

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PREP B	Cooper	For always persisting with his learning tasks and being a great role model.
PREP C	Ethan	For working hard on the spacing of his writing this week. Well done, Ethan!
PREP F	Chloe	For making a fantastic start at Bellaire and for being a kind and friendly classmate. Well done, Chloe!
PREP H	Darci	For her outstanding writing. Well done on leaving finger spaces and using capital letters!
JUNIOR B	Trae	For always having a go and contributing to class discussions.
JUNIOR H	Emily	For her fantastic effort at expanding 3-digit numbers in maths. Great work, Emily!
JUNIOR L	Nick	For having a positive first week back.
JUNIOR N	Jade	For being a fantastic helper around the classroom!
JUNIOR R	Emily	For working tirelessly in all areas of the classroom.
JUNIOR S	Bridget	For fantastic efforts in maths! She knows her place value to a thousands.
JUNIOR T	Sophie	For working very hard in maths groups this week. Well done, Sophie!
JUNIOR W	Samantha	For demonstrating an excellent understanding of place value this week. Well done, Sammy!
MIDDLE A	Caleb	For a great start to Term 4.
MIDDLE J	Aaron	For improved work habits and for trying his best to stay focused on tasks.
MIDDLE L	Timmy	For his positive and hard working start to the term. Well done, Timmy!
MIDDLE M	Laura	For her focused attitude during all classroom sessions! Great job, Laura!
MIDDLE R	Emily	For creating an amazing recount about her holidays.
MIDDLE S	Kieren	For making an excellent start to Term 4 by doing his best work in all learning activities.
MIDDLE W	Brooke	For being a cheerful, positive, hardworking and caring member of Middle W all year!
SENIOR B	Riley	For a fantastic start to Term 4. He has completed all tasks with a positive attitude. Keep us the good work, Riley!
SENIOR C	Adam	For an original and detailed writing task focused on one of his senses.
SENIOR H	Emily	For a conscientious start to Term 4.
SENIOR J	James	For a fantastic start to the term.
SENIOR K	Andoni	For a positive and insightful conference.
SENIOR W	Anja	For her outstanding reading presentation and an excellent start to Bellaire in Term 3.

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Term Dates for 2009

5th October – 18th December

Dates to remember:

15th Oct – District Girls Cricket

16th Oct – Preps to Poppykettle

October 21st – Public holiday
in lieu of Melbourne Cup

30th Oct -Hoop Time Final

2nd – 13th Nov – Prep and Junior
Swimming

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

19th Nov Kanga 8's cricket

16th Dec- Graduation Night

18th Dec- last day of term

This week we welcome back to school Lisa Neville who was married on the last Saturday of the holidays. Lisa is back after enjoying the last week away on her honey moon. Lisa will now be Mrs Lisa Johnson. Congratulations Lisa!!!!

We also welcome back Andrew Thomas and Rick Kayler-Thomson. On the 6th of October Andrew Thomas and Rick Kayler-Thomson travelled to Christchurch, New Zealand to attend and present at Ulearn09, a 3 day conference regarding the use and innovation of ICT in school classrooms.

Needless to say, both returned with some fantastic tools and skills that they are keen to share and use across the entire school community, such as Edmodo, Google applications, student produced mass media technologies such as radio talk shows, movies and gaming.”

On Monday the Prep and Junior units began their work on the English Online Interviews. We experienced some network difficulties but our wonderful staff worked through these. These interviews will continue over the next two weeks.

The English Online Interview is a mandated assessment to be used for P-2 students in Victorian government schools, replacing the Assessment of Reading P-2 program. The English Online Interview takes the form of an interview between the teacher and the student, with responses being recorded by the teacher in an online system. The English Online Interview assesses student against all dimensions of English VELs (reading, writing and speaking and listening) and provides comprehensive information about student achievement.

Congratulations to all of our students whom received certificates at assembly on Friday for their work on the University of New South Wales tests that occurred earlier this year. Many of our students received credit/distinction and high distinction results.

This term the **NO HAT, NO PLAY** rule is in place. Please be sure that your child has a hat with them every day as we are a **Sun Smart** school.

LEARNING COMMUNITIES:

The Junior Learning Unit is a learning community that consists of 8 classes. All teachers in the unit work closely together in curriculum planning. We are very fortunate that we have small class sizes with none of our classes exceeding 22. There are 8 homeroom teachers all of whom have a teaming partner. The four ‘inside’ Junior classrooms have the ability to open folding doors and double their room size. This is also wonderful for our team teaching and catering to a variety of student’s learning styles and abilities. The portables house 4 more Junior classrooms and although a little challenging in their physical space, team teaching is still carried out to create open learning centres.

