

## Principal Team Column

### EDUCATION WEEK – OPEN MORNING

A BIG thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who joined in our Open Morning to celebrate Education Week. Students and teachers enjoyed having you visit the classrooms to share our daily program.

Also it was great to see so many Year 4 parents come for a chat about the Senior Learning Unit in preparation for next year. We discussed the focus on literacy and numeracy through structured workshops and how we closely track student learning. We also shared how we run student conferences and use trust licences to ensure all students are monitored closely and achieving their best. Any parents who were unable to make this meeting can attend an information evening later in the year or contact Jane Warren directly.

### Physical Environment Changes:

We are continually trying to improve our physical environment to enhance our school. Latest works in the pipeline are:

- A new garden bed around the play shed planted by our terrific working bee families on the weekend. Thank you!
- Another front gate is being built at the 'kiss and drop' zone to relieve congestion on the gate near the crossing. This will have seats where students can wait safely inside the school and will be easily seen by parents picking up in this zone. Parents also coming from the Cuthbert Ave end can use this entry (and not come through the staff car park).
- The staff car park behind the canteen is being extended to cater for the greater number of staff we now have. This will stop staff cars parking down the north fence line past the portable.

### Update on the \$3 million Building The Education Revolution project:

This project for six new classrooms has gone out to tender yesterday and a further meeting with the architect is planned for tomorrow to discuss internal changes. At this point we still believe the work will start on the 25<sup>th</sup> June!

### Health Alert Due To Swine Flu:

As parents would be aware there are currently a number of confirmed cases of H1N1 Influenza (Human Swine Flu) in Victoria. Appropriate measures are being taken in relation to these cases. Specific concerns from parents about Influenza H1N1 (Human Swine Flu) can be referred to any of the following:

### The Swine Influenza Hotline Tel. 180 2007

**Nurse-on-Call Tel. 1300 606 024** – for expert health information and advice (24 hours, 7 days)

**Your doctor (GP)** – if you have an influenza-like illness (fever, cough and fatigue) and have travelled to Mexico or California, Arizona, New Mexico or Texas in the past seven days.

Families should continue with standard good general health hygiene practices, such as ensuring your children undertake regular hand washing and cover their nose and mouth if sneezing and coughing.

This practice is being reinforced with your children while at school. If your children are unwell, you should seek medical attention and avoid public places and close contact with others.

**“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:

June 8<sup>th</sup> – Queens Birthday  
Long Weekend.  
June 12<sup>th</sup> - Report Writing Day  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> –  
Student Centred Interviews  
July 29<sup>th</sup> Middle/ Senior Aths

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

<b>PREP B</b>	<b>Brodie</b>	<b>For being helpful to other students and working hard to achieve his learning goals.</b>
<b>PREP C</b>	<b>Sean</b>	<b>For being a brilliant leader in the classroom who always works to the best of his ability. Well Done!</b>
<b>PREP F</b>	<b>Aston</b>	<b>For working hard on his writing goal of listening for and recording the starting sounds of words.</b>
<b>PREP H</b>	<b>Edward</b>	<b>For working hard to sound out in writing sessions this week. Great work Edward!</b>
<b>JUNIOR B</b>	<b>Declan</b>	<b>For producing some fantastic poems during writing this week.</b>
<b>JUNIOR H</b>	<b>Zalli</b>	<b>For working hard on her handwriting style and taking pride in the presentation of her work!</b>
<b>JUNIOR L</b>	<b>Nick</b>	<b>For being such a great role model for other students and always lending a hand.</b>
<b>JUNIOR N</b>	<b>Jasper</b>	<b>For fantastic work when “sharing” in maths this week. Well done Jasper!</b>
<b>JUNIOR R</b>	<b>Paige</b>	<b>For always giving her best effort and being a wonderful class member.</b>
<b>JUNIOR S</b>	<b>Ariana</b>	<b>For super groups of work in maths!!</b>
<b>JUNIOR T</b>	<b>Beth</b>	<b>For always striving to achieve her maths goals. Fantastic Beth!</b>
<b>JUNIOR W</b>	<b>Steffi</b>	<b>For her outstanding efforts during Maths. Well done!</b>
<b>MIDDLE A</b>	<b>Jesse</b>	<b>For consistently getting along with his class mates, being organised, persistent and confident.</b>
<b>MIDDLE J</b>	<b>Joel</b>	<b>For his terrific writing about his camp experience!</b>
<b>MIDDLE L</b>	<b>Abby</b>	<b>For always working hard to achieve her personal learning goals and for being a kind and friendly member of Middle L.</b>
<b>MIDDLE M</b>	<b>Ruby</b>	<b>For having a positive attitude and a happy smile on her face every day!</b>
<b>MIDDLE R</b>	<b>Jordan</b>	<b>For continuing to come to school with a positive attitude. Keep it up!</b>
<b>MIDDLE S</b>	<b>Meaghan</b>	<b>For showing confidence when solving addition problems in maths this week.</b>
<b>MIDDLE W</b>	<b>Thomas</b>	<b>For being a happy, positive, enthusiastic and organised member of Middle W.</b>
<b>SENIOR B</b>	<b>Hayley</b>	<b>For always being ready and willing to help out any teacher or student in the SLU. We appreciate all you do!</b>
<b>SENIOR C</b>	<b>Mitchell</b>	<b>For his effort in reading workshops. Participating enthusiastically all the time.</b>
<b>SENIOR H</b>	<b>Lachlan</b>	<b>For being a fantastic Bellaire representative at all sporting events this week.</b>
<b>SENIOR J</b>	<b>Nicola</b>	<b>For challenging herself in all workshops and tasks.</b>
<b>SENIOR K</b>	<b>Mackenzie</b>	<b>For having her best conference ever this week! Great organisation and lots of evidence of hard work.</b>
<b>SENIOR W</b>	<b>Luke</b>	<b>For great discussions in reading and excellent homework this week.</b>

