



**PARENTS' BULLETIN – 2008**  
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*Calendar of Events*

**TERM 1**

**February**

Tues	12 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Club Meeting at 8.00 pm
Fri	15 <sup>th</sup>	I'school Swimming Sports Yrs 7-12
Mon	18 <sup>th</sup>	School Council Meeting 7.30 pm
Mon	25 <sup>th</sup>	Public Meeting – Nth Central Cluster

**March**

Tues	4 <sup>th</sup>	<u>School Photos</u>
Mon	10 <sup>th</sup>	Labour Day Public Holiday
Fri	14 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Sports Years 7 - 12
Mon	17 <sup>th</sup>	School Council Meeting 7.30 pm
Thurs	20 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 1 – 2.30 pm finish

**TERM 2**

**April**

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

*From the Principal*  
*John Harley*

Dear Parents, Staff and Students

**Smart Start**

Thank you to Mrs Ritchie for her coordination of the first three days (Smart Start) last week. I was personally involved in a number of the sessions and they ran well. The three days concluded with a healthy lunch provided by the Parents Club which was greatly appreciated by the students and staff. Thank you to all those parents who volunteered their time to prepare the lunch.

**House Swimming Sports**

The swimming sports for Years 5-12 were held at the Charlton Pool yesterday in ideal conditions. Thank you to all those parents and extended family members who attended; the greatest attendance for many years which was fantastic. Thank you to Mr Kane, our sports coordinator for his work and the house captains as well. There is an emphasis on participation on the day and the students who did participate did their personal best and helped their house. Congratulations to Merrylees for winning their first swimming trophy since 2000. Well done.

**Public Meeting: review of North Central Cluster**

A public meeting will be conducted on Monday February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm in Room 21 to consult with the Charlton Community (including the school community) about the future directions of the North Central Cluster including the North Central Cluster Centre. The meeting will be facilitated by Mr Graeme Robertson, Assistant Regional Director, and Ms Anne Brosnan, Senior Education Officer, Loddon Mallee Education Region. An invitation is extended to the whole Charlton community to attend to have an input into the future directions, especially of the Cluster Centre.

**School Uniform**

School Council has decreed that school uniform is now compulsory for all students in P-12. 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.

A number of students are wearing black shoes with coloured laces – they need to be black please.

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.

### Parents Club

All families are invited to attend the first Parents Club meeting for the year at the school at 8.00pm on Tuesday February 12<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you there.

### Sun Smart

Our school is a Sun Smart school and as such in Term 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. A number of our secondary students are reluctant to wear a hat. Skin cancer appears later in life but the damage occurs now. Please talk to your children about the importance of a hat and sunscreen.

### 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. There is a return slip at the back of the newsletter for students wishing to take up an instrument or to change an instrument.

### 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. If students are detected with a phone at school it will be confiscated for the remainder of the day.

### Educational Maintenance allowance

A reminder to those parents eligible for EMA that if you haven't already contacted the school with your details and filled out 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.

### 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 & seconder .....18 February 2008  
Prepare ballot papers and distribute on or before .....22 February 2008  
Close of ballot .....29 February 2008  
Count votes & declare ballot .....3 March 2008

### John Harley Returning Officer

#### Attendance / Absences -

As many of you will be aware, if a student is marked absent on the morning roll, a courtesy call will be made to the family to ascertain the reason for that absence. To assist in the management of this matter, if you know your son/daughter is going to be away, a note could be sent prior to the absence and if your child is sick on the morning of the absence, a quick phone call to the Office will put a stop to the need for the phone call.

#### Parents' Bulletin via E-mail

Parents are welcome to receive the Bulletin via email – just send a message and it will be emailed each Thursday.

### **Student Information Details**

It is a good time at the start of the year to revisit student information that is on file at the College. Have you changed phone number, mobile number, address (rural addressing system) or emergency contacts? It is important that the correct information is on file should the need arise to contact you.

### **Lunch Passes**

Any student who wishes to leave the school grounds for lunch on a regular basis is required to have a lunch pass which needs to be gained from the Year Level Coordinator. Could parents please write a note explaining the reasons for this. Occasional lunch passes can also be gained by a note from parents.

**John Harley,**  
**Principal**

### **SLC 2008**

During the Smart Start program all Year 5-12 students had the opportunity to nominate and elect SLC (Student Leadership Committee) representatives for their respective homerooms. Votes were tallied and we would like to congratulate the following students who have been elected to represent their class whilst fulfilling an important leadership role within the school.

