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Our canteen welcomes all volunteers!!

The Principal Team Report – March 12th, 2009

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Unfortunately we will not be able to provide parent teacher interviews during the day this year due to a new ruling by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development that schools can no longer cancel classes to run these days. We will be able to hold interviews in the evening, but this will not enable every parent to see all their children's teachers. We are doing what we can to have this ruling reviewed so that we can offer you the service and support you are used to, and deserve. In the meantime we ask for your understanding and we will provide more details soon about when interviews will take place.

This means that the normal student free day on the last day of Term 1 usually set aside for parent/teacher interviews will instead be a normal school day with students attending for Periods 1 to 4 followed by a full school assembly. Buses will arrive early at 2.30pm. The organisation for parent/teacher interviews will be decided shortly and a letter detailing those arrangements will be posted to every family.

School Council

I am pleased to announce that the following people have been elected to our school council in the parent category;

Brent Evans

David Melrose

Ian Nalder

Tony Peardon.

We would like to thank retiring councillor Janice Crawford for her contributions to council over the last four years. We welcome Brent as a new member of our team and thank David, Ian and Tony for choosing to continue to serve on council.

Our next council meeting will incorporate the Annual General Meeting and the adoption of our 2008 annual Report. The report will be posted on our website soon after that.

School Jumpers and Jackets

As the cooler weather approaches, it is timely to remind parents and students alike of the requirements of our uniform policy. There are three options: the school jumper, the shower jacket and the tek-fleece jacket. Could parents please ensure that students have one or more of these available for the winter months. The tek-fleece jackets can now be purchased at Aussie Disposals in Fryers Street.

Year 7 Camps

Currently 7A and 7D are enjoying three days at the Howqua campsite. These camps are a great opportunity for Year 7 students to enjoy each other's company, enjoy the various activities on offer and get to know their teachers in a different environment where they can have loads of fun. Next week Year 7E, G and H head off on Monday to be replaced by Year 7B, C and F on Wednesday.

Education Committee

The Education Committee had its second meeting for the year on Tuesday, 10th March. We are still looking for new members to fill some gaps made by long serving members reaching the end of their tenure. If you are interested and need more information about the role of this committee, please contact Xavier Tanner. The next meeting is not until Tuesday, 28th April, the second week of Term 2.

Keith Gray
Principal

Ken Murray
Assistant Principal

Xavier Tanner
Assistant Principal

CANTEEN ROSTER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
16th March Suzanne Jones Marg Leahy Debbie Guy Smith	17th March Robyn Dann Jo Wild Lyn Barrass	18th March Julie Hunter Sue Meda Sue Sinclair	19th March Tracy Fitzsimmons Louise Peters Carolyn Thorne	20th March Fiona Hand Shelley Heggart Kathy O'Brien
23rd March Jocelyn Burrows Carol McKenzie Lyn Sofra	24th March Heather Brain Alex Douch Sharon Nixon	25th March Anita Evans Melinda Robertson Dee Tricarico	26th March Margo Jenkins Fiona Mackay Sarah Tarnay	27th March Sabrina Payne Rhonda Marino Wendy Sidebottom

CALENDAR	
March	
27	Presentation Ball
April	
2	Parent Teacher Interviews 6 – 9pm
3	Parent Teacher Interviews
	Break up for holidays
20	School resumes

The best method of receiving this Newslink is via email. If you are reading this in hardcopy and do have an email address that it could be sent to you, please email jobling.pauline.f@edumail.vic.gov.au with your students name and year level.

EXCURSION LINE

58209988

A dedicated line with messages updated daily giving up to date return times of any camps/excursions.

This is a recorded service and is available during and after office hours.

ABSENCE LINE

58209977

A dedicated line where parents can dial direct and leave details of student absences for a particular day.

Please give student name, homegroup and date of absence.

Community Links

Want to find out what your children are up to at school?

Want to have the 'heads up' on new technology?

Then come to:

Media Info Session

When: 26th March 2009

Time: 7pm – 8.30 pm

Where: Media Room D 5

You will learn about what students do in Media. See a few of their short films and get to try some animation software.

Supper provided

Please RSVP to as spaces are limited: buxton.angela.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Villa Maria at Wanganui Park

Villa Maria operates the Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre in the Hume Region. The centre provides respite, information and support to carers and young carers.

What is a Carer?

A carer is someone who provides unpaid help and support to a partner, child, relative, friend or neighbour who is unable to manage without help due to age, physical or mental illness or disability.

