

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

<b>PREP B</b>	<b>Dilan</b>	<b>For trying hard to achieve his learning goals and being a great listener. Well done, Dilan.</b>
<b>PREP C</b>	<b>Ethan</b>	<b>For trying to improve his work habits and focusing on his reading and writing goals. Well done, Ethan!</b>
<b>PREP F</b>	<b>Mitchell</b>	<b>For always telling the truth and trying hard to get along with others. Well done, Mitchell!</b>
<b>PREP H</b>	<b>Yeshe</b>	<b>For a great term of work at Bellaire. Great work, Yeshe!</b>
<b>JUNIOR B</b>	<b>Tara</b>	<b>For always working hard to achieve her writing goals. Keep up the great work, Tara!</b>
<b>JUNIOR H</b>	<b>Rebecca</b>	<b>For consistently working hard to achieve all of her learning goals this term. Fantastic work, Rebecca!</b>
<b>JUNIOR L</b>	<b>Luca</b>	<b>For his amazing creativity during writing sessions. Well done, Luca!</b>
<b>JUNIOR N</b>	<b>Caitlin</b>	<b>For a consistent attitude towards all areas of school this term. Fantastic, Caitlin!</b>
<b>JUNIOR R</b>	<b>Natalie</b>	<b>For always doing her work with a smile and a positive attitude.</b>
<b>JUNIOR S</b>	<b>Ella</b>	<b>For fantastic writing about a poodle!</b>
<b>JUNIOR T</b>	<b>Lucy</b>	<b>For writing fantastic alliterations this week. Well done, Lucy!</b>
<b>JUNIOR W</b>	<b>Abigail</b>	<b>For being such a friendly and caring class member. Well done!</b>
<b>MIDDLE A</b>	<b>Olivia</b>	<b>For her persistence and effort in all tasks she tackles.</b>
<b>MIDDLE J</b>	<b>Tyson</b>	<b>For his great effort at writing! Well done, Tyson.</b>
<b>MIDDLE L</b>	<b>Sophie</b>	<b>For working hard all week and making many contributions to class discussions. Well done, Sophie!</b>
<b>MIDDLE M</b>	<b>Tyler</b>	<b>For his terrific Student Centred Interview.</b>
<b>MIDDLE R</b>	<b>Jack</b>	<b>For confidently displaying his knowledge in his Student Centred Interview.</b>
<b>MIDDLE S</b>	<b>Ryan</b>	<b>For always being a helpful and friendly member of Middle S.</b>
<b>MIDDLE W</b>	<b>Emily</b>	<b>For the outstanding effort she put into her Student Centred Interview, both when preparing and presenting her work.</b>
<b>SENIOR B</b>	<b>Skyler</b>	<b>For her fantastic efforts in writing this week and for being a happy and helpful member of Senior B.</b>
<b>SENIOR C</b>	<b>Tamia</b>	<b>For always working with a smile on her face and for being a friendly member of Senior C.</b>
<b>SENIOR H</b>	<b>Bailey</b>	<b>For finishing all his work and Term 2 with a bang!</b>
<b>SENIOR J</b>	<b>Belinda</b>	<b>For demonstrating improved organisation skills to complete all set tasks by the due date.</b>
<b>SENIOR K</b>	<b>Mackenzie</b>	<b>For completing an excellent and hard-hitting news report about local burglaries. Great job, Macka!</b>
<b>SENIOR W</b>	<b>Leon</b>	<b>For his conference this week. Leon was organised and confident when discussing his achievements. Well done!</b>

**“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:**

July 23<sup>rd</sup> - travel Smart Launch  
July 29<sup>th</sup> Middle/ Senior Aths  
and School Council  
August 11<sup>th</sup> - GAFFA  
performance  
August 14<sup>th</sup> – Junior excursion  
to Werribee Zoo  
August 18<sup>th</sup> – Junior and Prep  
Aths Day  
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

### WELCOME:

I trust all of our families enjoyed either a restful holiday or enjoyable break from school routine over the midyear break. It was certainly a good opportunity to have a break due to the number of colds and sniffles at the end of term 2!

