



PARENTS' BULLETIN – 2008
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Calendar of Events

TERM 1

February

Wed	6 th	House Swimming Sports Yrs 5 – 12
Fri	15 th	I'school Swimming Sports Yrs 7-12
Mon	18 th	School Council Meeting 7.30 pm
Mon	25 th	Public Meeting – Nth Central Cluster

March

Mon	10 th	Labour Day Public Holiday
Fri	14 th	Summer Sports Years 7 - 12
Mon	17 th	School Council Meeting 7.30 pm
Thurs	20 th	End of Term 1 – 2.30 pm finish

TERM 2

April

Mon	7 th	Start of Term 2
Tues	8 th	House Aths: Years 5 – 12
Thur	10 th	Northern Zone Swimming

From the Principal
John Harley

Dear Parents, Staff and Students

Welcome to the 2008 school year

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all students, staff and parents to the 2008 school year. I trust that everyone had a good break and I wish all staff and students a successful 2008.

A special welcome to the following new staff to the college:

New teaching staff

Martin Hill – English, SOSE

Caili O'Toole – Visual Communication, Art

New students

A special welcome also to the new students and their families, including Prep, Year 7 and other levels in the school. We do have a large number this year which is fantastic. We hope that you will become involved in all the activities of the school and we look forward to your support.

A warm welcome to the following students:

Prep: Griffin, James, Cobi, Heath, Matilda and Jasper

Grade 1: Benjamin

Grade 2: Holly

Grade 4: Lauchlan

Grade 6: Ben

Year 7: Megan, Georgina, Brodie, Harrison, Jordan and Kieran

Year 8: Jacinta

Year 9: Liam

Year 10: Joseph and Cherisse

Year 12: Krystal and Rachel

Buildings and Grounds Development

Over the holidays the following work has been undertaken:

- Painting of the Art Room and the Canteen preparation area
- Installation of doors between Rooms 14 and 15
- Laying of new carpet in Room 5 at P-12 campus

Smart Start

The first 3 days of school this year involve a combination of normal classes and the Smart Start program. The aim has been to establish the conditions for a smooth start to the year as well as having an enjoyable few days. We evaluate this program each year and take into account the feedback we get from students. As a result this year there is a greater emphasis on normal timetabled subjects but there will be a number of Smart Start lessons for each class – not always at the same time, as well as a whole school activity on Friday and a whole school lunch.

I would like to thank Mrs Ritchie for coordinating the program but in fact all staff who have prepared the various lessons and then conducted them.

A reminder to all parents that the Parents' Club is providing a free healthy lunch for all students tomorrow – Friday – so students don't need to bring their own lunch.

House Swimming Sports

The swimming sports for Years 5 -12 will be held at the Charlton Pool on Wednesday of next week – February 6th. The sports will commence at 9.30 am and a warm welcome is extended to all parents and friends to attend on this day. It is always great to have a lot of spectators to encourage the students.

School Uniform

School Council has decreed that school uniform is compulsory for all students, P-12 now. It is important at the start of the year that all students are wearing the correct uniform – the correct school polo top, the correct shorts or trousers or dress and especially the correct shoes. Shoes are to be **plain black shoes or brown sandals. Shoes can be black sneakers as long as they are all black. Thongs are not permitted.**

Please see that your children are in the correct uniform and that they leave home each day correctly attired. If students are not in uniform you need to send a note explaining this fact.

Whilst there is currently a review of the school uniform, no decisions have been made yet. If there are changes there will be a lengthy changeover period to allow you to get sufficient wear out of the current clothes.

Sun Smart

Our school is a Sun Smart school and as such in Terms 1 and 4 all students are required to wear the school hat when they are outside. All new students to the school have been provided with a hat free of charge by the Parents' Club and so all other students will have a school hat as well. Please make sure your children have their hats this term.

Instrumental Music

Instrumental music will again be provided this year and at the moment we are attempting to gain the services of another part time teacher to complement the instruments provided by Mr Law.

