



PARENTS' BULLETIN – 2008
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Calendar of Events

TERM 2

April

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| Mon | 21 st | College Council Meeting at 7.30 pm |
| Mon | 21 st | Surf Camp commences |
| Thur | 24 th | Surf Camp concludes |
| Fri | 25 th | ANZAC Day Public Holiday |
| Tues | 29 th | Parents Club Meeting at 9.00 am |

May

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| Thur | 1 st | Interschool Aths at Charlton |
| Fri | 9 th | Mothers' Day Fete |
| Mon | 19 th | College Council Meeting at 7.30 pm |
| Tues | 27 th | Primary Winter Sports at Boort |

*From the Principal
John Harley*

Dear Parents, Staff and Students

Term 2

Welcome back to Term 2; a very long term of 12 weeks. During this term our VCE students have their semester one exams.

Staffing changes

With the resignation of Ms Wilde and the continuing illness of Mrs Peverill there are a number of staff changes in Term 2. We welcome Mr Brett Mundie who will be teaching P-2 Physical Education, Grade 5/6, Year 7 and Yr 8 P.E and Yr 9 Outdoor Ed. Mrs Zagame will be taking Year 10 P.E. and Mrs Fitzpatrick will be taking Yr 11 General Maths and P.E. Mrs Jackson will take Year 7 and 9 Science.

Mrs Peverill

I am sure all of the school community will be pleased to hear that Andrea Peverill continues to make steady improvement in her health. She is now at St John of God hospital in Bendigo and is undergoing a rehabilitation program to aid her recovery. We continue to wish Andrea and her family all the very best.

House Athletics Sports

Thank you to those parents and friends who supported the students at the sports on Tuesday. I thought that the participation by almost all students present was fantastic and the cooperation and behaviour was of a high standard. Thank you to the house captains, staff and Mr Kane as sports coordinator for all their work and of course to the students for their great efforts. The interschool aths will be in Charlton on Thursday, May 1st.

Interim Reports

A reminder that with the short Term 1, we have delayed sending out interim reports for Year 5-12 students until early Term 2. This is likely to be late next week or early in week 3. This will be followed up by student led discussions with parents and teachers. This will be held on Wednesday April 30 as the previous week our Year 8 and 9 students will be on the surf camp.

Work Completed

Over the holidays the new blinds were installed in Room 21 and a new radio link was installed between the P-12 and NCCC campuses to allow the NCCC to access the internet and email services. Further work later in the year will see the NCCC have a fibre optic cable connected to allow much better internet access.

Uniform Review Committee

This committee which comprises reps from School Council, Parents Club and the SLC met again towards the end of last term. They have made some interim recommendations that they wish to test further with the school community and to this end a display will shortly be developed at school of the proposed changes to gauge reaction. There is no change recommended to the sports uniform, with changes recommended to include a royal blue polo shirt for both boys and girls, a new winter skirt, a beanie, navy shorts and trousers for boys

and a zip-up jacket similar to the football and netball jacket.

John Harley
Principal

SLC BULB FUNDRAISER

As advertised in the newsletter last term, the SLC (Student Leadership Council) is selling bulbs as a means of raising funds for school based projects (primarily the 'canteen makeover').

We hope that the school and wider community will support this fundraising venture by placing an order for bulbs- prices start as low as \$4.00 for some varieties.

All SLC reps have coloured catalogues and order forms; a copy of the catalogue and the order form is also available at the school canteen for your perusal. Should you wish to place an order please do so before the **21st APRIL** by calling into the school office or by contacting an SLC rep.

Active After School Communities Program

"The Active After School Communities Program (AASC) will again be running two nights per week this term. The program is funded by the Federal Government and aims to encourage young people to become involved in fun, semi-structured physical activity in a safe environment. The sessions will be held in the stadium from 3:30pm - 4:30pm and will include a healthy afternoon tea. On Wednesdays the students will be learning 'Circus Skills' and on Thursdays a multi-skills program will be held, with the focus being on Winter Sports.

