

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PREP B	Muhammed	For working hard to achieve his learning goals and being a friendly member of Prep B.
PREP C	Daniel	For focusing hard on his learning goals in writing this week. Well done, Daniel!
PREP F	Chace	For working so hard to improve his writing and learn his challenge words. Well done, Chace!
PREP H	Nyah	For working hard on her reading strategies this week. Well done, Nyah!
JUNIOR B	Keely	For her amazing determination to do her best at all times.
JUNIOR H	Zalli	For her fantastic effort at answering comprehension questions in full sentences during reading.
JUNIOR L	Corey	For being such a happy member of Junior L all year.
JUNIOR N	Jack	For having a fantastic term and always trying his hardest in all areas of school! Well done.
JUNIOR R	Kleo	For continued maturity in all areas of her learning.
JUNIOR S	Ariana	For being a wonderful learner this week, listening and asking great questions.
JUNIOR T	Ethan	For being so enthusiastic in writing groups by doing his best.
JUNIOR W	Harry	For writing a fantastic narrative about a travelling cat! Keep it up Harry!
MIDDLE A	Josh	For always being bright and cheerful and giving his best at all times.
MIDDLE J	Jacob	For composing his own song... Wow!!
MIDDLE L	Max	for his brilliant project about Nepal. Well done, Max!
MIDDLE M	Nathan	For being a good listener on the carpet! Great job, Nathan!
MIDDLE R	Cooper	For producing quality homework and achieving his personal best.
MIDDLE S	Luke	For his enthusiastic attitude towards all learning tasks.
MIDDLE W	Keely-Shay	For the effort she put into her outstanding poster on India.
SENIOR B	Bridie	For being a happy, helpful member of Senior B. Well done on a fantastic term!
SENIOR C	Bethany	For a fantastic presentation about Malaysia. Your effort and dedication has been outstanding. Well done!!
SENIOR H	Meridith	For being a great member of Senior H!
SENIOR J	Jack	For a fantastic effort throughout the semester.
SENIOR K	Ben	For finishing term three in such a confident fashion. Keep up the brilliant job, Ben!
SENIOR W	Jessica	For outstanding progress in reading this term. Well done, Jess!!

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Term Dates for 2009

5th October – 18th December

Dates to remember:

5th Oct – Term 4 starts

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

A big welcome back to everyone. We hope that everyone had a relaxing time and has come back refreshed and ready to do lots of learning. The students have settled in well and are already hard at work. By lunch time on Monday I had already seen a dozen students for outstanding work. As you all know the building works are well under way with the slab poured and we await the delivery of the steel, once here we will see the building starting to take shape. As part of this building project we have had to lose some of our Junior Playground, which has reduced the area in which our students have to play. For safety reasons we have decided to run a roster system to alleviate the number of students using the climbing equipment at one time. 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.

WORK OVER THE HOLIDAYS: Over the holidays we had lots of work done around the school. Contractors were in and they bored under the front of the school as well as down near the construction zone. This boring work is yet to be completed but shouldn't take too much longer. You will shortly notice some fencing go up around a small area at the front of the school and access to this site will be through the car park. The work which has begun on the deck areas is looking wonderful and we are excited about these being completed. The canteen kitchen is looking a treat and the new oven is a dream. The ladies are already talking about all the new possibilities.

LEARNING COMMUNITIES: The Prep Unit at Bellaire is continually developing to cater for the needs of our students. Planning is shared among the team of four teachers to ensure there is consistency in the classrooms and to share ideas about the best teaching methods. A recent development has been the opening of our classrooms. We now view ourselves as a learning community with our teachers working in pairs in larger learning spaces. The use of outdoor areas and the new Prep play shed means students are involved in developmental play. This encourages them to work in teams and to incorporate learning in their everyday lives. We have a continual focus on students developing responsibility and taking pride in their learning through the use of learning goals. Students work in small groups and independently to achieve individual and common group goals. Learning goals are displayed in the classroom and our students learn to refer to and check on the achievement of their goals. Another aspect of the prep unit is to develop the importance of our local community. Through our language experience program and community walks we welcome the community into the classroom and plan several visits to local places to develop our students' sense of community. Communication with parents is important to us, with the diary, blogs and meetings being used as a constant link.

VICTORIAN TEACHERS GAMES: Over the holidays we had a team of 14 teachers head off to Gippsland to compete in the 2009 Victorian Teachers' Games. They competed in a range of sports including golf, touch football, netball and tennis. Congratulations to all with a special mention to our Netball team with their Silver Medal win, to Luke Warren who was a member of the Softball team which won Gold and to Nicole Lindmayer who had only bowled 7 times in her life and played against serious lawn bowlers – pennant players and even club champions! Nicole managed to win her first game against a pennant player.



GARDENING CLUB

The gardening group is meeting this Friday morning (09/10) 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.

WHO'S WHO PORTRAITURE PRIZE

Georgia Woodhead and Tom Wade were shortlisted out of over 600 entries from across Geelong and District schools.

Georgia's portrait was of her grandmother –artist Margaret Woodhead and Tom's portrait was of Cameron Mooney (Geelong Football Player).

Georgia was successful to the last 2 and was runner up to the overall winner from Manifold Heights PS.

Both children have had their portraits displayed in Borders' window (Gloria Jeans Section) over the school holidays.

These portraits will be published in a Centrefold of the Geelong Advertiser after the school holidays.

The Life Skills students begin to reap the rewards of their hard work



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!



TRAVELSMART UPDATE

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!