

“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:

April 3rd Last Day Term 1
May 4th-8th MIDDLE UNIT
CAMP
June 8th – Queens Birthday
Long Weekend.
June 12th- Curriculum Day
July 29th Middle/ Senior Aths

Fun Run:

Yesterday we enjoyed this whole school activity at Mc Donald’s Reserve. The emphasis was on participating in a healthy activity with a added bonus of raising money for our school. A BIG thank you to Ms Netkrep, Mr Morris and all teachers who helped organise the event. Also thanks to our students who gave it their best and to our parents for their support in assisting with marshalling and supervision of the track.

We trialled this venue to avoid using a bus shuttle service, which resulted in some students having to wait in the rain last year. Units will be evaluating the venue to determine if we will use it again next year.

National Ride To School Day

National Ride2School Day is today, Wednesday 25 March. It is a fantastic day when we ask all students to walk or ride to school. Leave the car at home and enjoy using active transport to get to school. Students, parents and teachers are encouraged to get involved.

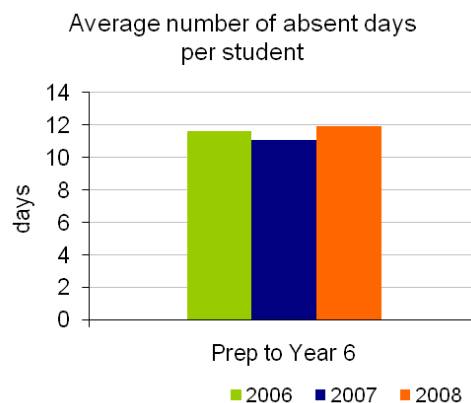
It’s Not Okay To Be Away:

Our data in 2008 showed the average number of days students were absent increased from 11 days in 2007 to 11.9. Student attendance improved in Prep and Years 4 and 5 in 2008. Absence in Year’s 1 and 6 increased in 2008.

It is a home/ school responsibility to ensure all of our students are at school learning every day and are only missing school due to illness or for warranted family reasons. We understand if students are away because they are ill. We ask families to ensure students are not missing school for reasons such as family holidays, birthdays or because visitors are coming.

Students who miss two weeks of schooling across their primary school years will have missed fourteen weeks of schooling by the time they finish Year 6. If you find your child is beginning to miss school regularly, please talk with the classroom teacher to ensure there is not a problem. Teachers will also call parents if a child is absent for more than two days with no contact or if a student is away regularly. The aim is to support students and their families, so please let us know if you need support in this regard.

We also strongly encourage students to be at school on time. Students who are late miss valuable lesson introduction time. We thank parents with their support with this too!



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PREP B	Ellie	For always working hard on her learning tasks and being a nice friend. Well done Ellie!
PREP C	Charli	For settling into school and trying to follow all instructions with confidence. Well done Charli!
PREP F	Hannah	For her great effort at hearing and recording initial sounds in writing. Well done Hannah!
PREP H	Toby	For completing some fantastic work in maths this week. Keep it up Toby!
JUNIOR B	James	For working really hard on his letter formation during writing. Fantastic effort James!
JUNIOR H	Jarryd	For his fantastic retell about the Three Little Pigs during our writing session. Great work Jarryd!
JUNIOR L	Sienna	For being such a helpful and enthusiastic member of the class.
JUNIOR N	Maggie	For speaking confidently in front of the class and always having a go. Keep it up, Maggie!
JUNIOR R	Myra	For being a super classroom worker
JUNIOR S	Noor	For fantastic organisation and work efforts all week!!
JUNIOR T	Mason	For always being such an enthusiastic class member and producing quality work
JUNIOR W	Tanner	For his fantastic work in Mathematics this week. Keep it up Tanner!
MIDDLE A	Bree	For her friendly attitude and persistence in class.
MIDDLE J	McKenzie	For her terrific effort across all aspects of her writing.
MIDDLE L	Alyssa	For her enthusiasm in maths and great persistence when faced with difficult problems.
MIDDLE M	Mackenzie	For his terrific joined writing this week!
MIDDLE R	Kara-Lee	For continuing to stay focused during all sessions and completing some amazing information reports.
MIDDLE S	Sian	For showing she is always ready to learn by sitting quietly and listening carefully
MIDDLE W	Lucy	For working hard this week and for her great reading.
SENIOR B	Caleb	For contributing his ideas to class discussions and sharing his learning in all of his workshops this week.
SENIOR C	Annalise	For her super, dooper, conference, dazzling, Miss Brushfield with her goal work.
SENIOR H	Eliza	For her fantastic editing of her narrative.
SENIOR J	Aidan	For working so hard to achieve his learning goals.
SENIOR K	Stella	For showing great progress in her maths project work this week. Well organised and smiling! Well done Stella!
SENIOR W	Zane	For outstanding achievement in all areas and a great conference.

