

“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:

March 24th FUN RUN
March 19th ‘Helping Children to Learn’ Info session
April 3rd Last Day Term 1
May 4th-8th MIDDLE UNIT CAMP
July 29th Middle/ Senior Aths

TRAVELSMART – Giving Children Space to Breathe

As many parents are aware, the traffic situation around the school at the beginning and end of each day is quite congested. In trying to remedy this situation and to consider the health and wellbeing of our school community, the school has agreed to be part of a new initiative.

An exciting project which encourages more children to walk and cycle to school will be starting at Bellaire this term. TravelSmart, funded through the Victorian Government and the City of Greater Geelong, will complement existing Health and Wellbeing programs currently running within the school.

Benefits of the project for children and their families are:

- **Increased mental and physical health and fitness**
- **Greater knowledge of home territory and community connectedness**
- **Improved safety (more pedestrians on the street = a safer community; fewer cars - safer streets)**
- **Increased environmental awareness and lower pollution levels around schools**
- **Greater readiness to settle into class work**
- **Greater sense of wellbeing due to increased self esteem and confidence**



And of course, the whole community benefits from reduced traffic congestion around schools at pick up and drop off times.

To kick start the project we need to know how children are currently getting to and from school. This information will assist us in developing strategies for the school and evaluating the project. **Surveys** will be sent home to students from selected classes across the school today. These have to be completed during this week and returned by Monday 23rd March. **Once you have completed this survey, please send it back with your child so they can complete theirs in class. (Please ensure that you keep the parent and children’s surveys together).**

We also ask that you encourage your child/children to fill out their odometer reading chart (that will be given to selected classes as a class exercise) to determine kilometre usage when driven to and from school over the survey period.

Krista Thomas, a parent of a Bellaire student, is the parent co-ordinator of this program and she is keen to hear from any other parents who would like to be part of the working party to plan events and promotion of this important initiative. If you would like to join her, please leave your name at the school office or contact her personally.



If you have any queries please contact your School Principal or the City of Greater Geelong TravelSmart Project Officer, Selma Tron-Nyikos on telephone: 5272 4488/Mobile: 0403 449 478 or email: stron-nyikos@geelongcity.vic.gov.au

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PREP B	Dylan	For having fantastic manners and being super helpful in the classroom. Well done Dylan!
PREP C	Jessica	For her amazing efforts in writing this week. Brilliant recording of initial sounds, Well done Jessica!
PREP F	Paris	For being a good friend and a great listener in class. Well done Paris!
PREP H	India	For trying her best at all times and being a great friend. Great job India!
JUNIOR B	Max	For trying really hard to be organised before the morning bell rings. Fantastic effort, Max!!
JUNIOR H	Jayden	For being such a friendly member of Junior H and always working hard in class
JUNIOR L	Joss	For her excellent work during maths on renaming numbers
JUNIOR N	Noah	For working really hard to remain on task all week. Well done, Noah!
JUNIOR R	Rachel	For having the confidence to always do her best
JUNIOR S	Noor	For her persistence during story writing time
JUNIOR T	Gracie	For always working towards achieving her writing goal
JUNIOR W	Tully	For her wonderful work in Mathematics this week
MIDDLE A	Max	For great persistence in his work this week
MIDDLE J	Bailey	For terrific work on his information report. Well done!
MIDDLE L	Max	For working hard and doing his best in all areas. Well done, Max!
MIDDLE M	Teagan	For meeting her writing challenge during quick writing!
MIDDLE R	Madison	For confidently sharing her reading strategies to the class
MIDDLE S	Michael	For his excellent work during literacy learning centres
MIDDLE W	Danielle	For working hard all week and for her excellent riding in Bike Ed.
SENIOR B	Liam	For striving to achieve his goals this week and his positive attitude towards his learning.
SENIOR C	Kaitlin	For her efforts to keep the SLU area clean and tidy
SENIOR H	Kate	For an enthusiastic, organised start to Seniors.
SENIOR J	Peter	For an outstanding week, writing numerous posts on student blogs, fantastic participation in Life Ed and displaying great enthusiasm
SENIOR K	Liam	For working hard in all his workshops this week and being pro-active about his organisation and progress.
SENIOR W	Emily	For always being organised, kind and conscientious.

CASUAL DRESS DAY

The casual dress day with crazy hair was held today to help support research into Cystic Fibrosis.

