

## Principal Team Column

**“AIM HIGH”**

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#### Term Dates for 2009

2<sup>nd</sup> Feb – 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
20<sup>th</sup> April – 26<sup>th</sup> June  
13 July – 18<sup>th</sup> September  
5<sup>th</sup> October – 18<sup>th</sup> December

#### Dates to remember:

August 31<sup>st</sup>-Sep 4<sup>th</sup> – Senior Camp  
Sep 10<sup>th</sup> – School Concert  
October 21<sup>st</sup> – Public holiday in lieu of Melbourne Cup

#### PREP 2010 ENROLMENTS

Due to a strong demand for enrolments next year we have now filled our four prep grades with confirmed enrolments.

#### Bellaire Visitors:

Our school has been lucky enough to have a range of visitors come to visit our learning communities to learn more about personalising learning and working in a teaming environment. Recent visitors have included:

- 4 Principals from Canberra last Thursday
- 34 educators from Victoria on an iNet ( International Network for Educational Transformation) Learning Walk
- Anne Marie Ryan, Geelong SMART Leading Learning Education Network as part of the state wide Principal For A Day Program. Anne Marie's role is to link learning organisations with local business to ensure our community will have skilled workers prepared for the future.

Congratulations to our teachers and students for doing such a terrific job hosting these visitors. Bellaire is visited by educators from all over Victoria and beyond on a regular basis. Much of the current interest in caused by many schools currently having 'open learning communities' built as part of the 'Education Revolution'. As Bellaire is one of a few schools that has completed three years of action research about the impact on student learning, many schools seek our help in preparing their teachers for the new learning spaces. We get numerous compliments on the great work in the learning communities and on how approachable and articulate our students are! Our students are often the biggest advocates of the SLU!

#### Upcoming Works to Canteen and Out Of School Hours Care Facility:

We have prepared for some major work to happen in the canteen over the next school holidays, New benches, sinks and an industrial stove will be installed to upgrade the current work space. A new sink and the current canteen stove will be installed in the multipurpose room. This will enable food preparation for students to be handled in newer and bigger workspaces.

External painting of the south wing and decks and verandas will also take place over the holiday break.

Thanks to our Senior Working Bee last Sunday, we also have new softfall in the Prep playground and garden works completed. We appreciate the time and effort our families to improve our gardens!

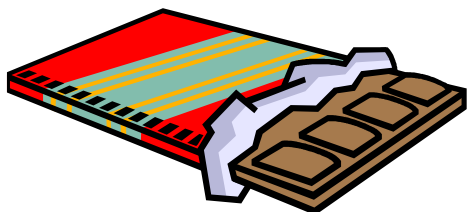
**Gardening Club:** We are hoping to start a social but productive Gardening Club on a Friday morning. This is where we ask parents to volunteer some time to do some garden upgrades on a Friday morning for approximately one hour followed by a social cuppa. Initially we would like any interested parents to contact us to help us form the group and plan how it may function. I have seen this concept in other schools where the children benefit for brighter surroundings and parents enjoy sharing their gardening expertise and some social time! We plan the meeting to be on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> September at 9:00 in the staff room.

**Year 5 2010 Parent Information Evening:** Many thanks to Abbey Howard, Virginnia Gilham, SLU students, parents and staff for making this a terrific evening. Lots of information was shared and it was great to have the opportunity to meet with our current Year 4 parents in preparation for 2010

Some families have been posted the **2009 Parent Opinion Survey**. Parents are asked to fill in the survey and return to school in the envelope provided by **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August. We thank you for your feedback in anticipation!**

## CHOCOLATE DRIVE PARENT HELPERS NEEDED

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September, we need as many parents helpers as we can get to help sort the chocolate boxes for our fundraiser. Even if you can only spare an hour or so - you can pop in anytime during the day - your help would be greatly appreciated.



## BOOK CLUB

Issue 6 of Book Club will close this Thursday, the 27th August.

## BELLAIRE CONCERT 2009 SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>

*As you are aware the concert will be held at The Arena in North Geelong at 7pm. on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2009. Please return the ticket form you received last week to your child's teacher with payment. Please note that payment can be made by cheque, cash or credit card. Tickets can also be purchased at the school office. Every family is allocated a maximum of 4 tickets and there will be no extra tickets for sale. No tickets will be sold on the night. If you require reserved seating for the Elderly or Disabled please see Mr Whiteside before the night.*

*Jo Barry, Carly Fantini and Andrew Whiteside.*

The **UNIFORM SHOP** will NOT be opened this Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. It will be opened as usual Monday morning from 8.45am - 9.15am.

## LAST WEEK!!

## Geelong Food Relief Centre 2009 Toucan

### Appeal

Every year the Geelong Food Relief Centre (Foodbank) provides more than eight thousand families in the Geelong region with emergency food supplies. This means that more than 24000 adults and children use the service.

The Geelong Food Relief Centre is a not-for-profit charitable co-operative of welfare agencies throughout Geelong, the Bellarine Peninsula, Surf Coast and Winchelsea.

The Toucan Winter Appeal is run each year and Bellaire Primary School is proud to support this worthy cause.

We ask that each family donate a non perishable food item which should be placed in the box in the foyer just inside the front door. The box will be collected after the 31<sup>st</sup> August.



