

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

<b>PREP B</b>	<b>Mikayla</b>	<b>For being organised at swimming and persisting when learning her swimming strokes.</b>
<b>PREP C</b>	<b>Connor</b>	<b>For his confidence and enthusiasm during the first week of the swimming program. Well done, Connor!</b>
<b>PREP F</b>	<b>Maddison</b>	<b>For being confident and trying new things at swimming. Well done, Maddi!</b>
<b>PREP H</b>	<b>Edward</b>	<b>For his bravery and persistence during swimming lessons this week.</b>
<b>JUNIOR B</b>	<b>Tess</b>	<b>For being super organised and speedy during swimming lessons</b>
<b>JUNIOR H</b>	<b>Lillian</b>	<b>For her enthusiasm and effort towards swimming this week. Well done Lilian!</b>
<b>JUNIOR L</b>		
<b>JUNIOR N</b>	<b>Diamond</b>	<b>For always working hard to achieve her writing goals. Well done Diamond!</b>
<b>JUNIOR R</b>	<b>Holly</b>	<b>For working tirelessly in all areas of the classroom</b>
<b>JUNIOR S</b>	<b>Jacob</b>	<b>For his mathematical thinking! A mathematician in the making!</b>
<b>JUNIOR T</b>	<b>Harry</b>	<b>For using so many strategies in maths to find the answer</b>
<b>JUNIOR W</b>	<b>Fiza</b>	<b>For being such a friendly and well mannered member of Junior W. Well done Fiza!</b>
<b>MIDDLE A</b>	<b>Nathan</b>	<b>For a great effort with his handwriting</b>
<b>MIDDLE J</b>	<b>Lachlan</b>	<b>For great discussion writing!</b>
<b>MIDDLE L</b>	<b>Abby</b>	<b>For always doing her best and being a friendly, caring and happy member of the class</b>
<b>MIDDLE M</b>	<b>Meg</b>	<b>For her persistence during all of her tests this week!</b>
<b>MIDDLE R</b>	<b>Jack</b>	<b>For continuing to give his best in all learning areas. Keep it Up!</b>
<b>MIDDLE S</b>	<b>Darcy</b>	<b>For always showing a positive attitude towards his learning</b>
<b>MIDDLE W</b>	<b>Liam</b>	<b>For being the star worker in reading groups all week</b>
<b>SENIOR B</b>	<b>Dickson</b>	<b>For his fantastic contributions to maths workshops. He always puts in 100%</b>
<b>SENIOR C</b>	<b>Annalise</b>	<b>For being a friendly, helpful member of Senior C and always being willing to help out when she can!!</b>
<b>SENIOR H</b>	<b>Ashleigh</b>	<b>For her happy, productive and organised conference</b>
<b>SENIOR J</b>	<b>Pete</b>	<b>For having a relaxed and positive attitude in the SLU this week</b>
<b>SENIOR K</b>	<b>Stella</b>	<b>For achieving her reading goals this week, with a self-made glossary for words she didn't know from her non fiction book.</b>
<b>SENIOR W</b>	<b>Macie</b>	<b>For always having a smile, helping others and working hard all year</b>

“AIM HIGH”

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### Term Dates for 2009

5<sup>th</sup> October – 18<sup>th</sup> December

#### Dates to remember:

2<sup>nd</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> Nov – Prep and Junior

Swimming

10<sup>th</sup> Nov – Prep 2010

Transition Session

11<sup>th</sup> Nov – Middles Hoop  
Time

19<sup>th</sup> Nov Kanga 8's cricket

1<sup>st</sup> Dec – Junior Information  
Evening

4<sup>th</sup> Dec- Prep Excursion

8<sup>th</sup> Dec – Middle Information  
Evening

16<sup>th</sup> Dec- Graduation Night

18<sup>th</sup> Dec- last day of term

## PLANNING FOR STUDENT PLACEMENTS IN CLASSES 2010

In the past parents had been given the opportunity to provide feedback regarding placement of their child in their next year's class if they had a particular concern. The issue is so many parents are now putting in requests that it is making it very difficult to balance the academic and social structure of classes. **Teachers have asked that parents do not request particular teachers.** 2009 teachers collaborate with their Unit Team to place students in grades for the following year. Teachers are experts in making judgements about students' grade placements based on their knowledge of each student's social and academic needs. They also have a good understanding of the social dynamics within the school setting. In most cases, parents are happy to leave this task to the teachers and trust our professional judgement. However, sometimes parents do have a particular request they would like considered in their child's grade placement eg cousins who see a lot of each other may be requested to be in different grades. We appreciated your understanding in this matter as it assists us in providing the best learning environment for all students.

