

Wanganui Park Secondary College

# Newslink



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**'Wanganui's Got Talent!'**

# The Principal Team Report – September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009

## Provision

Sometime over the last few days your family would have received a letter asking for your ideas on provision of secondary schooling in the Greater Shepparton area and your feedback is vital to our planning and decision process. The two questions about what you would like to see in any new model and what you would like retained are very open questions. If you need something to start your thinking ask yourself what you would like to see provided for your son/daughter as they go through their secondary schooling, or what things do you look for when choosing a school.

## YEAR 12

Our year 12 students are nearing the end of their year and after these holidays have only 3 more weeks of classes before they break for their final exams. The remaining time is critical for them so we need to support them in every way possible. I know most are working really hard and our year 12 teachers are also very busy. I commend their commitment and in particular thank the staff who are coming in over the holidays to conduct any of the 30 odd classes that are running.

## TASMANIAN TOUR

It was really nice to hear reports from people in Tasmania who said that while they have a lot of school groups visit, they were particularly impressed by the responsible way our students conducted themselves. Thanks to Greg Bristol, Livia Tiso, Andrew Chua and Jacqui Kitto for accompanying the group and Andrew Hull for his organisation.

## SUNSMART – HATS

A reminder to parents and guardians that our Sun Smart policy will be enforced from day one, Term 4. That is, that the wearing of brimmed hats is compulsory for all staff and students when outside during the whole of Term 4. The hat must have a brim all the way around (not a cap) and must be worn every day during term 4, term 1 and until the end of daylight saving in 2010. Thank you for assisting us with this important issue.

## PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Another reminder that parent/teacher interviews are being conducted on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> September, from 5pm to 8pm, and again on Friday morning, 18<sup>th</sup> September, from 9am to 12 noon. We look forward to seeing many parents and students at these times. Only Year 12 classes will run on Friday.

## TERM 4 START

Term 4 commences for staff and students on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> October and runs for 11 weeks to conclude for staff on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> December. Key dates during this term can be seen on the college calendar found on our public website.

## NAPLAN Results

Earlier this year all Year 7 and 9 students completed the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) testing. Student results will be mailed home today, so you should receive this information in the next day or two. Please direct any queries in relation to this to Ken Murray.

Keith Gray  
Principal

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# CANTEEN ROSTER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>5 October 2009</b> Lyn Denton Julie York Raelene Grasso	<b>6 October 2009</b> Jillian Hawker Heather Brain Maree McConkey	<b>7 October 2009</b> Jocelyn Burrows Amanda Finger Kara Beggs	<b>8 October 2009</b> Kirrily Dainton Therese Nicholson Kerryn Fairless	<b>9 October 2009</b> Val Everist Bev Steward Suzanne Jones
<b>12 October 2009</b> Raelene Cuthbert Kim Mann Deb Harrison	<b>13 October 2009</b> Lyn Barrass Bronwyn Fisher Gulhan Ugurlu	<b>14 October 2009</b> Chris Pedretti Shirley Kiehne Marg Leahy	<b>15 October 2009</b> Tina Follett Carolyn Thorne Fiona Mackay	<b>16 October 2009</b> Rhonda Marino Simone Gleeson Kim Turner

CALENDAR	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
<b>17</b>	<b>Parent Teacher Interviews 5pm-8pm</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Parent Teacher Interviews 9am – 12noon</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
<b>5</b>	<b>School Resumes</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>SDSSSA Junior Summer Sports</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>Valedictory Dinner</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Year 12 Graduation Assembly</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>Exam Preparation Day for Year 12's</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>Parent Club</b>

## Climate Change

Tens of thousands of young people across Australia are voting this week at [www.youthdecide.com.au](http://www.youthdecide.com.au) Why? Because at the end of the year, our world leaders are coming together to decide what kind of climate future we will inherit and young Australians are telling our government what kind of world we want - before it's too late. Log on to [youthdecide.com.au](http://youthdecide.com.au) and tell your government which climate policies, if you were given the opportunity to vote, you would vote for.

Students are reminded **not to bring \$50** notes to school. The Canteen will not accept \$50 notes and we do not always have change in the main office to allow us to do this.

**If you are reading a hardcopy of this you may prefer, and we would prefer, to email it to you.**

**Could you please send an email to [jobling.pauline.f@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:jobling.pauline.f@edumail.vic.gov.au) requesting the Newslink.**

## **ARE YOU EX NAVY, ARMY, OR AIR FORCE?**

Then Carry On (Vic) may be able to help you with education costs if you meet our eligibility criteria. Carry On (Vic) assists Secondary School students in Years 7 – 12 with grants for expenses such as fees, books, uniforms, excursions etc.

