



PARENTS' BULLETIN – 2009
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Calendar of Events

TERM 1 – 2009

March

Mon	16 th	College Council Meeting at 7.30 pm
Tues	17 th	School Photos
Thur	19 th	Cyberbullying for Parents 7.30 pm
Fri	20 th	Nthn Zone Swimming – Swan Hill
Wed	25 th	House Aths: Years 5 – 12
Wed	25 th	Cyberbully Presentation at 7.30 pm

April

Fri	3 rd	End of Term 1: 2.30 pm finish
Mon	20 th	Term 2 commences
Thur	23 rd	Interschool Aths at (venue to be confirmed)
Sat	25 th	ANZAC Day

From the Principal
Amanda Hubber

Badge Conferral Ceremony

On Wednesday we conducted a full school assembly to formally welcome the 2009 Prep students to the College and to confer badges on the 2009 student leaders. The welcome to the incoming preps was conducted by the Year 12 students as the senior members of the student body with a special responsibility to model care and responsibility for all students. Student leadership positions for 2009 were conferred on the following students:

Junior House Captains:

Browne: Karri McKee & Lachlan Holmes-Brown
Merrylees: Tessa Fitzpatrick & Nathan King
Nicholson: Nicole Walsh & Justin Olive

Senior House Captains

Browne: Alister Harley & Holly Mulquiny
Merrylees: Corey Tonkin & Kate Hannigan
Nicholson: Anthony Tatchell & Tahnee Perry

Years 7 - 12 Sports Captains:

Tahnee Perry & Anthony Tatchell

SLC Representatives

P – 4 Megan Peverill & Jed Thompson
Year 5/6 Tessa Fitzpatrick & Karri McKee
Year 7 Gil McKenzie
Year 8 Sam Fahey & Kieran Sait
Year 9 Angela Tatchell
Year 10 Laura Stuart
Year 11 Corey Tonkin
Year 12 Anthony Tatchell

College Captains:

P-4: Megan Peverill & Jed Thompson
5-8: Megan Bruns & Mathew Peverill
9-12: Lauren Watts & Alister Harley

Year 12 Students

Kelsey Fitzgerald, Alister Harley, Kate Hannigan, Harley McGrath, Angus McKenzie, Holly Mulquiny, Tahnee Perry, Sarah Stuart, Anthony Tatchell, Camila Tirilli, Lauren Watts

Students Leaders are making a special contribution to the school community through their leadership work; it is an important responsibility on behalf of all students and we recognise them for their contribution to the school.

I would like to thank our presenters Kaylene Cossar, Marlene Townsend, Barry McKenzie, Judy Stanley and Lois Curnow and all parents/guardians and friends who attended the ceremony. I would also like to thank Barry McKenzie and the School Captains for their work in planning and running the assembly.

1:1 Netbook Pilot

The computers have arrived in the school and are undergoing setup. They will be gradually introduced to the 5/6 class over the next weeks. An information session for parents of the 5/6 class and interested others will be held later this term as details of the program are finalised. A number of staff at Years 5-7 have attended Department professional development related to the program in recent days. Staff will undertake additional professional development as the pilot is implemented.

School Photos

Don't forget – next Tuesday, 17th March.

Portsea Camp for 9 – 12 year olds

Would any 9 – 12 year olds like a week at the seaside? If so, Marg Batters, St Arnaud Rotary Club (Ph: 5495 1206) is interested to hear from you. The cost of the holiday is \$230 and numbers are required by 20th March.

Years Prep – 4 News

Student of the Week: Cobi Fitzpatrick

Cobi continues to work hard in the areas of reading, writing, spelling & mathematics. Cobi has produced pleasing results in all of these areas.



Values Winners From Last Week: **Personal Best**

Prep / One: **Krystal Trueman**

Two/Three: **Stephanie Freestone**

Three / Four: **Trent Cossar**

Value For This Week: **Honesty**

Cool Cat: **Year Prep & 1**

Apple Slinky Machines

Our P-4 sub school leaders wrote a letter to the Parents' Club at the start of the school year requesting them to purchase two apple peeling machines. The Parents' Club was happy to supply us with the machines. All P-4 students will be able to have apples or pears peeled at recess for their morning snack.

Australia in Concert

All our P-4 students have spent time this term working on our "Australia" unit. As part of this unit we have decided to host a theme day on **Thursday 26th March**. On this day the students can come dressed in Australia themed clothes, such as green and gold, Tee-shirt with Aussie logo, or the red, blue & white colours of our flag. The students will do a variety of art/craft activities, tabloid team sports and a concert in the afternoon. The concert will **start at 2.15pm** and will be held in the **new Music room**. All family and friends are welcome to attend this concert.

Years 5 - 8 News Judy Stanley, Coordinator

Cybersafety

An invitation is extended to all parents and friends of the College to attend an information session on safe use of mobile phones and the internet.

Many stories are heard about predators on the internet and parents worry about sites their child can access. Some parents may have already experienced their child receiving calls of an inappropriate nature and have concerns about their child's use of their mobile phone. Roberta Barry has some practical and useful tips for you.

Roberta is attached to Community Police in Swan Hill where her key role is to provide information to community groups and in this case on cybersafety.

