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March

Tues 24th - VCE Vis Comm

Wed 25th - Yr 9 Surf & Turf

April

Thursday April 2nd and Friday April 3rd,

Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday 3rd April - DEB BALL.

End of Term 1 - 3rd April

Term 2 commences Monday 20th April

20th - 24th Yr 9 Camp

School council meeting - 5th May

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

COLLEGE COUNCIL

The newly formed College Council for 2009 met for the first time this week. Welcome to new members Leslie McLean and Jenny Riboli. The President of the Council is once again Ginni Ross, with Helen McCullough Vice President and Treasurer Susanne Wilson.

ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report for the 2008 year for Maffra Secondary College was endorsed by College Council this week. Interested people can request a copy from the main office.

STAFFING

We are joined this week by Belinda Tricker and Carly Baxter. Belinda is teaching Maths with Mr Singh on leave, while Carly will be teaching VCE Psychology and also taking on the role of Year 12 Coordinator. We are very lucky to have two such capable teachers returning to our college.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent Teacher interviews will be held on Thursday the 2nd of April from 4.30 till 7.30pm, and on Friday the 3rd of April from 10am till 1pm. Normal classes obviously cannot run on Friday to ensure teachers are available for interviews. All students are expected to attend these interviews with their parents, and are expected to play an active role in the discussions on how to improve the quality of their work. Student diaries should be taken to the interviews. Students who need to attend school on Friday will be supervised and be asked to assist in getting the College prepared for term 2.

WE ARE PROUD OF THEM

Congratulations to Amy Foster and Sam Montague for speaking so well on ABC Radio this week about their project on Teenagers assisting in Emergency situations. It is great to see our young people representing the College so competently.

Andrew McIntosh
Principal

SCHOOL PHOTOS

All students should have received their photos this week. Any student who has not received their photo should speak with their Links teacher. Any parents who have problems with their child's photos should return the photos to Southern Cross Photos within 14 days to be eligible for a refund.

ID cards were given out today (Friday). These cards are used to borrow books from the library. All students must have one of these cards and they should be kept in the diary. Any student who loses their card will be charged \$5.00 for a replacement card.

Karen Milner
Acting Assistant Principal

MIDDLE YEARS NEWS

YEAR 8 CROSS-AGE TUTORING PROGRAM

As part of the College's Leadership Program for students, all Year 8 students have been invited to apply to participate in the Cross-Age Tutoring Program at Maffra Primary School during term 2 this year.

This program will involve Year 8 students working at one of the local Primary Schools every fortnight week in various classes. Duties may involve: listening to reading, assisting teachers with activities, and working with small groups of students on various literacy tasks. Supervising teachers will assess students each session, in the areas of cooperation, showing initiative, taking responsibility and following instructions.

The students will be absent from normal class for a maximum of a double period per fortnight and will be required to catch up on any missed work.

Only a limited number of students will be accepted into the program and the selection process will involve writing a letter of interest as well as an interview.

Students will be considered on their past behaviour, dedication to work and maturity.

An information letter outlining the program and the interview process will be given to interested students at the beginning of next term.

Interested students will be required to attend an interview and bring with them a letter outlining their experience and why they would like to part of the program.

"STUDENT OF THE MONTH" AWARDS

Many of our Year 7 parents may not be aware of our 'Student of the Month' awards. This award is presented at Middle Years Assemblies several times each term and recognises students who are putting in effort and achieving

success in various school activities. We encourage the students to be proud of their achievements and they should look after these certificates and keep them in a folio at home where they can add future awards over the years to come.

DUE WORK & PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

All students and parents are reminded that Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held at the end of the term. These interviews provide the opportunity for parents to meet with their child's subject teachers and to discuss their progress so far this year.

All classes are currently working to complete assessment tasks and students are expected to take responsibility in making sure that they are taking work home and are planning for their assessment tasks to be completed by the due date.

Parents – please assist your child by checking due dates in their diaries and working with them to plan their homework time effectively. If you have any concerns regarding your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher at school before the Parent/Teacher Interview sessions.

CAREER NEWS

The year is flying by already, heading towards the end of term 1!! There has been lots of information for students and parents in the newsletter, and I encourage everyone to take some time and keep in touch with opportunities to explore further study and careers.

