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## Dates to remember

### March

- Mon 16<sup>th</sup> - Yr 10 G/O trip, VCAL camp  
Fri 20<sup>th</sup> - Yr 9 EB Wonthaggi trip  
- Southern Zone Swimming  
Tues 24<sup>th</sup> - VCE Vis Comm  
Wed 25<sup>th</sup> - Yr 9 Surf & Turf

### April

- Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
Parent Teacher Interviews  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - DEB BALL.  
End of Term 1 - 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Term 2 commences Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

**Interruptions to camps program-** A lot of our planned camping and outdoors activities have had to be postponed over the last 5 weeks due to the extreme weather situation. I ask for your forbearance over the rest of the term as these activities will need to be rescheduled; often at short notice. Please contact the organizing teacher if the re-scheduled date causes issues.

**Diaries** A reminder that all students are expected to be taking a diary to every class. The diaries are a vital aid in communication between school and home, and are also an excellent tool to assist with time management. Please contact the relevant Year Level Coordinator if you have questions about school diary use.

**Parent /Teacher interviews** will be held in the school Gymnasium on Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4.30 pm till 7.30pm and on Friday from 10am till 1pm. Normal classes will not run on Friday to allow teachers the time to talk to students and parents. It is essential that all students attend the interviews with their parents to discuss what is going well in class, and also discuss areas for improvement with their teachers. Please make sure your child has their College Diary with them for these interviews. I look forward to meeting you at these interviews.

## Working with Children

Any parents who are hoping to attend excursions or camps or planning to work with students in any way are required to have a Working With Children check. Application forms can be obtained from the Post Office. There is no cost, however, a photo must be supplied. The WWC Check

Information Line and website can provide you with detailed information:

Website:

[www.justice.vic.gov.au/workingwithchildren](http://www.justice.vic.gov.au/workingwithchildren)

Information Line: 1300 652 879

**The Building Project-** With the end of term fast approaching we are nearing the completion of the Middle Years Building. To facilitate a smooth transition into term 2 we will need to put the following rooms out of action for the last week of school to get them prepared to be relocated to the Northern end of the Middle Years Building: H6, H7, H8, H9, H10, A2 and A3. We will be using some creative teaching spaces in that last week, starting the 30<sup>th</sup> of March, so expect the unexpected. All students are expected to attend the College for the entire week despite these interruptions to the normal program.

Andrew McIntosh  
Principal.

## eXeL CAMP:

eXeL camp has finally been able to be rescheduled to Monday 20<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April (the first week back of Term 2). Although I realise that this time is less than ideal, it is the only time that is available at this stage in the year. Tent groups will be reorganised over the next couple of weeks and permission slips with further details will follow ASAP.

## CAREER NEWS

**WHEN CAN I CHECK OUT UNIVERSITIES AND TAFE'S? OPEN DAYS.** held mainly in August, are one of the best opportunities. It is **important** that you visit institutions where you may wish to study. Some courses like **art, design, music, drama and related courses** can involve an **audition, interview and/or folio presentation** as part of the selection process, so attendance at Open Days is **VITAL**. During an **interview** you may be asked what you learned about the course at Open Day - a difficult question to answer if you didn't attend. The dates are provided **now**; put them **in your diary and treat them as a priority**.

### OPEN DAY DATES

- Sat 1 Aug - **Monash Uni** (some campuses - will be advised later)
- Sun 2 Aug - **Monash Uni** (some campuses - will be advised later)
- Sun 9 Aug - **Deakin Uni** (Geelong); **RMIT Uni/TAFE**; **Gordon TAFE**; **Victoria Uni/TAFE** (Footscray)
- Sat 15 Aug - **Holmesglen TAFE**
- Sun 16 Aug - **Aust. Catholic Uni** (Melbourne); **Deakin Uni** (Warrnambool); **LaTrobe Uni** (Bendigo); **Swinburne Uni/TAFE**; **Melbourne Uni**; **Sunraysia TAFE** (Swan Hill);
- Sun 23 Aug - **Box Hill TAFE**; **Deakin Uni** (Melb); **La Trobe Uni** (Albury/Wodonga)
- Sun 30 Aug - **Australian Catholic Uni** (Ballarat); **Ballarat Uni**; **La Trobe Uni** (Bundoora)

**WANT TO FIND OUT ABOUT COURSES AND CAREERS?** Then, CAREERS EXPOS are for you. Held annually, they provide opportunities for students/parents to collect information/advice at one location. Coming up soon:

- The **National Careers and Employment Expo** is a chance for Year 10 - 12 students to gain career pathway advice and to meet representatives from educational, government and corporate organisations. **When:** 9am-4pm, Fri 27 & Sat 28 March; **Where:** Melbourne Exhibition & Convention Centre; **Cost:** Free; **Info:** [www.eocexpo.com.au](http://www.eocexpo.com.au).
- 'The Age' **VCE and Careers Expo** will have over 150 exhibitors and 120 seminars on VCE subjects, study skills, tertiary courses and career advice. **When:** 24-26 April; **Where:** Caulfield Racecourse; **Cost:** \$10 (incl seminars and copy of 'Age'); **Info:** [www.education.theage.com.au](http://www.education.theage.com.au)

