



PARENTS' BULLETIN – 2008
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Calendar of Events

TERM 1

February

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| 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

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| Tues | 4 th | <u>School Photos</u> |
| Mon | 10 th | Labour Day Public Holiday |
| Tues | 11 th | Parents Club Meeting at 9.00 am |
| 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

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

May

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| Fri | 9 th | Charlton College FETE |
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*From the Principal
John Harley*

Dear Parents, Staff and Students

Strike

You will be aware that 17 members of the Australian Education Union across our two campuses are on strike in support of a pay increase. As a result a significant number of classes have not operated today.

You may be aware from recent press coverage that data indicates that Victorian teachers are the

lowest paid in Australia and that inflation is now running at 3.6%. The current offer to teachers is 3.25% for the next 4 years. It is in this context that the staff have taken the action to withdraw their labour. If as parents you have a view on this issue you can make it known to the Minister of Education. The Victorian Government tells us that Education is their number one priority. Research also tells us that teachers have the greatest impact on a child's education. It is vitally important that our human resources are therefore the number one priority within the education priority. We can have the best buildings in the world but we must have the best teachers first.

Public Meeting: *review of North Central Cluster*

A public meeting will be conducted on Monday February 25th 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.

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. 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. We are asking for parent's support in this matter.

School Council Elections

Nominations are now being called for parent and staff representatives for the school council. A reminder that in fact nominations close tomorrow (Friday).

Interschool Swimming

Our secondary swimming team will be competing in St Arnaud tomorrow. We will have a full report next week, but we wish them all the best.

P-4 Parent Interviews

These interviews will be conducted next Wednesday. I encourage all P-4 parents to attend these very important meetings.

Prep Parents Reading In-service

Thank you to Mrs Curnow for conducting the in-service for our new prep parents to assist them in

helping their children at home with the important task of learning to read. Thank you to all the parents who attended.

**John Harley,
Principal**

**Year 7 to 10 Sport on Mondays - Mr Kane
(7-12 Sport Coordinator)**

This is a reminder to all students in Years 7 to 10 that you are expected to wear a sports uniform when participating in the activities on a Monday during periods 4 & 5.

You were also warned earlier this week that from now on if you do not wear a sports uniform on Mondays you will still be required to join in an activity, or participate in some cleaning-up jobs around the school, and then sit a detention at lunchtime. If you continue not to wear sports uniform in the following weeks, the detentions will be extended by 5 minutes each time.

So please do the right thing and bring a change of clothes for sport as a lot of time and effort goes into organising the activities each week, all for the benefit of your health.

The only exception to this of course is if you are injured in which case you need to bring a note from home indicating what the injury is.

Please note that for the next 3 x Mondays there is summer sports practice, and those wishing to play tennis need to also bring along a racquet.

Years Prep – 4 News

Student of the Week: *Sally McLean*
Sally makes wonderful contributions to class discussion.



Values Winners From Last Week: **Respect**

Prep / One: *Imogen Stewart*

Two: *Georgia Walsh*

Three / Four: *Megan Peverill*

Value For This Week: **Cooperation**

Responsible Citizens: *Year 3 / 4*

Cool Cat – *Year 2*

Yoghurt Containers/Shoe Boxes

Mrs Hastings is asking for jalna yoghurt containers with lids and shoe boxes for technology projects. If you can help please see Mrs Hastings.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thankyou for the prompt return of the interview slips. Interview times will be sent home next Monday with the children. School will be as usual in the afternoon next Wednesday. Normal class will still be running. The Preps will have Wednesdays off as usual for February.

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

Helping Your Child

Many parents ask what can they do to help their children. At this time of the year the focus in Maths is in doing operations (+, -, x and ÷). To do this well it is so important that your child can quickly and accurately recall number facts and tables. If you are in the car, out for a walk, working in the kitchen while they are setting the table - fire tables at your child. Another very simple and fun way can be to sit at the computer together and 'google' any one of the above operations with the word 'puzzle' or 'game'. There are heaps of fun, free games to play that will improve skills in this area.

Parent Helpers

Parents are most welcome to assist teachers and to be involved in their child's education in a variety of ways. This can be done by contacting teachers and making arrangements.

I am seeking a parent to help in recording the reading books in the Grade 5/6 classroom. If this is something you have time for, your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Year 7/8 Homework

To assist parents in keeping track of work required for school they should be aware that in English all students should be doing a **nightly spelling test** in the back of their spelling journal and **reading regularly** to complete the reading of 3 x novels by the end of term.

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

Lions Youth of the Year.

Apologies about the late notice, but this is something we became aware of after the last Newsletter was put together. Lions are again running the Youth of the Year program with the aim to select a national winner who will travel overseas. Locally, clubs will select students on qualities such as leadership, personality, sportsmanship, public speaking & good citizenship. If your child is interested and willing to be part of the selection process they need to be available to meet on Tuesday the 19th of Feb.

I have spoken to all Years 10, 11 & 12s, with the offer to hand out brochures, but have had few takers. Please contact John Storey or go to www.lionsclubs.org.au/yoty if interested.

CAREERS ACTIVITIES (Both in Melbourne)

Museum Victoria is having an activity for Year 10 & 11 students to showcase careers within it. It will be held on Friday 14th March. More info 9473 4355 (Helen). Places are limited to 20.

Victoria Police are having an activity for Year 10 & 11 students to showcase careers within it. It will be held on Monday 3rd March. More info 9473 4355 (Helen). Places are limited to 20.

