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May

Mon 11th - Wed 13 - Yr 8 Camp
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Tues 19th - School Athletics

Parents' Club future meeting dates

- June 16th
- July 22nd
- Aug 4th
- Sept 1st
- Oct 6th
- Nov 3rd

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The College has decided to have an Open Day during Education Week on Friday the 22nd of May. We will invite all members of the community to visit us and see the inside workings of a large College. Exact details of times and meeting places will follow in the next newsletter, but please try and free up some time on this Friday to drop in.

I met with Neil Breeden from Wellington Shire this week to discuss the possibility of reopening access into Kent Street from the roundabout near the Bowls Club. Work will start on this project shortly to allow staff more access to off street parking. There will be no access for through traffic by reopening Kent Street. Apart from bus times, visitors to the College are best to park in Alfred Street and walk down Short Street to get to the College office.

REPORTS

As we approach the middle of this Term it is important that all students make sure they keep up with their work as staff are starting the process of working on the Midyear Reports and will be carrying out important assessment over the coming weeks. It is vital now to make sure that you keep a regular check of your child's diary to have a sense of how they are performing, and to assist with their homework schedule. Please contact the relevant Links teacher with questions regarding study habits and issues related to school work.

RUBBISH

The issue of rubbish continues to be a problem in the yard. A large part of the rubbish is coming from home in the form of multi pack chip packets and prima cartons. While the College will continue to work with

students to keep the yard clean I ask families to consider the nature of what is provided to students for lunch and the packaging that goes with it.

COUNCIL NEWS

This week's council meeting council was held in our new Middle Years building and we looked at a number of issues.

- A time in lieu policy for Educational Support staff
- An environment report that covered the status of the building program, a solar energy grant, a Building Education Revolution grant, parking at the school and the proposal of a working bee in the near future.
- Curriculum developments were foreshadowed for the year
- Approved a number of excursions and activities over the next month.

The College Captains represented the Student Body, and spoke to the Council about fund raising ideas, issues around the Prom and Valedictory Dinner, the problem with litter in the school yard and winter uniform. We are fortunate to have two such articulate young people willing to give up their valuable study time to meet with College Council.

Andrew McIntosh
Principal

ABSENCE NOTES

Please send notes with explanations every time your child is away. Remember to add your child's name and the date/s they were absent.

It is better to send notes on a separate sheet of paper so they can be handed in to the attendance officer. This is your child's responsibility.

Notes in diaries need to be shown to the attendance officer, not just the links teacher. Unless the note has been sighted records cannot be amended.

Thank you for your co-operation.

IMMUNISATIONS

CATCH UP IMMUNISATIONS SESSIONS FOR YEAR 7 AND 10 STUDENTS

SALE: Wednesday 13 May 2009 & Wednesday 27 May 2009 10.30am - 11.30am Central Gippsland Health Services Conference Room, Cnr Palmerston and Cunninghame Streets Sale.

SALE :(Evening session): Wednesday 13 May 2009 5pm - 6.30pm Wellington Room, Wellington Council Offices Foster Street Sale

HEYFIELD: Tuesday 12 May 2009 11am - 11.45am Heyfield Hub, 40 MacFarlane Street Heyfield

MAFFRA: Tuesday 12 May 2009 2pm - 2.45pm Maffra Memorial Hall. Foster Street Maffra

BUS TRAVEL

Students who request 'temporary' Bus Passes are required to bring a note signed by their parent/guardian each time they wish to travel on the bus.

Students are now required to ask Mrs Shephard for a Pass and this must be done in the morning, prior to the commencement of classes. Mrs Shephard is not available for the distribution of Passes during Recess and Lunchtime.

It must be noted however that if a Bus is fully loaded, then no temporary pass will be issued. The first priority is with those students who travel on a regular basis.

MIDDLE YEARS NEWS

YEAR 7 2010 INFORMATION NIGHT

We proudly invite parents of grade 5 and 6 students to attend our:

**YEAR 7 2010
INFORMATION NIGHT
MONDAY, MAY 18TH 7.00PM**

New Middle Years Precinct

We encourage all parents to attend this evening to learn about the exciting curriculum and programs that Maffra Secondary College offer to meet the needs of our Middle Years students. Presentations shall be given by staff, students and parents. Student work shall be on display.

