



PARENTS' BULLETIN – 2008
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Calendar of Events

TERM 3

August

Fri	22 nd	Free Healthy Winter Lunch – Whole School
Fri	22 nd	VSSSA Badminton Final Yrs 11 & 12
Mon	25 th	Gr 3 / 4 Cave Hill Creek Camp begins
Mon	25 th	Prep Late Stay
Wed	27 th	Cave Hill Creek Camp concludes
Thurs	28 th	Careers Expo Yr 10 - Charlton Park
Fri	29 th	P – 6 House Athletics (<i>note the change of date</i>)

September

Wed	3 rd	Calder Athletics (P-6) at Boort
Mon	8 th	Yr 9 Grampians Camp commences
Wed	10 th	Yr 9 Grampians Camp concludes
Mon	15 th	School Council Meeting at 7.30 pm
Wed	17 th	Year 3 / 4 at Environmental Festival in Wycheproof
Wed	17 th	VSSSA Badminton Final Yrs 7/8 Boys
Thurs	18 th	VSSSA Badminton Final Yrs 7/8 Girls
Fri	19 th	End of Term 3 – 2.30 pm finish

TERM 4

October

Mon	6 th	Start of Term 4
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November

Mon	3 rd	School Council Holiday
Tues	4 th	School Council Holiday

From the Principal
John Harley

Dear Parents, Staff and Students

New Exchange Student

We have welcomed a new exchange student to our school which continues a long tradition at Charlton. Camila Turillo is from Brazil and we extend a warm welcome to her and trust that she will enjoy her time with us. Camila is being hosted by three of our school families in the early stages of her exchange which will be very good.

Primary Athletic Sports

These will be held at school on Friday August 29th, commencing at about 12 noon. A warm welcome is extended to all families to come and cheer on the students. As is the normal practice, St Joseph's students join us for this event.

Lions Youth of the Year

The Lions Club each year conduct their Lions Youth of the Year competition which is a state and national competition, but starts at the local level. Students need to be between 16 and 19 years of age and are required to undergo a short interview and answer general knowledge questions, deliver a prepared 5 minute talk and answer impromptu questions from a panel. The school is looking for interested students to enter this competition. We had interest at the start of the year and the Lions Club are wanting to conduct the first round of the 2009 competition later this year instead of in February. Please see Mr Harley or Mr McKenzie if you are interested.

Parent opinion Survey

It is time for the annual Parent Opinion Survey which is administered by the school on behalf of the Education Department. Along with the Student and staff surveys it provides the Department and our own school with essential feedback on the performance of the school. Approximately 40 families are chosen at random by our administration computer and the survey will be sent out with this newsletter and if you receive a survey we ask that you accept the important responsibility to provide this feedback and return the form promptly to the office. There is a tear off slip on the envelope provided which we must tear off when we receive it and the unopened envelope is returned to Melbourne to be processed. We receive the report in October. The survey covers a number of aspects of what happens at school and I provide a summary of these areas and some details of what we do in each:

School improvement – we are continually striving to improve facilities – new music room, canteen, drought tolerant grass for the oval, synthetic grass area planned for the outside basketball court.

We have developed a new program for Year 7/8 in the last 2 years and are continually reviewing our programs

Approachability - our sub-school leaders and Principal class are regularly contacted by parents. We hold many information sessions, have many parent helpers in classrooms and many parents attend P-4 assemblies etc.

Teacher performance - teachers are constantly undergoing professional development to improve their teaching; VCE results in 2007 ranked us third amongst all government schools.

Parent input – parent helpers, Parents' Club, involvement on School Council

Student learning – wide range of resources including a very high ratio of students to computers, videoconferencing, new Room 21

Behaviour management and classroom behaviour - clearly understood class and school rules that are constantly being reinforced; dedicated sub-school leaders.

Reporting – use of reporting system that is now common to all state and Catholic schools

Transitions – not a real issue for a P-12 college, but is addressed at Prep, Year 5 and Year 7 in particular.

Extra curricular – Active After School Program, computers available at lunchtime, other lunchtime programs in the stadium, camps and excursions across the school, exchange with a Melbourne school, instrumental music program.

Student safety – anti-bullying program conducted as part of curriculum, solving the jigsaw program, new Chaplain, improved service from our psychologist and social worker.

Student connectedness, motivation and social skills – Advocacy program, Chaplain, values and contact and other personal learning programs, Advance, camps and excursions program, programs to challenge students.

