

“AIM HIGH”

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Term Dates for 2008

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

CURRICULUM DAY

Literacy and Numeracy Week:

Curriculum Day

On Monday the teachers spent a full day in conference at Bellaire. Ms Koehler, Mrs Gilmour and Mrs Norton did a fantastic job in preparing a thought provoking and fun morning with a focus on subtraction, multiplication and division. The outcome will be a concise Maths booklet that clearly outlines the four operations and how they apply across the learning stages. Provided were practical examples and collaboration on approaches and activities that should directly impact Maths teaching and learning in our classrooms.

In the afternoon Roger Dingle, a work place psychologist, worked with all staff on work life balance and staff morale. Again, this session was interactive and enjoyed by staff.

Literacy and Numeracy Activity afternoon:

On Wednesday afternoon all students will participate in a cross aged group activity focused on books that have a maths activity within them. The books were purchased with a grant from the Barwon South Western region to celebrate Book Week and Numeracy. Thanks Ms Koehler and Mrs Brown for organising this fun educational activity!

Vandalism and Zero Tolerance:

On the weekend someone used a spray can to graffiti areas of the school then broke into the paint storage and threw house paint across asphalted areas. The repair bill has proved costly. If you saw anyone on the school grounds over the weekend that looked suspicious we need to know. Experience tells us that incidents like this are often repeated and we need to ensure that the message is clear, if you vandalise you will be caught and charged. Please keep a watch out for our school!

Kiss and Drop Zone:

Again, this zone is causing distress among parents as not everyone abides by the rules. If picking up you can only stop if your child is waiting. It is not a place to stop and sit in your car to wait for your child. Recent complaints to the Greater City of Geelong are likely to attract the attention of parking officers so PLEASE do the right thing!

Great Bellaire Toy sale:

This is preliminary notice for the Great Bellaire Toy sale, where students bring an unwanted toy to donate to the stall. During the last week of term, students will be able to bring a gold coin to purchase a toy. Toy recycling is a fun Junior School Council activity that also raises funds that will go towards a school project. More information will be available soon.

Old Bucket Chairs:

As we have now completed our chair replacement program, we have a large number of the old bucket chairs to be removed. We have tried to donate them to charity but with no luck! Anyone with any ideas for contacts regarding removal of the chairs please let us know. We are not looking for any financial return, we just want our science store cleared! Many thanks.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK		
		AWARDED FOR:
PREP B	Zackary	For working hard on his reading and being a great leader at concert practice. Well done, Zack!
PREP C	Sienna	For her brilliant work on doubles in mathematics. Great work, Sienna!
PREP F	Stephanie	For being focused on all of her learning tasks and being a wonderful helper in Prep F. Well done, Steff!!
PREP S	Amy	For her fantastic counting on skills when completing her addition this week. What a star!
JUNIOR L	Molly	For her hard work and determination to achieve her writing goals.
JUNIOR B	Jocelyn	For being a wonderful friend and always helping others.
JUNIOR S	William	For fantastic enthusiasm in our concert rehearsals!
JUNIOR J	James	For his wonderful handwriting on his Olympic Information Poster. Well done, James!
JUNIOR W	Kieren	For his outstanding maths work in class and for all the extra maths homework he has voluntarily done this week.
JUNIOR H	Rachel-Lee	For her fantastic DKU movie script.
JUNIOR G	Heidi	For improving the presentation of her work.
JUNIOR M	Molly	For her terrific effort on her DKU poster about gymnastics.
MIDDLE B	Leon	For great participation at camp!
MIDDLE C	Jeremy	For trying so hard in all areas this week and achieving his pen licence. Great job!
MIDDLE V	Dee-Jay	For having a great attitude on camp and getting along with others!
MIDDLE A	Lachlan	For working persistently this week.
MIDDLE K	Chris	For showing good leadership skills when teaching his team game.
MIDDLE L	Jordan	For taking care with the presentation of his written work and writing a great newspaper article about camp.
SENIOR H	Eliza	For catching up on all of her DKU!
SENIOR K	Emily	For showing confidence as third speaker in her first class debate and presenting some excellent rebuttals.
SENIOR B	Molly	For her persistence in reading and achieving lots of goals this week!
SENIOR C	Alice	For making progress towards her goal of getting organised.
SENIOR M	Sophie	For having a great conference.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Doug and Adam who did exceptionally well in their first A.M.E.B. music examination. Doug passed with a Distinction and Adam passed with Honours. Well Done to both of you!

