



PARENTS' BULLETIN – 2008
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Calendar of Events

TERM 1

February

Mon 25th Public Meeting – Nth Central Cluster

March

Tues 4th School Photos
Thurs 6th Badge Conferral Ceremony at 2.55 pm
Mon 10th Labour Day Public Holiday
Tues 11th Parents Club Meeting at 9.00 am
Fri 14th Summer Sports Years 7 - 12
Mon 17th School Council Meeting 7.30 pm
Wed 19th Northern Zone Swimming (*Note the change of date*)
Thurs 20th End of Term 1 – 2.30 pm finish

TERM 2

April

Mon 7th Start of Term 2
Tues 8th House Aths: Years 5 – 12
Tues 8th Parents Club Meeting

May

Fri 9th Charlton College FETE

From the Principal
John Harley

Dear Parents, Staff and Students

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.

School Council Elections

At the close on nominations last Friday I had received 2 nominations for the staff reps: Kim Thompson and Rod McKinnon and so they are both declared elected. There were 2 nominations for the parent reps: Kaylene Cossar and Beth Crutch. As there were 4 vacancies, 2 vacancies remain and so additional nominations are called for and these will close on Thursday March 6th. Nomination forms are available at the office.

Interschool Swimming

Our secondary swimming team competed well at St Arnaud last Friday with all competitors performing to their best. Congratulations to Anthony Tatchell and Jonty Guy for winning events and to Jonty for being a joint age group champion. For the first time in many, many years Boort did not win with St Arnaud victorious.

P-4 Parent Interviews

These interviews were conducted yesterday. Thank you to all the parents who took the time to attend and discuss the year's program with the teachers.

School Photos

School Photos will be taken on Tuesday March 4th. Please make sure your children are in their full school uniform on the day.

Badge Presentation

We have now finalised a guest speaker for this event and so this has meant that the ceremony will be held on Thursday afternoon, March 6th in the stadium, commencing at 2.55 pm. An invitation is extended to all parents and friends to come along. There will be afternoon tea served in the canteen following the ceremony for the guests, parents and badge recipients.

School Council

Some of the issues dealt with at this week's council meeting included:

- restoration of subject budgets because of an improved financial position of the Council
- approval of blinds for Room 21
- approval of SLC fundraising
- the receipt of government funding to complete the establishment of the bore
- a plan to replace the current shade cloth over the play area with a covered in structure of steel and colourbond.

John Harley, Principal

School Nursing Program – Leona Evans, School Nursing

Thank you to all the Prep parents who have returned their School Nurse Health Questionnaires (for those who haven't, please return it ASAP – there are spare forms at the school office if needed).

These forms are now being reviewed and your child will be assessed throughout the coming year according to our school nurse guidelines (this means your child may be seen at any stage through the year).

After your child has been seen, you will be notified in writing about the assessment.

Children from older grades have the opportunity for a School Nurse assessment as per previous years. If parents have any concerns they can fill in a referral form from the school office.

If you have any questions about the School Nursing Program you can speak with your school or contact your School Nurse, Leona Evans 0409 436 963.

Years Prep – 4 News

Student of the Week: Xanthe Fitzpatrick

Xanthe is a kind and caring student. She has taken very good care of our new Prep students.



Values Winners From Last Week: ***Co-operation***

Prep / One: ***Griffin Andrews***

Two: ***Connor Hooper-McKenzie***

Three / Four: ***Zoe Cossar***

Value For This Week: ***Responsibility***

Responsible Citizens: **Year 2**

Cool Cat: ***Prep/One***

Premier's Reading Challenge

All P-4 students are invited to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2008. Students must return a completed consent form by **Tuesday 26th February**. Students can only participate in the challenge when the form has been returned. Once students return the form they will then be issued with a reading log and a list of books suitable for each year level to read.

Mrs Bev Shovan has kindly volunteered her time to enter the student's details and books read on to the State computer data base required for participating in the activity.

Phys Ed Timetable Change for Year 2/3/4

The **Year 2/3/4 students Phys Ed classes** will be **changed from a Tuesday to a Monday for the next two weeks**. P.E. will be on **Monday 25th February** and **Monday 3rd March**. Please remind your children to bring a change of clothes and stadium shoes for these sessions. There are still a few students who have not brought a change of clothes or stadium shoes to P.E. It would be greatly appreciated if all students could remember to bring their P.E. gear on a weekly basis. Should you have any concerns please see Mr. Harley.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Thankyou to all the families who participated in this process. All staff in the P-4 area were pleased to make contact with our families. We appreciated the sharing of valuable information which will assist us in the teaching of our students.

Students Bringing Items From Home

Students have been bringing various items from home including soft toys, MP3 players, match box cars and collector cards. Students are reminded that if any such items are brought to school they will be taken and held in their class teacher's office and given back at the end of the day. Should students offend a second time items will be taken and returned to the owners at the end of the Term.

At Home Artist Award

This event is on again this year! Students produce a piece of Art work at home. It can be a small construction item, painted picture, drawing using pencil, crayon, text, a scrap book page or even a collage. Any item that uses artistic skills will be received. Entries are being taken for this term. They

will close on **Friday 7th March** in order for the judging to take place. Students need to put their name and year level on each entry and give them to their classroom teacher.

Years 5 - 8 News
Judy Stanley, Coordinator

Diaries

I would just like to spend a few minutes to explain the diary system to parents.

All students are required to have a diary to assist them with their personal organisation. As staff are trying to establish good habits with the diary at this level, they will ask students to take out diaries and record important events in their diary such as forthcoming tests, work that is due in and special events. Students are given several minutes to record the event and it is expected that they will be responsible and do this. As students progress through the school, it is hoped that they will become more independent in recording things in the diary of their own accord.

