

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PREP B	Theo	For working hard to achieve his learning goals and always presenting his learning tasks with great care.
PREP C	Ryley	For being such a conscientious worker who is always trying his best. Well done, Ryley!
PREP F	Diane	For developing confidence in her writing and for having a go at new activities. Well done, Diane!
PREP H	Kayla	For a great start to Term 3. Great work, Kayla!
JUNIOR B	Emily	For a wonderful start to Term 3 and for applying herself to all tasks. Well done, Emily!
JUNIOR H	Molly	For producing some fantastic writing ideas and working hard to make an interesting story. Well done, Molly!
JUNIOR L	Olivia	For making such an excellent effort in her writing and spelling.
JUNIOR N	Mackenzie	For her positive attitude towards all areas of her school work in the first week back.
JUNIOR R	Aiden	For working on getting along and persisting with finishing work.
JUNIOR S	Luke	For fantastic counting pattern discoveries! They helped the whole class skip count!
JUNIOR T	Shalini	For being such a hard worker in maths groups.
JUNIOR W	Lewis	For always starting activities quickly and trying his best. Well done!
MIDDLE A	Caleb	For great work in writing all week!
MIDDLE J	Grace	For showing excellent comprehension during reading groups.
MIDDLE L	Liam	For making a positive and hard working start to the new term. Well done, Liam!
MIDDLE M	Abby	For a terrific start to the term and for always being a focused worker!
MIDDLE R	Matthew	For always being willing to help all members of Middle R.
MIDDLE S	Tom	For his very creative ideas during Quick Writing this week.
MIDDLE W	Jake	For the excellent work he did at home to ensure he did an outstanding description test.
SENIOR B	Brianna	For her enthusiastic and organised start to Term 3. Well done, Brianna – keep it up!
SENIOR C	Bethany	For her organised start to Term 3 – for using her initiative and taking responsibility. Well done, Bethany!
SENIOR H	Mikayla	For a fantastic parent conference.
SENIOR J	Austin	For making an organised and enthusiastic start to the term.
SENIOR K	Emily	For a great performance in the final play-off at girls' football. Emily showed courage, determination and great sportsmanship.
SENIOR W	Brianna	For excellent use of technology to keep all of her work organised. Well done!

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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:

July 23rd - travel Smart Launch
July 29th Middle/ Senior Aths
and School Council
August 11th - GAFFA
performance
August 14th – Junior excursion
to Werribee Zoo
August 18th – Junior and Prep
Aths Day
August 31st-Sep 4th – Senior
Camp
Sep 10th – School Concert
October 21st – Public holiday
in lieu of Melbourne Cup

Travel Smart Program:

This program is to encourage student fitness and reduce traffic congestion by encouraging families to walk to school if they can. Childhood obesity is a growing national concern and through Kids Go For Your Life campaign, the school promotes the healthy eating via our canteen. This program is also supported by the Greater City of Geelong as it reduces traffic congestion. Encouraging students to walk to school or ride their bike, under the supervision of an adult unless they have completed the Bike Education program, fosters health and fitness.

This Thursday is the launch of the Travel Smart program at Mandama Primary school. Miles Per Hour, a band of Senior boys, will play at the launch.

To support the launch we are encouraging all students to either walk or ride to school on Thursday. If you live some distance from the school, we encourage you to park a few streets away and walk a few blocks. We will be taking a class tally on how students got to school to highlight the importance of program.

Parent visiting teachers in classrooms before school: Teachers are in their classrooms from 8:45 – 9:00 am so they can prepare for their daily lessons and to be available for any parents who have a particular issue they need to discuss with the teacher. Teachers are very happy to use this time to discuss issues you need to address but we also ask parents to keep in mind that it is not time for a social chat as teachers have preparation and perhaps other parents to talk with. If you are a parent helper who is early, please feel free to wait in the foyer until the bell goes.

Building Works Update:

Our new ‘learning community is finally beginning! Progress made so far:

- SKM Davis Langdon has been appointed as the project managers.
- E.J.Lyons Construction has been appointed as the builder.
- Progress meetings have started, including discussions on external cladding and internal finishes.
- We finally have a fence to define the area in which the workmen will build.

Building works always cause some disruption – short term pain for long term gain. So we will lose and have to rebuild part of our Junior playground and the oval is reduced but will eventually be repositioned to gain almost the same area. We thank parents and students for your understanding!

Geelong Cup Day (21st October) will be a Public Holiday: We have received a memo stating that the Melbourne Cup Public Holiday is to be replaced with the City of Greater Geelong’s gazetted public holiday, which is Geelong Cup Day. In the past school councils have been able to nominate a day in lieu of Melbourne Cup, which we choose as Geelong Show or Gala days. It is now mandated that we have Geelong Cup, so on Wednesday, 21st October the school will be closed as a public holiday.

This Thursday the 23rd of July is the Travel Smart Walk and Ride to School Day to mark the launch of the Travel Smart program in the South Barwon Region.

The Travel Smart program aims to reduce people's dependency on their cars and encourages them to choose sustainable transport alternatives such walking, riding, car pooling and using public transport.