One of the exciting initiatives that Juniors have continued to work on this year in the setting of personal goals in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. This personalised learning enables children to set themselves challenges in their learning and to better cater for their own learning path. These goals are continually being monitored by the classroom teacher and modified accordingly.

BABY NEWS:

Congratulations to Sarah Jeffreys and her husband Steve on the safe and happy arrival of the newest member of their family, Mitchell Simon, 5lb 14oz. We are all thrilled and look forward to photographs and of course a cuddle when they come in for their first visit.

WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY –NO SCHOOL

GARDENING CLUB

The next meeting of the gardening group will be held on the Friday morning of 23rd October at 9.00am at the Garden shed in the staff carpark. We are planting news shrubs at the front gate and 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.

BOOKCLUB the current issue of bookclub closes on Friday 17th October – please have all orders in before that date.

CHOCOLATE DRIVE

Thankyou to all families that have returned their chocolate money to school. Families who have not as yet returned their chocolate money – could you please do so by **Friday 17th October**.

Children's Week is on from 24 October – 1 November

Free family activities will take place across Victoria during this celebratory week. A calendar of events featuring free events across Victoria will be available shortly on the Children's Week website

www.education.vic.gov.au/childrensweek

The Victorian State Government will host two major family fun days during Children's Week: Sunday 25 October at Melbourne Zoo and Sunday 1 November at Melbourne Museum. See the Children's Week website for more information on these major events.

THE VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOL PERFORMERS

AUDITIONS- the Dept. of Education and Early Childhood Development is calling for students with a love of performing and learning to be part of the Victorian State School Performance Ensembles. Auditions will be held in November 2009 – junior ensembles comprise years 5-8. For more information on the ensembles or auditions ring JOINING THE CHORUS on 9415 1700 or go to www.jtc.vic.edu.au

INTRODUCTION OF THE VICTORIAN STUDENT NUMBER

Our school is working with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to allocate a Victorian Student Number (VSN) to each student at the school.

The VSN is a student identification number that is being assigned to all students in government and non-government schools, and students in Vocational Education and Training Institutions. The number, which is unique to each student, will be used as a key identifier on a student's school records, and will remain with the student throughout his or her education until reaching the age of 25. The VSN is nine digits long, randomly assigned, and tied to stable information about the student (name, gender, date of birth).

The introduction of the Victorian Student Number will provide the capability to accurately detect patterns of student movement through, and departure from, the Victorian education and training system. It will greatly improve the collection and analysis of timely and accurate data about education in Victoria. The Department collects information to track improvements and to analyse trends and identify future needs. The VSN will improve the accuracy, reliability and completeness of this information, providing a better basis for assessing needs and developing policies to meet them.

You will see the VSN appear on student report cards, enrolment confirmations, and exit confirmations.

If you want to know more about the VSN please see

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/governance/vsn/overview.htm>

WALKTOBER WALK-TO-SCHOOL

Walktober begins this month! The main aim of Walktober is to encourage children to travel to school in an active way. This may include walking, walking part way (for children who live a long distance from school) or riding a bike. This term students will receive an Active Transport Card. Every time they travel to school in an active way they will receive one stamp on their Active Transport Card. When they have received ten stamps they will go in a draw to win a range of great prizes. Active travel to school has many health, social and environmental benefits. So enjoy being active on the way to school!



Wanted!

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 during school hours, and will be facilitated by the Travel Smart Project Coordinator from the City of Greater Geelong. Refreshments will be supplied as an added incentive!

If you already travel smart, or would like to discuss the barriers or incentives to travel smarter, please leave your name and telephone number at the office and you will be contacted once the date and time have been confirmed.

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

ART DISPLAY

Selected pieces of art work from students throughout the school will be on display in the Education Pavilion at the Geelong Show this weekend. Pop in and have a look at their art work at modules 23 and 24. Each participating student will receive a certificate.

Ruth Hayes and Edna Sweetten
(Art Teachers)

BOYS HOOP TIME TEAM



Congratulations on winning the Grand Final last Friday at Werribee, the boys now have the opportunity to play in the State finals in Melbourne. **Good Luck!!**

Back: Duncan Mackie, Jonty Broughton, Connor Reid, Ayden Beattie

Front: William Humble, Matt Johns, Cooper Swanson

Coach: Mandy Johns

Alexander Thomson Cricket Club
THE VIKINGS



IN2CRICKETMILO REGISTRATION NIGHT

FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER, 2009 6:00 PM

HIGHTON RESERVE, HIGHTON

Go to in2cricket.com.au to register online. Print out a registration form and bring it along with \$55 on the evening of 30th October.

All other details are online.

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