250, 5243 5125
Willos.5@bigpond.net.au

ALEXANDER THOMSON JUNIOR CRICKET REGISTRATION NIGHT

We are having our Registration night on Friday the 5th September at Highton Reserve between 6.00pm and 6.45pm.

Any new or existing players wishing to register for our Junior competition or our MILO program are welcome to come along.

For further information please contact Chris on 0434074548

WAURN PONDS CRICKET CLUB invites all prospective under-11, under-13 and under-15 children to play in the GCA junior competition in 2008/2009. The club entered an under-15 team last season but hopes to expand its junior program when the new season begins in early October. We will hold a clinic and registration day at Jarvis Oval on Sunday, September 14 from noon to 2pm. The session will end with a barbecue for participants. For more information contact Damien Port on **0424 559 330** or Daniel Breen on **0438 273 602**.



Issues of Overweight



Consuming foods high in energy or calories combined with a inactive lifestyle can lead to children (and adults) becoming overweight and/or obese. As a result of these conditions, children can face both emotional issues as well as medical problems.

Emotional based problems include decreased social activity and/or social isolation due to being teased by peers. This in turn can contribute to low self-esteem levels, negative self image which can further spiral into feeling worthless or unwanted.

Medical problems which are directly attributed to increased weight include high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes, high cholesterol and an increased risk of developing cardiovascular disease.

Despite these frightening realities, these health issues can be prevented by making positive lifestyle changes that encourage healthy eating and regular physical activity for the whole family.



Enjoying a wide variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, combined with 30 minutes of moderate physical activity every day is the key!

For more information visit www.nutritionaustralia.org