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**Senior Summer Sports
Soccer Team**

The Principal Team Report – June 11th, 2009

NOT LONG TO GO

This is a busy time of year for students and staff with reports being written and exams underway for VCE students. Having the Year 12 GAT on Thursday and the student free Report Writing day on Friday was not the ideal arrangement, but it was beyond our control.

VMG students are finalising this semester's units and will start 7 new units after the next holidays, so these last few weeks are very important to work hard to make sure they get the best results possible.

VIDEO CONFERENCING

Our school recently received some high definition video conferencing equipment along with all other secondary schools in the region. This will enable us in the future to communicate with other secondary schools, to share classes, hold conferences, professional development and meetings without the need to drive to different parts of Victoria. This equipment will also enable us to link with anyone in the world with similar equipment.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Each year we conduct a parent opinion survey through the DEECD where a number of parents are chosen at random to respond to this survey. Not all parents are asked to complete this, but your opinion is VERY important to us so, if you are chosen, would you please make sure you complete the survey for us. We guide our future direction on a range of data and this survey is a very important part of that data and planning process.

JUNIOR WINTER SPORTS DAY

On Wednesday, June 24th, Year 7 and 8 students are involved in a variety of inter-school sports competitions. Students have been asked to sign up for a sport, and by now they should have attended a meeting or practice session for this event. Due to the large number of students and teachers involved in these events, all Year 7 and Level 1 VMG classes are cancelled for the day. Students not involved in a sport who attend school on this day will be supervised by teachers, but these will not be their usual classes. We do hope that as many students as possible take the opportunity to be involved in the Sports day.

HUMAN SWINE FLU UPDATE

As you would be aware, Victoria is now in a modified 'sustain' phase of its plan to manage the impact of H1N1 Influenza (Human Swine Flu) in our community.

This means that only children confirmed by a doctor as having the virus will be quarantined. Those sharing a house with a confirmed case will not be required to enter quarantine unless they too are confirmed as having the virus.

Classes who may have been in contact with a confirmed case will no longer be quarantined, and schools will no longer be partially or fully closed.

Students who are feeling unwell should remain at home and not attend school. Students and families with with flu-like symptoms are advised to seek medical attention and limit their contact with others.

If your child becomes ill at school, we will contact you immediately and ask you to arrange to collect your child.

It should be remembered, however, that the virus has so far been mild and can be compared to our normal winter flu.

Good general hygiene remains the best defence against the flu and families should continue to ensure children regularly washing their hands and cover their nose and mouth if sneezing and coughing. This practice is being reinforced with your children while at school.

If you have any specific concerns:

- Visit www.health.vic.gov.au
- Call the **Swine Influenza Hotline on 180 2007**
- Call **Nurse-on-Call on 1300 606 024** – for expert health information (freecall 24 hours, 7 days)
- Visit **your doctor (GP)** – if you have an influenza-like (fever, cough and fatigue).

The Department of Human Services is also continuing to ask parents of children returning from USA, Canada, Japan, Mexico and Panama to voluntarily keep their children home for seven (7) days from arrival back in Australia. This is a further precautionary measure to assist in managing the further spread of the virus.

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CANTEEN ROSTER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
15 June 2009	16 June 2009	17 June 2009	18 June 2009	19 June 2009
Toni-Marie Arnold	Raelene Cuthbert	Vicki Jorgensen	Margo Jenkins	Loretta Grant
Marilyn Wall	Sally Sidebottom	Rossana Zeqir	Fiona Mackay	Sarah Tarnay
Di Giddens	Melissa Salter	Robyn Storey	Denise Smith	Di Montgomery
22 June 2009	23 June 2009	24 June 2009	25 June 2009	26 June 2009
Julie York	Maree McConkey	Deb Harrison	Polly Divine	Fiona Hand
Jen Amadei	Debbie Guy-Smith	Raelene Grasso	Wendy Sidebottom	Kathy O'Brien
Kim Mann	HELP PLEASE	Sharon Nixon	HELP PLEASE	

CALENDAR	
JUNE	
11	Parent Club Meeting 7pm
12	Report Writing Day – Student Free
24	SDSSSA Junior Winter Sports
26	Last Day Term 2

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)

Reminder for parents/guardians who have not yet applied for this payment this year.

Parents who have an eligible healthcare card, pension card or are a foster parent are able to apply for the EMA payment. Claim forms are available at the main office. *Claims must be submitted before 7 Aug 2009*

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY CLAIMED FOR THIS PAYMENT THIS YEAR THERE IS NO NEED TO CLAIM AGAIN

Parents are only able to claim for students up til the month the student turns sixteen.

No Late Claims Will Be Accepted By The Department

IN YOUR DREAMS!

WESTSIDE PAC 30/31 July, 1 Aug 7.30pm
Rehearsals are booming along for this year's musical production. IN YOUR DREAMS! Is a very modern take on the Shakespeare play, A Midsummer Night's Dream. This romantic comedy has been reinvented by local playwright, Rob Robson, with musical score by Gary Wong. This team wrote ALADDIN THE PANTO which we brought to Westside very successfully last year. IN YOUR DREAMS! promises to be every bit as successful as this.

Our chorus has been learning songs and movement as Debutantes and Partners as the photo shows, and as Nature Babes and Babies, and Forest Henchmen.

More info and photos next Newslink!



CAMP INFORMATION

DECA Driver Training Course - Monday 27 to Wednesday 29 July We need 2 more students to make the 16. Students interested should see Mr Hull. The balance of \$280 is due on Wednesday 24 June. The course will cover Road Laws, Manouvering, Alcohol, Drugs & Fatigue, Observation, Gear Changing, Cornering & Overtaking, Vehicle Care.

