



PARENTS' BULLETIN – 2008
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Calendar of Events

TERM 2

May

Tues	6 th	TIS (Tertiary Information Session) Yr 12s to attend from 12.00 – 2.30 pm
Wed	7 th	AFL Umpires 'Roadshow' – Prd 7 for Years 9 to 11
Fri	9 th	Mothers' Day Fete
Mon	12 th	Interschool Athletics at St Arnaud
Mon	19 th	College Council Meeting at 7.30 pm
Tues	27 th	Primary Winter Sports at Boort
Wed	28 th	Interschool Cross Country

June

Fri	6 th	<i>Pupil Free Day – Staff PD: P-12 & NCCC</i>
Mon	9 th	<i>Queen's Birthday Public Holiday</i>
Wed	11 th	VCE Exams
Thurs	12 th	<i>Pupil Free Day: P-12 Report Writing Day</i>
Thurs	12 th	VCE Exams
Fri	13 th	GAT
Mon	16 th	Year 9 Bogong Camp commences
Mon	16 th	College Council Meeting at 7.30 pm
Wed	18 th	Yr 12s to Paul Kelly presentation
Fri	20 th	Year 9 Bogong Camp concludes
Fri	27 th	End of Term 2 – 2.30 pm finish

From the Principal
John Harley

Dear Parents, Staff and Students

Education Blueprint

The government has just released a discussion paper which includes a number of suggestions for change within schools that includes children from 0-19.

There are 3 main areas:

1. partnerships with parents and communities
2. system development and reform
3. workforce reform

The document is available for you to read on the internet at www.education.vic.gov.au/blueprint or by contacting the school for a summary.

The School Council is seeking input from parents and staff to frame a response to the government. I welcome your input to me as soon as possible.

Inter school Athletics Sports

The interschool athletic sports were scheduled to be in St Arnaud today due to the condition of the surface of the oval at Charlton Park. However the early morning rain caused them to be postponed and they are now to be held on Monday May 12th at St Arnaud. A warm welcome is extended to parents and friends to attend.

Student Led Discussions

Thank you to all those parents and students who attended yesterday afternoon and evening for these important discussions. Thank you also to staff for their efforts. We had the parents of almost 50% of our students in Years 5-12 in attendance. We would have liked it to be higher. There will be another opportunity for these discussions at the beginning of Term 4 and of course the semester reports will be distributed at the start of Term 3. There is always the opportunity for parents to contact the school at any time to arrange a discussion about the progress of your children.

Junior Landcare

A meeting was conducted last Tuesday at lunchtime to establish the Charlton College Junior Landcare group. A fantastic number of interested students attended from all three areas of our school – P-4, 5-8 and 9-12. The North Central Landcare Coordinator, Mr Kevin Spence gave a presentation about what is involved in landcare and he was supported by Mrs Kaylene Cossar – Charlton Landcare groups junior landcare liaison officer and Mr Geoff Winsall from the Dept of Primary Industry. Mr Spence also presented a special endangered "Woolamai Pine" tree to the students and this will be planted in the school grounds. There will be another meeting in a few weeks to develop some ideas that the group will be involved with.

Mother's Day Fete

A warm welcome is extended to parents and the whole Charlton community to the Parent's Club's main fundraiser for the year to be held next Friday, May 9th at school from 12.00 noon to 2.00 pm. We hope to see everyone there.

John Harley, Principal

School Photos – School Captains, House Captains and SLC Members

These photos are available for viewing and ordering at the College Office. Orders will be taken until Friday, 2nd May.

SLC BULB SALES

The SLC would like to extend a thankyou to everybody that supported the students of the college by purchasing bulbs. A total sum of \$1523.00 was raised. The SLC keep 50% of the sales, which means that \$761.50 profit was made from this activity. Special thanks must be extended to the following SLC reps and students who played an integral part in this fundraising venture by seeking orders: Kye Jenkyn, Zoe Cossar, Lachlan and Madilyn Holmes-Brown, Bonnie McLean, Mathew Peverill, Kiara Perry, Kirsty McKenzie, Zane Sullivan, Laura Whykes, Alister Harley, Megan Epskamp, Harley McGrath, Reece Cossar and Dana Laffin. Parents are also to be acknowledged for the assistance that they gave the ‘bulb sellers’. The orders should arrive shortly and we will notify people via the newsletter. Thanks.

Wanted Urgently

A Year 12 Studio Arts student requires an old guitar/s for an art piece. It does not matter what condition the guitar is on, however it cannot be returned as it will be used for an art project. If you have a guitar that you would like to donate then please contact Natasha Saunders or Ashlee Davis at the College as soon as possible.