We are also trying to encourage students to carry their diaries, like their pencil case, to each class to avoid being in the situation of their diary being in their bag, locker or home when needed. Some students manage this more easily than others.

On Tuesday evening/ Wednesday morning students should show their diaries to their parents and have them signed. The diaries are then handed into a teacher for comment and counter signing.

The response to date has been good but I would ask parents if they are not seeing the diary to ask for it as in previous newsletters I have explained the value of knowing what your child is required to be doing but also to be able to talk to them about their schooling.

5-8 Teacher Meetings

Generally each week the teachers who teach in the 5-8 area of the school meet to discuss various areas of teaching and learning. We have decided that for Term 1 we will be working on the area of work being handed in on time and what to do when students miss classes. Each teacher has their own way of handling these situations and we are trying to work toward a consistent approach. As in life, everyone has deadlines to meet to do their job effectively and as part of preparing students for the work force we want to encourage them to meet the deadlines set here at school. I will keep you posted of our discussions.

Grade 5-6 Meals on Wheels Duty Roster.

Thankyou to those parents who volunteered to complete this community service with the grade 5-6 class for next week. We had more volunteers than needed!! Please remember to collect the meals at 11:20am from the Hospital kitchen.

The Roster is:

Monday: Annette Padgett

Tuesday: Julie Lambert

Wednesday: Lynette Brown

Thursday: Pat Connors

Friday: Deirdre McKenzie

Parent Helpers in Grade 5-6

Many thanks to Mrs Olive and Mrs Padgett who have begun assisting in the grade 5-6 classroom this week. Their time and support is greatly appreciated in our Maths and English lessons. If you would like to be involved in our classroom please contact the school. Your help would be fantastic.

Years 9 - 12 News
Barry McKenzie, Coordinator

ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAM FOR ENRICHMENT (Students 15-17 years old)

Rotary Clubs throughout Australia run this event in order to extend the leadership, networking, decision making and community services skills. The weekend of April 11-13 is set aside for students to be involved in activities designed to enhance these skills. The cost to the student is \$40, with the Rotary Club contributing the other portion of the \$180 total.

The weekend will include adventure activities and other events designed to improve the skills mentioned.

More than one student from a school can go, but the Rotary club will make selections.

In the first instance I have more information, but any Rotarian should also be able to help.

Nominations will close in a few weeks, so if you are interested, please do something soon.

Parents of YEAR 12 students

I attended a conference last week to discuss careers advice. One of the major things to come out of this was the number of scholarships for various courses that do not get taken up because people are not aware of them! Some scholarships have closing dates in August, others are later, but if the student has an idea of what they would like to do, it is not too early to be looking at tertiary education websites and trying to find their "Scholarships" section. If you need help, please ask, but the sooner you start, the better you will get at it.

INTERESTED IN A MEDICAL CAREER??

I currently have information on training for the UMAT (Undergraduate Medical & Health Sciences Admission Test, which is the test students need to undertake if they plan to go into Medical or Health science related fields at University level)

This training is designed to improve performance in the UMAT. During the year I will get many brochures from different organizations with the same aim. I will let you know and if you are interested, please get in touch with me.

Job Vacancies 18.02.2008

The following job vacancies were emailed by CVGT; more details are on the server at school or contact CVGT direct. (5491 1155)

Certificate III Hospitality Operations - Part Time 30hrs (Castlemaine) lbowler@cvgt.com.au

Certificate II Business Administration - School Based (Bendigo) kweymouth@cvgt.com.au

Certificate III Fitness School Based (Bendigo) Only Females may apply. Please email kweymouth@cvgt.com.au

Certificate III Hospitality School Based (Eaglehawk) kweymouth@cvgt.com.au

Certificate III Retail Part Time lguille@cvgt.com.au

***Year 10 Work Experience
Roster for Assistants at the Trots –
Thursday, 28th February
Charlton Meeting (Day)***

Dining Room at 9.00 am: Finlay Family
Wollin Family

Kiosk: 11.00 pm – Roberts-Doughty Family
2.30 pm – Walsh Family

***Please contact Barry McKenzie if these times
are not suitable.***

Community News

Charlton Basketball Association Inc.

The season is over but there is still some unfinished business – do you have a singlet that should be returned? If so please leave it at the College Office and the coordinators will collect it from there.

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 Junior Football Club

Under 16 Training will commence on Thursday, 6th March. All new and former players are most welcome. Under 13's will commence at a later date – to be advised.

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 Lawn Tennis Club - Juniors

Charlton Deb Ball – Friday, 2nd May 2008

All people wishing to make their Debut this year are asked to please contact Val Bourke (5491 1418) or Joy Freeman (5492 7550) ASAP with name and partner's name. Training may start as early as next week.

LAST WEEK - Results of Round 2

PRINCE (6) defeated WILSON (2)

ADIDAS (6) defeated YONEX (2)

LADDER – PRINCE (13), YONEX (7),

ADIDAS (6), WILSON (5).

THIS WEEK – Round 3

ADIDAS vs WILSON

PRINCE vs YONEX

Clubhouse Duty (9:00am – 11:30am)

JENKYN & MCGRATH

Scoring Duty (10:15 – 11:15am)

FITZPATRICK (Tessa) & GREEN

NEXT WEEK – Finals, Break-Up & Presentations

Remember that next week is our Finals Day and End of Season Break-Up. An invitation is extended to all family members and the general public to come and watch our budding tennis stars in finals action! Then to stay and enjoy lunch and observe the presentation of the Grand Final medallions Premiership Shield and season trophies/awards.