VMG SKI CAMP - 11am Sunday 26 July to approx 8.30pm Friday 31 July Students must return the medical forms as soon as possible to the labelled box in the maths office. All students should have paid \$500. The balance of \$250 is due on Wednesday 24 June.

Tasmania Tour - Monday 7 to Friday 11 September The camp is the second last week of term 3 and not the last week of term as was originally planned. All students should have paid \$450. The final payment of \$250 is due on Thursday 6 August

Great Ocean Bushwalk - Mon 7 to Fri 11 December Students should have paid a \$50 deposit. The balance of \$40 is due on Wednesday 21 October.

Year 8 Adventure Camp - Mon 7 to Fri 11 December Students should have paid a \$100 deposit. The balance of \$330 is due on Wednesday 21 October.

2010 Whitsunday Sailing Camp

Sufficient students have paid a \$90 deposit for 2 yachts to be reserved. We could take another 14 students in 2 more yachts. Students who are interested may collect a pink information sheet from Mr Hull desk and pay a \$90 deposit.

YEA PRIMARY SCHOOL VISIT

On Wednesday the 20th May a small party of Wanganui ambassadors travelled to Yea Primary School as part of our ongoing support of the school following the Black Saturday bushfires. Grace Cloney, Rebecca Polkinghorne, Gabby Steward and Paul Broerson were accompanied by Mr Nicholls on what turned out to be a very busy and rewarding day.

The Wanganui students visited all year levels, received a tour of school, were treated to a skipping demonstration and a performance from the school choir. They also attended the Prep/Grade 1 disco where they tore up the dance floor with their conga, limbo and chicken dancing skills.

During a brief assembly at the end of the day, Yea Principal Debbie George presented our students with a certificate of thanks for the donations made by the Wanganui community to the school and explained some of the many ways the funds are being put to use in assisting students and families affected by the fires. Mr Nicholls also passed on a donation made by our sister school in New Zealand.

All of the students attending are currently studying Media. They captured a video record of the day and interviewed all of the Prep students for use in future years. We look forward to seeing the results when editing is done.



Photo: Grace Cloney is welcomed by two of Yea's Prep students.

ART

We went to the Art Gallery in Shepparton where we heard some women speak from Hermansburg Pottery near Alice Springs. They talked to us about what we were going to do and then they gave us some clay. We had to make a pinch pot then let it dry out. While that was happening we made a little animal to put on our lid of the pot. After it dried and was fired we returned to the gallery to paint it. We met some elderly ladies who had travelled from Alice Springs because their own art works were on display in the gallery in an exhibition of Indigenous Ceramics. One of the ladies won a prize in the competition for her piece that had paintings of cows on the side of it.

Natarsha Bamblett



Intermediate Football

On Tuesday, 26th May, the intermediate boys football team participated in the Senior Winter Sports day at Mooroopna Recreation Reserve. Here is how the day unfolded:

Round 1: WPSC 6 – 5 – 41 defeated McGuire College 0 – 1 – 1. Goal kickers: Brayden Bux 1, Kaine Herbert 1, Keegan Bott 2, Jordan Bux 2. Best Players: Tate Mifka, Hayden Gray, Sam Poole, Ben Bingham, Alexis Lucattini.

Round 2: WPSC 10 – 4 – 64 defeated Rushworth SC 1 – 1 – 7. Goal kickers: Brayden Bux 2, Jordan Bux 3, Keegan Bott 2, Ben Bingham 1, Jack Birt 2. Best Players: Jordan Bux, Keegan Bott, Brayden O'Meara, Josh Adams, Lachlan Sidebottom, Tom Miller.

Round 3: WPSC 7 – 2 – 44 defeated Numurkah SC 2 – 0 – 12. Goal kickers: Brayden Bux 1, Jordan Bux 1, Matt Di Bella 2, Tate Mifka 1, Keegan Bott 1, Bryce O'Shea 1. Best Players: Matt Di Bella, Kaine Herbert, Harrison Osbourne, Casey Cantlin, Dion Gleeson, Luke Armstrong.

Grand Final: WPSC 3 – 1 – 19 lost to Mooroopna SC 4 – 3 – 27. Goal Kickers: Jordan Bux 1, Brayden O'Meara 1, Casey Cantlin 1. Best Players: Sam Poole, Keegan Bott, Henry Shattock, Alex Jennings, Bryce O'Shea.

The final was an exciting game with Mooroopna proving too strong in the last stages of the second half. All the boys acquitted themselves well and represented their school with distinction. Many thanks to the coach, Chris Nancarrow, for his inspiring words and support for the team via training sessions and on the day itself.

NUTRITION NEWS!!

Breakfast

Breakfast is considered the most important meal of the day because it breaks the overnight fasting period and replenishes your supply of nutrients to keep your energy levels up throughout the day. It offers the opportunity to eat nutrient fortified foods such as folate, iron, B vitamins and fibre.

Extensive research in Australia has found

- Many children who skip breakfast are significantly heavier than those who eat breakfast
- Skipping breakfast can diminish mental performance
- Children who eat an inadequate breakfast are more likely to make poor food choices for the rest of the day
- Eating breakfast kick starts our metabolism for the rest of the day

Choosing cereals that are not loaded with too much sugar or fat are ideal as well as toast, muffins, eggs, yoghurt and fruit. For variety smoothies are a great healthy, quick and yummy alternative.

So get into breakfast!!!

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 and toys.

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.