We have been able to purchase some circus equipment for the students, including diablos, spinning plates, devil sticks and juggling balls, scarves, rings and clubs. 8 pairs of stilts have also been purchased, but at the moment they are without shoes and socks! The school is kindly asking for donations of lace-up shoes - old runners would be great - in about sizes 6-9 (small shoes are too hard to balance on, and big shoes get in the way). Donations of pre-loved footy socks would also be greatly appreciated.

If you wish for your child/ren to attend the program, please complete and return the attached permission form. If your child participated in the program in Term 1, there is no need to fill out a new form. We're looking forward to another great term of AASC sessions and hope to see many of you there!"

Years Prep – 4 News

Student of the Week: Matilda Townsend

Matilda has a keen and enthusiastic attitude towards school. She works cooperatively with others and works to the best of her ability.



Values Winners From Last Week: Kindness

Prep / One: **Jasper Walsh**

Two: **Holly Rymell**

Three / Four: **Lachlan Verhey-Avis**

Value For This Week: Determination

Responsible Citizens: Year 2

Willy Wonka Character Day

The last Wednesday of Term 1 the Year 2 students dressed up as a favourite character from Roald Dahl's wonderful fiction novel "Charlie in the Chocolate Factory" All students looked fabulous and played their character throughout the morning activities. Thankyou to parents who prepared and dressed their children for the day.



50 Reading Nights

Congratulations to all our students who have reached 50 reading nights. Students receive an additional reward for their effort, a special Golden Sticker to add to their log books. Well done.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Of the 15 students registered we have 3 that have completed the challenge so well done. All keep reading and I will log on more books each Wednesday. Just to let you know as I don't think it was mentioned that if you have to read 30 books that a minimum of 20 must be from the challenge list and the rest can be of your own choice. Those that have got 15 books to read you must read a minimum of 10 books from the challenge list and the rest can be of your own choice.

Thanks Bev Shovan

Years 5 - 8 News
Judy Stanley, Coordinator

Grade 5-6 Meals on Wheels

It is our turn again to assist with Meals on Wheels from the 2nd - 6th June. It would be great if parents were available to help out with the delivering of the meals. Please contact the College if you can assist.

Many thanks
S. Harley

Year 7 and 8 Maths

At the end of last term we began to study geometry. After some lessons inside about the construction and dissection of angles, using a protractor and drawing compass the students were set the challenge to draw a perfect octagon, replicate a duodecagon (a 50 cent piece) and a kite. In small groups using some interesting problem solving techniques the



students constructed the shapes using string, chalk and blackboard rulers outside.



The photos above show the children working on the Maths challenges.

Your Child's Vision

Could your child be suffering from an undetected vision problem?

Does your child constantly squint or rub their eyes, complain of headaches, have trouble concentrating or holds their book very close when reading? *If so your child could be one in four of Australian children who suffer from an undetected vision problem.*

The earlier and more regularly your children's eyes are examined, the better the prospects for successful treatment. Parents are recommended that their children's eyes be examined at six months of age, three years old and before starting school. During school years an examination every two years is recommended. Eye examinations are covered under Medicare and more than 95 per cent of optometric services are bulk billed.

The Optometrists Association Australia has developed a concise checklist to help parents recognise possible vision problems in their children, as well as tips on television watching, reading, the use of video games and UV protection. These materials can be found on the Good Vision Initiative website at www.kidsvis.com.au

Years 9 - 12 News
Barry McKenzie, Coordinator

PHONES AT SCHOOL

Recently several students have had problems because they have been using phones and failed to hand them over when asked. This makes a much bigger issue out of something that can be solved very quickly by giving the phone at the time and getting it back later.

SUCCESS OF AN EX STUDENT

We always like to congratulate the success of any ex-student (I guess we would like to think we have played some small part in it!)

Rebecca Giles recently received a scholarship as part of the 2008 City of Greater Bendigo Raw Arts Awards. The artwork is something we would like to get a copy of and display on our walls here at Charlton to exhibit the prowess of past students. Congratulations Rebecca from all at Charlton College, may you continue to experience success into the future.

YEARS 8 & 9 SURF CAMP - Mon April 21st to Thurs 24th.