Details of how much money was raised will be included in next week's newsletter.

BOOK CLUB

To ensure deliveries before term break, Issue 2 of Book Club will close on **Friday 20th March** 2009.

Also, **please note** that due to a few problems with direct telephone and internet payments we can longer process these - the preferred payment option for Book Club is through the school office by cash, cheque or credit card.

STUDENT TOILETS – please note that it is not appropriate for adults to be using the student toilets. If necessary, parents should use a staff toilet.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bree and Abbey who competed in the Geelong Little Athletic Championships last weekend. Abbey won a Gold and 2 Bronze medals and Bree won 2 Bronze medals. Well done girls!

MIDDLE SOCCER CLINIC

Congratulations to all the grade 3-4 students who competed in the soccer clinic on Wednesday 3rd March at Stead Park. These 20 selected students competed against 7 other schools in 3 different teams.



An extra special thank you to Michelle Nonkovic, Leasa Treloar, Simon Flanagan, Lisa Duerden, Peter Lyons and Jacqui Woerner for their expertise in coaching the teams.

GEELONG SWIMMING CLUB ENCOURAGEMENT CARNIVAL

All students aged 11 years and under, who have not won medals at major swimming competitions are invited to compete in this carnival:

Date: Sunday 29th March 2pm

Venue: Geelong College Recreation Centre, Aphrasia St

Cost: \$3 per event

Entries close: Wed 18th March

An event list and entry form are available from the PE office in the Bellaire library.

30 YEAR REUNION- Kelly Thornburgh is hoping to organise a reunion for students that attended Bellaire Primary School from 1973-1979. She would be interested to hear from anyone who attended during this time. Please ring Kelly on 52503862.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to **Phoebe and Aaron** who have recently completed the Premier's Reading Challenge

PARENT HELPERS

We are always grateful for the assistance many parents offer in helping in the classrooms. To provide parents with some background knowledge of how children learn and how you can best help them with their learning, both at school and at home, you are invited to attend a parent program, *Helping Children To Learn* on **Thursday 19th March 9-11am** (tomorrow) in the staffroom. Morning tea provided.

Chris Eddy

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I would like to attend the program, Helping Children to Learn, on 19th March 9-11am.

NAME:

CHILD'S GRADE:

FUN RUN 24th MARCH 2009 9.30AM – 12.30PM

We hope that all students have been in training so that they can complete the Fun Run in record time whilst enjoying the time in the outdoors! Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to assist on the day, whether that be by marshalling or supervising on the walk to and from **McDonald Reserve** (not Barwon Valley as in the past). More parent helpers are still required. Please speak to your child's teacher if you can help. We hope that students have been able to get sponsorship from family and friends to make this event a financial success. Funds raised go towards providing additional equipment for the school, such as interactive whiteboards and digital cameras, to make learning more engaging for all.

Below are the approximate time for each age group to begin the Fun Run:

Prep – 9:30

Grade 1 – 10:00

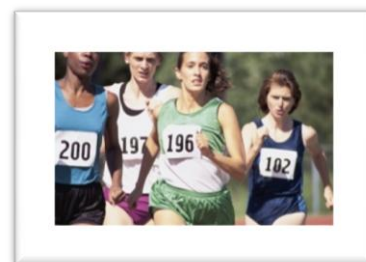
Grade 2 – 10:20

Girls and Boys 9/10 – 10:40 (this includes 8 year olds in the Grade 3s)

Girls and Boys 11 – 11:10

Girls and Boys 12/13 – 11:40

It is important to remember that selection for the District Cross Country competition will be made from the results of this event (Middle and Senior students only)



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The 2009/2010 Entertainment Books go on sale in the first week of term 2 for \$50. If you would like to reserve and pay for your book now, you can take advantage of some bonus coupons for restaurants/cafes such as Cucina One 12, Bistro @ 310, Brons, Lavish, Ha'penny Bridge.

If you **DON'T WANT** an Entertainment Book sent home, please write a note in your child's diary.

THE PREMIERS ACTIVE FAMILIES CHALLENGE HAS STARTED BUT YOU CAN STILL JOIN IN!!

