



PARENTS' BULLETIN – 2008
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Calendar of Events

TERM 2

April

Mon	7 th	Start of Term 2
Tues	8 th	House Aths: Years 5 – 12
Tues	8 th	Parents Club Meeting
Mon	21 st	Surf Camp commences
Thur	24 th	Surf Camp concludes
Fri	25 th	ANZAC Day Public Holiday

May

Thur	1 st	Interschool Aths at Charlton
Fri	9 th	Mothers' Day Fete

From the Principal
John Harley

Dear Parents, Staff and Students

Josh Finlay

On behalf of the School Council, staff and students I express sincere condolences to the Finlay family on the tragic passing of Josh last weekend. As the funeral will take place during the holidays I would ask families to make their personal arrangements in terms of attending the funeral. As a school community we will do what we can to support Doug, Deb, Emma and Tom in any way that we can. As a school we have had support from the Region for students who have needed to talk to someone and this is available on an ongoing basis. The wonderful support to the community from Chaplaincy Australia and Mark Bateman has also been fantastic. I pray that God will look after the family as well as the rest of our community at this time.

Maths Testing

Our Year 3 to 8 students have recently completed an on line test in numeracy. The purpose of the test is to give teachers a measure of their students' current mathematical thinking levels. Jill Clapham, a Teaching and Learning coach with the Loddon Mallee Region, assisted our teachers and students to complete this testing and will work with us for the remainder of the year. Jill will be at Charlton College every Thursday throughout 2008, working with our math teachers and their students.

School Council

The annual meeting of the school council was held last Monday evening with the changeover of council. Mr Alan Getley was our one retiring councillor and a presentation was made to Alan for the wonderful service he has provided to the School Council and school community during his 8 years on council, 6 of these as School Council President.

Jeanette Watson was re-elected as School Council President whilst Kaylene Cossar was elected as vice President. The other parent reps are Ross Lane, Beth Crutch, Tracey Coughlin, John Epskamp, Roy Thompson and Tulsa Andrews. Please contact one of them if you wish to be represented on a particular issue.

Amongst the issues covered at the meeting were:

- the Annual report was tabled. It will be shortly on the school website but a copy is available at the office to any parent on request.
- \$100 per student has been allocated to the surf camp to reduce the cost down from approx \$360 by the \$100. This allocation will be made from our drought funds.
- The canteen refurbishment will take place over the Term 2 holidays.
- Interviews are shortly to be conducted for the position of chaplain
- The report of the uniform committee was tabled – a display of the suggested changes will be developed at school for parents and students to provide feedback. The main changes suggested are to the polo shirt – royal blue, boys trousers and shorts – navy blue and the girls winter skirt. A zip up jacket like the netball and football jacket is also being proposed. The sports uniform will remain the same.

House Athletics sports

A reminder that these will take place on the first Tuesday of Term 2 at Charlton Park for our Year 5-12 students. A welcome is extended to all parents to attend. We hope to have as good a response as we did for our swimming sports.

Junior 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.

Interim reports

A reminder that with the short Term 1, we have delayed sending out interim reports for Years 5-12 students until early Term 2. This will be followed up by student led discussions with parents and teachers.

I wish everyone a safe and reflective holiday and look forward to Term 2.

John Harley
Principal



Charlton College Badge Conferral

Charlton College students were recognised at the recent Badge Conferral Ceremony. Students, teachers, parents and special guests were welcomed by Principal John Harley as they gathered in the stadium for this special event.

The guest speaker was Anthony Judd, a former student and currently the Buloke Shire recreational officer, and he addressed the topical subject of leadership and provided those present with some interesting reflections. He spoke of two important characteristics necessary for effective leadership – passion and a willingness to act. Anthony cited James Hird, in his roles at Essendon Football Club and, at a local level, David Pollard, the Buloke Shire Citizen for 2007, as examples of individuals who actively demonstrate these important attributes.

The ceremony concluded with Mr Harley inviting guests and badge recipients to a delicious afternoon tea prepared by the College's very capable Hospitality students, under the guidance of their teacher, Mr Bernie Seggar.