#### **Grade 5/6**

Lachlan Holmes-Brown & Bonnie McLean

#### **Year 7**

Mathew Peverill & Madilyn Holmes-Brown

#### **Year 8**

Aidan Dolby & Kiara Perry

#### **Year 9**

Liam Hugo & Kirsty McKenzie

#### **Year 10**

Zane Sullivan & Laura Whykes

#### **Year 11**

Alister Harley & Megan Epskamp

#### **Year 12**

Reece Cossar & Dana Laffin

### **Will the Department of Education pay medical and other expenses of people injured at school or during school activities?**

1. If someone is injured at school, or during a school organised activity, DE&T will not pay their medical and other expenses unless -
  - the injury is caused by the negligence (carelessness) of a DE&T or school council employee or volunteer; or
  - the injured person is a DE&T or school council employee, in which case the WorkCover scheme will apply.
2. If someone is injured by accident and no-one is negligent, or if the injury is caused by a person who is not a DE&T or school council employee or volunteer, DE&T will not pay for the injury.
3. In these cases the injured person (or their parent/guardian) is responsible for the cost of medical treatment. This includes the cost of transport to a medical facility or to their home.

Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Most medical costs will be refundable by Medicare. If you are a member of an ambulance or health insurance fund, you may also be able to claim transport or other expenses from the fund.

The Department of Education and Training does not hold accident insurance for school students.

Is other insurance cover available? Yes.

The Department is aware of two insurers, JUA Underwriting Agency Pty Ltd and Willis Australia Ltd, that provide accident insurance policies for students. These policies provide specific benefits for students who are injured in accidents for a reasonably low cost. Other insurers may also do so.

## *Years Prep – 4 News*

### **Honourable Mention: Chloe Walsh**

Chloe has been exceptionally good at taking care of our younger students in the school yard. She has been extremely cooperative in helping her teachers and peers. Well done!



**Value For This Week:** *Respect*

### ***Parent –Teacher Interviews***

Interviews will take place Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February from 2.00 – 6.00pm. Parents are asked to complete the reply sheet which has been sent home from school today with the children. Please make sure the interview slip is returned by next Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February. 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 teachers.

### ***Monday Assemblies***

Every Monday morning the P-4 students are involved in a school assembly. Our P-4 leaders host the assembly and we always have a variety of special achievements and events to celebrate. We warmly welcome parents and friends at our weekly assemblies.

### ***Wanted - Plastic Containers/Shoe Boxes***

Mrs Hastings is in need of plastic containers (with lids) of all shapes and sizes for Art.

Jalna yoghurt containers and ice cream are a great size. For technology we are collecting shoe boxes to make bird cages or rabbit hutches for this term. Thankyou for your assistance.

## *Years 5 - 8 News* *Judy Stanley, Coordinator*

### ***Uniform and Hats***

It was most impressive to see the students turned out to start the new school year in their uniforms. It was just terrific to look at the student body seated in their uniforms to giving a stunning picture of Charlton College. Thank you all parents for getting your

child(ren) into uniform as I know it is another expense at the start of the year. It helps set a positive tone for the year as it eliminates an area where teachers have to question students for reasons, notes and compliance. This is a great example of when 'Together We Achieve'. A reminder school hats are available through school shop. Contact the college office or Deb Whykes on 54911690. Students are able to wear any broad brimmed hat as long as it's a hat.

### ***Parent Helpers - S Harley and K Dunstan.***

Last year Grade 5-6 were fortunate to have weekly assistance from Mrs Tracey Needs who listened to the children read. We greatly appreciated her help and commitment in volunteering her time to our grade. This year we would also really like some parents to assist in the classroom with the Literacy and Numeracy lessons. If you are able to help out please contact the school.

## *Years 9 - 12 News* *Barry McKenzie, Coordinator*

### **YEAR 12 Students**

Parents are reminded that students are required to pay a \$20 deposit on the room. This money will be refunded at the end of the year if the room remains in a fair condition.

**When you have Private Study you are still required at school (even if it is at the start of the day), it is class time and unless you have a note from home for a legitimate reason, you are to remain in the Private Study class.**

### **YEAR 11**

Parents of Year 11 students are asked to reinforce the following ideas which have been outlined to them already.