Years Prep – 4 News

Values Winners From Last Week: *Patience*

Prep / One: Cobi Fitzpatrick

Two: Mikeal Shovan

Three / Four: Kye Jenkyn

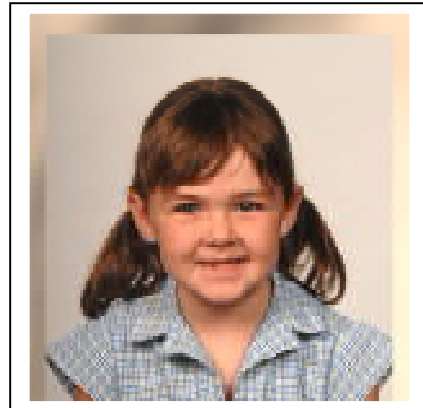
Value For This Week: *Fairness*

Responsible Citizens: The Teachers

Cool Cat : Prep/One

Student of the Week: *Xanthe Fitzpatrick*

Xanthe shines consistently in all subjects. She is a keen and helpful student who loves to help others.



College Fete

Next Friday the 9th May is the College Fete. P-4 students will go over to the Library with their classroom teacher in the morning to buy a Mother’s Day gift. It would be greatly appreciated if students could have their Mother’s Day gift money in an envelope separate to their Fete day money. There will be NO Lunch orders on this day. Students can buy their lunch or bring their own lunch from home.

Year 3 / 4 Winter Sports at Boort

On Tuesday the 27th May the Winter sports will be held at Boort. This year we have students in Year 3 and 4 participating. Students will travel by bus and need to take morning tea and lunch with them. Students will be playing hockey, football, netball and newcombe. If you are able to help out on the day, contact Mrs. Harley.

At Home Artist Award

Ms. Saunders is calling for new entries for this term. Children are invited to start making and creating again. Students can give their artwork to the classroom teacher who will pass it on.

Years 9 - 12 News
Barry McKenzie, Coordinator

Year 10 Work Experience
Roster for Assistants at the Trots –
Friday, 9th May
St Arnaud Meeting

Dining Room at 9.00 am: Walsh Family

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

PRACTICE INTERVIEWS FOR YEAR 10b

10b are currently selecting a job advert which they would like to apply for, they then write out an application and resume, and then will be “interviewed” by a panel of people at the Charlton Valley Resort on Tues May 27th. Students will have a schedule to follow and will only miss class time for their own interview. Students should attend this interview in appropriate clothing. (ie They need to bring along to school a change of clothing.) After the interview, each student will be given a video of their interview to analyse and make suggestions how they could improve.

USE OF PRIVATE STUDY PERIODS

Following on from the Parent-student-teacher interviews last night, it has become obvious that some students (Years 11 & 12) are not using their Private Study periods at school effectively. These periods are available for students to perform set work, catch up with teachers and do any revision that might be necessary. They should never be able to say they have no work to do. Revision is an essential part of study, and even if the classroom teacher has not specifically set “Revision” students should be mature enough to re read, summarise or simply review notes and questions. I often ask students to return to a classroom and do some work instead of wandering the corridor. We may need to think about the idea of all students “reporting” to a specific room for their private study periods.

Parents' Club News

Firstly, thank you those people who have kindly donated goods for the Fete and that list is now complete. We had our meeting on Tuesday 29th April. At this meeting the biggest topic of discussion was the Fete and finalizing all the last minute things like a map, donations of goods, helpers.

The following are suggested items for donations for stalls. Also note where to deliver them and at what time:

Sweets:-

Honey joys, chocolate crackles, homemade chocolates, fudges, chocolate spiders
Deliver to the stall under the verandah near the office by 11.30 am

Cake Stall:-

Cup cakes, sponges – all varieties, slices, quiches, sausage rolls, jelly cakes/lamingtons
Deliver to the school canteen by 11.00 am

Produce:-

Lemons/oranges, passion fruit, fresh eggs, sauces or jams etc
Deliver to the school canteen by 11.00 am

Mothers Day:-

Lavender bags, bath salts, homemade cards, pot holders, door stops, scented candles
Deliver to the Library by 3.00 pm Thursday 8th May.

REMINDER for those that have not returned their raffle tickets and money - please do so by Wednesday May 7th 2008.

With that reminder we are also looking for helpers to sell raffle tickets down the street on Wednesday May 7th at these times:-

10.30am-11.30am - Tracey Coughlin

11.30am-12.30pm ????

2.30pm-3.30pm ????

3.30pm-4.30pm ????

Please if you can do this let Bev know on

54911749: your time will be greatly appreciated.

