

“AIM HIGH”

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Term Dates for 2008

6th October – 19th December

Dates to remember:

Blue Light Disco- SLU 26th Nov
Transition Day – 12th Dec
Junior Information Evening- 15th Dec
Grade 6 Graduation-17th Dec
End of Term 4 – 19th Dec

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

Transition from 2008 to 2009:

There have been many different activities happening or are planned in the school to best prepare students for their movement into the next year's learning units.

Prep transition for 2009

Prep students have already been attending sessions, with information sessions and transition activities to ensure our new students will be best prepared for starting school.

Preps to Junior Learning Unit 2009

A parent information evening is planned for Monday, 15th December from 6 – 6:45 pm in the multipurpose room. There will be additional activities for students on the transition day.

Middles to the Senior Learning Unit 2009

All students have also been involved in range of activities to best prepare them, including parent information sessions, training in using mac lap tops and blogs, activities based in the SLU etc. The new MLU team will present an information session early in 2009.

Year 6 to Secondary School:

There is a regional transition day on the 2nd December, plus an additional day on the 3rd of December for Belmont High students. Other secondary setting also have days planned with families being contacted directly with the relevant information.

We are planning a **whole school transition morning on Friday, 12th December**. Students will get the opportunity to go to their new classes on this day to do a special morning activity. Student Reports will also be sent home on this day.

PARENT REQUESTS FOR 2008

2008 teachers collaborate with their Unit Team to place students in grades for the following year. Teachers are experts in making judgements about students' grade placements based on their knowledge of each student's social and academic needs. They also have a good understanding of the social dynamics within the school setting. In most cases, parents are happy to leave this task to the teachers as they know your child's needs in the school setting. However, sometimes parents do have a particular request they would like considered in their child's grade placement (eg cousins who see a lot of each other may be requested to be in different grades). It is terrific to note that most parents do not feel a need to place a request and those who have are usually for very specific reasons.

Any parent requests need to be sent to the office before **Friday, 21st November**.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PREP B	Nicholas	For trying new things at swimming and always being focused on his learning tasks.
PREP C	Felicity	For being so organised and persistent at swimming. Great work Felicity!
PREP F	Isaiah	For being confident and persistent at swimming and trying new things. Well done Isaiah!
PREP S	Emily	For being so independent and organised at swimming this week!
JUNIOR B	Jesse	For being super organised and independent during swimming.
JUNIOR G	Jayden	For improved confidence in EMU and Numeracy.
JUNIOR H	Luke	For his outstanding work in writing
JUNIOR J	Elijah	For his outstanding efforts and achievements in all areas of his work.
JUNIOR L	Josh	For his excellent improvement in his writing.
JUNIOR M	Josh	For his organisation at the pool this week!
JUNIOR S	Gracie	For her persistence in swimming in the deep end.
JUNIOR W	Millie	For her fantastic attitude during the two week swimming program.
MIDDLE A	Nathan	For his excellent attitude and persistence in all of his work.
MIDDLE B	Kristen	For always striving to achieve her best!
MIDDLE C	Austin	For producing outstanding work during learning centres about talking marks.
MIDDLE K	Hannah	For her fantastic work on her Reading Project.
MIDDLE L	Jack	For showing great concentration in reading and enthusiastically completing his book report activities. Well done, Jack!
MIDDLE V	Layne	For her amazing improvement in being able to complete more work in a given time!
SENIOR B	Jordan	For an outstanding presentation of his author study. Keep it up!
SENIOR C	Alice	For making improvements in her writing.
SENIOR H	Felix	For being a great leader in extension ed.
SENIOR K	Taiha	For putting in that extra effort with her homework presentation this week. Professional and organised! Go Taiha!
SENIOR M	Luke	For always having a great attitude towards his homework.

WORKING BEES

We have one working bee planned for the rest of the year:

Preps: **Sunday, 30th November**

PLEASE note this date in your diary as we need as many helpers as we can muster! Much appreciated.



ARE YOU LEAVING?

In order for us to make decisions about the number of staff we will require for classes next year, we ask that parents notify us as soon as it is confirmed that your children will not be at Bellaire in 2009.