REMINDERS>>>>>COMING SOON

- Melbourne Law Info Session: 6 for 6.30pm, Wed 18 Mar; Melbourne Law School, 185 Pelham St, Carlton; Reg'n: jd-law@unimelb.edu.au, ph 8344 8912; <http://jd.law.unimelb.edu.au/>
- Melbourne Uni Info Sessions: 19 Mar (Ballarat), 24 Mar (Sale); 25 Mar (Mentone), 6.30-8.00pm; **Info:** 1800 801 662 www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events/vic/
- Veterinary Science Open Day 10am-4pm, Sun 22 Mar, 250 Princes Hwy, Werribee; www.vet.unimelb.edu.au/openday/openday2009reg.html (Melbourne University)
- Parent Evening at Box Hill Institute; 6-9pm, **25 Mar**; www.boxhillinstitute.edu.au
- Careers & Employment Expo: **27-28 Mar**, Melbourne Exhibition & Convention Centre; Free; www.eocexpo.com.au
- Monash Uni: 'At Monash' series; Tues 31 Mar – **Science**; Wed 1 April – **Arts/Humanities**; see www.monash.edu.au/study/events
- Forensic Medicine: Career info. session at Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine, 57-63 Kavanagh St, Southbank; 12.30-4pm, **6 April**; www.vifm.org.

WANT TO STUDY A MEDICAL-RELATED COURSE IN 2010? If so, you may need to sit the **Undergraduate Medicine & Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT)**. This is used in the selection of students for certain Australian

degrees; eg Selection of students to study **medicine at Monash Uni.** involves a combination of ENTER, UMAT and interview; **pharmacy and physiotherapy at Monash** use the ENTER and UMAT. The UMAT test date for 2009 is **29 July**; **registrations open in April**. The **UMAT Information Booklet** will be available **ONLY** on line in **late March**. In the meantime, the UMAT 2008 Information Booklet and other information is at <http://umatweb.acer.edu.au>. NOTE: Some **University of Melbourne** courses which required the UMAT no longer do so as they are post-graduate entry under the 'Melbourne Model' (dentistry, medicine optometry, physiotherapy). The Bachelor of Oral Health still uses the UMAT. Consider applying **interstate** to increase your chances of securing a place in these competitive courses.

GOT A PASSION FOR ART AND DESIGN OR FILM AND TV? Want to know how to combine imagination, innovation and a creative mind with smart business sense as a career? Then go to **Swinburne** in the holidays and meet with teachers from their Art and Design/Film & TV courses. **When:** 9.30am-3.30pm, Thurs 7 April; **Where:** Swinburne (Prahran), 144 High St; **Cost:** Free, incl. lunch; **Register:** www.future.swinburne.edu.au/artanddesign/; **Contact:** Stephanie Yeoh for details, 9214 8298, spyeoh@swinburne.edu.au. Places limited.

WANT TO SEE LA TROBE UNIVERSITY (MELB)? Then try 'Talk and Tour'. For Yr 10-12's/families wanting to see the campus/facilities, explore courses, meet faculty rep's. **When:** 9.30am-12noon, 7 April (optional afternoon activities); **Where:** Glenn College, Plenty Rd, Bundoora; **Info:** 1300 135 045; **Bookings (essential):** www.latrobe.edu.au/study/events/talk-and-tour-2009.

INTERESTED IN THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE? Melbourne University is holding the 'Access All Areas' program, offering a personal look at the university. The day-long program includes the **Melbourne Model**, sessions covering how to get **into Melbourne, transition**, and campus **tours**. **When:** Fri 17 April; **Who:** Year 10-12 students/parents; **Cost:** Free; **Registration (essential)** from 16 March at www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events/vic/.

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MUSIC NOTES

Hello everyone! There is not much happening at the moment but any student that is planning on going on the camp is asked to get their form in ASAP. I really need to know numbers so that I can keep the people at the camp up-to-date. It is also vital that I know so that planning with Sale College about the running of the camp can be completed. An up-date will be sent out soon to all students and parents/guardians that are going so that you know what is going on.