Tours of the College shall be conducted over two days at the following times:

TOURS:

- **Tuesday May 19th 10am and 2pm**
- **Friday May 22nd 10am and 2pm**

Meet at the new Middle Years Precinct

Contact Sue Clancy at Maffra Secondary College for more details on 5147 1790

BREAKFAST CLUB



As we all know, breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Many of our students come to school without having any breakfast, so we run a Breakfast Club for those students to have a piece of toast, cereal, juice or a warm Milo. We will be running Breakfast Club in the new Middle Years Building, which is very exciting. Unfortunately, we do not have any more funding and without your help, breakfast club will not continue to run. Any donations of long life milk, spreads

(jam, peanut butter, vegemite or honey), Milo or hot chocolate and bread would be greatly appreciated. Please leave your donations at the front office for collection. I thank you all in advance.

Cheers,

Katie Halford (Middle Years Student Welfare Coordinator).



CAREER NEWS

REMINDERS>>>>>COMING SOON

- 'At Monash' Seminars: 12 May: **Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences**; 13 May: **Architecture**; 18 May: **Psychology**; 19 May: **Drama & Theatre Studies**; 20 May: **Business & Economics**; 21 May: **Engineering**; Contact 9903 4758 or Valerie.foster@adm.monash.edu.au or www.monash.edu.au/study/events for details/booking and other seminars in the series.
- ADF Gap Year applications open 1 May
- Sports Medicine seminars - 22 May and 24 May
- Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test: Register by 5 June; Test: 29 July.

ATTENTION ALL YEAR 10 PARENTS:

On Wednesday during the 'LINKS' sessions, all Year 10 students received a Job Guide booklet. This guide is one of the first tools that students can use in beginning to plan their lifelong career journey. Students can explore career options and gather information about subjects/prerequisites to consider. We are now heading towards that time of year where subject selections for Years 11 & 12 are being made, and students & parents need to begin preparing to make some decisions.

There is a tear-out Parent Information Booklet within the guide that we have instructed students to hand to you - please check that you received this.

Many students also find the 'bullseye' documents helpful when trying to link subjects they enjoy with a future career. These documents are available via our school Careers Intranet site or at www.deewr.gov.au/bullseye - check them out! Any student who was absent on Wednesday can collect their guide from Ms Burgess in the Careers Room.

ATTENTION ALL YEAR 12 STUDENTS/PARENTS:

On Wednesday May 13th all Year 12 students should be attending the TIS Tour for the afternoon. This is a terrific opportunity for students to gather information about options for 2010 at TAFE or University. Please ensure you have returned your permission form to Ms Burgess or Mrs Baxter by Monday.

UMAT NEWS - The UMAT 2009 Information booklet is NOW available at <http://umatweb.acer.edu.au>. The Faculty of Health Sciences at La Trobe University has confirmed that the UMAT will **only be a requirement** for **NON Year 12 applicants** applying for **Dentistry and Oral Health Science** in 2010 and **NOT** current Year 12 applicants (see page 3 of the 2009 Information Booklet). NOTE: Selection for Monash Uni physiotherapy requires an **interview** in addition to the UMAT and ENTER.

CONSIDERING THE DEFENCE FORCE GAP YEAR AFTER YEAR 12? Applications for this program open on 1 May, 2009. Gaining a position is very competitive, so apply early. **Info:** www.defencejobs.com.au OR call 13 19 01.

WHAT ABOUT A MARITIME CAREER? The Australian Maritime College in Tasmania offers an exciting range of courses in areas like **aquatic biology, ship design, exporting/importing, fisheries biology, logistics, maritime law, marine and coastal conservation, meteorology, ocean engineering, ports and terminals management and wave mechanics**. World-class facilities and on-site accommodation available. See: www.amc.edu.au, 1800 030 277 (free in Aust), amcinfo@amc.edu.au.

INTERESTED IN GRAPHICS? - The PacPrint National Graphics Exhibition is coming up soon. It will be a five-day exchange of printing technology and graphic intelligence. **When:** 10am-6pm, 16-30 May; **Where:** Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre; **Cost:** Free; **Info:** www.pacprint.com.au.

MUSIC AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE - The Melbourne Faculty of Music and the Faculty of the VCA have joined to be a new Faculty in The University of Melbourne, the Faculty of the VCA and Music. Next year there will be intakes into the Bachelor of Music degree at the School of Music (Parkville) and the Bachelor of Music Performance at the School of Music (Southbank). It is proposed that the music programs of the Faculty of the VCA and Music will join by 2011 to offer a single B. Music at the Uni. of Melbourne, incorporating current specialisations in the BMusPerf and BMus. The Dip. Music (Practical) will still run for those wishing to pursue practical music studies concurrently with another degree - B. Arts, Science, Commerce, Environments and Biomedicine. See www.vca.unimelb.edu.au/music/ and www.bmus.unimelb.edu.au.