A YOUNG CARER is someone under the age of 25 who is caring for someone in their family with a physical or mental illness or disability. They might be helping them with personal care or providing an extensive amount of support for that person at home.

Young Carers often many days of school or don't have time to complete their homework. With so much playing on their mind, they can feel distracted at school or cut off from their friends and their school community. It's not surprising that some of them become early school leavers. It can be tough caring for family members at an early age.

What respite is provided by the Commonwealth Carer Respite Centre?

The Centre offers short-term care to help a family or individual take a break from the daily routine and stress of caring for someone who is frail aged, ill or who has a disability. Respite can be provided in the care recipient's home, such as home help.

Out-of-home respite can also be an option, such as day programs, allowing carers to take breaks away, attend local sporting matches or even to visit the theatre or attend a concert...or just some time to be a teenager again.

Each Thursday during school terms from 10am – 2pm, staff from Villa Maria will be located in the VisyCares Centre for students, staff and the community to access.

The school community are more than welcome to drop by and chat to the staff who can provide information about carers, young carers and the assistance they are able to access.

Villa Maria Respite and Carelink can also be contacted by phoning 1800 052 222* or dropping into their office at 190 Benalla Rd, Shepparton.

*Freecall from fixed lines. Mobiles at mobile rates.

Australian Government

FREE TRAINING! For Parents Looking at Returning To Work!

Are you a parent who has been out of the work force or accredited training for two years or more while caring for children?

Are you Thinking of returning to work?

Not worked for more than 4 months full time, or equivalent part time in the last 2 years?

Do you need assistance to fund courses to update your skills?

THE PARENTS RETURNING TO WORK COURSE COULD BE FOR YOU!!

Contact Broni Paine Goulburn Valley Community Health On 58233213 Or 0400 665 306 to see if you are eligible!



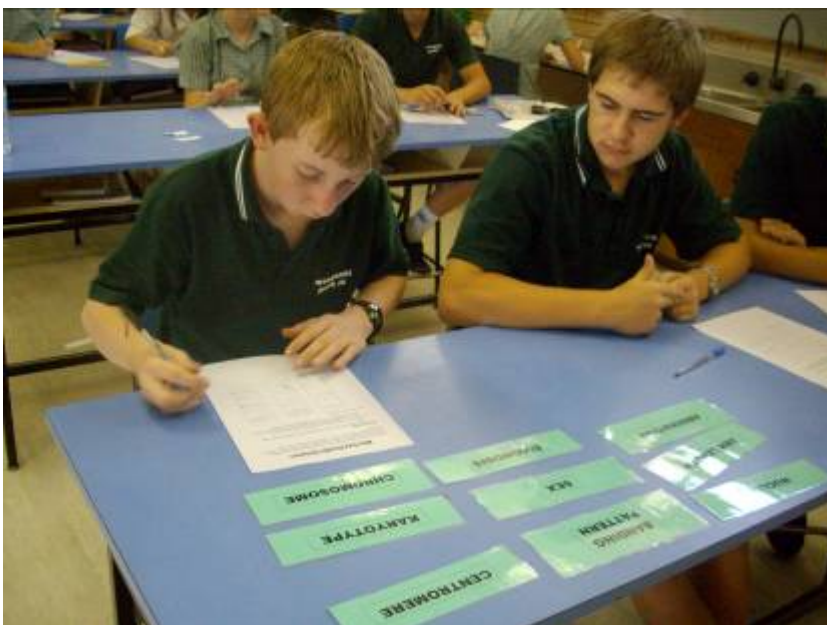
WHAT'S NEWS IN SCIENCE

Things are buzzing in the Science Domain, and not just in the Animals class! The Agriculture class has visited the Seymour Field Day and the Year 7 students are excitedly lighting Bunsen burners and getting their Bunsen Licences. The Jurassic Park students have been making finger fossils and the Year 11 Biology students have been on a field trip to Queenscliff. On top of all this activity the Science staff have begun design plans in readiness for a possible new science wing. Below are some photographs showing some of the learning taking place over the last two weeks in Science classes:



In Genetics, Nathaniel and Mallory add to the DNA Word Wall.

In Atoms, Energy and Power Mr Goldrick takes his class outside to demonstrate chemical reactions.



In Genetics, David and Tim use a learning tool called Nine Card Possible Sentences to revise for an upcoming test on the topic of Karyotypes.