Parents Club Goals & Achievements

All of our fundraising money (ie Catering & Mother's Day Fete) goes towards bettering OUR school.

Following is an example of previous projects and donations for equipment.

- Electronic white boards throughout the school.
- Skeleton (P.E)
- Blinds in Room 21
- Lab Coats (Science)
- Numeracy & Literacy computer programs
- Kiln repair (Art)
- Easels (Art)
- Listening Post (P-4)

Also every year the Parents Club provides new students with their school hats free of charge. This year money has been earmarked for helping with the costs of the canteen makeover and the new shade area.

Of course there's always a need for money to improve our children's education. New parents are always welcomed and needed. Whether it's helping make sandwiches for our healthy lunch days, or making craft items or a cake for the fete, it's all greatly appreciated.

Remember, ALL the money we raise goes back into the school. It's YOUR school & YOUR Parents Club, become Pro-Active!!!

Marlene Townsend, President

Community News

Discussion Invitation

The North Central Local Learning and Employment Network (LLEN) would like to invite any interested parents and community members to join them in a discussion that will inform their response to the current 'Blueprint for Early Childhood Development and school Reform'.

The key paper being addressed by the North Central LLEN is the 'School Reform discussion paper'.

A copy of this paper is available through the following Website.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/directions/blueprint2008/papers.htm>

There are 8 focus questions contained in the 'School Reform' document and we are keen to ensure that these are addressed with the key needs of local/rural education in mind.

A round-table discussion will take place at **10 am Monday 5th May East Charlton Hotel. A light lunch will be provided at the conclusion of the discussion.**

Please RSVP by noon Friday 2nd May for catering purposes to the LLEN office on 5491 1144

Please contact Jerri Nelson via the LLEN office if you have any further enquiries.

Thankyou

Junior Football, Hockey & Netball Clubs

A BBQ will be held tonight, Thursday 1st May after training.

St Martin's Anglican Church Garden Party

Friday, 2nd May (tomorrow) at 11.30 am

In the Rectory Gardens

Cakes, plants, craft, trash & treasure

Light Lunch

ALL WELCOME

Dream Tree

"An acoustic duo with a relaxed style playing an eclectic mix of music"

Appearing at

Charlton Senior Citizens

Sunday, 4th May at 7.00 pm

Entry by Donation

Charlton Preschool together with Charlton Maternal Child Health Centre / Playgroup is holding a "TRADE NIGHT" Friday, 16th May at 7.30 pm St Joseph's Hall

Stalls include:

- Handbags - House to Home Decorating
- Jewellery - Charlton Newsagency
- Tupperware
- Imagine educational toys
- Nutrimitics
- Shoes - Boots 'n' All
- Sketch Kids Clothing
- Scrapanalia - Scrap products

Supper provided. All welcome!!

Food Handlers Course

Thursday, 22nd May

9.00 am - 1.00 pm

\$75.00

Food Supervisors Course

Thursday, 22nd May

9.00 am - 4.00 pm

\$110.00

Enrol today!

Wycheproof Community Resource Centre

Ph: 5493 7455

Charlton Ladies Auxiliary Kiosk Roster

3rd May V's Wycheproof / Narraport

8.30 am: OPENERS: Vikki Stevens & Kathy Mulquiny

9.00 am - 1.00 pm: Lollies/Drinks: Tracey Mulquiny & Laura Whykes; Pies: Gail O'Connor & Erin McGurk; Chips: Tracey Coughlin

11.00 am - 2.00 pm: Kerry Addlem, Jacinta Holmes-Brown & Marie Byrne

1.00 - 4.30 pm: Lollies/Drinks: Maddy Stevens & Kiara Perry; Pies: Nicole King & Lisa Bruns; Chips: Chris Livingston & Jolanda Epskamp

SOUP: Vikki Stevens (Pumpkin)

Kathy Mulquiny (Vegie)



The footy season has begun and Auskick is on the way.

The season starts next Thursday the 8th May 2008.

Sessions will run every Thursday until the end of second term from 4.30pm until 5.30pm. There may also be some further activities in Third Term. We have indoor activities arranged for wet weather nights.

The enrolment price is \$42 for the 2008 season; however the Charlton Football Senior and Junior committees are again subsidising this by \$22, so the cost to each individual will be \$20. Included in this price the children will receive a backpack filled with fabulous footy goods including a football for them to practice with at home.

The backpacks are here and will be handed out when payment is received on the first evening. Registrations will be taken from 4.00pm near the "Brad Scoreboard".

On the first evening there will be a complimentary barbeque sponsored by the National Australia Bank to welcome all the new players and their families. On the first Thursday of every month we have again been invited to share the barbeque with the other junior sports people.

For any further queries please contact:

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