Major staff responsibilities

Russell Stanley – Assistant Principal, curriculum coordinator, timetable

Barry McKenzie – Years 9 - 12 Coordinator

Judy Stanley – Years 5 - 8 Coordinator

Lois Curnow – P - 4 Coordinator

Jenny Ritchie – Student Services (Welfare) Coordinator

Ken Round – NCCC Campus Coordinator

Andrew Kane – Sport Coordinator

Barry McKenzie – Work Experience Coordinator

Simon Peck – ICT (Computer) Coordinator, Daily Organisation

Student Leaders

Our Years 9-12 school captains are Tracey Mulquiny and Reece Cossar

Years 5 - 8: Kiara Perry and Aidan Dolby

Prep - 4: Zoe Cossar and Kye Jenkyn

Our House Captains are being chosen today and will be announced next week.

Mobile Phones

As is the policy at most schools, mobile phones are not permitted at school. With features such as text messaging and cameras built into phones they are not appropriate in a classroom setting. The school makes available a phone for students to use to make local phone calls if necessary at the normal local call cost.

I ask that all parents monitor this with their children.

Educational Maintenance allowance

A reminder to those parents eligible for EMA that if you haven't already contacted the school with your details and completed the application form, can you please do so in the next week so that they can be processed. 70% of the payment is now paid in the first half of the year to assist with payment of books, uniform and fees. **You need to come to the school to the office to do this – last year several families missed out and we don't want this to happen again.**

Conveyance allowance

Families who are eligible for a conveyance allowance should also contact the office. You are eligible if you have to transport your children more than 4.8kms to the nearest bus.

Students and Staff rights and responsibilities

Each year it is proper, I believe to revisit these with both staff and students.

RIGHTS

1. Teachers and students have the right to be valued and treated with respect.
2. Students have a right to work and learn in a safe environment where, without intimidation, bullying or harassment they are able to fully develop their talents, interests and ambitions.
3. Teachers have a right to expect that they will be able to teach in an orderly and cooperative environment.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. All students have a responsibility to respect the rights of teachers to teach and students to learn.

2. All students have a responsibility to endeavour to learn to the best of their ability – to try as hard as you can.
3. All students have a responsibility to respect property.
4. All students have a responsibility to contribute to a safe and caring school environment.
5. All students have a responsibility to abide by the rules of the school.
6. All staff have a responsibility to treat all students equally
7. All staff have a responsibility to respect students as individuals.

School Council Elections

Nominations are now being called for parent and staff representatives for the school council.

The following parents retire at this time but are eligible for re-election:

Parents: Mrs Beth Crutch, Mrs Kaylene Cossar and Mrs Tracey Coughlin. Mr Alan Getley is also retiring and is not eligible to be a parent nominee.

The following staff retire at this time but are eligible for re-election:

Staff: *Mrs Kim Thompson and Mr Rod McKinnon*

If you decide to stand for election, you will need to arrange to be nominated and seconded by persons who are eligible for the same category as you will stand for. Nomination forms are available from the office.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

This is the timeline for the election process:

Notice of election and call for nominations.....31 January 2008
 Close of nominations.....15 February 2008
 Display list of candidates, nominator & seconder18 February 2008
 Prepare ballot papers and distribute on or before22 February 2008
 Close of ballot29 February 2008
 Count votes & declare ballot3 March 2008

John Harley
Returning Officer

North Central Cluster Review

The North Central Cluster includes Charlton P-12 College, Donald High School, Pyramid Hill P-10 College, Boort Secondary College, Wycheproof P-12 College, St Arnaud Secondary College and Wedderburn P-12 College. Parents would be aware that curriculum options for senior students in our school are broadened by the opportunity to undertake a range of subjects at the North Central Cluster Centre in Charlton. Many students at Years 9 and 10 elect to do technology subjects at the Centre and a number of Years 11 and 12 students also undertake VCE, VET and VCAL studies at the Charlton Centre.

Public Meeting

A public meeting will be held in mid February to consult with the community on the future development of the Cluster. **The date will be Monday Feb 25th.** Please keep this date free.