CAREERS IN LAW EXPO (presented by Law Institute and RMIT) - For those interested in a career in

the law, and finding out about types of legal practice, career paths, traineeship/practical training. **When:** Wed 13 May (4.30-5.45pm: obtain personal advice and resource materials; 5.45-7.45pm: seminar program featuring guest speakers - solicitors, law clerks, legal assistants, young lawyers); **Where:** RMIT Storey Hall, 342 Swanston St, Melb.; **Cost:** Free; **Book:** Leanne Newson, 9607 9468, lnewson@liv.asn.au (give name, phone, number coming and postcode). **Info:** www.liv.asn.au/events/lawweek.

SWINBURNE NEWS - **Three-year degrees** at Swinburne are to experience changes. **Majors** will comprise 16 units out of 24, and students can study eight **co-majors** or two **four unit minors**. It will be possible to complete a minor sequence over-seas, and to add a Design minor to other degrees. In this case it will be possible to complete a **Communication Design** major by adding one year to your degree. Greater flexibility is the aim. Swinburne wants to grow and will have a broader mix of courses and range of pathways. Two-year **Associate Degrees** will become more common as will **double degrees**. All programs can be commenced in Semester 2, with six-week **winter and summer terms** when electives and study tours can be completed. At a recent career advisors seminar the Pro-Vice Chancellor Ian Young addressed **de-regulation in higher education**. From 2012 (affecting students currently in Year 9), caps on numbers of students will be lifted, universities will be able to choose their own disciplines, how many students to enrol and their own entry mechanisms. There will be **more government funded places**, and it is likely that more courses will be offered at each institution.

Karen Burgess

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MUSIC NOTES

Hello Everyone!!! Our music camp last week was definitely the best camp ever! After a few hard working rehearsals a concert band, rock band beginners group and a big band put on a small but fantastic concert. All students and staff involved are to be highly commended for their efforts over the three days. Perhaps the biggest highlight for most was the visit from Don Burrows. He spoke to us and gave us performances on Bb flute, alto flute, clarinet and alto saxophone for an hour and fifteen minutes. We were all certainly amazed by what he did and we all learnt so much from him. The camp concluded with a boat trip to Sperm Whale Head and a BBQ lunch. Sale College were a great group to go away with and I look forward to doing it again.



Our concert is coming up very soon! A notice will go home next week to all students involved. Any parents that can help with front-of-house, prize organisation and helping us get gear back to school after the concert should contact me at school leading up to the concert. We can't run them without your valuable help. The concert is on Wednesday 20th May at the Maffra Memorial Hall beginning at 7.30pm. Performers need to be at the hall by 7.00pm to find out where they are on in the program and to get their music and instruments ready. Entry will be by gold coin donation. We have some pretty talented students in our program so it will be great to see and hear what they have all been up to. Please contact me if you have any queries regarding this concert.

The Sale Eisteddfod will be on the following week most likely on Thursday 28th May. I'm still waiting to hear from the Eisteddfod. The Concert Band and the Swing Band are once again representing our school at this event. A notice will go home outlining all the details as soon as I know but if you play in those two ensembles please keep the date free. We need 100% commitment to sound and perform at our best.

Enjoy your weekend!!!

Caroline Monck, Music Coordinator

Athletic Carnival 19th May 2009

On the 19th of May Maffra Secondary College will be running its annual Athletic Carnival in Sale, Dawson St. Parents are welcome to come along and help cheer their students on throughout the day. There will be a canteen available for students at a reasonable price, provided by the Sale Little Athletic Club. Students are remaindered to bring along and wear their House colours and help support their team in anyway that they can.

PARENTS' CLUB

CHANGE OF DATE

"Celebration of Art" - at our New State of the Art Middle Years Building.

This event will run over two days, Friday the 31st of July and Sunday the 2nd of August in our new Middle Years Building. We would like everyone to have the

opportunity to come and have a look at our new State of the Art Building and also the chance to celebrate local art and craft from Students, families and local artists. All art work will be on display on Friday night and Sunday afternoon and will be open to the School Community and the Public. Awards and prizes will be given for different categories.

So if you would like to have a piece of work on display for sale or just to exhibit, please ring Maria at the College on 51471790.

BULB DRIVE

The Bulbs have now arrived and are available at the Main Office for collection. Students have been called to pick them up. Thankyou to everyone who supported this fundraiser.

DEB PHOTOS

The Deb Photo Book will be delivered shortly to the school and student will be informed when to collect. Families will then be able to order photo directly from Reflection in Sale. The details will enclosed with the photos.