School Council

At Monday night's meeting the following issues were discussed or decisions made:

- approval for the Year 9 Grampians excursion, Grade 3/4 Cave Hill Creek camp and Grade 1/2 sleepover
- request to Parents Club to provide a morning tea for our SSO's (non teaching staff)
- discussion of ways to improve the attendance at Parent Club meetings – whilst acknowledging that many more parents (especially mothers are now working)

- adopted the Steering Committee's recommendations for the review of the North Central Cluster
- approved holidays to correspond with the Melbourne Cup long weekend – Monday and Tuesday, November 3rd and 4th
- organised a special School Council meeting on September 2nd for a workshop on the selection process for a new Principal for our school.

John Harley
Principal

Primary House Aths on Friday, 29th August

Parent helpers for the House Athletics sports on Friday August 29th.

Many thanks to all parents who have volunteered their assistance to make the House Sports viable.

Sprints: A. Padgett & Kim Fitzpatrick

Discuss: K. Cossar & Kylie Fitzpatrick

Long Jump: K. Wishart & S. Verhey-Avis

Shot put: T. Andrews & N. Cashin

High jump: S. Thompson & J. Holmes-Brown

Hurdles: St Joseph's parents

Long distance: St Joseph's parents

Recorder's table: C. Olive

Please report to the recorder's table for your information folder at 12:15pm

Primary Interschool Athletics

Information about the Interschool athletics to be held in Boort has been sent home to families this week.

Please make sure that you read the information and return the permission form by Friday 29th August.

School Dental Service

The School Dental Service is based in Boort and is provided by a team of qualified and experienced Dentists and Dental Therapists. The School Dental Service offers dental care to all primary aged children and eligible adolescents in Years 7 & 8 whose families have a concession card. The service is free for children of families who hold a current health care or pensioner card. Non-concession cardholders pay a fee of \$27.50 per child (maximum \$110 per family) which includes a dental examination and all general treatment.

Appointments for this service can be made on 5455 2306.

Student Services: Jenny Ritchie-Coordinator

Tomorrow the College will be providing a free healthy lunch for all students. These occasions have been successful in the past in bringing the College together as a community to share something special. It also focuses students on the importance of healthy eating. This term the P-4 students have been studying "Food" as a theme and so it fits nicely with their studies as well.

We are aware that some students attend NCCC on Fridays so we are planning to have another free lunch in the future to make sure that all students have the benefit of this service.

Students will need to bring food for recess as usual. The canteen will be open at recess but closed at lunchtime to encourage students to partake of the healthy offerings being made.

We hope that students will make the most of this opportunity. The food will be provided by the Parents Club. The hospitality students will be preparing the soup and the whole event is funded by Drought Assistance money so this is truly a team effort.

Years Prep – 4 News

Student of the Week: *Apryl Start*

She is a great role model for others and has consistent work habits.



Values Winners From Last Week: *Enthusiasm*

Prep / One: **Shantelle King**

Two: **Matty Thompson**

Three / Four: **Melina Jablonka**

Value For This Week: *Generosity*

Responsible Citizens: Years 3 / 4

Cool Cat: Years 3 / 4

NO Assembly Next Monday

There will be NO assembly on Monday as the Year 3 / 4 students, Miss Donaldson & Mrs Curnow will be heading off on camp.

Prep Late Stay

Next Monday 25th August our Prep students will participate in the Late Stay. Prep students will stay after school from 3.30 – 5.00pm. Students will have afternoon tea provided by the College and participate in a variety of games and activities.

Healthy Lunch

Tomorrow (Friday 22nd), the Parents' Club is providing a healthy lunch for all P-12 students. This is a **free lunch**. The students will have a choice of tomato or chicken and corn soup served with a crusty bread roll. Fruit platters will also be provided for the P-4 Students. If you would like to pack something extra for your child's lunch, then you are most welcome to do so. There will be **NO CANTEEN ORDERS**.

Athletic Sports

Our House Sports are to be held on Friday the 29th August at the College oval starting at 12.30pm. Notes have already been sent home informing the students of their house and colour of the tee-shirt recommended to wear if they have one.

Cave Hill Creek

We wish all our Year 3 / 4 students and staff all the very best for their camp starting next Monday.

Years 5 - 8 News
Judy Stanley, Coordinator

Meals on wheels roster - Monday 1st - Friday 5th

September

Monday: Annette Padgett
Tuesday: Jacinta Holmes-Brown
Wednesday: Interschool Sports
Thursday: Sue Walsh
Friday: Kylie Fitzpatrick

Please arrive to the College at 11:30 am to collect the students.

Primary School Athletics Sports practice:

Friday 22nd August: Cossar family

Years 9 -12 News
Barry McKenzie, Coordinator

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Some students will be bringing forms home; please ask regularly if there are any in school bags, because they need to be returned as soon as possible.

