

“AIM HIGH”

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Term Dates for 2009

2nd Feb – 3rd April

20th April – 26th June

13 July – 18th September

5th October – 18th December

Dates to remember:

May 4th-8th MIDDLE UNIT
CAMP

May 20th – Open Morning for
Education Week

May 21st-District Cross Ctry

May 26th –Bush Dance

June 8th – Queens Birthday
Long Weekend.

June 12th- Report Writing Day

July 29th Middle/ Senior Aths

IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

Parents will have noticed that we have been proactive in promoting the importance of students being at school every day to maximise their opportunities for learning. The members of Junior School Council have been working on initiatives to promote regular attendance and a special award has been presented at assembly to the class that has the best attendance for the week.

Whilst we have been at school just 11 weeks this year, there are 52 students who have been absent between 5 and 15 days. This means that there are some students who have missed up to 3 weeks of school already this year.

Naturally this has an effect on these students' learning. But it also affects their ability to form and maintain friendships with other classmates. Imagine the student who strikes up a friendship with a group of mates and together they find something in common that they enjoy. But if that student is regularly absent, he/she will begin to feel alienated from the group that has continued to develop their relationship and interests in the student's absence.

Students need to be at school every day

EDUCATION WEEK – OPEN MORNING on Wed, 20th May:

Parents are invited to attend our OPEN MORNING to view our school programs to celebrate literacy and numeracy in our school. Parents are also welcome to join the staff for morning tea. We look forward to seeing you!

Victorian Education Excellence Awards:

Bellaire PS has been shortlisted for two awards in 2009. They are the Curriculum Innovation award and the Leadership Team award.

On Friday, 15th May a team of staff will attend a function in Melbourne for the presentations and announcements of the winners. Award winners receive \$20,000 in prize money. The staff are delighted to be shortlisted and look forward to the Award Night in the Palladium Room at Crown.

CONGRATULATIONS MS EDDY:

Ms Eddy has recently received a provisional promotion to the Manager of Student Learning at the Barwon South Western Regional Office. This is recognition of her exemplary educational leadership over many years. Although she will be dearly missed by the Bellaire School Community after 11 years of service, we are also pleased for her that she has this new opportunity in her career. Parents wishing to farewell Ms Eddy are encouraged to do so in person or to attend our school assembly on the 15th May for a formal farewell.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PREP B	Tyler	For always being organised in the morning and a great friend to everyone in Prep B!
PREP C	Daniel	For his concentration and persistence with his work this week, particularly in writing. Great work, Daniel!
PREP F	Georgia	For being such an enthusiastic learner, who always tries her best! Well done, Georgia
PREP H	Kiah	For doing such a great job of her handwriting. Well done, Kiah!
JUNIOR B	Sienna	For being so enthusiastic about her work and always being cooperative and friendly.
JUNIOR H	Millie	For her enthusiastic attitude towards maths. Keep up the fantastic work, Millie!
JUNIOR L	Rowan	For being such a great role model to other students in the class and working to his maximum potential.
JUNIOR N	Jesse	For working really hard on her challenge words over the holidays.
JUNIOR R	Emily	For sensational work habits and a positive attitude.
JUNIOR S	Hannah-Mae	For her fantastic Under Sea Adventure writing!
JUNIOR T	Sophie	For her improved organisational skills this week in reading. Great work Sophie!
JUNIOR W	Ebony	For trying so hard to improve her writing skills. Keep it up, Ebony!
MIDDLE A	Jack	For his fantastic improvement in showing off his reading skills.
MIDDLE J	Molly	For contributing her terrific ideas about the ANZACs and sharing her grandfather's medals.
MIDDLE L	Tanner	For his enthusiastic contributions in class discussions and his great use of expression when speaking and reading.
MIDDLE M	Tyler	For his fabulous writing!
MIDDLE R	Ali	For continuing to persist in P.E. Well done!
MIDDLE S	Phoebe	For completing excellent work during reading activities.
MIDDLE W	Harvey	For making a fantastic start to Term 2 and working hard to do his best work in all subjects.
SENIOR B	Hannah	For always sharing her ideas in class discussions and putting in maximum effort to achieve her goals.
SENIOR C	Ashley	For an exciting start to Term 2, and for achieving two goals!
SENIOR H	Joshua	For a positive start to Term 2!
SENIOR J	Erin	For making a well organised start to the term and working hard to achieve her learning goals.
SENIOR K	Devon	For making a great start to Term 2. Devon showed great application in maths workshops this week.
SENIOR W	Lauren	For taking initiative with her goals and for her positive attitude.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