Deb Video will follow at a later date, and will be on sale at the main office. A price and selling date will be advertised.

COOKBOOKS are now available for sale at the main office for only \$10

CROSS-COUNTRY

This Cross-Country will be on the Monday 15th June 2009, after lunch. This year we will be running the Golden Circle Fun Run in conjunction with the Cross-Country. This gives the students the chance to raise money to win arrange of different prizes for themselves and also raise money for the school. More details to follow as the date arrives closer.

WANTED:

4 litre icecream containers with lids. Can be left at the Main office

SPORTS REPORTS

VOLLEYBALL REPORT

On Monday 27th May, Mr Hudson and Mr Stephenson accompanied three volleyball teams to the Gippsland Finals in Morwell. The Intermediate boys, Junior boys and Junior girls teams all played three games and all three teams played very well. They all won two games and lost one, making them all runners-up in their respective age groups; a highly commendable effort. Danny Butcher and Matt Simmonds 'ran hard' all day for the Intermediate boys team and the entire squad played with enthusiasm and passion in every game.

The Junior girls and boys teams all played well and it is pleasing to see the junior ranks so full of volleyball talent. Mr Hudson and Mr Stephenson would like to congratulate and thank all the students who attended on the day. Ms Couling and Ms Clancy are to be thanked also for their coaching and organisation in the weeks leading up to Monday's finals.

YEAR 8 FOOTY MATCH REPORTS

Game 1: Maffra Vs Sale

After a slow start Maffra bounced back to record an exciting win. After trailing by 16 points at half time and after Sale stretched the advantage to 22 points early on, Maffra hit back hard. Second half goals to Alex Carr, Liam Lemon and Ben Boland and Shane Conway strong in defense helped to bring back the lead before Pat Gordon snapped successfully with less than 10 seconds to go to secure the win. The boys played with great spirit through out the win.

Final Score: Maffra 6.9.45 defeated Sale 6.4.40
 Best: A Carr, J Woodland, S Conway, L Channing
 Goals: L Lemon 2, A Carr 2, B Boland, P Gordon

Game 2: Maffra Vs Bairnsdale

After a hard fought first win against Sale, Maffra progressed to the final against Bairnsdale. The boys took early advantage against a sometimes undisciplined Bairnsdale team kicking the first 5 goals of the match in the opening 10 minutes. The game then evened out with each team adding a further 2 goals for the half including a great goal to Jack Woodland after the siren with some top shepherding from Liam Lemon. The boys could not maintain their straight kicking in the second half only managing to kick 10 behinds for the half! Despite a fight back from a more disciplined Bairnsdale side, Maffra's defense held strong for a hard fought win.

Final Score: Maffra 7.13. 55 defeated Bairnsdale 6.6.42
 Best: L Channing, N Dinsdale, J Woodland, M Stevenson, B Boland
 Goals: M Trewin, E Hiscock, L Lemon, B Boland 2, N Dinsdale, J Woodland

A big thank-you has to go to Danny Butcher who coached the team and also Mat Simmonds, Josh Tait and Robbie Stevenson who helped out through the day. Mr McDonough



WELLINGTON COMMUNITY NO INTEREST LOANS SCHEME (NILS) provides no interest loans for low income consumers.

This scheme has been set up to assist people with the purchase or replacement of household appliances such as refrigerators & washing machines and also educational or medical special needs items. Small advances for any other worthwhile purpose will be considered.

Interviews are available in Sale, Maffra and Yarram.

To apply please contact:

- Kilmany** - 51447777
- Salvation Army** - 51446374
- Kingsway** - 51445370
- Cava** - 51441114
- St Vincent de Paul** - 51444183
- Yarram & District Health Service** - 51820222

JAPANESE EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Last year our school and 12 families hosted exchange students from Yaei Nishi High School in Japan for one week. This was such a wonderful opportunity for our students that we have organised the exchange to take place again this year.



The experience for all families involved was extremely positive and rewarding. We anticipate the demand for a Japanese exchange student to be high, so make sure you get in early.

This year we will be hosting 14 girls from Yaei High School. It would be preferable if host families had a female student in years 7-10.

The students do not arrive until early third term, however we are looking for families to match them with early enough to start communication before they leave Japan. If your family is interested in hosting one of these students would you kindly complete the form below and return it to the main office as soon as possible. Further to this if you have any queries please contact Loueen Smith.

EMA
Cheques are now available for collection from the Main office

JAPANESE EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Yes! We are interested in hosting a Japanese exchange student

Name: _____

Contact number: _____

Students at M.S.C.: _____

Signature: _____