At the meeting the community will be asked to respond to these questions:

- What do you see as the educational needs in your community?
- How do you think the Cluster currently helps serve those needs?
- What suggestions do you have for how it might operate more effectively in meeting those needs?
- What are the issues in your community that you might see the Cluster addressing in the future
- What is your vision of the Cluster in 10+ years? (include statements on purpose, outcomes for young people, outcomes for the community, communities and stakeholders involved)

John Harley,
Principal

Smart Start:

Jenny Ritchie, Student Services Coordinator

For the first three days of the year we run the Smart Start Program. The purpose of this program is to reinforce the foundations upon which Charlton College is based. Our motto “Together We Achieve” and our College values are not just words on a page, they are real principles for learning and life.

The activities in Smart Start have been designed to facilitate the reinforcement of these values and the importance of working together towards common goals, setting individual goals, acquiring study skills and, most importantly, establishing that we are a P-12

College which has enormous benefits for students at every level of the school when we work together.

Starting the year with an activity which involves the whole college working in groups across all year levels is an exciting way of demonstrating that we are a community of learners who can support and learn from each other.

The Parents Club is once again supplying a free healthy lunch on Friday for the whole College community to enable us to share a meal together and celebrate the beginning of the year. We are very grateful to the Parents Club for supplying this meal which is greatly appreciated by all.

Years Prep – 4 News

Welcome back to all students, family, staff and friends. We know that all parents are glad to be getting back in to the school routine and happy to send the children to school, knowing that they are refreshed and eager to grow and develop into their fullest potential. We welcome our new Prep students; Griffin Andrews, James Cashin, Cobi Fitzpatrick, Heath Stirrup, Matilda Townsend and Jasper Walsh to Charlton College. We also welcome Ben and Lauchlan Verhey-Avis and Holly Rymell. We hope you enjoy your time with us.

Prep Wednesdays at Home

Charlton College has every **Wednesday** for the month of **February** in which there is **No school for Preps**. Hence 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th of February are No school days. Over the past years we have found this to be very beneficial for our young students starting off their first year of school as it allows them time to gradually become integrated into our busy school program. Prep students will commence their first full school week commencing Monday 3rd March 2008.

Prep Parent Information Session

As part of our Starting School Program for Preps & Grade 1 we are offering an information session on “**How to hear your child read at home**”. This will take place NEXT Monday 4th February at approximately 9.00 am (after our school assembly). It will be held in our school Library. It is anticipated that the session will run for about 40 minutes. We look forward to seeing you there.

Parent - Teacher Interviews

Interviews will take place in a couple of weeks. Further information will be sent home next week with all students via a letter. We are encouraging all parents to participate in this process. These interviews are held especially for parents to share information, special needs or concerns with the classroom teacher.

SMART Start

The students have been experiencing a variety of activities including goal setting, co-operative games, creating a college symbol and working with students across the P-12 setting. While some classroom learning has commenced, next week will be the start of our full timetable allocation in the P-4 sub school. Some of our students have started to take home reading books. All classrooms will be gradually establishing their routines over the next few weeks.

Years 9 - 12 News *Barry McKenzie, Coordinator*

Year 10 Work Experience **Roster for Assistants at the Trots –** **Sunday, 10th February** **Charlton Cup Meeting (Twilight)**

Dining Room at 9.00 am: Sait Family
Barns Family

Kiosk: 3.00 pm – Stanley Family
6.00 pm – Mora Family

Community News

Charlton Harness Racing Club ***‘Fashions on the Field’*** ***at the Charlton Cup***

Sunday, 10th Feb at Charlton Park
At approximately 6.00 pm
Two sections will be judged -

- ‘Lady of the Day’
- ‘Young Fashionister of the Day’

Absolutely Sensational Prizes to be Won!!!
‘Frock Up’ and you could be a winner!!