If you haven't paid your instrumental music fees could you please do so by the end of this term. If your child has decided not to continue with lessons could you please also let me know so that we can up-grade our charge list at the office. Please contact me during school hours if you have any questions or concerns regarding music fees.

Well done to all students that have attended lessons and rehearsals consistently so far.

Enjoy your weekend,
Caroline Monck, Music Coordinator

Parents Club

Easter Egg Raffle - Please return money and tickets to the main office by Friday the 3rd of April as the raffle will be drawn at the Parent Teacher Interviews.



Bulb Drive - Please show Friends and Family this great offer. They make lovely presents and are very colourful in the garden. Orders and money are due back on Friday 3rd of April. Please make cheques made payable to Maffra Secondary College.

Deb Ball- Friday 3rd April.

Please make sure all monies owed are paid in full as soon as possible as tickets will not be handed out until the account is paid in full.

Deb Ball - Please return all forms as soon as possible. All training sessions will now be conducted at the Sale Memorial Hall. Please check blue notice for dates and times. Tickets will not be handed out until all fees for the Deb Ball have been paid in full at the main office.

Bulb Drive - Why not brighten up your garden with some lovely bulbs. Show family and friends, they make a great present. Please return all orders and correct money to the main office, cheques payable to the Maffra Secondary College, by Wednesday 1st April.

VCE BOYS INTERSCHOOL CRICKET

In the Gippsland final of the VCE boys cricket, Maffra went down to Drouin in it's twilight match at Bundalagwah on Tuesday.

With captain Tom Tudor unavailable due to work experience commitments, Edward Carr stepped in as a replacement player and Daniel Bedggood stepped up to captain the team.

Sent into bat, Maffra fell victim to some excellent fielding and accurate bowling to be all out for 95 in the thirty-first over. Daniel Bedggood (32) and Shaun Humphries (28) were the only players to reach double figures.

Drouin went onto win the match in their 27th over finishing the game on 8-98 in a close fought game. Shaun Humphries

3-29, Jim Beaumont 2-9 and Chris Francis 2-1 shared the wickets. Sam Bedggood took two great stumpings as keeper.

Thanks to Rowan Lace and Chris Morrison for umpiring, Ken Bailey for his assistance and the Bundalagwah Cricket Club for use of its ground.

M. Robson, Team Manager.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Maffra Junior Football Club

Training start times for Junior Football

- U10 and U12 - Wednesday 25th March 5pm - 6pm
- U14 - Thursday 26th March 5pm - 6pm
- Registration night and practice match will be held on Thursday 2nd April. U10 to play from 5pm - 6pm, U12 6pm - 7pm. U14 7pm - 8pm. BBQ tea available.

Please contact President, John Brunt on 0412405908 for further details.

School Holiday fun

Floral Art Classes for kids 8-11yrs

Flowers on Johnson St - Wed 8th April, Thurs 9 April

Contact 51471255

MAFFRA COMMUNITY HOUSE

Tuesday Morning Cuppas' - 9.30 am to 12 noon

Are you new to the area? Call in and have a cuppa.

Arthritis Support Group - 1st Tuesday of the Month.

Tuesday 2nd April will be the last date we will be able to offer unless we have a minimum of 3 people to support this group.

Meets on the first Tuesday of the month for a Cuppa and a chat and to share tips and resources for living with arthritis.

IMPORTANT Please phone to confirm your attendance by 9:30 am on the day. Please support this group so it can continue to run in Term 2.

Cost: Gold Coin Donation

Expressions of Interest-Safe Food Handling - TAFE ACCREDITED

Evening course: Date: 27th May

Time: 4.00 pm - 9.00 pm Cost: TBA

Bookings Essential

Wednesday mornings-

Tai Chi for Arthritis - Weekly in Term 1 -11.00 to 12.00 noon

Strength Training with Colin- Weekly-

For Tai Chi & Strength Training classes the cost is \$20.00 for a block of 4 weeks.

Weekly Walking Group - 9:00 am start- Then back at to the Maffra Community House for a cuppa & chat. **Gold Coin Donation**

Community Gardening Group

Weekly on a Wednesday for Term 1, 10.00 am -12 noon.

Gold Coin Donation



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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