CASUAL DRESS DAY

The casual dress day with crazy hair held last week to help support research into Cystic Fibrosis raised \$804. Thank you to everyone for their generosity.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the students who recently competed in the Weetbix Junior Triathlon. In cold, rainy and windy weather they persisted to complete the race and had lots of fun.

Congratulations to **Isaac** who came second in the 1500 metre event at the State Little Athletics Championships last weekend.

Congratulations also to **Rowan** and **Nicola** who competed in the Zone Swimming Championships. Nicola will now go on to compete in the State Swimming Championships.



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to **Emily, Tom, Mikaylah, Teagan, Imogen, Jack and Tom** who have recently completed the Premier's Reading Challenge

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.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY GYMNASTICS

An Introduction to FUN-NASTIX (Gymnastics)

Where: Geelong Gymnastics Centre; In the Arena building 110 Baxter Rd North Geelong enter from Baxter Rd
Program 1: (Boys & Girls 5yo – 7yo)
Mon 6th, Tues 7th, Wed 8th of April – 9am – 11am each day

Program 2: (Boys & Girls 8yo+) Mon 6th, Tues 7th, Wed 8th of April 11am – 2pm each day

Cost: \$45.00 per program or \$20.00 for 1 day

Program Outline: The program is conducted by experienced and qualified coaches and will be a structured but fun class, where participants will get to try apparatus such as beams, bars, vault and get to bounce on the longest trampoline in the southern hemisphere!

Our FUN-NASTIX program is a non-competitive program that all children can take part in without any expectation or pressure.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: To book or for additional information ring Geelong Gymnastics Centre on 52779364 or email on info@ggc.org.au

Come and Try Tramp

Program 1: (Boys & Girls 5yo – 7yo) Wed 8th of April 9am – 10am

Program 2: (Boys & Girls 8yo+) Wed 8th of April 10am – 11am

Cost: FREE

Program Outline: The program is conducted by experienced and qualified Trampoline Instructors and will be a structured but fun class, where participants will learn the basics of trampolining on the longest trampoline in the Southern Hemisphere!

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: To book or for additional information ring Geelong Gymnastics Centre on 52779364 or email on info@ggc.org.au

ROYAL CHILDRENS' HOSPITAL GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL – Envelopes will go home today with this newsletter – if you wish to donate to this appeal, please return the envelope to school before the end of next week.

HELPING CHILDREN TO LEARN

Thanks to the 25 parents who attended the parent education program last week. Assisting children to learn to the best of their ability is a joint partnership between home and school. Research has shown that children whose families take an active part in their education perform better and are more successful in their life ventures.

A little bit of quality time with children each night to question, discuss and review can be of enormous value to students.

US STUDENT TEACHER

Next week will be Miss Moss's last week at Bellaire PS. She has been working in Junior L and Junior B throughout this term and we thank Mrs Ling and Mrs White for their guidance. After a little bit of travel in Australia she will return to Georgia in the United States and begin her search for a teaching position where she can put into action all the teaching skills she has been able to master whilst she has been in Australia. We thank her for the positive way she has been part of the school staff and for the strong relationships she has built up with the students in these 2 grades. She has also been able to visit many other classrooms throughout the school.

We also thank Jenni, Jeff, Mitchell and Mackenzie for their hospitality in hosting Mobley during her time in Australia. We hope that they also forged some lifelong friendships.

Next term we welcome a new US student teacher, Rebecca Witte. Rebecca will be working in Middle M and Middle L and will be lucky enough to go on camp with the students! Rebecca will be staying with Sally, Tim, Ben and Lucy. We look forward to meeting her when she arrives.



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.



SOUTH BARWON AUSKICK. Registration for 2009 will be held on your choice of Sunday 26/4/09 9:30 – 11:00 or Wednesday 29/4/09 6:30 – 8:30 at South Barwon Football Club, Reynolds Road Belmont. Please register and pay online if possible and bring signed form to registration. Cost \$55.00. Contact Ashley McHarry 0408 593 138. First Session Sunday May 3rd at 9:30.

AMATUER FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB AUSKICK

Wednesday 22nd April 4.15 – 5.30

Queens Park Bottom Oval

Registration On The Day

Enquiries: Christine Mulgrew 5241 2910 or Tony Slack 0418 524116

BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL SELECT ENTRY ACCELERATED LEARNING (SEAL) PROGRAM

Each Year our SEALP students are selected following a process of recommendation, testing, parent and student interviews and reports from Primary teachers.

The key dates for the selection process this year are:

SEALP INFORMATION EVENING: Tuesday 31st March 2009
(Belmont HS Library 7.00pm, A tour of the school is available between 6.00pm and 7.00pm)

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: Monday 27th April 2009

TESTING: Friday, 1st May, 2008 or Saturday, 2nd May, 2009

INTERVIEWS: 5th – 16th May, 2009.