**DO CAREERS AT THE ZOO INTEREST YOU?**  
Programs available:

- 'Careers at the Zoo' will provide opportunities for students to meet Zoo employees in a range of departments, explore the educational and career paths in the zoo industry and give you skills to help land the job of your dreams. **When:** 9.30am-2.45pm, Wed 8, Thurs 9, Thurs 16, Fri 17, Thurs 23 and Fri 24 April; **Where:** Werribee Open Range Zoo; **Cost:** \$39.50 incl admission, safari tour, morning tea; **Info:** School career counsellor and [www.zoo.org.au/learning](http://www.zoo.org.au/learning).
- 'Keeper for a Day' - spend a day in the holidays working with zookeepers. **When:** 7, 8, 15, 16 April; 30 June, 1, 7, 8 July; 22, 23, 29, 30 Sept; **Where:** Healesville Sanctuary; **Bookings:** 5957 2818; **See:** [www.zoo.org.au/Learning/Programs/Student\\_Conferences/Careers](http://www.zoo.org.au/Learning/Programs/Student_Conferences/Careers); **Cost:** \$99
- 'Vet for a Day' Program (in term time); See above website.

**INTERESTED IN DESIGN AND WANT TO EARN \$\$\$\$\$?** Then, enter the **Law Week School Poster Competition**. The winning design will be used as the official poster to promote Law Week (11-17 May, 2009). Winning entries and commendations will be displayed at the Magistrates' Court of Victoria during Law Week. The competition encourages students to take a creative approach and challenge stereotypical representations of law and justice. **Prizes:** 1<sup>st</sup>: \$500 (student) and \$200 (their school); 2<sup>nd</sup>: \$200; 3<sup>rd</sup>: \$100, plus further prizes (see website); **Info:** [www.victorialawfoundation.org.au](http://www.victorialawfoundation.org.au) and go to Law Week and find Poster Competition for information and form; **Closing Date:** 13 March, 2009.

**DO YOU WANT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT MONASH UNI?** Monash University Gippsland is again running its popular "Uni Student for a Day" and "Uni Parent for a Day" program, which will take place on April 7 and 8, with later sessions to also take place on September 22, 23 and 24. Since its inception in 2005, the program has provided hundreds of secondary school students with the

opportunity to experience university life first hand, by partnering them with a current university student for a day to attend lectures, see university facilities, speak to staff and learn more about what it's like to study at university. Parents are also provided with information sessions and the opportunity to learn more about university through the "Uni Parent for a Day" program, which runs on the same dates. Please speak to Ms Burgess for a brochure and application form or visit [www.gippsland.monash.edu.au](http://www.gippsland.monash.edu.au) to download a copy. For more information, please call (03) 5122 6987

**WANT TO FIND OUT ABOUT MELBOURNE UNI?**

**Tuesday 24 March 2009**

**6.30pm - 8pm**

Esso BHP Billiton Wellington

Entertainment Centre

100 Foster Street

Sale

Meet Melbourne is a great opportunity to take a closer look at the study options available at the University of Melbourne.

**FIND OUT ABOUT:** Access Melbourne, the University's combined special entry and access scholarships scheme, the distinctive 'Melbourne Model' education system, Undergraduate courses and pathways into Melbourne, graduate programs, Admissions, entry requirements and pre-requisites for our courses, Scholarships, Career and graduate outcomes, Transition issues and Student Support services, Accommodation options, Overseas exchange opportunities, How to become involved with the University while still at school.

Places are limited, please register your attendance at:

[www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/meetmelbourne](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/meetmelbourne)

*Karen Burgess*

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## MUSIC NOTES

Hello everyone! I hope the term is going well for you. Well done to all students that have been making it to lessons and band rehearsals. Things seem to be going quite well this term. If you have been having trouble remembering a lesson time please come and ask me for help in reading timetables. If you have been having trouble attending band rehearsals please contact me - it may be possible to organise some sort of assistance.

I have been sending camp notices home with students over the last week or so. Concert Band have received them as have swing band and a few other students that might be interested. If you are in the music program and think you might be interested in the camp please come and see me. Please note that amendments will be made to the itinerary and quite possibly the cost. The deposit of \$100 needs to be paid ASAP to the front office. If you have any enquiries please contact me at the school.

Keep attending your lessons and rehearsals and enjoy your weekend.