Year 10 VCE SELECTIONS

Year 10s should hand in their selections for 2009 subjects to Mr Stanley tomorrow at the latest. The sheet should have signatures of all teachers whose subjects the student wishes to do next year. Several students have said they are not returning next year. If the students want their ideas taken in to account, they need to hand this sheet in.

YEAR 11 SUBJECTS FOR 2009

In form assembly yesterday, students were asked to confirm their subjects for 2009. This allows the College to get a clearer picture of what is needed next year.

TERTIARY STUDY NEWS

University night last night

The University of Ballarat presented a night which included lots of information relevant to all universities. Amongst other information was a list of websites of interest. These are listed below, and are well worth a look for anyone considering university life. There were many other issues discussed at the night that were relevant to anyone interested in Tertiary Education. Next week I will put a more detailed outline in the newsletter. In 2009 I will encourage all parents of Years 10, 11 and 12s interested in going on to tertiary education to attend; it was a really worthwhile night, especially for parents who like to keep up with what their children are thinking they would like to do.

Going to uni website: www.goingtouni.gov.au

Centrelink: www.centrelink.gov.au

Scholarships www.ballarat.edu.au/scholarships

Accommodation www.ballarat.edu.au/accommodation

Australian Catholic University (ACU) has an Early Achievers Program. This allows students to gain early entry (prior to ENTER being considered) by providing evidence of involvement in community activities as well as commitment to their studies. Go to www.acu.edu.au or ask BMcK

UB (University of Ballarat) Has a similar program called Regional Education Entry Program. This is also an early entry scheme where the students past performances and motivation in studies is taken into account. Go to www.ballarat.edu.au or ask BMcK

OPEN Day season is upon us - many students have already been to some. If your child has any ideas of going on to tertiary study, they should be considering going to the appropriate open days. There is funding for some subsidies for this travel as mentioned in the last two newsletters.

Years 10, 11 or 12 and interested in Science or Engineering?

The ASMV is a twelve day tour of Victoria and Tasmania (10th - 21st January 2009) visiting mine sites, mineral processing plants, geological locations, research laboratories and university facilities. The aim is to introduce students to professional careers within the minerals industry, and of course, to promote the corresponding courses on offer through the School of Science and Engineering at UB and other Australian universities. Students will meet and spend time onsite with a range of young metallurgists, geologists, engineers and environmental scientists. They will have an unprecedented opportunity to talk to these people about their responsibilities, training and career paths and in so doing, gain an invaluable insight into each role. The ASMV provides an excellent opportunity for students to see the link between classroom science and the technologies and processes employed in a significant world-wide industry.

For more information, visit the University of Ballarat Website http://www.ballarat.edu.au/ard/sci-eng/other_services/hotspot/asmv.shtml .
 or on the AusIMM website at <http://www.ausimm.com.au/content/default.aspx?ID=157>

or see BMcK

Note that applications close on 19th September 2008

JOB VACANCIES

For more information see BMcK or look in the resources folder on the server, or ring Jessica Tysing at WORKCO Limited Ph: 5381 6200
<http://www.workco.com.au/>

Job Title	Town	Contact	Closing Date
Warehouse Traineeship	Melbourne	Deena Sleiman	22 nd August 2008
Warehouse Traineeship	Melbourne	Deena Sleiman	22 nd August 2008
1st Year Apprentice Auto (Light Vehicle) Mechanic	Melbourne	Deena Sleiman	22 nd August 2008
Apprentice Carpenter	Melbourne	Deena Sleiman	22 nd August 2008
Apprentice Cabinet Maker	Melbourne	Deena Sleiman	22 nd August 2008
Bricklaying Apprenticeship	Melbourne	Deena Sleiman	22 nd August 2008
1 st or 2 nd Year Apprentice Light Vehicle Mechanic	Melbourne	Deena Sleiman	22 nd August 2008
General Maintenance Traineeship	Horsham	Chris Perry	29 th August 2008
Sports & Recreation Traineeship	Stawell	Chris Perry	29 th August 2008

MIPS TIPS – Interested in School Based Apprenticeships?