Pictured above are College Captains:

*Back: Reece Cossar, Anthony Judd (Guest Speaker), Tracy Mulquiny
Front: Kye Jenkyn, Zoe Cossar, Aidan Dolby, Kiara Perry*

Years Prep – 4 News

Student of the Week: Emma Campbell

Emma is a very kind, caring and considerate student. She works very hard to produce work of a high standard.



Values Winners From Last Week: ***Honesty***

Prep / One: ***Angel Grylls***

Two: ***Emma Campbell***

Three / Four: ***Jed Thompson***

Value For This Week: ***Kindness***

Responsible Citizens: ***Year 3 / 4***

Cool Cat: ***Year 2***

Years 5 - 8 News
Judy Stanley, Coordinator

Grade 5-6 Real World Maths celebrates Easter.

This week grade 5-6 created an Easter basket using their knowledge of shapes and then they filled it with treats that they made using their knowledge of measurement and fractions. Many thanks to Mrs Hibbert and Mrs Gretgrix for their help in the kitchen.



Above: Nicholas McCallum, Darcy Lambert and Dillon Carlos concentrating on their cooking.



Above: Gil McKenzie, Ben Padgett and Daniel Brown checking their ingredients

Years 9 - 12 News
Barry McKenzie, Coordinator

Year 10 Work Exp Fundraising

WAITING Sat 22nd 6:15-10pm Charlton Valley Resort
Wendy Foulkes, Kris Heel, Grace Laffin, Jane Bruns

TROTS ROSTER

Monday 24th March

9.00 -11.00 am: Moloney & Whykes

11.00 am - 2:30 pm: Whykes

2:30 pm – end: Macri

Trots on Friday April 11th

I am having trouble getting people, but this is the first week back next term so anyone who might be available, please let me know. Times needed are the same as for 24th above.

INTERESTED IN BEING AN ENGINEER?

An **Engineering Careers Expo** will be held in Melbourne on Thursday 17th April from 3 - 7pm at the Melbourne Town Hall. The expo is being run by the Engineers Australia-Victoria Division. Students will have the opportunity to meet with around 80 employers, explore career options and employment opportunities. Entry is free and the LCP can assist with travel costs on application. For more information please contact the North Central/West Mallee LCP

Sue Hill: Local Community Partnerships; Project Manager; North Central Local Learning & Employment Network; Ph: 03 54911145 Fax: 03 54911134 Mobile: 0428 326 037

JOB VACANCIES

If you need further information please look at the resources folder at the College or phone WORKCO 5497 1821. The dates listed are the closing dates for applications, so contact needs to be made well before this to find out more.

Expression of interest Farm Apprentice - Birchip

by Thursday, 20th March 2008. WORKCO Limited is an equal opportunity employer.

Farm Apprentice - Yaapeet

by Friday, 28th March 2008. WORKCO Limited is an equal opportunity employer.

Engineering Apprenticeship (Fabrication/Welding) – St Arnaud

by Friday, 28 March 2008. WORKCO Limited is an equal opportunity employer

Expression of Interest – Farm Apprentice –St Arnaud.

by Thursday, 20th March 2008. WORKCO Limited is an equal opportunity employer.

Motor Mechanic Apprenticeship – Donald

by Thursday, 20th March 2008. WORKCO Limited is an equal opportunity employer

2 x Cabinet making Apprenticeships. - Horsham

by Wednesday, 19 March 2008. WORKCO Limited is an equal opportunity employer

Automotive Mechanical – Heavy Vehicle Apprenticeship - Horsham

by Thursday, 20th March 2008. WORKCO Limited is an equal opportunity employer.

IN MELBOURNE

Apprentice Cabinet Maker - Melbourne

by Monday, 31st March 2008. WORKCO Limited is an equal opportunity employer.

Automotive Mechanical –Heavy Vehicle Apprenticeship – Melbourne

by Monday, 31st March 2008. WORKCO is an equal opportunity employer.

