

Student Reporting Time is here and reports will be sent home this Friday.

“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:

June 22nd & 24th –
Student Centred Interviews
June 26th –Last Day Term 2-
Students dismissed 2.30pm
July 13th –Term 3 commences
July 29th Middle/ Senior Aths
August 31st-Sep 4th – Senior
Camp
Sep 10th – School Concert

Student Reports and what the state wide A B C D E rating means:

- a ‘C’ rating means that a student is at the standard expected at the time of reporting and that their learning is on track
- a ‘B’ rating means that a student is above the standard expected for their year level at the time of reporting
- an ‘A’ rating means a student is well above the standard expected for their year level at the time of reporting
- a ‘D’ rating means a student is below the standard expected
- an ‘E’ rating is well below the standard expected for their year level at the time of reporting.

Understanding the meaning of one consistent set of ratings across all state schools is more straightforward for parents and teachers than having to understand different sets of meanings and approaches as a student moves from one school to another.

There is a key aspect to the A-E ratings that parents must be clear about:

A ‘C’ does not mean achievement is ‘just adequate’. It indicates that a student has met the state-wide standard expected of students of their age at the time of reporting and their learning is firmly on track.

“CELEBRATE THE C”

STUDENT CENTRED INTERVIEWS are next week!

Next week we are providing families with additional information about their children’s progress through the Student Centred Interviews. The Senior Learning Unit are inviting parents to the student conference, as they did in term 1 and additional information is being sent home in regard to this. The students, with support from their teachers, will present an overview of their achievements and the work that demonstrates their learning.

We aim to have these interviews as interactive as possible with parents, the teacher and the student all making comments, asking questions and discussing the next step in the learning journey. I’m sure there will be many opportunities for positive comments about things that have been well done. But there may also be the need for some ‘tricky’ questions to be asked, such as, “Why wasn’t this work completed?”, “Could this have been done better?” or “What could you do to make the situation with Johnny a little more positive?” We feel that these issues directly concern the students and that they should be present to set in place goals for improvement.

Of course, there may be some issues that parents want to discuss with the teacher that may be of a more sensitive nature (severe health issues, family problems, etc). Parents are encouraged to make a time to meet with their child’s teacher whenever these issues arise and not wait until interview time to discuss these problems. Teachers are always available at 8:45 am or at other times as requested.

CANTEEN NEWS

As of Monday the 15th, the special is **Baked Potato** with the choice of Bolognese sauce, Lite tasty cheese, Coleslaw or Sour cream.

The Canteen will be opened as usual on Friday 26th June.

CASUAL DRESS

When – 26th June 2009 - (Last day of Term 2)

Why – Raising Money for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (**JDRF**)

Theme – Solid colour (ie: *all* green, or *all* pink)

There will also be a colouring competition run by the JSC in conjunction with the JDRF with the winners of each unit announced at assembly.

What is JDRF?

JDRF funds the best and most promising diabetes research here in Australia and around the world.

The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation raises money to drive world-class research into finding a cure for type 1 diabetes and its complications. Over the last 30 years they have funded more than **\$US1.3billion in research** and have delivered significant advances

STUDENT CENTRED INTERVIEWS

Student Centred Interviews for Prep, Juniors and Middle Units will be on the following dates and times:-

Monday 22nd June

Mon: 1.30 – 6.30 - Prep/Junior

Wed: 3.30 – 6.30 – Prep/Junior

Wednesday 24th June

Mon: 3.30 – 6.30 Middles.

Wed: 1.30 – 5.30 Middles

VICTORIAN PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

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

Molly, Abby, Mackenzie, Emily, Shani, Laura, Luke Grace and Sophie.

'Miles Per Hour'

Last Saturday night the very talented 'Miles Per Hour' played at the Changeover Dinner of the Lions Club of Geelong. The members of the band, Macka, Callen, Devon and Mitch (abs) are an extremely talented group of budding young artists. The band spent many 'garage' hours preparing for the big night at Dromoland House in Newtown. 'Miles Per Hour' entertained 70 or so very surprised and appreciative guests.

Well done, boys!