*Caroline Monck, Music Coordinator*

## **We are proud of them .....**

### **The 12<sup>th</sup> Australian Masters Games**

The Australian Masters Games have been in operation since 1987. Melbourne hosted the games in 1995 and for the first time in Games history, Geelong hosted Australia's largest multisport festival from February 20<sup>th</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2009. The 12<sup>th</sup> Games hosted 70 sports and Toni Salvesson competed in the Equestrian sections, which were held at Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre. Competing in the disciplines of Dressage, Show Jumping and Combined Training Toni's and her young horse performed exceptionally well. Congratulations to them both for a third place in one Dressage section and a second in another Dressage test, and winning a Silver Medal. The Australian Master Games will return to Adelaide in 2011.

### **Twilight Swimming Carnival.**

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of February 2009 Maffra Secondary College had two students who entered the Twilight Swimming Carnival held at the Sale outdoor pool. Megan Raine, competed in the 17 and under girls and came first in the 50m Breaststroke 50m Backstroke and the 50m Freestyle. Megan broke 15 and under girls coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 50m Breaststroke and 50m Freestyle, Lily also competed in the 50m Backstroke coming 1<sup>st</sup>. Both girls swam personal best times and represented the school in a very good manner. With only having the two swimmers the girls managed to help the school come 4<sup>th</sup> out of 6 schools competing in the Twilight Swimming Carnival.

### **School Interschool Swimming Sports**

Maffra Secondary College sent a strong swimming team of 30 members to the interschool swimming competition on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May 2009. All students swam very well and represented the school in a very good manner. Highlights for the day were Ian Melrose breaking 3 East Gippsland records and the boys 12-13 year olds breaking the 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay. All students swam personal best times on the day. Maffra Secondary College finished with 4 swimmers winning their age groups. Several students stepped up and filled in for others so that all could still swim in the competition. Well done to all swimmers and all the best for the Southern Zone competition in Melbourne on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to Mr Hartley for starting, Bron Tebb and Mrs Kerton for acting as judges and Mr Scholes for managing the team. A big thank you to all the parents who travelled to Bairnsdale to cheer on our students

*Daniel Scholes*

### **Yr 8 Boys Cricket**

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> of February, Maffra Secondary College played Sale College at Maffra under the captaincy of Lachy Channing. Sale won the toss and put Maffra in to bat. After a slow start the run rate accelerated with Maffra finishing on 7/133 off 30 overs. Top scorers were Lachy Channing with 43, Jack Woodland with 18 and valuable contributions from Chris Bell, BJ Foster and Josh White. In reply Sale could only manage 9/115 with wickets well

spread around the team. Maffra now moves on to take on Orbost in the next round on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Good luck boys

### **Yr 8 Girls Cricket**

Maffra took on Sale at the Maffra ovals on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March. Batting first Sale made a competitive total of 120 off their allocated ovals. The girls bowled and fielded well to restrict Sale to this total. In reply Maffra made the score with more than 8 overs to go! The standouts for the day were Rachel Green and Danielle Adams with all others playing a valuable role. We wish the team all the best for the next round.

## **PARENTS' CLUB**

**Don't forget to return your Raffle tickets to the Main Office by the 30<sup>th</sup> March. Raffle will be drawn on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April.**

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**WANT A GAME OF NETBALL BUT DON'T HAVE A TEAM??**

**SALE NETBALL ASSOCIATION CAN HELP YOU!!**

The Sale Netball Association will be taking registrations for our Winter Saturday competition on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March between 2pm and 4pm.

**This year we will be taking the names of individual players who would like to play in the competition.** This is to cater for any girl who may want to play but who is not already in a team, or for new players to the district, or for those girls who may have missed out on a place in the football league teams. This option is only available to secondary students, or those who have left school.

Our aim is to ensure that all girls who would like to play can do so by participating in our competition on a Saturday afternoon. We will endeavour to place each player into a team in an appropriate age group or section, depending on the number of registrations received.

We will also continue to take team registrations as we have done in the past, but are adding this new option for those who are not part of a team and who would like to be placed in a team.

Junior registrations for all primary school players will be per team as normal.

Registration forms are available from the school office or from Rosemary at Lord's Newsagency in Raymond St, Sale. Forms must be returned by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

Further information can be obtained from Julie Riley on 51432444 or Rosemary.

THE BOISDALE-BRIAGOLONG FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB & BOISDALE RECREATION  
RESERVE COMMITTEE  
will hold a

## DRIVE-IN-MOVIE

at  
the Boisdale Football oval



on



## SATURDAY 21ST MARCH

Gates open at 6.30pm

Showing will be

### "BEDTIME STORIES" (PG)

With Adam Sandler, a movie for the whole family

Admission: \$20 per car or \$5 per person, Children  
under 5 years – free

(Includes lucky gate ticket)



BBQ tea and refreshments available

Popcorn for the kids / Tea & coffee

Join us for a fun night

Proceeds towards renovations of the kitchen facility at the Social Clubrooms

Enquiries to: Tina Howson

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