

### *Calendar of Events*

#### TERM 1

##### March

Thurs	13 <sup>th</sup>	Work Experience Meeting at 7.30 pm
Fri	14 <sup>th</sup>	<del>Summer Sports Years 7 – 12</del> <i>CANCELLED DUE TO HOT WEATHER</i>
Mon	17 <sup>th</sup>	School Council Meeting 7.30 pm
Wed	19 <sup>th</sup>	Northern Zone Swimming
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
Tues	8 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Club Meeting

##### May

Fri	9 <sup>th</sup>	Mothers' Day Fete
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*From the Principal*  
*John Harley*

Dear Parents, Staff and Students

#### **S**chool Council Elections

Following the closure of the extra nominations period I have received 2 additional nominations: Tracey Coughlin and Tulsa Andrews. As this does not exceed the number of vacancies they are declared elected. Beth Crutch and Kaylene Cossar are the other 2 re-elected. Kim Thompson and Rod McKinnon were re-elected as staff reps. Thank you to all of these people for putting themselves forward to assist the school.

#### **A**ttendance

This continues to be an issue for the College. Last year the average was 12.8 days and whilst this is below the state average of 14.5 it is up on 2006 despite all of our efforts. The average for P-6 was 14.8 and for 7-12 it was 11.9 days per student. Over thirteen years of formal primary and secondary schooling this equates to 33 weeks which is nearly a year of school. Whilst we do not encourage parents to send children to school when they are ill, it is important that there are very good reasons for keeping them at home. Lateness to school is also an issue, with a number of students late on a consistent basis. Whilst at times this may be unavoidable, it should happen only rarely. When a student comes into class late it causes considerable disruption to the learning of all students but particularly the late students. Parents have a responsibility to ensure their children are at school and on time. We seek the support of our parents on this issue.

#### **J**unior Landcare

Our school has been approached by the Charlton Landcare group to form a Junior Landcare group at the school. I had a meeting with Mr Kevin Spence from Landcare and we had discussions about a range of environmental programs including the possible development of a small wetlands area at the school that could be used in our teaching program as well as other ways that students could be involved. It is not just about planting trees. A meeting of interested students will soon be called to see if we can set up a group which would be the first in North Central Victoria.

#### **S**taffing Issues

We have received news of continued slight improvement in the condition of Andrea Peverill and fervently hope that this will continue to improve. We are currently making plans to cover her classes on a more permanent basis.

Mrs Kim Dunstan will be taking maternity leave in late April. I am currently looking for a replacement.

I was notified late last week that Ms Lizzie Wilde has accepted the MIPs position with the LLEN starting from Term 2 and so we are also currently trying to find a replacement for Term 2.



### **S**chool Crossing

I have been contacted by the Shire who has expressed concerns that some students and parents are crossing the main highway near the Tyre Service and the Hotel rather than crossing at the designated school crossing. We ask that the correct crossing point be used. We don't want to have anyone involved in an accident.

### **S**ummer sport

Due to the extreme weather conditions expected, the summer sports scheduled for tomorrow have been cancelled. We hope parents will agree that the health of all participating was the prime factor in this decision. There will be a normal school program at both the P-12 and NCCC campuses tomorrow.

### **H**ouse Athletic Sports

This is forward notice that these sports for Years 5-12 students will be conducted on the first Tuesday of Term 2. Parents are invited to attend the sports which will be conducted at Charlton Park.

**John Harley**  
Principal

### ImproZone

Last Friday the students from year 5-12 had their final session of the Smart Start program. A travelling Theatre Sports Company called 'Impro Zone' entertained the students and if the peels of laughter were anything to go by, it was thoroughly enjoyed by all year levels.



The purpose of the session was to build on our message to work together. Impro Zone's message was simple – working together is all about communicating and respecting others ideas. By using and building on the

ideas of others it makes everyone look good, be happy and have positive outcomes.

They demonstrated that while it may be funny and create a laugh – 'hogging' and 'domineering' don't create the best outcome.