The session will be held on Wednesday 25th March at 7.30 pm. in room 21.

Impro Zone

Year 5-8 students were treated to a highly talented group of performers today. The group, Impro Zone, are one of the shows that tour regional schools as part of the "arts 2 go" program. Due to a cancellation at another school, we had the offer on very short notice. Impro demonstrate teamwork, communication and cooperation through a variety of theatre sport activities that involve the audience. It is fast paced and a whole lot of fun! Hopefully we will have photos next week.

Student Wellbeing Jenny Ritchie, Coordinator

The following article appeared in an electronic newsletter called 'Grog Watch' in February 2009.

CAUTION URGED ON UNDERAGE DRINKING

Last week *The Sunday Age* reported that the new NHMRC alcohol guidelines soon to be released will suggest people under 18 avoid drinking any alcohol as there is no safe level of drinking for them. Many people are likely to reject this advice because it reverses an Australian custom of introducing adolescents to alcohol. Often parents try to avoid the "forbidden fruit syndrome" where young people are attracted to do what is prohibited and there is a view that allowing children to drink at an early age will reduce heavy drinking later.

Coincidentally Britain's Chief Medical Officer announced similar guidelines, recommending that children under 15 never be given alcohol and, between the ages of 15-17, drink only small amounts under supervision of a parent or carer in a controlled environment. The CMO gave the following 5 tips to help parents prevent alcohol problems in their family.

1. **Establish family values on alcohol:** Lead by example. Avoid exposing children and young people to family situations, behaviours and environments where drinking is the central activity.

2. **Educate and inform:** Make children aware from an early age of the damage to body and health caused by early or excessive use of alcohol.
3. **Set Boundaries:** Establish the norm that childhood and adolescence should be alcohol-free. Make clear that drink parties, clandestine drinking and getting drunk are not acceptable.
4. **Encourage positive alternatives:** Encourage young people to pursue positive social interests.
5. **Challenge stereotypes:** Take opportunities to dispel the attractive images of alcohol consumption. Getting drunk is not a fun activity and heavy drinkers are not heroic.

Research into the long-term effect of underage drinking is equivocal as some indicates underage drinking may increase the risk of harmful drinking later, and other findings suggest early introduction can reduce such risks. However a consensus is forming that drinking under 15 is to be avoided, and above 15 young people should drink at minimum levels, avoid regular drinking, and avoid being intoxicated.

Geoff Munro
National Policy Officer
Australia Drug Foundation

Years 9 - 12 News
Barry McKenzie, Coordinator

PREMIER'S ACTIVE FAMILY CHALLENGE

Prizes are available for families that take on the Premier's challenge to be active from March 8 – April 19. Lots to be won. Brochures available at the College office, or visit www.goforyourlife.vic.gov.au

WORKCO Apprenticeship and Traineeship Vacancies

Job Title	Town	Contact	Closing Date
Certificate III in Retail Traineeship	Stawell	Asha Hitchens	ASAP
Apprentice Concreter	Donald	Kate Clark	27/03/2009
Pharmacy Operations Trainee	Horsham	Brooke Janetzki	ASAP
Sewing (Textiles) Traineeship	Horsham	Chris Perry	13/03/2009
Business Administration Traineeship	Melbourne	Deena Sleiman	20/03/2009

FOOTY TIPPING STARTS NEXT WEEK! GET YOUR NAMES IN.

The AFL season is starting Thurs 26th, so if you are interested in this, \$20 will get you entry with prizes at the end of the season. You can enter your tips by email (Charlton.co@edumail.vic.gov.au), fax (54 911 703) or in person to the College each week. Please ask a Year 10 student or BMcK for further details.

For extra info ask BMcK, access the server on Resources/JOB VACANCIES, or contact **Jessica Tyshing** WORKCO Limited Ph: 53 816200 Email:

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MIPS TIPS – August is Open Day Season

Although August seems like ages away, it's a good idea to start planning to attend some Open Days this year. **MARK THEM ON YOUR CALENDAR!** Open Days give students in Years **10, 11** and **12** the opportunity to look around a university or TAFE, suss out accommodation options and speak with staff and current students about courses. Most dates have already been announced to help with your planning: August 1st and 2nd **Monash University**, August 9th **Deakin (Geelong), RMIT, Gordon TAFE, Victoria University**, August 16th **ACU (Melb), Deakin (Warrnambool), La Trobe (Bendigo), Swinburne, Melbourne Uni**, August 23rd **Deakin (Melb), La Trobe (Albury/Wodonga)**, August 30th **ACU (Ballarat), Ballarat Uni, La Trobe (Bundoora)**. Additional dates are available from your MIPS Coordinator. If two or more institutions that interest you are open on the same day, speak to your MIPS Coordinator to make alternative arrangements.

Community News



**THE
CHARLTON BASKETBALL
ASSOCIATION INC.
AGM - CRISIS MEETING**

**will be held on Tuesday March
17th 2009 commencing @ 7.30 p.m.
at the Stadium.**

**Everyone is urged to attend!!!
Please come along & support this
second attempt to hold an AGM as
we need new faces with new ideas
to keep our club going!!!! *Lack of
support may see the Club go
into recession for 12 months!!*
Barry McKenzie (President)**