## Juniors & Milo-In2Cricket

### REGISTRATION DAY / CLINIC

**When: SATURDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup>  
SEPTEMBER**

**Time: 10am - 11.30am  
(followed by free BBQ)**

**Venue: Jarvis Oval, Waurun  
Ponds (Deakin Uni)**

(visit [Google Maps](#) -  
'Jarvis Rd, Waurun Ponds')

Parents can also register their children for the Milo In2Cricket program by going online at [www.in2cricket.com.au](http://www.in2cricket.com.au) and search for 'Waurun Ponds Cricket Club.'

**\*\*\*A Club where ALL kids  
get a fair go\*\*\***

## VICTORIAN PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the reading challenge: Georgia, Finn, Will, Kaylee, Jacob, Sasha, Jarryd and Zakiah.

Final day to complete the Reading Challenge is the 27th August, so encourage your children to keep reading and complete the challenge in the next few days.

## SunSmart

**From September, 5 things to remember...**

UV levels in Victoria are on the rise again so from September it will be time to grab your sun protection gear and do the *SunSmart Countdown*. Whenever UV levels reach 3 and above, sun protection is needed because that is when the sun can start to damage skin and eyes and lead to skin cancer.

Use a combination of the following five sun protection measures:

**5. Slip** on clothing that covers as much skin as possible (no singlet tops)

**4. Slap** on SPF30+ broad spectrum sunscreen (remember to reapply it before going outside)

**3. Slap** on a wide brimmed hat that shades the head, face, neck and ears)

**2. Seek** shade

**1. Slide** on some wrap around sunglasses (labelled AS 1067) - if practical and appropriate for your school  
Be especially careful during the middle part of the day (between 10am - 2pm or 11am - 3pm daylight saving time) when the sun's UV levels are most intense.

You can find out UV levels and the times sun protection is needed by looking at the SunSmart UV Alert in the weather section of your daily newspaper or visit [http://www.sunsmart.com.au/ultraviolet\\_radiation/sunsmart\\_uv\\_alert](http://www.sunsmart.com.au/ultraviolet_radiation/sunsmart_uv_alert)



**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

<b>PREP B</b>	<b>Brodie</b>	<b>For being confident and trying his best at the sports day. Well done, Brodie!</b>
<b>PREP C</b>	<b>Jessica</b>	<b>For her brilliant work in maths this week with two digit numbers. Well done, Jessica!</b>
<b>PREP F</b>	<b>Lucea</b>	<b>For her wonderful effort at the PREP AND Junior Sports Day. Well done, Lulu!</b>
<b>PREP H</b>	<b>Adam</b>	<b>For settling in so well and for his fantastic lion reading activity.</b>
<b>JUNIOR B</b>	<b>Katie</b>	<b>For her persistence and hard work in all subject areas.</b>
<b>JUNIOR H</b>	<b>Eneko</b>	<b>For his enthusiastic attitude and effort during the Junior Athletics day. Well done, Eneko!</b>
<b>JUNIOR L</b>	<b>Jocelyn</b>	<b>For her helpful attitude and excellent understanding during capacity.</b>
<b>JUNIOR N</b>	<b>Emily</b>	<b>For trying really hard to be productive when working independently this week.</b>
<b>JUNIOR R</b>	<b>Phebe</b>	<b>For always having a go at new things.</b>
<b>JUNIOR S</b>	<b>Hannah-Mae</b>	<b>For fantastic writing about our zoo excursion and chicks!</b>
<b>JUNIOR T</b>	<b>Mason</b>	<b>For using fantastic work habits all week. Well done!</b>
<b>JUNIOR W</b>	<b>Cameron</b>	<b>For displaying good sportsmanship at the Junior Sports Day.</b>
<b>MIDDLE A</b>	<b>Dee-Jay</b>	<b>For great writing this week!</b>
<b>MIDDLE J</b>	<b>Chloe</b>	<b>For striving to do her best at everything she does!!</b>
<b>MIDDLE L</b>	<b>Allen</b>	<b>For working hard to improve his writing. Well done, Allen!</b>
<b>MIDDLE M</b>	<b>Cody</b>	<b>For his terrific monster, Who Am I?</b>
<b>MIDDLE R</b>	<b>Jessica</b>	<b>For completing some amazing homework that included a spelling puzzle.</b>
<b>MIDDLE S</b>	<b>Joseph</b>	<b>For his excellent contributions during class discussions.</b>
<b>MIDDLE W</b>	<b>Kaylee</b>	<b>For doing some excellent research and then completing an outstanding poster on her family history.</b>
<b>SENIOR B</b>	<b>Adele</b>	<b>For fantastic preparation and presentation of her debate this week.</b>
<b>SENIOR C</b>	<b>Josh</b>	<b>For a fantastic conference and being focused on his goals.</b>
<b>SENIOR H</b>	<b>Georgia</b>	<b>For a fantastic parent conference.</b>
<b>SENIOR J</b>	<b>Belinda</b>	<b>For a fantastic effort during the first debate.</b>
<b>SENIOR K</b>	<b>Liam</b>	<b>For completing an excellent first debate this week. Liam showed strong rebuttals and used a powerful voice!</b>
<b>SENIOR W</b>	<b>Lucas</b>	<b>For his outstanding confidence in his first debate. Congratulations on “Best Speaker” Lucas.</b>