Children whose Parent/s or Legal Guardians have a need for financial assistance and comply with our eligibility criteria can apply. All grants are income tested and the closing date for applications is 5 November 2009. If you have served in Australian Defence Forces or Allied Forces and you wish to apply for a Secondary Education Grant for 2010, please telephone Carry On 9629 2648 to establish and request an application form.

## WHAT'S NEWS IN SCIENCE?



### **WANT TO BE A MARINE SCIENTIST?**

Marine Science Careers Day is a fantastic opportunity for students to discover a range of careers in the field of marine science, to hear about everyday experiences from professionals in the field and see a working example in Melbourne Aquarium.

Speakers are selected from various fields including, Animal Husbandry, Wildlife Consultation, Veterinary Sciences and research in marine science.

2009 MARINE SCIENCE CAREER DAY WILL RUN ON MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOV.

Please note that places are strictly limited and will fill up quickly. The cost is: \$35

If you are interested then contact Ms Utber in the Science office, or for further information jump on the internet and search: Melbourne Aquarium Underwater Zoo News Spring 2009- Careers Day.



### **STEM CELL AWARENESS DAY.**

Stem Cell Awareness Day is a public education event aimed at fostering a greater understanding of stem cells in the community. This year's event will be in the form of a web-based 'webinar' and is taking place on WEDNESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER at:

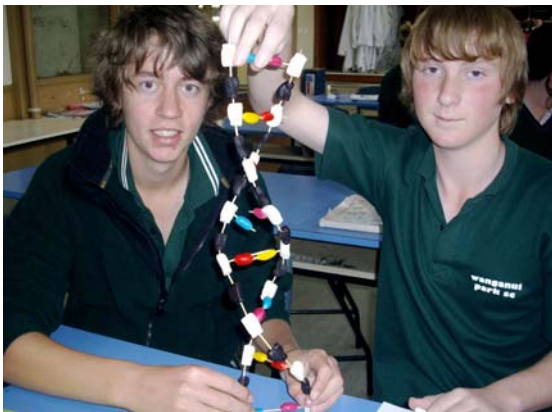
[www.stemcellawarenessday.com](http://www.stemcellawarenessday.com)

Genetics students, VCE Biology students and those of you who are interested in the use of cell stems should log on and have a look at the topics covered on the website. Visitors to the website will be able to 'ask an expert' questions and the response will be posted on the site immediately or soon after.

Seize the opportunity to educate yourself!

### **VMG GENETICS.**

Students of this level 3 Science unit have been looking closely at the structure of the DNA molecule. To remember the 'base-pairing rule' that applies to the molecule, students participated in some hands-on modelling. The photographs below show Brandon and Gareth, and Nicole and Demi with their jellybean DNA.



## A visit from the Optometrist in 7D Science

The class of 7D are currently studying Eyes and Sight in Science. As part of this unit they had a visit from a local Optometrist, which was organised by a student teacher, Adam Kitungano from LaTrobe University, Shepparton.

The Optometrist spoke to the students about how the eye works, problems people have with their vision and ways of correcting some of these problems by visiting an Optometrist. Students were given the opportunity to test whether they have 20/20 vision using an Eye Chart as well as looking at Colour Blindness cards and 3D glasses.



Mark, the Optometrist showing 7D 3D glasses



Casey looking cool in the 3D glasses

## “CARING FOR YOURSELF” WITH CARERS VICTORIA

It's hard to go through difficult times alone. There is an alternative and support is at hand. In Recognition of Mental Health Awareness Week Villa Maria Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre in partnership with Goulburn Valley Community Health Service Kaleidoscope program invite Carers of a young person with behaviour or mental health issues to a workshop with Carers Victoria about “Caring for Yourself”.

Villa Maria offers short term assistance for carers in the community with respite, information, and support, while the Kaleidoscope program is designed to support carers to come to terms with issues surrounding the young person's behaviour. The Kaleidoscope program also offers support for siblings.

If you care for a young person who experiences difficult behaviour, is on the Autism Spectrum or has mental health issues, this night is for you.

Please join us in an evening where Carers Victoria will provide a session which will explore who is a carer, and how you can gain support.