KISS AND DROP ZONE

It is vital to the safety of our students that parents follow the correct procedures when using the kiss and drop zone at the front of the school. The rules are as follows:-

‘NO STOPPING’ VERSUS ‘NO PARKING’

No Stopping means **NO STOPPING** at all – even if you are letting someone out of the car, and regardless of whether you leave the engine running and stay in the car.

NO PARKING a driver must not stop on a length of road or in an area to which a no parking sign applies, **unless** the driver is dropping off or picking up, passengers or goods. The driver cannot leave the vehicle unattended and must complete the stop within 2 minutes or in accordance with what the sign indicates.

LEGACY WEEK

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

SOUTH BARWON LITTLE ATHLETICS

The 2008/09 Little Athletics season starts on Saturday 4th October at Landy Field. South Barwon have a registration evening for all interested athletes on Thursday 18th September from 4.30pm until 6.00pm or Saturday 20th September at Landy Field from 9am - 11am both registration sessions will be held at Landy Field. Membership is open to children from six to fourteen. All children compete for fun, fitness and enjoyment and are encouraged to participate regardless of their athletic capability. For further information contact Andrew Bigelow on 52218901/Mandee Oakes on 52433012, or have a look at our website www.southbarwonac.asn.au.

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 are \$10 and will **only** be sold at school in the weeks prior to the night. (ie. No tickets will be sold on the night.) Every person attending the concert, except Bellaire students, will need a ticket to enter the Arena. 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.

READING CHALLENGE

The Reading Challenge has now finished. We had ****%** of students in the school who completed the Challenge.

Congratulations to the following students who completed the Reading Challenge in the last week: Hunter, Alex, Harrison, William, Pahul, Gemma, Kaitlin, Nicholas and Chantelle.

Well done to these students.

SENIOR LEARNING UNIT

Parents of students in the Senior Learning Unit are reminded to fill out the survey at the following address:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=CXS2UAbJalAHajR8V Rt_2fAQ_3d_3d

This survey is asking parents for feedback about the unit and will help guide our plans for the future.

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!!

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:

Kids -Go for your life –Move Play and Go!



Question: **What can help children make friends, increase confidence and self esteem, improve academic performance, develop cardiovascular fitness, build strong bones and muscles, develop good posture, coordination and motor skills and even provide a longer, healthier life?**

Answer: *It's Physical Activity of course.....*

If it came in a bottle everyone would buy it, but the good news is that it's free!

CONSULTATION

In December 2007, the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agreed that the Commonwealth Government and state and territory governments would work in partnership to develop a national Quality standards Framework for early childhood education and care and an Early Years Learning Framework. The aim of the new quality framework is to improve outcomes for children by improving the quality of early childhood education and care services. You are invited to contribute to the development of the new quality framework by taking part in consultations.

You can contribute your views by:

- Attending a consultation forum. For dates and locations www.deewr.gov.au/COAGforums
- Sending a written submission by visiting www.deewr.gov.au/COAGdiscussionpaper by September 19th.

Consultation will be guided by the discussion paper *A National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education and Care: a discussion paper* which is available at www.deewr.gov.au/COAGdiscussionpaper

Collect-A-Tub

Collect a Tub for our school and sports will be really cool!

From the 8th of September to the 30th of November, Bellaire will be taking part in a Goulburn Valley Collect-a-tub competition. If you have already purchased Goulburn Valley fruit snacks, you can go online to www.collectatub.com.au select Bellaire as your school and enter the last 5 digits on the barcode. You can do that or just simply bring your Goulburn Valley fruit snack tub to school with the receipt and put it in the Collect-A-Tub bin which will be in the Senior Learning Unit between these dates. Please remember that collect-a-tub is only for people who already eat this product. Each tub equals 1 point and we can exchange points for new sports equipment. So collect a Goulburn Valley fruit snack tub between 8th of September to the 30th of November and our school can win new sports equipment.

- Please note that this product has to be purchased from Coles or Bi-Lo.

**Luke and Joel
Bellaire Junior School Council**