

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PREP B	Claire	For working hard to achieve her learning goals and being a cheerful member of Prep B.
PREP C	Sean	For being such an amazing classroom helper who always tries his best. Well done Sean!
PREP F	Aston	For working so hard to improve his writing and complete his homework. Keep it up Aston!
PREP H	Lachlan	For his persistence in writing. Well done Lachlan!
JUNIOR B	May	For her fantastic work with arrays this week.
JUNIOR H	Rebecca	For her enthusiastic attitude towards all learning activities. Fantastic work Rebecca!
JUNIOR L	Cooper	For having such a positive attitude towards all class activities. Keep it up Coop!
JUNIOR N	Jasper	For a fantastic effort with his handwriting this week.
JUNIOR R	Rachel Lee	For working at her best always.
JUNIOR S	Amelia	For excellent writing efforts, thinking about the spelling of words and using her writing TOOL BOX!
JUNIOR T	Beth	For working towards her maths goal all week. Well done!
JUNIOR W	Ebony	For demonstrating a greater understanding of number stories this week. Well done, Ebony!
MIDDLE A	Dee-Jay	For fantastic behaviour at Scienceworks.
MIDDLE J	Jonty	For having a great sense of humour and for being a terrific class member!
MIDDLE L	Conor	For his enthusiastic approach towards learning and for always having a go.
MIDDLE M	Mikaylah	For being a hardworking and happy student in Middle M!
MIDDLE R	Connor	For having an amazing week and staying focused during all learning sessions.
MIDDLE S	Phoebe	For always working hard and completing activities to the best of her ability.
MIDDLE W	Tyson	For the great enthusiasm and excellent behaviour he displayed on our Scienceworks excursion.
SENIOR B	Liam	For excellent work in reading workshops this week; also, for improved handwriting!
SENIOR C	Sean	For working on his reading goals with determination and persistence! Keep it up Sean!
SENIOR H	Kate	For working well in all reading sessions and showing evidence in her conference.
SENIOR J	Callen	For fantastic work in all subjects.
SENIOR K	Paige	For composing an excellent poem for her 'See' writing task this week. Keep up the great ideas Paige!
SENIOR W	Emily	For her dedication and persistence in writing workshops – fantastic effort Emily!

Bellaire Learning Units:

“AIM HIGH”

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Term Dates for 2009

5th October – 18th December

Dates to remember:

2nd – 13th Nov – Prep and Junior
Swimming

5th Nov- 21st Century Learning
and Cyber Bullying Parent
Information Session

10th Nov – Prep 2010
Transition Session

11th Nov – Middles Hoop
Time

19th Nov Kanga 8's cricket

16th Dec- Graduation Night

18th Dec- last day of term

Over this term we have published an overview of each of our learning units from Prep to Seniors. The purpose of this was to show how we scaffold the personalised learning process from Prep to Year 6. We start goal setting in Prep and build on these skills with the aim that our Year 6 students will graduate as responsible learners and are able to develop organisational skills to effectively manage their learning time and follow a timetable. This is a staged approach that is developed over the years and looks different for each stage of learning.

Myth Buster – Currently there is some misunderstanding that when the Middle Learning Unit moves into the new building mid next year that their program will be changed to be the same as the Seniors. **This is not correct.** When the Middles move into the new space their teaching and learning program will not change greatly from the current practice. It is not appropriate to have Middle students designing their own timetable. The Middle Unit teachers are really excited about the prospect of taking their current program and enhancing their activities by having a larger, purpose built space. To have access to wet areas and cooking spaces will enable more ‘hands on’ activities. The Middle Learning Unit is already doing some ability grouping across up to four classes for a few sessions per week. This is determined by the teachers and based on student’s learning needs. This enables more explicit teaching and will be made easier for students and teachers across the new learning space.

Our new Middle Learning Unit facility will provide a state of the art space for our current program to function. Each student will have a classroom space with their home group teacher where most of their learning will take place. The enhancement will be in additional space and greater access to technology and interactive learning spaces.

