

Principal Team Column

“AIM HIGH”

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Term Dates for 2009

2nd Feb – 3rd April
20th April – 26th June
13 July – 18th September
5th October – 18th December

Dates to remember:

LIFE ED Parent Info Session
2pm Friday 27th Feb
Labour Day Holiday March 9th

FUN RUN 24th March

Last Day Term 1 April 3rd

MIDDLE UNIT CAMP 4th-8th MAY

Middle/ Senior Aths: 29th July

BELLAIRE SCHOOL COUNCIL:

Many thanks to these teachers and parents who nominated for 2009/ 2010 school council positions and have been successful:

Peta Mackie, Richard Mason, Melissa Smith, Chris Eddy and Jenni Koehler.

We still have a parent representative position available and encourage anyone interested to chat with Jane Warren.

A HUGE thank you to retiring school councillors for their wonderful contribution over the past years. They are Simon Hogan, Phillip Jobling and Lesley Scarlett.

Subcommittees of School Council:

School Council is informed by subcommittees, who make recommendations in the following areas:

- Resources (Finance) – which oversees school finances
- Curriculum – which oversees education policies and programs
- Resources (Physical) – which oversees the maintenance and building of school facilities.

If you have a particular interest or strength in any of these areas, your contribution would be gratefully received. Please see Jane Warren or our School Council President, Mr Stephen Gough.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Schools are instructed to notify parents and guardians at the beginning of the school year that they are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Schools should also inform parents and guardians that reasonable low cost accident insurance policies are available from the commercial insurance sector.

LIFE EDUCATION VAN:

Looking forward to welcoming the Life Ed van this week, which will host interactive lessons about staying healthy. Parents are invited to an information session this Friday. The Life Ed van will be near the Middle/Senior play equipment.

RIDING SCOOTERS TO SCHOOL:

Just recently a few students have begun to ride scooters to school. The school recommends that alternative transport be used due to the student safety issues around scooters on paths that are already overcrowded. We appreciate that riding scooters is a fun and healthy activity but perhaps safer on the weekends when there are less people around. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

School Clean Up Day – Friday, 27th February

All students will be encouraged to do some yard duty to clean our yard on Friday- doing our bit for ‘Clean Up Australia’ Day campaign.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PREP B	Cooper	For always trying his best and being a good friend to everyone. Well done, Cooper!
PREP C	Zoe	For always trying her best in the classroom and for being a great friend. Well done, Zoe!
PREP F	Emily	For being confident to 'have a go' at writing. Well done, Emily!
PREP H	Ryan	For being a brave writer and a good friend. Great job, Ryan!
JUNIOR B	Seth	For using his manners and producing excellent pieces of writing
JUNIOR H	Chloe	For being such a kind and caring member of the class
JUNIOR L	Isabella	For having a fantastic attitude towards her school work
JUNIOR N	Tyler	For always keeping a smile on his face, even when he's unwell
JUNIOR R	Trent	For staying focussed on the job at hand
JUNIOR S	Sasha	For super place value work in maths! PLUS a wonderful smile every day
JUNIOR T	Fletcher	For improving his pencil grip and using the lines
JUNIOR W	Paris	For her fantastic attitude towards her learning this year
MIDDLE A	Harrison	For a great start to the year and his persistence doing all tasks
MIDDLE J	Lola	For being a helpful member of Middle J
MIDDLE L	Blake	For working well during learning centres and producing an excellent text response on a character from The Famous Five
MIDDLE M	Meg	For being a kind, caring and friendly member of Middle M
MIDDLE R	Tom	For always being willing to help any member of Middle R
MIDDLE S	Xavier	For his wonderful contributions to whole class and small group discussions
MIDDLE W	Sophie	For her excellent concentration and a willingness to help other students
SENIOR B	Bethany	For having a positive attitude toward her learning and showing persistence in both her independent sessions and her workshops this week
SENIOR C	Amelia	For being a helpful member of Senior C, always with a smile on her face!!
SENIOR H	John	For working hard in ALL sessions this week
SENIOR J	David	For displaying great organisation of his personal timetable
SENIOR K	Nick	For adjusting well to his new timetable and displaying a good attitude ion his conference
SENIOR W	Meg	For always doing her best and caring for others in the SLU

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be opened every Monday from 8.45am – 9.15am and every Friday from 3.15pm – 3.45pm.



DO NOT WALK THROUGH THE STAFF CARPARK at the front of the school due to cars moving in and out- it is unsafe for children.