Maree Konieczka

President

Lions Club of Geelong

and Congratulations to Maree Konieczka who was inducted as President of the Lions Club of Geelong last Saturday Night. We wish Maree well in her role as President!!

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is opened every **Monday** morning **8.45 – 9.15am** and then every **Friday** afternoon from **3.15 – 3.45pm**.

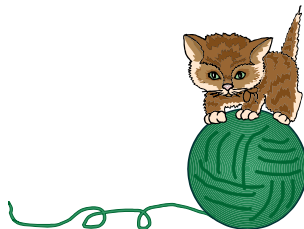
Please note that it will **not** be opened on **Friday 26th June**.

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.



Influenza H1N1 (Human Swine Flu) Update

Victoria is now in a modified 'Sustain' phase of its plan to manage the impact of this strain of influenza in our community.

The virus has so far been mild and can be compared to our normal winter flu. There is no longer a need to quarantine everyone who has been in contact with a confirmed case of H1N1 Influenza. Only confirmed cases will need to be quarantined for three days and will all continue to be given the most appropriate treatment. Household members may continue to be provided with Tamiflu, but will not be quarantined. The Victorian Government will focus on those most vulnerable to influenza: those in aged-care facilities, special developmental schools and hospitals.

What does this mean for schools and early childhood providers?

Schools will no longer be closed when cases are confirmed. Settings such as special developmental schools and child care centres will be managed on a facility-by-facility basis. Students, teachers, and classes that were in quarantine, as a result of being in contact with a confirmed case of the virus, should return to school as soon as practicable. Schools and early childhood providers that were closed due to H1N1 Influenza have reopened.

Health officials are continuing to request that parents of children returning from the USA, Canada, Japan, Mexico and Panama voluntarily keep their children home for seven days from arrival back in Australia. This exclusion does not affect teachers or child care workers, who continue with normal duties. This decision is based on information available so far about how the virus spreads.

Geelong Gymnastics Holiday Program

Geelong Gymnastics Centre are running a 'Come N Try' Day for a selection of our new and current Programs to give children and parents an overview to what programs we provide. Cheerleading and Circus Performing are two new unique and exciting programs to GGC and we see as becoming very popular.

Children can attend one or as many sessions as they like with prices being very affordable. After the session children will have the option of joining the term program at a reduced rate on the registration payment.

Times and options are stated below:

Wednesday 1st of July

Cheerleading	9.00am – 10.30am
Circus Performing	10.30am – 12.00pm
Trampolining	12.30pm – 2.00pm
Gymnastics	2.00pm – 2.30pm

Costs

\$10.00 for one session or \$25.00 for three or more

Bookings are essential so please ring 52779364.

Geelong Gymnastics Centre is based in the Arena building at 110 Victoria St North Geelong 3215.



What is *TravelSmart*?



TravelSmart is a joint State and Federal Government initiative, designed to encourage more members of a school community to walk, cycle or use public transport for the school journey. In addition to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and traffic congestion around schools, and improving children's health, it is hoped to improve social connectedness in local neighbourhoods. Bellaire is one of seven schools participating in the local area.

In Victoria, 17% of early morning traffic is made up of cars doing the school run. This significantly adds to the congestion on the roads. The air quality around or near schools appears to be worse than in surrounding streets. This is partly due to the emissions from cars as a result of short journeys.

TravelSmart News

As Term 2 is coming to a close, there are some exciting developments for the *TravelSmart* Program in Term 3. In conjunction with the Safety House Coordinator, and members of the *TravelSmart* Working Group, some suggested walking and riding routes to school will be mapped and displayed on the *TravelSmart* noticeboard. These routes will take into account distance to school, number of road crossings and locations of Safety Houses. The *TravelSmart* Working Group is looking at setting up some Park-Part-Way points along these walking routes so that children (and parents) who live further away can also participate in active methods of travel.

The *TravelSmart* program will be officially launched mid July at Mandama Primary School. Further information about the launch will be in the Newsletter closer to the time. Two focus groups will be invited to identify key barriers to sustainable travel and come up with possible solutions.

If you are interest in being a part of either the Working Group or a focus group, or would like more information on *TravelSmart*, please contact the Coordinator, Krista Thomas, on 0427 414 649, or leave your name and phone number at the office.