Charlton Karate Club

Recommences on Friday, 8th February
7.30 pm

At the Uniting Church Hall
Participants to be 5 years and over
New members most welcome

Charlton Hockey Club

AGM

Tuesday, 19th February 2008-01-30 7.30 pm

Hockey / Netball Rooms

All Welcome

Charlton Basketball Association Inc. - Round 13

Monday, 4th February

Foyer Duty – Fitzgerald Family 4.00 – 5.30 pm

Junior Girls

Don't Forget: Skills Training at 4.15 pm

5.00 pm Green v Yellow
U: Riely Thiesz, Tony Burton
S: Samantha Coughlin, Amy Russell

5.50 pm White v Red
U: Jayne Burton, Nigel Williams
S: Ebony Fitzgerald, Kiara Perry

Wednesday, 6th February

4.30 Juniors Red v Yellow
U: Geoff Thompson, Luke Mulquiny
ST: Corey Fanning, Joe Tormey

5.20 Juniors Green v Blue
U: Brendan Byrne, Brett Walsh
ST: Gil McKenzie, Steven Walsh

6.20 Women Green v Red
U: Maxine Thompson, Tulsa Andrews
ST: Kathryn Harley, Kathy Mulquiny

7.10 Women Yellow v Navy
U: Kris Clifford, Emma Finlay
ST: Jo O'Brien, Leanne Stahl

BYE Women Blue

8.00 Men Green v Red
U: Simon Peck, Jarryd Watson
ST: Brendan Gretgrix, Deek Roberts

8.50 Men Yellow v Navy
U: Rick Andrews, Danny Wright
ST: Brett Scholfield, Michael Heritage

BYE Men White

Gannawarra Tennis Club

Junior Tournament

Sunday, 10th February 2008

Kerang Lawn Tennis Club

Ages (as at 30-04-08)

11 & Under, 13 & Under,

15 & Under, 17 & Under (Boys & Girls)

Entries close Wed, 6th February 2008

Contact: Angela Hird (5453 2583

or Coral McCalman (5456 9261)

Charlton Lawn Tennis Club -



A reminder that Junior Tennis starts again this Saturday morning!

We have the new competition commencing,
so if you are not available please contact
Tulsa Andrews on 0417 599 419 so that a fill-in
can be arranged.

**ROUND 1 - ADIDAS vs PRINCE
& YONEX vs WILSON**

Clubhouse Duty –

COSSAR & PERRY (09:00am – 11:30am)

Scoring Duty -

WATSON & LEE (10:15am - 11:15am)

“Mini’s” Tennis will recommence for those aged 4-7
years, for another 5 week program.
9:15am - 10:15am (includes morning tea).

Charlton Basketball Association
Finals Fast Approaching!



REMINDER THAT WE HAVE 1 (one) MORE WEEK OF MATCHES AND THEN IT IS FINALS WEEK.

Second Semi Monday 11th Feb (1st Vs 2nd)

Winner straight to Grand Final. Loser to Preliminary Final.

Junior Girls	5.00 p.m.
Junior Boys	6.00 p.m.
Senior Women	7.00 p.m.
Senior Men's	8.00 p.m.

First Semi Tuesday 12th Feb (3rd Vs 4th)

Loser out. Winner to Preliminary.

Same Times as Monday.

Preliminary Final Wednesday 13th Feb (Winner of 1st Semi Vs Loser of 2nd Semi)

Loser out. Winner to Grand Final.

Same Times as Monday.

GRAND FINAL Friday 15th February 2007

Junior Girls	5.00 p.m.
Junior Boys	6.00 p.m.
Senior Women	7.00 p.m.
Senior Men	8.00 p.m.

- Icy poles and lollies will be available at the kiosk.
- A raffle will also be happening. \$1.00 per ticket to be drawn after the Men's Final on Friday night.
- Bring along friends, relations or anyone interested for an evening of great entertainment and skills.
- Presentations will be held after each game.
- All players must return their singlets after their last game. A reminder to female players to bring a change of shirt so they can hand their singlets to Deb or Kath. Senior Women will be refunded \$10.00 on return of their singlets.
- AGM will be held on Tuesday, 11th March 7.30 pm.