This term we warmly welcome two new staff members;

Mrs Helen Weston is our new Assistant Principal. Mrs Weston has had extensive curriculum experience as a Middle Years Cluster co coordinator for five years and was appointed in 2007 as Assistant Principal at Caroline Springs College. I look forward to working closely with Mrs Weston in both curriculum and management duties.

Mr Steve Westley has joined the Senior Learning Unit and will take over Mrs Jeffrey's home group as she prepares to go on family leave later this term. Mr Westley has joined us from Yarra Primary School and has taught in South Australia and Melbourne.

I look forward to working with our new team members!

### School Uniform

The start of term is a good time to remind students about wearing school uniform. Please remember the following points in our school uniform policy:

- students should wear black shoes (white runners can only be worn for sport and P.E.)
- hair ties, headbands and other hair accessories should be either black, white, red or green. No other colours are part of the school uniform;
- stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery;
- other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school; and
- Sunsmart hats, consistent with our Sunsmart policy, must be worn outside in terms 1 & 4 and can be worn during terms 2 and 3 if deemed necessary. Hats are not to be worn inside.

Students not in school uniform are expected to have a note written from parents explaining the reason why they are not able to adhere to school uniform policy requirements. Thanks for assisting staff in implementing the school uniform policy by ensuring your child/ren wear the appropriate clothing to school.

### **Request - Parent help needed!**

Parent involvement on school council and subcommittees is essential to the development of our school's facilities and learning programs. We are currently seeking parent involvement on the Finance subcommittee which oversees the financial expenditure and income of the school. Finance experience is not necessary, but an interest in maximising the development of the educational environment for the benefit of our students is!

Finance meets at 6.30pm for approximately one hour before School Council, 3 to 4 times per term, its recommendations are then tabled at council for action. You do not need to be on council to become a parent member of a subcommittee. If you are interested in becoming involved, please speak with Jane Warren or you can call me on 5243 2236 after hours if you have any questions.

**Stephen Gough**  
President – School Council

## TravelSmart Update

The TravelSmart program for the local area will be launched at Mandama Primary School on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. There will be a number of representatives from Bellaire attending the launch. There are 7 schools in the region currently participating in the program, designed to promote and encourage more active ways to travel to and from school. Surveys are completed once each month to determine the level of active travel in each school, and so far there has been slightly more children using active travel methods (walking, riding, car-pooling etc) from survey to survey.

Active travel is not only better for children's health and well-being, it is also better for our environment. It reduces congestion around the school with fewer cars making the school run, and also reduces pollution from car exhausts around the school area. Active travel fosters a sense of "connectedness" between children and their local area, and many studies have shown an improvement in children's attention span and readiness to learn after actively travelling to school. Often, by the time you have reversed the car from the garage, driven to school, found a park and walked into school, there is only a matter of minutes difference than if you had walked to school. Next time you automatically go to get in the car, think whether it would be possible to walk instead, and enjoy the benefits of travelling smart!



## EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

**Applications are now open for the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of Term 1 for the first instalment and on the **first day of 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment must be lodged at the school by:- **7<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> February 2009 and prior to or on 7<sup>th</sup> 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:-

Isabella, Sophie, Hannah, Amy, Callum, Keely-Shay, Molly, Luke and Brooke.

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.

## WANTED FOR THE ART ROOM

If you have any leftover wool/yarn at home that you can spare we would appreciate it in the Art Room for our "Knitterbugs' Club". There is a "Wool Box" inside the Art Room door. Thanking you for your support.

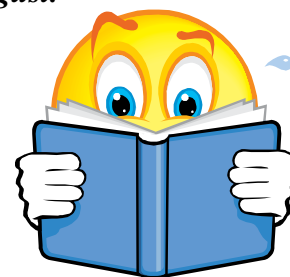
**Edna Sweetten  
Middle/Senior Art Teacher.**

## CANTEEN NEWS

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

## BOOK CLUB

Issue 5 will have gone home today and should be returned by **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August.**



## 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.

## FOUND

**A Pair of Binoculars – in Highton – please ring 52432009.**