If there are extreme reasons that require a parent request, please send it in an envelope to the Principal and your request will be considered. Any parent requests need to be sent to the office by **Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> November.**

### Year 5 2010 and Net Books:

2009 Year 5 students have been supplied with a Net Book through a heavily subsidized leasing agreement as part of a research trial. This trial was only for one year and schools now have to organise their own lease agreement if the Year 5 students in 2010 are to have Net Books. School Council has been considering all possibilities regarding purchasing and leasing agreements and have now requested feedback from all current Year 5 parents about their child's use of the net book, to determine if the program will continue in 2010.

The issues we have presently are the lease agreement would be between \$500 and \$600 over two and half years plus costly insurance. School Council want to be sure that the current program has been worthwhile and that the school can cover the infrastructure and technical support required for the net books program. We have no intention of introducing net books, if a leasing agreement is decided upon, until Term 2 in 2010. The good news is net books are getting cheaper each month!

We will inform 2010 Year 5 parents of School Council's decision later in the term.

### Year 5 – 2009 parents PLEASE go online to

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=r6cUPA7TC1EqJZziaWGJyw\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=r6cUPA7TC1EqJZziaWGJyw_3d_3d)

It will only take a few minutes to complete this survey and School Council appreciate your feedback in assisting us to make decisions about the Net Book program.

**Youths on the weekend in the playground:** Over the past few weeks we have had youths drinking and making a mess, including broken glass, on the slope between the terrace and bottom oval. If you see anything unusual after hours, please call 000 and if you know who the party goers are, please let Jane Warren know asap- thanks

## CURRICULUM LEVIES 2009

A reminder to families who have not as yet paid this year's curriculum levy of \$100 per child (\$80 for the third child), could you please arrange to do so by contacting the school office.

## 2010 ENROLMENTS

If you are leaving Bellaire PS at the end of the year and are not a current Year 6, please inform me as soon as possible, This is important as we have still have requests for places across all units and are currently finalising our employment of staff for next year. You only need to inform the school if you are intending to leave.

## CHOCOLATE DRIVE

We still have a few last boxes of chocolates to sell if anyone is interested. Please contact the school office if you can sell another box.

## PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN GRADE 6 2009

United Care Geelong has provided funds for families who require assistance with the purchase of books or uniforms for children starting secondary school next year. If you wish to find out more about this scheme or you wish to be placed in contact with a welfare worker from your child's intended school, please contact Helen Weston or Lesley Scarlett. It is important to note that funds will be available in early November so it is advisable to contact Helen or Lesley in the next few weeks to make the necessary arrangements.

## BOOK CLUB

The current issue of Book Club will close on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

## LOST PROPERTY

There is an enormous amount of lost clothing/lunch boxes/drink bottles etc. in the Lost Property Room – **PLEASE** come and check for your child's lost property – it will all be thrown out at the end of the term.

## PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

The names of the students, who completed the reading challenge this year, will be published in 'The Age' newspaper on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

**AN ORIENTATION DAY** for students new to Bellaire in 2010 (excluding prep) will be on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December** from 9.30am. This is an opportunity for new students to meet their teacher and classmates for 2010.

**INFORMATION EVENINGS** Will be held for the parents of Juniors in 2010 on **Tuesday 1/12/09 at 7.00pm** and for parents of Middles in 2010, on **Tuesday 8/12/09 at 7.00pm.**

## WANTED

Due to the approaching warm weather we are in need of small sized shorts and Bellaire t-shirts for the spare/lost clothing cupboard. If you can help out please send items to Jo Barry. Thanks

**BOOK LIST – COLLECTION DATE** **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December** is the collection date for your child's book pack. You will be able to collect from 8.30am – 10.00am and then in the afternoon from 2.30pm to 5.30pm.



## Wanted - Travel Smart Focus Group – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov.

We need 8 - 10 people interested in discussing travel issues at Bellaire as part of the TravelSmart Program. This focus group is a **once-only session**, lasting about 90 minutes and will be held on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 9.15**. The session will be facilitated by the Travel Smart Project Coordinator from the City of Greater Geelong and refreshments will be supplied as an added incentive!

If you are interested in attending this session – please leave your details at the school office.

This is your chance to have your say and help to shape the future Bellaire Travel Plan!

## WORKING BEE

A Prep Working Bee will be held on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November .

## EMPTY SOFT DRINK BOTTLES

The Parents Garden Club wants to keep the new plants alive by watering via soft drink bottles – please send any you have to school.

## CORRECT UNIFORM REMINDER

There are quite a few students currently **NOT** wearing the correct uniform – please make sure your child is wearing **BLACK** school shoes and that they are wearing the correct Bellaire uniform – that is tops and jumpers with the Bellaire Logo and remember 'NO HAT - NO PLAY' for terms 4 and 1.