In Year 7 Science, Georgia poses for her Bunsen Burner licence.



In Jurassic Park, students make moulds of their fingers in readiness for the creation of a finger fossil.

Students awarded \$550 grant to

Do Their Bit for Biodiversity in the Community

We are getting ready to launch our “Improving Biodiversity and Fauna Habitat” project, having recently received a \$550 grant from Australia Post through Landcare Australia’s Junior Landcare Grants Program.

The \$550 grant was awarded through the biodiversity category of the program, sponsored by Australia Post, and will be used to plant local species that will flourish and encourage native animals to return to the area.

Junior Landcare is one of Australia’s largest ever environmental education programs, involving over 50,000 students across Australia, with a focus on putting lessons learned in the classroom into practice out in the field.

School representative, Chris Nancarrow, said the Australia Post/Junior Landcare Biodiversity Grant would be a much needed boost for the school’s environmental program.

“The Junior Landcare Grants Program is a huge help to schools, especially to those that may not otherwise be able to afford to get students involved in environmental projects,” he said.

“The school is always looking for new and different ways to educate students and working on the projects out in the field provides excellent opportunities to do this.

Careers News

This year Ms Wilson and Mr. Crosbie are sharing the role of Careers Co-ordinators. Mr. Crosbie will mainly be working with the middle school students and Ms Wilson with the Year 11 & 12's. For further information on part-time employment, gaining a tax file number, school based apprenticeships, writing a resume, work experience or careers and training after secondary school - contact either of us in the VCE Centre Office

The Careers website

<http://intranet.wanganuipsc.vic.edu.au/sites/careers/default.aspx>, which students can access either at school or at home (or parents using their child's username and password) has lots of useful information on it already. Some of the following may be of interest to you

Careers events coming up

- *Forensic Science* - A career information session is being held for Years 10-12 students by the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine. It will provide insights into various career options in forensic sciences. When: 12.30-4.00pm, Monday 6 April; Where: VIFM Lecture Theatre, Coronial Services Centre, 57-63 Kavanagh St, Southbank; Registrations (do it soon): complete the form available at: <http://vifm.org> (for the form see: Job Opportunities, then Careers Information). For further information call 9684 4313. A second session will be held later.

- *Study @ Monash* - If you are interested in going to study at university - Monash runs a series of Faculty based 'At Monash' seminars where staff, students and graduates outline the options available. These seminars are listed in alphabetical order according to Faculty in the Open Days link on the careers website. They are delivered in the evening; the first to take place will be in the Sciences (31 March) and the Arts & Humanities (1 April).

- *Meet Melbourne Uni* - Information Sessions for prospective students and their families will be held in various locations throughout Victoria over the coming months. Meet Melbourne is a great opportunity for students and parents to take a closer look at the study options available at the University of Melbourne. Find out about:

- Our distinctive Melbourne Model education system
- Undergraduate courses and pathways into Melbourne graduate programs
- Admissions, entry requirements and pre-requisites for our courses
- Scholarships
- Access Melbourne, the University's combined special entry and access scholarships scheme
- Career and graduate outcomes
- Transition issues and student support services
- Accommodation options
- Overseas exchange opportunities
- How to become involved with the University whilst at school All students and parents in the region are welcome to attend the free information evenings. Places are limited; please register your attendance at: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/meetmelbourne

- *National Careers and Employment Expo*: (Fri 27th – Sat 28th March) in the Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre. Further details: www.ecoexpo.com.au.

- *AGE VCE and Careers Expo*. The annual AGE VCE and Careers Expo to be held from Fri 26th – Sun 28th April 2009 at the Caulfield Race Course.

Interesting Careers Websites

- *Careers as a chartered accountant*: The Institute of Chartered Accountants has a dedicated website for students to register for information to help in your studies, find work experience and find out more about the programs run by the ICA. Go to: <http://charteredaccountants.com.au/student>

- *Jobs Outlook Website*: The Australian Government has a website available dedicated to looking at employment prospects. 'Job Outlook' includes information on workforce and occupational characteristics, such as future growth prospects and weekly earnings, the skills needed to perform work tasks, and typical work activities. 'Job Outlook' includes a fast online career quiz to help identify what kinds of work you may be good at or enjoy doing. <http://jobsearch.gov.au/Careers/pages/joboutlook.aspx>

- *Defence Forces*: A very interesting website with details on careers (including short movie clips), recruitment processes, interactive games, fitness standards, ADF scholarships for secondary students <http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/>

Wanganui Park SC Swimming Sports

By Lewis Forrester, Press Gang, Year 8

Students of Wanganui PSC were all coloured up for the swimming sports on Tuesday 24th of February. Everyone took the opportunity to check out costumes as they loaded onto the buses.