KISS AND DROP ZONE

'NO STOPPING' VERSUS 'NO PARKING'

NO STOPPING means *no stopping at all* even if you are only letting someone out of the car, and regardless of whether you leave the engine running and stay in the car. Stopping on a length of road to which a "No Stopping" sign applies is an offence, unless you are outside the times specified on the sign. You must not stop where there is a continuous yellow line painted on the edge of the road. **NO PARKING** a driver must not stop on a length of road or in an area to which a no parking sign applies, *unless* the driver is dropping off or picking up, passengers or goods. The driver cannot leave the vehicle unattended and must complete the stop within 2 minutes or in accordance with what the sign indicates.

SICK BAY LINEN

Any parent willing to volunteer to change and launder the sick bay linen, please leave your name at the Office. Depending on the number of volunteers, it would probably involve doing the linen once per term.

NEEDED –

ICE CREAM CONTAINERS for the Sick Bay.

GREEN THUMBS WANTED

It has been decided that the Bellaire Garden Plot is going to be part of our schools integration program for 2009. Students will be involved in soil preparation, planting and harvesting. However, we need some green thumbs to help us out. If you are interested in assisting with the care of our garden, please return the slip below to your students classroom teacher. There will be no formal working bees or timetable. We are looking for people who are willing to just call in before or after school and help out with any jobs that need doing. Some light weeding, composting and watering would be the main jobs. If you would like to lend a hand but just don't have the time, don't worry. We have a job for you too. If your family is catching rain water, you are more than welcome to pop into the garden before or after school and give the plots a drink. Please note that all water used on the garden must be clean. It is important that no detergents, soaps or other contaminants are put on the garden. If you have any questions, feel free to pop in to my room in the prep unit.

Nigel Holloway.

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Name
Student Name
Relationship to student:
Phone:
() I will just pop in and help out. OR
() I would like a regular job to do.
(PLEASE TICK WHICH YOU WOULD PREFER)

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

All families wishing to use the Out Of School Hours care program should now have completed a yellow enrolment form.

Past enrolments will now be deleted from the computer.

There are a number of families who are sending their children to After School Care without booking them in. The number of families wanting to use the service is growing and we need to know exact numbers so that enough supervisory staff are employed. You will be called to collect your children if they have not been booked in.

Parents **MUST** sign in their children to Before School Care and sign them out at After School care.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Reading Challenge is now open and all students are encouraged to take the challenge to read the required number of books (30 in prep-2; 15 in Years 3-6) by **31st August**.

Only 56% of Bellaire students completed the Challenge last year with the best efforts from the Preps and the Year 2 students.

Let's try to **AIM HIGH** with close to 100% of students completing the Challenge in 2009.

More information on the back page of this newsletter.



BUSHFIRE APPEAL

Thankyou to all the Bellaire families who so generously donated money to the Education Department's Bushfire appeal last Monday and to the State Schools' Relief Bushfire Appeal to which the money raised from the unit discos was donated. In total Bellaire raised \$4,332 which was a fantastic effort.

Welcome to the 2009 Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge!

I am pleased to declare the 2009 Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge open. I invite students from Prep to Year 10 to take part in what promises to be a great event.

Since 2005, the Challenge has helped thousands of students discover the rewards of reading. This year I hope the Challenge will motivate students who have attempted it before and inspire new students to discover the magic of books.

The Challenge will again run over three terms. During this time students who take part will try to read a target number of books. For students in Prep to Year 2 the target is 30 books, at least 20 from the Challenge list. For students in Years 3 to 10 the target is 15 books. Years 3 to 9 students should read at least ten books from the list. Year 10 students should read at least 5 books from the list. More information and advice about the Challenge can be found on the pages of this website.

Last year more than 117,000 students successfully met the Challenge. I look forward to celebrating a record-breaking 2009 and to awarding even more students with certificates later in the year.

In the meantime good luck and keep those pages turning.

JOHN BRUMBY
Premier of Victoria

The **Premier's Reading Challenge** has now begun. All students have been registered.

You can log on to the Challenge to record the books you have read.

The website is at www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Students log on with the first 3 letters of their last name and the first 3 letters of their first name
eg Tom Jones would log on with jontom

The password is bellaire1

Check the books that are on the Challenge list – many of these are in our library with a sticker on them to show they are on the list.



City of Greater Geelong Family Services Department Bushfire Book Appeal

We all understand the importance of reading and literature as a foundation for Children's development.

Due to the fires countless schools, libraries, childcare centres, kindergartens and playgroups have lost these precious resources.

To help replace this loss we have decided to conduct a book appeal (new books only) aimed at children 0-16 years old.

*Books can be left at Ariston House
245-249 Pakington Street Newtown
over the next 4-6 weeks.
Enquiries: 5272 4293*