Most Year 11 students are having Private Study periods for the first time in their school lives. We want to encourage students to use this time well. Some suggestions towards making it time well spent are;

- plan ahead what is to be done in the period
- use your diary to prioritise the important and due work first
- sit in an area by yourself,
- **and** when you have Private Study you are still required at school, **it is** class time and unless you have a note from home for a legitimate reason, you are to remain in the Private Study class.

## NCCC SUBJECTS

As outlined by teachers at NCCC, some subjects require different clothing (eg solid shoes in some workshops). For this reason students who attend NCCC are able to wear appropriate clothing. If the subjects at NCCC do not require a change of clothes, or subjects are performed at the P-12 campus, then students should still be in normal uniform.

***Year 10 Work Experience***  
**Roster for Assistants at the Trots –**  
**Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> 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, 10<sup>th</sup> 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!!!**

***Sponsored by MYER, House To Home Decorating & Tormey's IGA***

**'Frock Up' and you could be a winner!!**

### **Charlton Hockey Club**

AGM

Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at 7.30 pm  
Hockey / Netball Rooms  
All Welcome

## **Charlton Lawn Tennis Club - Juniors**

### **Results of ROUND 1**

PRINCE (8) defeated ADIDAS (0)  
YONEX (5) defeated WILSON (3)

This Saturday morning is  
**JUNIOR DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Age sections include:

15 years and under Boys & Girls  
12 years and under Boys & Girls  
09 years and under Boys & Girls

All sections will be round robin and seeded.

### **Clubhouse Duty – (09:00am – 11:30am)**

LAMBERT & THOMPSON (Jack)

**Scoring Duty – (09:00am – 11:00am)**

***MCGRATH & BRUNS***

And on Sunday morning  
(along side the SENIOR Singles Championships) is  
**JUNIOR SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS**

(Ages 11-15 years)

Age sections include;

15 years and under Boys & Girls  
12 years and under Boys & Girls

All sections will be round robin.

Trophies are up for grabs for all winners and runners-up of each age section for both singles and doubles, so take the opportunity for your name to go down in history!

## **Instrumental Music for 2008**

**Name:** .....

I would like to learn the following instrument in 2008 (please circle your choice)

Trumpet	Trombone
Saxophone	Clarinet
Flute	Guitar
Drums	Keyboard

Other ..... (Please indicate so we can see if we can meet your request)

Please return to the office ASAP

**Charlton Karate Club**

Recommences on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> February  
7.30 pm

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

**Gannawarra Tennis Club  
Junior Tournament**

Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> 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, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2008

Contact: Angela Hird (5453 2583

or Coral McCalman (5456 9261)

**Charlton Netball Club Inc.**

is seeking applications for coaches  
for all grades:

- Senior A, B & C Grades
- Junior A & B (16 & Under)
- 13 & Under and Development Squad.

Applications to -

Secretary, Charlton Netball Club

PO Box 48, Charlton 3525

Applications close 5 pm Thurs. 28th Feb.

Charlton Netball Club Inc.

**REGISTRATION NIGHT 2008**

**Venue:** Charlton Swimming Pool

**When:** Thursday, 6th March

**Time:** 5.00pm - 6.30pm

**Need:** Bathers

\$2.00 for BBQ tea

New & Former Players All Welcome

(Development Squad from Grade 4 upwards)

Subs to be paid on the night

Seniors: \$60, Juniors: \$45

Modified: \$35

Any queries contact Marie Byrne, Marg

McGrath or Carmel Fitzpatrick

# Charlton Basketball Association

## Finals Week



### Second Semi Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb (1<sup>st</sup> Vs 2<sup>nd</sup>)

Winner straight to Grand Final. Loser to Preliminary Final.

Junior Girls	5.00 p.m.	White V Yellow
Junior Boys	6.00 p.m.	Yellow V Blue
Senior Women	7.00 p.m.	Green V Red
Senior Men's	8.00 p.m.	Red V Green

### First Semi Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb (3<sup>rd</sup> Vs 4<sup>th</sup>)

Loser out. Winner to Preliminary.

Junior Girls	5.00 p.m.	Red V Green
Junior Boys	6.00 p.m.	Green V Red
Senior Women	7.00 p.m.	Blue V Navy
Senior Men's	8.00 p.m.	White V Navy

### Preliminary Final Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb (Winner of 1<sup>st</sup> Semi Vs Loser of 2<sup>nd</sup> Semi)

Loser out. Winner to Grand Final.

Same Times as Monday.

### GRAND FINAL Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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, 11<sup>th</sup> March 7.30 pm.