21st Century Learning and Cyber Bullying Prevention- Parent Information Evening on Thursday, 5th November (tomorrow night)

We will be hosting an information evening at 7:00 to 8:00 pm at Bellaire PS for all interested parents. We will present a half hour presentation on changes to education needed to best prepare our generation of learners for life in the future. John Pearce will also join us for a half hour presentation on how to prevent cyber bullying. Hope to see you there!

Gardening Club – PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE from Friday to tomorrow. Due to many willing parents already being parent helpers on a Friday morning, we have changed this week’s gardening club to Thursday (tomorrow) morning. If you can assist, please do by meeting Richard Mason at the garden shed at the front of the school at 9:00am.

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.

GARDENING CLUB

The next meeting of the gardening group will be held on **THURSDAY, 5th November** at 9.00am, meet at the Garden shed in the staff carpark. Extra hands are always welcome! Come and join us for an hour to help make the school look more beautiful and have a cuppa afterwards.

CHOCOLATE DRIVE

Could you please finalise the selling of your box of chocolates asap and return the money to school. There is still quite a few families who haven't returned their money.

Thank you to all families that have returned their chocolate money to school.

If any families would like another box to sell – please contact the office.

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.

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.

BOOK LISTS FOR 2010

Today you should have received your child's book list for 2010. Please fill out and return to school asap. **DO NOT** return money to school but select one of the three options available for payment/delivery on the form. Collection day will be on **Tuesday 8th December** from **8.30am to 10.00am** and from **2.30pm – 5.30pm**. Book packs not collected from school on this date will be returned to Hedleys Education Book Centre in Geelong.

If your child didn't bring home a book list – please see your child's teacher or collect one from the school office.

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 15th November.

AN ORIENTATION DAY for students new to Bellaire in 2010 (excluding prep) will be on Friday 11th 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- Travel Smart Focus Group – Thursday 26th 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 26th 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!

LAST CHANCE SOCIAL CLUB BOOKS XMAS CATALOGUE!

Last week you would have received a SCB catalogue. This is our only fundraiser for term four. If you wish to order anything from the catalogue, please return your order to school by **November 4th** along with Cash, Cheque (made out to Bellaire Primary School) or fill in the credit card section. **DON'T PAY THE POST & PACKAGING – ALL BOOKS WILL BE DELIVERED TO SCHOOL.**

SEASONS PROGRAM

Seasons is a unique peer support program developed to help children and young people cope with the grief and feelings of loss resulting from separation, divorce or death.

Children and young people need effective help when grief and loss overpower their thoughts, feelings and behaviour. This program has been assessed to be most effective for those students whose cause of grief or loss occurred at least six months prior to joining the program.

A Bellaire staff member has recently been trained to facilitate the Seasons program within our school.

Small groups of five or six students meet with an adult companion for 10 weekly x 40 minute sessions.

Please contact the school to express interest on your child's behalf, or for any further information contact Helen Weston, Assistant Principal.



*The Waurun Ponds Cricket Club
Invites all 5-11 y/o boys and
girls to join our Milo In2Cricket program*



WHEN: Friday Nights – commencing 6th November

TIME: 5.30pm – 6.30pm

WHERE: Jarvis Oval, Deakin University

(We are located in the Deakin Uni Campus -look for the Jarvis Oval sign on your left, opposite the student accommodation)

COST: \$50.00 for 12 week program

- also includes a back pack, bat, ball, hat & shirt

FOR MORE INFO. CONTACT OUR Milo Cricket Coach

Tim Hedley - email: timhedley@netspace.net.au

Ph: 0402 791 266

ROYAL GEELONG YACHT CLUB – OPEN DAY – PIRATE FESTIVAL – 8TH NOVEMBER 2009 10.00AM TO 2.00PM

The Royal Geelong Yacht Club is hosting Club "Open Day" on November 8th, 2009. The event is run in conjunction with the Yachting Victoria "Go Sailing Day" and the aim is to promote the sport of sailing to the general public, encouraging the young to the very young at heart to participate. The day is themed "Pirate Day" and most activities are for children, with treasure hunts, face painting, tours of sailing boats etc.

Best Dressed Pirate Parade – 1.00pm

Boat Display

Sign up for a Learn to Sail class

Treasure Hunt- 1.30pm

Try Sailing (subject to weather)

Face Painting

Plus Much More!!