If you have completed the Reading Challenge and entered the books on the website

www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

print off the list of books and return it to school. Books have to be verified by the school co-ordinator. Congratulations to **Montana, Sidney, Campbell and Emily** who have recently completed the Premier's Reading Challenge.

The following information shows that the Year 1 and Year 3 students are our most prolific readers to date:

Prep – 5% completed the Challenge
Year 1 – 19%
Year 2 – 6%
Year 3 – 16%
Year 4 – 2%
Year 5 – 3%
Year 6 – 1%

MS READATHON

Students are being invited to join in the celebrations of the **30th year of the MS Readathon** by registering to take part in the June reading event. Since 1979 schools across Australia have united to help change the lives of people living with multiple sclerosis (MS).

Students, siblings, parents and grandparents can get involved. Here's how...

Click online for free registration and receive a cool MS Readathon wristband

Flick through books during the month of June (you can count the books read for the Premier's Reading Challenge too)

Collect sponsorship donations from family and friends and collect some terrific rewards

Visit www.msreadathon.org.au for more details.

Bonus! Once 20 students from our school have registered online for the MS Readathon, the school will receive a book pack for the library – it's free to register online, just check with mum or dad first.



Children need less high fat, high sugar foods and drinks

As part of our commitment to the 'Kids Go For Your Life' program, this term at Bellaire P.S. we will be reinforcing the message about limiting 'occasional' foods. An important part of creating a healthy school environment is to set a good example and make healthy choices easier for students. Research shows that children believe that school and everything about school is healthy, so it's important for the school canteen/lunch order service to give children the right messages about healthy eating. The canteen provides an opportunity to teach children that eating away from home can be healthy too.

'Occasionally' foods is a term commonly used in canteen guidelines to refer to foods and drinks that lack adequate nutrients and are high in saturated fat, sugar and/or salt such as confectionery, soft drinks, deep fried foods, high fat/sodium pies, pastries, cakes and chips.

Most people enjoy the taste of these foods but too many of these foods and drinks are linked to overweight and obesity, dental caries and can mean children miss out on nutrients for growth and development. They can also increase the risk of type 2 diabetes and heart disease.

As canteen and foods services move towards limiting "occasionally" foods, it is a good opportunity for families to review their lunchboxes too.

Healthy learning lunchboxes are full of healthy choices. Just as for canteens and lunch orders, chips, lollies, chocolate and sweet drinks are best left out and saved for special occasions

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The 2009/2010 Entertainment Books have been sent home to families. We ask that you either return the book immediately if you don't want it or pay the \$50 for it.

All books or money should have been returned by now.

We thank all families who support this fundraiser so generously.

CANTEEN –TERM 2 SPECIAL – PANCAKES and a bottle of water for **\$3.50**. Choose from Maple Syrup/Strawberry Jam/Icing Sugar and Lemon Juice.

The Roster for Term 2 has gone home – if you didn't receive yours – please contact Liz.

Congratulations Nicola who competed admirably in the 11 year old breast stroke event at the Victorian State titles recently.

Tennis Coaching at Bellaire

Starts Friday May 8th

8.25am – 8.55am

6 week term

Cost = \$60.00

Phone Tony Brushfield on 52440040 or 0408524898

BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL is holding its **Education Expo – Information Evening** for Grade 5/Grade 6 students and parents on **Tuesday 19th May, 2009**. School tours begin at **6.00pm** (meet at the flag pole in Rotherham Street) and the presentation at **7.00pm** in the school Gymnasium and then tours again at **7.45 – 8.30pm**.

FUN RUN

Please return all sponsorship for the fun run by the end of April. Thanks to those who have supported this major fundraiser.

FOR SALE - \$25 LAP TOP CARRY BAGS

(14 in total) Brand New Lap Top Bags – Leather Look – available at the office.