**Venue:** GV Health 399 Wyndham St, Shepparton

**Date:** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2009

**Time:** 6:45pm – 9:00pm.

A light super will be provided and representatives from Villa Maria and the Kaleidoscope program will also be available to discuss how we can support you.

Please RSVP to Villa Maria Respite and Carelink Centre on 1800 052 222 or Paul Sefton at GV Community Health on 58 233 200 by the 1<sup>st</sup> Oct for catering purposes.

### MIDNIGHT BASKETBALL

The Shepparton Sports Stadium will be hosting a Midnight Basketball program starting in late October run by the Rotary Club of Mooropna. As you may be aware, the aim of the program is to engage teenagers with an interest in basketball in a fun Saturday night competition. The program primarily targets 'at risk' children aged between 12 - 18 who may be otherwise involved in anti-social behaviour on Saturday nights, and provides them with a fun, safe and educational program to meet new friends, develop self confidence and of course, practice their basketball skills.

There is also a Player Registration form attached for anybody interested.

If you are able to volunteer – whether it be for 1 week, 8 weeks or somewhere in between – please fill out the attached 'Volunteer Registration Form' and return it to Barb Joyce ([barliej@bigpond.com](mailto:barliej@bigpond.com)).



Midnight Basketball -  
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## SERVICES OFFERED TO SEPARATED PARENTS

### Co-Operative Parenting Program (CPP)

Berry Street in Shepparton, is now offering a one-off, 3 hour education seminar to assist separated parents have healthy and strong relationships with their children. The Co-Operative Parenting Program helps parents understand the developmental effects of their parental conflict on their children and become more child focused and understanding of their children's needs. The Program offers support and resources to assist parents to move toward managing their own parenting arrangements and aims at reducing the reliance on legal processes. The Program is recognised by the Family Law Court however self referrals are also welcome. The Co-operative Parenting program is offered to separated parents in the greater Shepparton area and surrounds, with seminars occurring fortnightly. To find out more about the program please contact Janene or Rachel from the Co-operative Parenting Program on 03 58 228100.

### Children's Contact Services (CCS)

Berry Street's Children's Contact Service has also opened its doors to the community. The Contact Service aims to minimize a child's exposure to conflictual situations by assisting separated parents in managing access arrangements. The staff are trained to understand the difficulties that are often experienced during and after separation and provide a safe and child focused environment for supervised visits. The Service also offers separated parents a neutral location for changeovers to occur. Changeovers enable the child to be transferred smoothly from one parent to the other at contact times, offering separate entrances and exits for each parent. To find out more about the program, please contact the Children's Contact Service on 03 58 228100.

## Welcome to the Goulburn Valley Hockey Association **Twilight Hockey Comp**

### **A eight week competition is being organized for October/November Probably Monday nights 5.00 - 8.30pm October 12 - November 30th**

#### **Format:**

A senior and a junior competition.

Junior individual nominations (may be split up by age/ability).

Senior mixed team nominations (Juniors may play senior if they have played hockey before).

7 aside comp, up to 10 nominated in a team, minimum of 3 female on field at once.

Mouth guards compulsory.

14 minutes a half. Normal hockey rules.

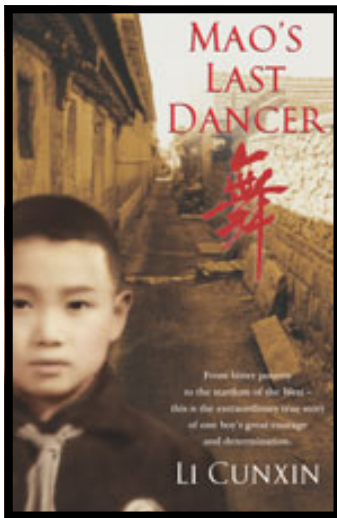
Maybe prizes (donations readily accepted!).

Purchase/have own colours -

This is a competition for the wider hockey families, not just the current players but also Mums, Dads, those who want to try it out, and those who want to do it for a bit of fun and fitness. The plan is to have a BBQ running, bring your dinner down...

So we can gauge game times and start organizing draw please register ASAP

For more information contact Therese Nicholson 58235513 [stu.treez@bigpond.com](mailto:stu.treez@bigpond.com) SYC hockey Club



**BEIJING OR BUST  
MOVIE NIGHT  
FUNDRAISER  
MAO'S LAST DANCE  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH  
7.00 PM @ VILLAGE CINEMA  
TICKETS \$15  
SUPPER PROVIDED  
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT  
VERNEY ROAD SCHOOL  
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