Important information and forms were given to the students on Tuesday at the Athletics. Please make sure you received them as they need to be returned by Friday (tomorrow!)

Also note that the cost of the camp has increased considerably from the original estimate. This is because the numbers we are sending is below the minimum number for both the camp and "Go Ride A Wave". This means that instead of a per student cost we are charged the minimum, which results in a higher cost per student. Unfortunately being a small school and everyone not attending results in this type of event.

I have just been shown some errors I made. The correct price for the camp is \$320 in total (ie \$270 to pay if the \$50 deposit has already been paid), and the camp will begin on Monday the 21st of April.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

As mentioned at the meeting last term, I need to get moving with placements, because it will take a while for me to find 58 jobs.

I will be talking to all Year 10s about their ideas over the next few weeks, and some I will have already done so. Please discuss with your children what their interests are, and what sort of job they would like to try over the 2 weeks. Also think about whether you have any contacts that might be useful for your child or other students.

WAITERING AT BOWLS CLUB AGM Fri 18th 6.30-9.00pm

Every year we do this for the Bowling Club and we need 3 students and one adult to help serve meals & clean up afterwards. At this stage no-one is pencilled in - can anyone help?

WOOD CUTTING

I have found some wood that we can use, we need to pick a day or weekend and get together as many people, trailers, saws etc. to do as much as we can as quickly as we can. Let me know when you might be able to help.

JOBS VACANT

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.

Automotive Mechanical – Heavy Vehicle Apprenticeship - Melbourne

by Friday, 18th April 2008. WORKCO.

Apprentice Cabinet Maker - Melbourne
by Friday, 18th April 2008. WORKCO .

Administration Traineeship - Melbourne
by Friday, 18th April 2008. WORKCO

Floor Covering & Finishing Apprenticeship - Melbourne
by Friday, 18th April 2008.

Apprentice Carpenter - Melbourne
by Friday, 11th April 2008. WORKCO

Warehousing Apprenticeship - Melbourne

Floor Covering & Finishing Apprenticeship - Melbourne
by Friday, 18th April 2008. WORKCO

Trainee Caravan Builder - Melbourne
by Friday, 18th April 2008.

Invoicing Traineeship - Melbourne
by Friday, 18th April 2008.

Apprentice Bricklayers - Melbourne
by Friday, 18th April 2008.

Year 10 Work Experience
Roster for Assistants at the Trots –
Friday, 11th April (tomorrow)
Charlton Meeting

Dining Room at 9.00 am: Laffin Family
Wollin Family

Kiosk: 10.30 pm – Roberts-Doughty Family
2.00 pm – Newport-Rose Family

Parents' Club News

At the recent meeting we discussed the following:

- Window coverings have been installed in Room 21.
- Getting quotes for smaller area of shading due to the large cost of original idea.
- John spoke of a few things which will were in more detail in his report but the points of discussion were
 1. New Staff to fill in for leaving staff and for Andrea Peverill.
 2. Andrea Peverill - progressing well.

3. School Chaplain - has been selected.
 4. Uniform - there will be displays in the school of the items that are being changed.
 5. Year 5-12 House Sports - how everyone participated very well.
 6. Music Room - the plans are here and once they have been checked over it will be up for tender.
- Catering wise we have the Inter-school sports on May 1st
 - Fete-
 1. Letter box leaflet & who is delivering them
 2. Helpers on the stalls
 3. Mention what fete proceeds go to
 4. What donations of goods would be required
 5. Organizing show bags for the children's fete.

All have a good term and our next meeting is a day one on April 29th at 9am in the Library.

Community News

Tree Planting – Positions Available

Kevin Spence, Coordinator of the Buloke and Northern Grampians Landcare Network, has advised there will be a "tree planting program" occurring in the near future for this region.

There will be approximately 5 positions available. For further information please contact Kevin on Ph: 54 951500 Mob 0408 353966.

Charlton Junior Football Club

A reminder that football training for under 13 and under 16's is now on a Thursday night at 4.30 pm. The first match is this Saturday against Wedderburn. Both teams are still looking for new players so you are welcome to come along to training.