We hope to have everyone walking or riding to school. So leave the car at home and enjoy using active transport to get to school. If you cannot walk or ride all the way to school, why not park the car down the street or around the corner and walk part of the way.



PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2010

If you have a child due to start in Prep next year at Bellaire and you haven't as yet enrolled them, can you please collect an enrolment form from the office and return to us asap.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

Applications are now open for the 2nd instalment of EMA. Please obtain an application form from the office.

The Education Maintenance Allowance is paid to eligible parents of students under 16 years of age who attend a State or a Registered School in Victoria. The EMA is paid in two instalments and to be eligible you must on:- the 1st day of Term 1 for the first instalment and on the **first day of 3rd term** for the second instalment:-

- (a) be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, healthcare card, allowance or benefit; OR
- (b) be a Veteran Affairs Pensioner (TPI), OR
- (c) Be a foster parent AND
- (d) Submit your application to the school by the date/s listed below.

Parents who receive a Child Disability Allowance, Mobility Allowance, Remote Area Allowance or any other benefit not income tested by Centrelink are not eligible for the EMA unless they also comply with one of (a) (b) or (c) above.

The application form for the 2nd instalment must be lodged at the school by:- **7th August 2009.**
LATE APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE PROCESSED

Please Note: Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2009 through Bellaire Primary School will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to or from another school after 27th February 2009 and prior to or on 7th August 2009, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

VICTORIAN PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the reading challenge:-

Alannah, Emily, Dylan, Corey, Conon, Bailey, India, Luke and Mackenzie.

There is only 5 weeks to go for the Reading Challenge so encourage your children to keep reading and complete the challenge in the next couple of weeks.

CANTEEN NEWS

For Term 3, the special is **Baked Potato \$3.50** with the choice of Bolognese sauce, Lite tasty cheese, Coleslaw or Sour cream.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 5 should be returned by **Monday 3rd August.**

NEW AFTER SCHOOL "KIDS CLUB"

**For children in Grades 1 – 6
Fridays 3.30-5.30pm
(during school term)**

**St John's Anglican Church,
Highton.**

**Crn Roslyn Rd & South Valley Rd
Formore info:**

**www.stjohnshighton.org.au
or call Steve on 5243 3561.**

Middle and Senior Bellaire Athletics Carnival

Our school Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday 29th July at Landy Field. Students have been training in PE and Sports sessions to prepare for the carnival. Students will participate in shot put, long jump, triple jump and high jump, 100m, 200m and hurdles. This year the discus event will be conducted at school in PE times due to safety and time constraints. The 800m will be run at Landy Field this year and will be an optional event for students but all students are strongly encouraged to 'have a go' to gain valuable points for their house. We will also conduct house relays at the carnival and the much anticipated, 'staff v student' relay race. We reassure parents and students that the hurdle event has again been modified for this year's event to ensure student safety and enjoyment. The hurdles will be at their lowest point for all age groups. Students who successfully qualify for the Geelong City District Athletics Carnival will practise at the correct hurdle height prior to the event.

Students compete at the carnival to accrue points for their 'house'. The most successful house wins the shield which will be presented to the house captains at assembly that week. The houses are named after famous Olympians. (Bellaire PS is situated in the "Olympic Estate" in Highton) The houses are Elliot (red), Cuthbert (green), Landy (blue) and Strickland (yellow). Students are asked to wear t-shirts, ribbons, etc in their house colours to show their house support. Students can check with their teacher if they are unsure of their house. The event is also the school qualifying trials for the Geelong City District Athletics Carnival which will be held on Friday 14th August at Landy Field. Successful students will be notified shortly after the school carnival of their events.

Parent assistance is essential to ensure the day is safe, enjoyable and successful all students. Please complete the parent helper return slip attached to the permission form if you are able to assist.

Let's hope for a fun and fantastic day at the carnival. Fingers crossed for great weather!

Sarah Jeffreys and Natalie Nekrep

Athletic Sports Co-ordinators.

1st BELMONT SCOUT GROUP

Has Vacancies for Boys, Girls and Leaders

Come join our programme that encourages positive development of our youth members, both indoors and outdoors. First Belmont has four sections:

Joeys	-	6 to 8 year old	Wed night	5.30 – 6.45
Cubs	-	8 to 11 year old	Wed night	7.00 – 8.30
Scouts	-	11 to 15 year old	Tue night	7.00 – 9.00
Venturers	-	15 to 18 Year olds	Tue night	7.30 – 9.30
Rovers	-	18 to 26 year old	Thu night	7.00pm

Based in our Rugby Street Hall (No 36 - off Roslyn Road) we have great kids, leaders, and equipment. We are always looking for interested people to become leaders, to help our kids have a great time and learn what a difference it can make to contribute to our community in a positive and well-supported atmosphere. The Scouting movement has a fascinating array of training programmes for its leaders that benefit everyone in all areas of life and they are available for next to no cost.

Ring David Smith, Group Leader - Ph 5243 4306 or Mobile 0419 434 306