Parents' Club News

The Parents Club Meeting held on 12th February 2008 was well attended so thank you to those who attended. It was suggested that we put a summary of each meeting in the newsletter so families are kept up to date and also an agenda prior to a meeting so people know what is going to be discussed and it will also give those that are unable to attend a chance to put forward anything they wish to have discussed.

At this last meeting we received lovely thank you letters from the Year 2 students regarding the healthy lunch and fundraising flyers.

We currently have funds which will be used to contribute to the canteen makeover, shading in the P-4 area (playground), and possibly the window coverings in Room 21. John's Principal report outlined: new teachers, students, VCE results, building & grounds development, Local Legend, Smart Start, School Council Elections, P-4 Interviews, School Photos, and the Badge Referral. There was no school council news as there has yet to be a meeting. Our only catering has been the healthy lunch.

Items discussed were: window coverings in Room 21, head lice check, local legend funds, progress of canteen makeover, introduction of the calendar of dates for parents club meetings.

NEXT MEETING: 11TH MARCH, 9.00 AM IN THE LIBRARY. ALL WELCOME.

Community News

Charlton Hockey Club

AGM

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

Charlton Lawn Tennis Club - Juniors

LAST WEEK – Club Championships

Congratulations to all winners of the SINGLES and DOUBLES Championships (names are posted on the Tennis Window at Walsh Motors), and thank you to everyone who participated. Both days were a great display of quality tennis. It was great to see the improvement in everyone's game as a result of the hard work everyone has put into their tennis this season!

THIS WEEK – Round 2

PRINCE vs WILSON
YONEX vs ADIDAS

Clubhouse Duty (9:00 – 11:30am)

SAIT & WALSH (Chloe)

Scoring Duty (10:15 – 11:15am)

LEE & CHAMBERLAIN

Preliminary Notice

Junior Badminton will change to Tuesday nights commencing in Term 2.

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 College
Canteen Price List 2008
Prep - 4

Hot Food

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| Hot Chicken Rolls | \$ 2.75 |
| With Cheese | \$ 3.00 |
| Toasted Foccocia's | |
| Ham & Cheese | \$ 3.00 |
| Chicken & Cheese | \$ 3.00 |
| Tomato & Cheese | \$ 3.00 |
| Fish Burgers | |
| Tom, Lettuce, Mayo | \$ 3.20 |
| Pies | \$ 2.60 |
| Pasties | \$ 2.60 |
| Sausage Rolls | \$ 1.80 |
| Party Pies | \$.80 |
| Lasagne | \$ 3.00 |
| Bakery Pizza | \$ 2.50 |
| Pizza | \$ 1.80 |
| Dim Sims | \$.65 |

Sandwiches

White / Wholemeal Bread or Rolls

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| Ham & Salad | \$ 2.50 | \$ 3.00 |
| Chicken Loaf & Salad | \$ 2.50 | \$ 3.00 |
| Roast Chicken & Salad | \$ 3.00 | \$ 3.50 |
| Roast Chicken | \$ 2.50 | \$ 3.00 |
| Ham | \$ 2.00 | \$ 2.50 |
| Chicken Loaf | \$ 2.00 | \$ 2.50 |
| Meat and Cheese | \$ 2.50 | \$ 3.00 |
| Cheese | \$ 2.00 | \$ 2.50 |
| Meat and Pickles | \$ 2.00 | \$ 2.50 |
| Tomato | \$ 2.00 | \$ 2.50 |
| Egg and Lettuce | \$ 2.00 | \$ 2.50 |
| Peanut Butter | \$ 1.50 | \$ 2.00 |
| Vegemite | \$ 1.50 | \$ 2.00 |
| Extra Meat | \$.50 | |
| Each Extra Filling | \$.20 | |
| Toasting Extra | \$.20 | |

Drinks

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| Nippy's - Strawberry Milk | \$ 1.80 |
| Nippy's - Chocolate Milk | \$ 1.80 |
| Nippy's - Coffee Milk | \$ 1.80 |
| Mt. Franklin Water 600 ml | \$ 1.80 |
| 100% Fruitopia Orange | \$ 1.60 |
| 100% Fruitopia Apple | \$ 1.60 |

Sipahh Straws & Milk \$ 1.20

Snacks

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| Burger Rings | 50g | \$ 1.50 |
| Twisties | 50g | \$ 1.50 |
| Red Rock Chips | | |
| Honey Soy Chicken | 50g | \$ 1.70 |
| Sea Salt | 50g | \$ 1.70 |
| Sea Salt | 28g | \$.85 |
| Honey Soy Chicken | 28g | \$.85 |
| Smiths Chips | | |
| Original | 50g | \$ 1.50 |
| Salt & Vinegar | 50g | \$ 1.50 |
| BBQ | 50g | \$ 1.50 |
| Salt & Vinegar | 27g | \$.85 |
| Light & Tangy | 27g | \$.85 |
| Doritos | 27g | \$.85 |
| Choc Coated Licorice | | \$.80 |
| Licorice | 3 for | .10 |
| Yogurt Babies / Berries | 4 for | .20 |
| Sun Fruit Faces | 2 for | .10 |
| Sun Fruit Twists | | \$.10 |
| Allseps Natural Straps | | \$.20 |
| Bakery Muffins Large | | \$ 1.80 |
| Small | | \$ 1.20 |
| Sml Pkt Butter Menthols | | \$.35 |
| Yogurt | | \$ 1.60 |
| Goulburn Valley Fruit | | \$ 1.80 |
| Zooper Doopers | | \$.35 |
| Sunny Boys | | \$.80 |
| Jelly Cups (Diet) | | \$.80 |

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| Primas - Tropical | \$ 1.00 |
| Primas - Apple | \$ 1.00 |
| Primas - Orange | \$ 1.00 |