*Above: The Mulquiny boys, Lachlan, Luke and Harrison obviously enjoyed the performance by 'Impro Zone'*

### **Years Prep – 4 News**

#### **Student of the Week: Zoe Cossar**

**Zoe** is a great role model and has an excellent attitude towards school. She is a helpful student.



Values Winners From Last Week: ***Self-discipline***

**Prep / One:** *Caitlin Lang*

**Two:** *Nathaniel Holmes-Brown*

**Three / Four:** *Melina Jablonka*

Value For This Week: **Honesty**

Responsible Citizens: Year 3 / 4

Cool Cat: Year 2

### **Final Assembly**

Next week is the end of Term 1. We will have our usual assembly on Monday morning. On Thursday morning the 20<sup>th</sup> March at 9.00am in the P-4 Gallery we will have a final assembly which will cover the value of the week, student of the week, birthdays and special achievements.

### **Year 2 Book Character Dress Up**

The Year 2 students are having a character dress up day next Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March. The students have been reading a class novel titled "Charlie in the Chocolate Factory". The students have been invited to dress as one of the book characters. We will have some special activities and view the DVD, 'Willy Wonka the Chocolate Factory'.

### **Early Finish to School Term**

**School will finish next Thursday at 2.30pm.** There will be a P-12 assembly in the stadium after lunch.

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

### **VET FOR A DAY AT HEALSVILLE SANCTUARY**

Anyone interested in a day at the Healesville Sanctuary, trying the idea of being a Vet, should ask BMcK about the information he has on this event.

### **WORK EXPERIENCE MEETING TONIGHT**

Please don't forget the meeting tonight to discuss all sorts of issues, from fundraising to clothes for the end of year program - **7:30pm in Room 21**.

If you are unable to attend, you need to find out what was discussed, as it will be very relevant and important.

### **FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION**

The Work Exp students will be running this again in 2008.

Prizes will be given for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and last at the end of the home & away series of the AFL. In 2007 the total prize-money was \$700. Profit to go towards Work Experience.

- Entry fee is \$20 for the season to be paid before round 4 (end of first week term 2).
- Points will be simply 1 per winner picked, 2 points if a draw is predicted.
- If no tips are entered, then you automatically get the away teams.
- Written entries must have tipper's name and list winners, similarly for phone messages.
- Tips must be received before 6pm on Friday night by being placed
  1. at the Charlton College (box in the staff room, must be during school hours)
  2. faxed to the College on 54 911 703 or
  3. sent to Charlton College, on email at [charlton.co@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:charlton.co@edumail.vic.gov.au)

See one of the Year 10 students or ring the school if interested.

### **EASTER EGG RAFFLE**

We will be selling tickets on Friday 14<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> (in front of the supermarkets).



### **The Age VCE & Careers Expo**

Caulfield Racecourse

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April

10.00 am to 5.00 pm daily

The Age VCE and Careers Expo bring together over 150 organisations including providers of VCE resources, career advisers and Australia's major tertiary institution. The Expo features seminars on VCE subjects, careers and study advice. Admission is \$10.00 or \$23.00 for families and is valid for all 3 days of The Expo. Admission includes all seminars, the career forum and a copy of The Age. For more details see The Expo Visitor Guide in The Age on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April or go to [www.education.theage.com.au](http://www.education.theage.com.au)

*Community News*

**Charlton Netball Club**  
**Working Bee**

This Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2008  
At 9.00 am

Courts to be tidied, clubroom to be cleaned.  
Players and parents are urged to help out –  
***“many hands make light work”***

**Charlton & District Preschool**  
**OPEN DAY**

Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2008  
11.00 am onwards

\$BBQ Lunch\$  
A great opportunity for all to see  
the terrific ‘NEW’ Kinder!!

Charlton Football Club Ladies Auxiliary  
**AGM**

Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2008  
At the East Charlton Hotel  
At 7.30 pm  
All Welcome

**Wycheproof P-12 College**  
**Twilight Fete**

Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March from 5.00 pm  
Various stalls, musical items, competitions,  
jumping castle, rides and activities.  
BBQ, souvlaki, baked potatoes, ice-creams,  
pavlova, fruit salad and other foods.

**EVERYONE WELCOME**