There are opportunities for students to undertake vocational training while at school – this includes Australian School Based Apprenticeships (ASBAs). There are many ways to be job-ready by the time you leave school – with combinations of VCE/VET/VCAL and ASBA – each school will have their own combinations available. **But you have to be organised and YOU need to be talking to your parents and your teachers about options NOW!**

You will also need to find an employer. Make the most of what's available. If you are in Year 10 and interested in finding out about an Australian School based Apprenticeship (ASBA), or Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) placements, or just need clarification on options, be a part of your school's subject selection process, speak to your Teachers or MIPS Co-ordinator. Start your research now:
www.aajobpathways.com.au

VCAL – Student Profiles

Sarah Stuart

Sarah is completing her Intermediate VCAL in conjunction with a VET program- Certificate II & III in Community Services. She completes her VCAL studies at Charlton College on Monday, Tuesdays & Fridays. As part of her VET program she completes Work Placement at Charlton College on Wednesdays working in the Prep/Yr 1 room with Mrs. Maxwell. Sarah attends NCCC on Thursday for her VET program. Sarah is planning on completing her Senior VCAL certificate in 2009. Her aim is then to work in the childcare field when she leaves school. Sarah completed a week at a childcare centre as part of her Year 10 Work Experience Program in Melbourne last year.

Below: Sarah checking work in the P/1 classroom



Riely Thiesz

Riely is completing his Intermediate VCAL in conjunction with a VET program - Certificate II in Building Construction. He attends Charlton College on Monday, Tuesdays & Fridays and his VET program on Thursday, which is delivered from the NCCC. He is participating in Work Placement in Charlton on Wednesdays and is working for R & L Good in the building industry. Riely is unsure of where he will end up in relation to his career, but at this stage is keen to leave school. He was also fortunate to spend a week with Peter Noonan in the building trade as part of his Yr 10 Work Experience Program in 2007.

Below: Riely using his building skills.



Community News

Live at the Rex

Sue Ingleton is one of Australia's iconic actors and comedians. Her latest show "The First Step on a Tram is Hell" – from a sell-out season at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, and the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, will be staged at the Charlton Rex Theatre on Sunday, 24th August at 2.00 pm.

Don't miss this rare opportunity to see Sue's worldclass show locally.

Admission: \$20.00; student concession \$15.00

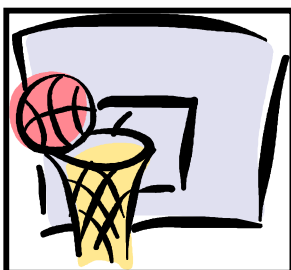
Bookings: 5491 2333 (Theatre) or 5491 1351.

Regional Arts Victoria is proud to present 'Nothing Happens by Magic', a series of one-day seminar workshops in regional Victoria. Learn about the professional touring system, funding, audience development, marketing on a small budget and much, much more!

The Charlton Valley Resort
Sunday 31st August
10.00 am – 4.00 pm
\$10 for RAV members
\$15 for non-members

Basketball –
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The first bounce of the ball will be happening soon!! (Commences on Monday, 6th October.) Put your name down on the lists on the noticeboards at school or at the Office. Children in Grade 3 in 2009 and upwards can commence basketball.



Parents with Teenagers

Free Workshop
Dr Michael Carr-Greg
Wedderburn Golf Club
Monday, 15th September
At 6.30 pm
Bookings essential on 5494 3489

1st Charlton Scout Group
AGM

Thursday, 28th August at 8.00 pm
at the Scout Hall
Public most welcome to attend
Gordon Risk - Secretary

Level 1 Sports Trainers Course

Seeking numbers for Level 1 Sports Trainers course (including Advance Taping) in early 2009 in the Buloke Shire. Venue to be decided once numbers received.

Will only be conducted if sufficient numbers. Ideal for all sports.

Contact: Rhonda Allan, Mallee Sports Assembly, Wycheproof. Ph 54937796 Email: rhonda@malleesportsassembly.org.au

Charlton Junior Football Club

1. **Under 16 team photo** – this will be taken in the rooms before the game next Saturday at St Arnaud. Parents wishing to take a photo should be there.
2. **Roster for this week**
Under 13: Goal Umpire - D McCallum
Timekeeper: P Stankovic

Under 16: Goal Umpire - T Sait
Timekeeper – D Parkinson

GRAIN CENTRE HARVEST CASUALS

AWB GrainFlow Pty Ltd is seeking applications from people interested in casual employment for the 2008/2009 harvest period.

Positions include grain samplers, administrators and labourers at their Charlton grain centre.

AWB GrainFlow Grain Centres are state of the art grain storage and handling facilities, delivering a fast and efficient professional service to grain growers.

Experience in the grain storage industry is an advantage but not essential. You must be able to work flexible hours and various shifts. Full training is provided for all positions. Please note that applicants must be 16 years of age by the 31st December, 2008.



AWB GrainFlow Pty Ltd is an equal opportunity employer.

Information sessions will be held for each site for prospective employees. Please contact Jeanette Watson at jeanette.watson@awb.com.au or SMS or call 0428 394 455 to apply for these roles.