Administration Traineeship - Melbourne

by Monday, 31st March 2008. WORKCO Limited is an equal opportunity employer.

Floor Covering & Finishing Apprenticeship - Melbourne

by Monday, 31st March 2008. WORKCO Limited is an equal opportunity employer.

Warehousing Apprenticeship - Melbourne

Floor Covering & Finishing Apprenticeship - Melbourne

by Monday, 31st March 2008. WORKCO Limited is an equal opportunity employer.

Trainee Caravan Builder - Melbourne

by Monday, 31st March 2008. WORKCO Limited is an equal opportunity employer.

Invoicing Traineeship – Melbourne

by Monday 31st of March. WORKCO is an equal opportunity employer.

Sorry this did not make last week's newsletter but here it is this week. At the meeting we discussed and approved the purchasing of the window coverings in Room 21, so that will be done sometime very soon. A Head Lice Information Night is being organized - keep an eye out for more information. No update on uniforms as there had not been a meeting yet. P-4 Shading area - this has to be reviewed again as the costing of this project was higher than expected, so still in progress. Request of funds to the P-4 were passed for the Audio Equipment on there being no other way of conducting this program. The other fund request for the Textile Department at NCCC was declined for now as we need our funds for the fete and the committed projects at the P-12 Campus. If no other way was possible it was decided that they were to check other avenues and maybe then we could make a contribution to this request.

John's Principal report consisted of these things....School Council Elections and all parent positions are now filled. Staffing Changes - a few are leaving and those who are sick. The Badge Conferral Ceremony and how it went. The School Chaplain which is up to the interview stage. Also the Junior Landcare project which will be an asset to the school as it will involve students and work in with the areas the children are doing.

We also started looking at the Fete and a few things that need doing. At this stage we are finalising Convenors and helpers and decided that our \$250 raffle to be spent in Charlton will go ahead again this year and Brian Townsend has volunteered his time again to do our letter box drop Flyer.

As our **next meeting is April 7th at 7.30pm** we will not get an agenda to the newsletter as there will be no newsletter until after our meeting. At this stage the Fete will be the biggest topic of discussion. At the end of this newsletter there is a flyer so people know who the Convenor of a stall is to contact if they want to make contributions to that stall or to ask that person what they need on that stall.

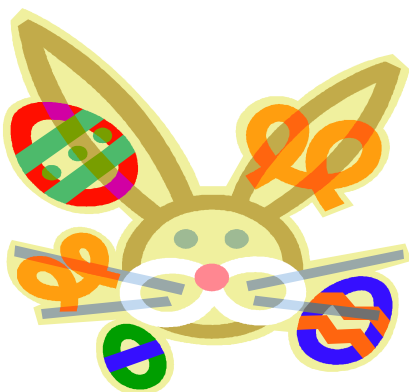
The Age VCE & Careers Expo

Caulfield Racecourse

Friday 11th, Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th 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 7th April or go to www.education.theage.com.au



Apart from helpers at our Fete we are looking for helpers to help out at the Inter School Sports on THURSDAY 1ST MAY 2008. THE MORE HELPERS WE GET THE LESS TIME EACH PERSON HAS TO BE THERE TO DO THEIR BIT. IF YOU CAN SPARE YOUR TIME PLEASE CONTACT Bev Shovan (54911749) so a roster can be made up.

If you are a past Convenor and still have your book could you please return it to Bev Shovan as we are updating them as our stalls have changed, so then they will be returned back for the fete.

In closing The Parents' Club would like to pass on our best wishes to Andrea, Andrew, Mathew, Megan & family as Andrea continues in her recovery.

Community News

Quiz Night **World Youth Day Fundraiser**

Tables of 6 – 8
Date: Friday, 11th April
Venue: St Joseph's Parish Hall
Cost: \$10.00 per person
A light supper will be provided.

For bookings or more information, contact Kim Thompson 5491 1834 (AH) or Julie McGrath 5491 2484 (AH).
A great night for all ages!