## GARDENING EQUIPMENT – SILENT AUCTION

Bellaire School Council has used a gardening service for the past 3 years and no longer use our gardening machines. Mowing machinery has been sold through a silent auction. Successful bidders will be notified once the final prices are approved.



## CONGRATULATIONS - Michelle Price

Michelle and Matt are happy to announce the arrival of Trent Price Slater on Saturday night, Mother and baby are doing well!

## LOST PROPERTY:

All families are asked to:

1. Check all their school jumpers are clearly labelled.
2. Check they do not have some else's school jumper by mistake.

This will assist us in finding the correct owners of some missing jumpers.



## Host Families for American Student Teachers

We have two American students arriving from the USA in Terms 3 and 4. They are Andrea Hinkel from University of Kentucky and Lauren Salyers from Northern Kentucky University. We are looking for host families so if you are keen to host an American student teacher, please let Jane Warren know.

## 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.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM IS COMPULSORY

**PLEASE** make sure your child is coming to school in the correct uniform.

### Girls

#### WARM WEATHER:

Green & white check gingham dress

Culottes—bottle green, or

Green jersey knit shorts

Red polo with school logo

White socks

Black shoes

School sun hat

#### COLD WEATHER:

Green/red tartan kilt, or

Green tracksuit pants

Red polo top with logo, or

Red skivvy

School rugby top with Logo

White socks or green tights

Black shoes

Beanie (optional)

### Boys

#### WARM WEATHER:

Red polo top with logo

Green jersey knit shorts

Black shoes

White socks

School sun hat

#### COLD WEATHER:

School rugby top with logo

Red polo top with logo

(short or long sleeve), or,

Red skivvy

Green track pants or,

Green Cord Pants

White socks

Black shoes

Beanie (optional)

## FOR SALE - \$25

### LAP TOP CARRY BAGS

We still have a few brand new lap top bags – Leather Look – available at the office. Please note that they are for a normal size laptop - not a netbook.

**REMEMBER: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June is a state wide reporting day – no students are to attend school on this day.**

## Other Information:

### Jewellery:

In Line with our Uniform Policy, watches and small studs are the only permitted jewellery.

**PLEASE** make sure your child complies with this as necklaces and loop ear rings etc can be a student safety issue in the playground and during sport.

**Hats: Compulsory in Terms 1 & 4** and in warmer weather for protection against the sun.

**Scrunchies/Ribbons:** are to be Red. Green or White



## WORKING BEE FAMILIES THANK YOU

A BIG thank you to Stephen Gough for his co ordination and the Glover, Connell, Breguet, Hood, Ferguson, Houlihan, Duncan, Ennis, McGonigal, Chatterton, McDonald, Page, Leary, Skene, Woodhead, Gordon, Davey, Whale and Courtney families for their hard work. The garden beds look terrific and the work completed makes our school look much tidier! Great job!

## STUDENT CENTRED INTERVIEWS

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

### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Mon: 1.30 – 6.30 - Prep/Junior

Wed: 3.30 – 6.30 – Prep/Junior

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June

Mon: 3.30 – 6.30 Middles.

Wed: 1.30 – 5.30 Middles

**BOOKCLUB** – Issue 4 closes on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to allow for delivery prior to the holidays.

## VICTORIAN EDUCATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2009

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May, eleven staff members from Bellaire Primary School travelled to Melbourne to the Crown Palladium Room for the Annual Victorian Education Excellence Awards Dinner.

Bellaire Primary School was the only school to be short listed in two categories – “Outstanding School Leadership Team” and “Curriculum Innovation”.

Unfortunately Bellaire didn't take home first place in either award but it was an amazing achievement to be a finalist in both categories.

**Congratulations to Bellaire Primary School Leaders and Teachers.**



*Mrs Warren, Ms Howard & Mrs Gilham receive their finalist award from the Minister for Education – Bronwyn Pike*



*Ms Eddy, Mrs Warren and Mrs Koehler receive their finalist award from the Minister for Education*