

“AIM HIGH”

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Term Dates for 2008

6th October – 19th December

Dates to remember:

Grade 6 Graduation-17th Dec
End of Term 4 – 19th Dec

1st Day for Students in 2009 –
Monday Feb. 2nd.

CHILDREN’S WEEK

Children’s Week will be celebrated from 18-26 October 2008 to coincide with Universal Children’s Day on Wednesday 22 October 2008.

To celebrate Children’s Week at Bellaire, there were many proud Prep students who brought their families to school last night to brag about the amazing amount of learning that has taken place this year. It was great to see so many mums and dads, grandmas and grandpas marveling at the fantastic reading, writing, numeracy and general knowledge skills that these young children had mastered.

It certainly is something to brag about!

CONGRATULATIONS

We had some very talented students who competed in the Regional Athletics Carnival last Friday – even though it was a holiday for all other students and teachers!

Isaac Hockey won gold in the 11 Boys 1500m and 800m. *He is a superstar!*

Will qualified to the finals in the 11 Boys 100m and 200m finishing 5th and 6th. A great effort!

Lachlan placed 5th in the 10 Boys Triple Jump. A real star of the future!

11 Boys Relay team (Isaac, Joel, Tom and Will) won silver in the relay.

Isaac (1500m & 800m) and our boys relay team have qualified to compete in the **State Athletics Championships** in Bendigo on the 10th November.

Thanks to Mrs Jeffreys and the parents who supported the students last week.



VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOL

This week we will be hosting a group of teachers from the Western Metropolitan Region of Melbourne. These teachers will soon be moving into new open plan schools and they want to adopt processes and procedures similar to our Senior Learning Unit. These teachers will be shadowing SLU teachers, learning how the unit operates and plan and teach lessons. We are sure that they will gain a great deal of experience as they work closely in the Senior Learning Unit.

WELCOME

Recently we welcomed our new student teacher from the United States of America. **Jorden White** is from Kentucky and is working in junior M with Miss Madden and her class. Thank you to Shane and Carolyn (Shani Prep C) for being a lovely host family for Jorden whilst she is experiencing Australian life.

SUN SMART

Please remember that hats are compulsory during Term 4!

NO hat, NO play.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PREP B	Makayla	For always trying her best and being a great friend to everyone. Well done, Makayla!
PREP C	Fletcher	For his dedication and enthusiasm in class this week. What a great start to Term 4, Fletcher. Well done!
PREP F	Mackenzie	For working very hard in maths to find the perimeter of objects. Well done, Mackenzie!
PREP S	Holly	For her great area and perimeter measuring. Keep it up, Holly!
JUNIOR L	Billy	For his excellent attitude to his school work.
JUNIOR B	Taylah	For her excellent skills in counting money.
JUNIOR S	Harry	For fantastic writing efforts all week!
JUNIOR J	Ebony	For her brilliant participation in all class discussions and asking really good questions.
JUNIOR W	Tommy	For working hard on improving his number facts over the holidays.
JUNIOR H	Rachel-Lee	For her outstanding writing.
JUNIOR G	Georgia	For her excellent handwriting and presentation of her work.
JUNIOR M	Nelson	For his great 'money maths' this week!
MIDDLE B	Kiara	For having a positive attitude to learning.
MIDDLE C	Meaghan	For producing outstanding strategies when learning and working with fractions. Keep it up!
MIDDLE V	Chloe	For her terrific work on her Information Report!
MIDDLE A	Belinda	For a great start to the new term.
MIDDLE K	Zane	For a great start to Term 4, showing good concentration and a good work ethic.
MIDDLE L	Audrey	For working hard to achieve her writing goals. Congratulations on a great start to Term 4, Audrey!
SENIOR H	Josh	For a focussed start to Term 4.
SENIOR K	Rowan	For always having a positive attitude to school and keeping on top of his organisation. Go, Rowan!
SENIOR B	Daniel	For his prepared conference and showing reading goal evidence so early in Term 4!
SENIOR C	Dylan	For putting extra effort into his writing task by doing some research.
SENIOR M	Connor	For an enthusiastic start to Term 4.

SCIENCE QUESTACON

Last week many classes enjoyed the Shell Science Questacon. This is Luca's recount of the experience:

On Wednesday, the Preps went to the multipurpose room because we were learning science. I had two favourites – when the tea bag went up and the big air bubble. Carly made big bubbles and she put the bubbles over Jonathan's head.

Lily wrote:

This morning we went to the multipurpose room because there was a science show. My favourite bit was when they got some matches and a tea bag and put it on fire. It went up and up and it made little pieces.

The students learnt many amazing things. They also learnt that scientists always stay safe and never try tricks at home!

Thanks to Miss Lindmayer for organising this event.

SOCIAL CLUB BOOKS

With this weeks' newsletter, you would have received a SCB catalogue. If you wish to order anything from the catalogue, please return your order to school by November 5th along with Cash, Cheque (made out to Bellaire Primary School) or fill in the credit card section. **NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED TO ENSURE DELIVERY PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS. DON'T PAY THE POST&PACKAGING – ALL BOOKS WILL BE DELIVERED TO SCHOOL.**



TRANSITION

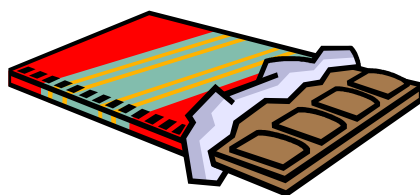
In term 4, we look forward to completing the year with our friends and anticipating the new experiences that each new year brings.

Next week we begin the 2009 Prep transition program with a parent information evening on Tuesday 28th October. Our new prep students will also attend three transition visits to Bellaire to ensure that they are comfortable and confident when they begin school next year. Our year 6 students also have the opportunity to visit their new secondary school. Most of these transition days are in early December.

For students who will be moving into a new unit next year, an informal transition program has already begun. Every Thursday, students spend their lunch eating time in their new unit with some experienced students acting as role models. Although it may not be their exact classroom for 2009, the students experience the new setting and interact with teachers and students.

Change is difficult for some students and we hope that these experiences will assist them to feel 'at home' in their new unit so that they can look forward to new learning opportunities next year.

CHOCOLATES If you still have outstanding chocolate money could you please send it along to school as soon as possible so this fundraiser can be finalised.



Collect-A-Tub

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

From the 8th September to the 30th 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.

Luke and Joel

Bellaire Junior School Council

RON CLARK CLASSIC

Saturday November 22nd

Adults \$10 Kids U/18 \$5 (U/5 Free)

Tickets Tickets available at the gate on the night

Gates Open 4pm - 8pm

Kids, wear your Little Athletic Club uniform for **Free Entry**

John Landy Field,
Barwon Terrace, South Geelong

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parenting young adolescents



For Parents of adolescents aged 10-13 years

A 4-week practical and enjoyable program to help parents understand and cope better with the challenges of parenting pre-adolescents and young teenagers.

Program explores:

- * Connecting
- * Communicating
- * Negotiating
- * Problem solving
- * Self-care
- * Valuing
- * Monitoring
- * Accepting
- * Limit setting

Duration: 4 x 2.5 hour sessions over four weeks

Term 4, 2008:

Commencing: **Thursday 6th November**
Where: **"Ariston", 245-249 Pakington St, Newtown**
Time: **7.00pm - 9.30pm**

Contact the **Regional Parenting service** on
5272 4817 to reserve your place

Cost – Gold Coin Donation

Note: Places for each program limited - Registration Essential.