Charlton Football Club Ladies Auxiliary

AGM

Wednesday, 2nd April 2008
At the East Charlton Hotel
At 7.30 pm
All Welcome

Junior Football Training

Under 13's training will commence tonight (Thursday, 20th March) at 4.30 pm.

The North Central Garden Club will hold its next meeting on Tuesday 25th March at the Uniting Church Hall in Duncan St. Birchip at 2.00 p.m. Mr Ted Brown from the Wimmera Natives will be the guest speaker and he will tell us how and where to plant and care for native trees and shrubs. There will also be varieties of these for sale.

On Tuesday 22nd April the Club is having a coach tour to Castlemaine and then on to Macedon to view Graham Watson's garden and then Caelum garden. The cost of this tour is \$25.50 for club members and \$30.50 for non club members. For more information and bookings contact Shirley Dowling 5491 2085 or
Maretia Doughty 5491 2080.

Charlton Badminton Club Inc **2008 Season**

- **Juniors** – every Tuesday after school: age must be 9 years by 31-12-08 or in Grade 3. Please note the first week will be held in the school holidays on Tuesday 1st April (new players from 1.00 to 2.00 pm). 2.00 to 4.00 pm for players who have been playing or have played before. Please contact Rae Heenan (5491 1672) or Bernadette Zagame (5491 1262) for more details.
- **Night Badminton** every Tuesday commencing on 1st April at 7.30 pm. Contact Brian Heenan (5491 1672) or Sandra Fanning (5491 1860).
- **Ladies Badminton** every Thursday morning commencing 3rd April at 9.00 am (the children are looked after in the foyer of the stadium). Please contact Glenda Watts (5491 6203) or Lisa Bruns (5491 1952).

All sessions are played at the Charlton Stadium in Davies Street.

If you are looking for some exercise, fun and a new sport, come along and join in. Don't worry that you have never played before, we are only too willing to teach you the game of badminton. If you live in Charlton or one of the surrounding towns we would love to see you come and have a hit with us.

Buloke Shire Council wishes to advise that the pool season has been extended and the Charlton Pool will remain open into the school holidays (weather dependent).

Charlton Lawn Tennis Club
Annual General Meeting
Monday April 7, 2008
8pm at Clubhouse
Come along to share your views and support the committee.



Mothers Day Fete

Stall	Convenor	Helpers	Suggested Items
Cake	Deb Finlay Ph 54912337 Or Bev Shovan Ph 54911749	Sandra Fanning Wendy Laffin	All types of cooking eg. Variety of sponges, lamingtons, jelly cakes, fairy cakes, small cakes, biscuits, slices, sausage rolls, pies, pasties, bread...
Mother's Day	Donna Wollin Ph 54911358	Stacy Thompson Amanda Lane	All crafts, bath bombs, door stoppers, lavender bags,
Sweets & Soft Drink	Deb Whykes Ph 54911690	Kathy Mulquiny Steve Curry Cheryl House	Fudges, chocolates, snowballs, coconut slice, chocolate crackles, toffees
Hot Potatoes	Ena Green Ph 54912170	Gail Williams Phylis Fitzgerald	
Light Refreshments	Annette Giles Ph 54911282	Janet Scarlett Sophie Lang Lorna Getley	
Milkshakes	Kaylene Cossar Ph 54916232	Alison Tormey Marion Guy	
Produce Stall	Depends on whether we gets goods or not		
Children's	Carolyn Olive Ph 54916225	Deirdre McKenzie	More info at later dates maybe having showbags.
Popcorn	Kylie Fitzpatrick Ph 5491058	Cherie Walsh Carolyn Stewart	
BBQ	School Council	Beth Crutch Tracey Coughlin Jeanette Watson Alan Getley	

The School Raffle \$250

The names that are in bold have confirmed they are available and those who are not can they please contact **Bev Shovan** 54911749 or 0400644965 to let her know if you are available or if you are not on this list and would like to volunteer your help please let me know as we are also looking for people to float around and help where needed on the day and possibly there are more helpers required on stalls. Your Help is appreciated.