TERM 4 CASUAL DRESS

Term 4 casual dress has arrived! This term we will be raising money for the State Schools Relief Fund. This committee, developed during the Great Depression, has the aim of providing basic items of footwear and school clothing to children in need. It enables disadvantaged students to receive new footwear and clothing thereby enhancing the self esteem and well being of many deserving students. This is a great way for our community to give to others who are less fortunate than ourselves.

This term we will leave it as just a simple casual dress day but with a bit of a Christmas twist! So put your tinsel to good use, get your red and green clothing out and get into the spirit of the season! We will be asking for students to donate a gold coin towards this fundraiser.

When – Friday 12th December

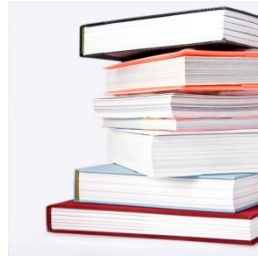
Why – State School Relief Fund

Theme – Christmas Theme!

BOOK CLUB

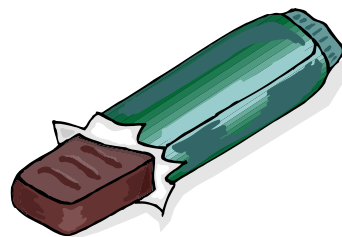
Due to the early term 4 finish parents are asked to finalise all Bookclub orders by Wednesday 19th November (today) to ensure pre Christmas delivery.

Thanks
Glynis



CHOCOLATES

There are still quite a few families who have not returned their chocolate money – could you please do so asap.



CANTEEN SURVEY

In last week's Newsletter you received a Canteen Survey – please complete the Survey and return to your child's classroom or the school office. Your feedback is important to us when planning for 2009.

LIBRARY – PARENT HELP NEEDED

It is time to get the library resources in order. If you have any time **during the last hour on a Wednesday** to assist with this job and other related jobs (book repair, cleaning etc.) it would be greatly appreciated. If we start now and keep it in check, it won't be a big job at the end of the year. No experience is necessary as I will show you what to do.

Thanks
Debra Brown

SALVATION ARMY

CANNED FOOD DRIVE

(A group of Belmont High students are currently organizing a canned food drive on behalf of the Salvation Army.)

Please help the Salvation Army by donating tins of food for the hungry. A collection box is located in the school foyer. Thankyou for your support

Tarni and Sana-Belmont High School

2008 SLU Narrative Writing Competition

Congratulations to the following students who have won this years narrative writing competition. These stories were written in our narrative writing workshops from the beginning of the year. The stories were independently judged by Susan from Geelong Regional Library on creativity, structure and grammar. All were very impressive and hard to judge! Congratulations to all the students in the top 18, especially those who have won prizes!

1st – Joel

2nd – Doug

3rd – Alex

Honourable Mention – Joel

UNIFORM SALE

This Friday 21st November, the Uniform Shop will once again have a sale of second hand uniform. The uniforms will be sold for a gold coin donation which will go to the State Schools' Relief Committee – which provides shoes and uniforms for disadvantaged students in Victorian State Schools.

The Uniform Sale will be held at the front of the Uniform Shop from 2.30pm – 3.45pm.



Try Boys Basketball Club is looking for children interested in playing basketball. We have immediate vacancies in our Under 10 Girls and Boys teams, but cater for player of all ages. For more information call Lisa Maxwell on 0407 822809.

Cool Summer Snacks for the Kids!



Cantaloupe Boats

Ingredients:

- 1 wedge of cantaloupe (or rockmelon)
- 2 tablespoons of fruit yoghurt
- 1/2 cup of seedless grapes

Method:

Scoop seeds out of the rockmelon. Put the wedge of rockmelon in a bowl. Spread yoghurt on the cantaloupe and decorate with grapes. Chill in the refrigerator before serving.

SUMMER FRUITS

Summer sees the arrival of all sorts of colourful yummy fruits such as:

Apricots Nectarines Peaches
Cherries Honeydew Melon Passion fruit
Berries Watermelon Mangoes Pineapple

Encourage variety by buying different fruits each week. Fruits in season will be sweet, juice and cheap!

Benefits of fruit:

- It is a great source of fibre.
- Creates a positive mood.
- It tastes great.
- Sweet tasting for children's taste preferences.
- Can be incorporated into many yummy recipes!!