Little did they know, but the final results would go 4th place to Chisholm, 3rd to Melba, 2nd to Kenny and 1st to Bates – a big win to Blue, breaking Kenny’s three year stranglehold.

Students couldn’t wait to get to their marquees and unload the towels for a day of swimming, cheering and trying hard not to get sunburnt. The day was kicked off with the medley events followed by the freestyle A. The students clambered out of the water either with a proud look on their wet faces, or a disappointed one. Either way, the house leaders were happy that they got a point towards winning the cup at the end of the day.

Of course, it wasn’t all about the swimmers, with such events as the cork scramble and the big splash. Cal Whitehead took out the gold in the big splash.

It is always hard to tell who is going to win at the end of the day, however, for individual champions, brother and sister combinations, Jayden and Brianna Murray, were shoe-ins, along with Alex and Estelle Jennings.

To end the day with a laugh, the traditional fashion parade took place and the competition was good. Memorable entries were Kath and Kim, the sailor girls, the nerds and the race car girls. However, not everyone could win, and the nerds and sailors took the prizes.

Then, the award ceremony came. The mood was intense. Some wanted that prize, others wanted to go home and out of the sun. They started off by announcing the individual champions. However, eventually the results were told, and some people were extremely happy, some were shattered. That’s the way it goes.

	Champion	Runners Up
BOYS 12-13 years	Tyren Rodaughan (Chisholm, 31 pts)	Joshua Wild (Bates, 21 pts)
GIRLS	Melissa Stedman (Melba, 41 pts)	Stacey Hammond (Kenny, 36 pts)
BOYS 14 years	Jayden Murray (Bates, 60 pts)	Callum Sharman (Kenny, 26 pts)
GIRLS	Katelyn Sutton (Kenny, 33 pts)	Kailee Densworth (Kenny, 26 pts)
BOYS 15 years	Alex Jennings (Bates, 44 pts)	Matthew Brett (Bates, 16 pts)
GIRLS	Hannah Egan (Chisholm, 36 pts)	Aimee Kreskas (Chisholm, 23 pts)
BOYS 16 years	David Bell (Melba, 18 pts) Aaron Lewis (Bates, 18 pts)	Luke Armstrong (Melba, 16 pts)
GIRLS	Alexa Biggs (Kenny, 36 pts) Talisha Jorgensen (Chisholm, 36 pts)	-
BOYS 17 years	Sean Hammond (Kenny, 33 pts)	Kevin Wilson (Bates, 18 pts)
GIRLS	Brianna Murray (Bates, 50 pts)	Chelsea Brady (Bates, 28 pts)
BOYS 18-20 years	Chris Grant (Chisholm, 34 pts)	Nicholas Lang (Bates, 30 pts)
GIRLS	Estelle Jennings (Bates, 28 pts)	Laura Flett (Melba, 16 pts)

Place	House	Points	Mechkeba	Total
1st	Bates	735	12	747
2 nd	Kenny	666	52	718
3 rd	Melba	599	24	623
4th	Chisholm	548	12	560

DONATIONS NEEDED
Please pass the word around

Material Aid: Upon request baby goods and clothing in good, clean and safe condition are given free of charge to expectant parents and families. We accept donations of a range of nursery equipment and clothing including: prams, bassinets, high chairs, rockers, capsules, car seats, baby baths and change tables. Maternity, baby & children's clothing (newborn-size 6), baby wraps and bedding, bottles and teats, dummies, nappies, toys and children's picture books, magazines and parenting books and some dvd's.

We are not able to accept capsules and car seats over 5 years old, cots and cot mattresses, baby walkers, goods that are broken or do not meet the Australian safety standards.

Donations can be left at 185 Knight Street, Shepparton
Or phone Peita (03) 5821 0826

Shepparton United Soccer Club are looking for players to field in their
Under 14 Boys
Under 16 Boys
Under 15 Girls
Open Women Teams

Training night is Wednesday night at Central Park, Central Ave, Shepparton East,

starting at 5.30 p.m. for Under 14 & Under 16 Boys.

And 6.30 p.m. Under 15 girls & Women.

If you are interested please come along for a training session.

For more information you can contact Shane Harford on 0400343058.

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