The Premier's Active Families Challenge is a program run by the Victorian Government as part of the 'Go for your life' initiative to improve the physical activity levels, health and wellbeing of families. The program provides an opportunity for families to participate in a physical activity Challenge that's fun, easy, accessible and worthwhile. **Who?** The Challenge is for all types of families and for all Victorians. **Why?** To encourage families to be more physically active, have fun and spend more time together. **When?** To complete the Challenge, families need to do 30 minutes of physical activity for at least 30 days between 8 March and 19 April 2009. Families have six weeks to complete their 30 days and can do the activity on their own or as a family. Families who register and complete the Challenge have the chance to win a range of great prizes as well as up to \$3,000 worth of sporting equipment for their school.

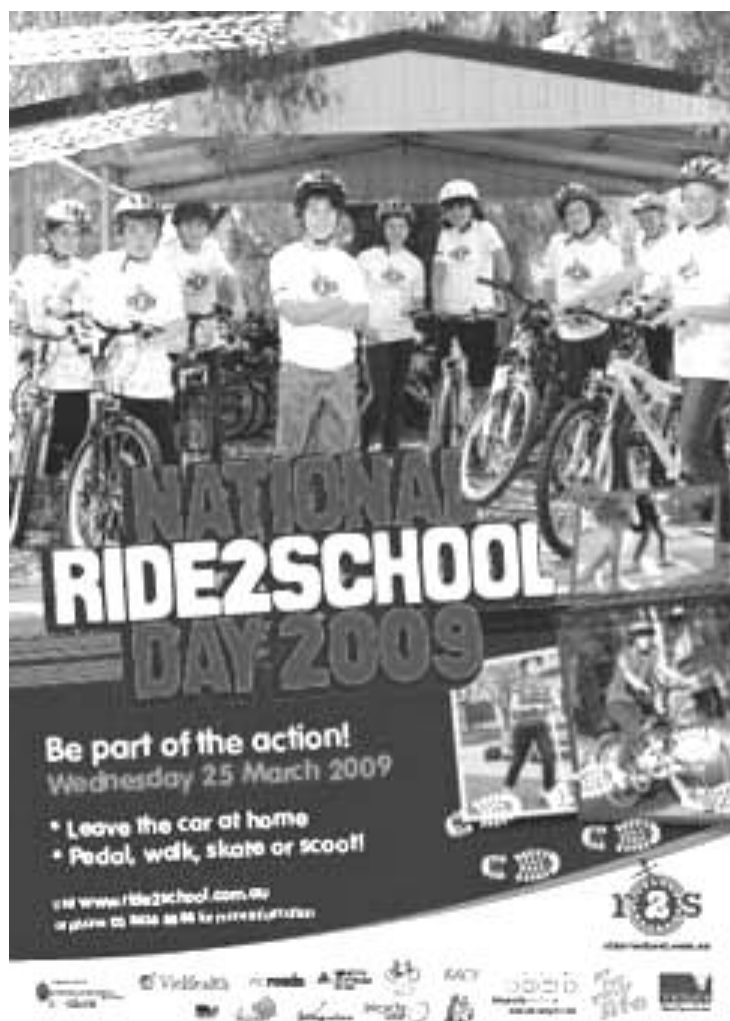


It's easy, fun, free and a great way to be healthy and active with your family. Register before March 20!

Pick up a form from the office or register online at goforyourlife.vic.gov.au



1st Belmont Scouts has vacancies for Boys and Girls who are looking for some fun and adventure in a safe environment. Our well equipped scout hall in Rugby St Belmont has a Mob of Joey Scouts for 6 to 8 year olds, a Pack of Cub Scouts for 8 to 11 year olds and a Troop of Scouts for 11 to 15 year olds, all run after school for children who want to learn about the outdoors and community involvement in a structured and safe environment. Please contact our group leader David on **5243 4306** or **0419 434 306** for more information.



GROVEDALE COLLEGE CAMPUS TOUR DATES

Parents, prospective students and friends are warmly invited to participate in a tour of Grovedale College.

Scheduled tours occur every
Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30am
during the months of **March, April and May.**

Alternative tours times are available by appointment,
please contact the College office on 5245 4545.



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COME 'N' TRY HOCKEY

FREE Come and Try Hockey clinics for boys and girls aged 6 to 12 years. Equipment provided.

- 9am to 10am on Saturday March 21, March 28, and April 4.
- Newtown City Hockey Club Inc. King Lloyd Reserve, Windsor Rd, Newtown (Melways Map 451 E8)

Winter competition starting soon – teams available for men, women, boys and girls aged 4 to 60+.

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