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## June

1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> – Yr 9 Personal Best camp Melb

12<sup>th</sup> – State-wide Reporting Day - pupil free day

## Parents' Club future meeting dates

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

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### OPEN DAY

Congratulations to all involved in our successful Open Day last week. We were visited by over 60 people from all walks of life. Our eldest visitor was 94 years of age, and had attended the school 80 years ago. We were also visited by many families with Grade 6 students who were comparing schools in the area for their child to attend in Year 7. I was proud I could tell prospective new parents that what they were seeing was awarts and all glimpse of our College, no frills attached. A special thank you to all the students who volunteered their time to be tour guides for the morning, and to Sue Wilson and her team for the preparation of the fantastic morning tea.

### STATE WIDE REPORTING DAY

Schools across Victoria will be closed on Friday June the 12<sup>th</sup> for the State-wide Reporting Day. Teachers will be busy at school finalising the reports for all students. No students are to be at school on this day, so please make alternative arrangements. Buses will not run on this day. This is a good time to remind parents and students that the next 2 to 3 weeks will be a busy time with a lot of work expected to be finished. It would be advisable to regularly go through your child's diary to ensure all work that needs to be finished at home is completed.

### HEALTH WARNING

As parents would be aware there are currently a number of confirmed cases of H1N1 Influenza (Human Swine Flu) in Victoria. Appropriate measures are being taken in relation to these cases. Specific concerns from parents about Influenza H1N1 (Human Swine Flu) can be referred to any of the following:

- **The Swine Influenza Hotline Tel. 180 2007**
- **Nurse-on-Call Tel. 1300 606 024** – for expert health information and advice (24 hours, 7 days)
- **Your doctor (GP)** – if you have an influenza-like illness (fever, cough and fatigue) and have travelled to Mexico or California, Arizona, New Mexico or Texas in the past seven days.

Families should continue with standard good general health hygiene practices, such as ensuring your children undertake regular hand washing and cover their nose and mouth if sneezing and coughing.

This practice is being reinforced with your children while at school.

If your children are unwell, you should seek medical attention and avoid public places and close contact with others.

*Andrew McIntosh, Principal*

## MIDDLE YEARS NEWS

Parents are reminded to check and sign their child's diary on a weekly basis. We suggest at the end of each week. The diary is an important tool for keeping in contact with your child's Links and classroom teachers and reading important messages and due dates.

### BRAINSTORM

As part of our school Bullying Policy, Years 7 students watch a performance by Brainstorm Productions each year. This performance is subsidised by the school but students are asked to contribute \$2 towards the cost. Notes will be distributed to all year 7 students. The performance 'Sticks and Stones' will be held at the gym periods 5 & 6 on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June.

### PRIMARY SCHOOLS VISIT THANK YOU

Thank you to all of the year 7 students who accompanied Ms Clancy and Ms Dowling on primary school tours over the last few weeks. All students were required to talk in front of the grade 5 and 6 students and all spoke confidently and positively about their experiences at Secondary College so far this year. Well done.

### COASTAL AMBASSADORS

Last week Rob Greenway, Keysa Gahan-Rhodes, Matt Lees and I went to Phillip Island Nature Park to learn about Coast Care and Conservation. During our 6 day stay there, we learnt about Little Penguins, Short-tail Shearwater's and Australian Fur Seals. We also have a 'Dare to Care' plan coming up in the near future so keep an eye out for it. We had a great time and we recommend any year 8 students to do it next year.

*Ben Simon*

*Sue Clancy, Middle Years Sub-School Leader*

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please be advised that DEEJAYS CLOTHING at 51 Temple Street, Heyfield is still stocking Maffra SC Uniforms. This Store was previously owned by Malcolm Hole and has now been taken over. A full range of Uniform is now available at both DEEJAYS in Heyfield and STOBIES in Maffra.

If you wish to phone the Heyfield Store the number is 5148 3343.

If you have any queries about the MSC Uniform please contact me during Business Hours on 5147 1790.

- Susanne Wilson - Assistant Principal

## CAREER NEWS

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!** Well done to Glenn Lees of Year 11, who has been awarded a prestigious 'Defence Technical Scholarship' for 2009. This award is highly sought after, and Glenn did extremely well in addressing all the requirements of his application. Glenn will receive \$2000 towards completion of his secondary studies, as well as a range of career information and Defence packages available only to scholarship recipients. A certificate will be presented to Glenn on behalf of Air Chief Marshall A.G. Houston (Chief of Defence Force) at a later assembly. Information on Defence Technical Scholarships is available at [www.defencejobs.gov.au/DTS](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/DTS)

**CENTRELINK CHANGES AND THE GAP YEAR.** Most of you will have heard that the Federal Government budget have made changes to the Youth Allowance that will impact on students planning to take a GAP year to gain independent living status for government assistance. Darren Chester has contacted the school and is keen to hear stories from students who are concerned about how this change impacts their ability to take on tertiary studies. He invites you to email him at [darren.chester.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:darren.chester.mp@aph.gov.au) to pass on your point of view. You can also sign the petition he is running in the Careers Room at the College.

*Year 12s and their families* should be working on plans for 2010 and beyond. This should include attending Open Days and Information sessions wherever possible. In Term 3 we will be starting counselling sessions and applying for courses through VTAC. Everyone needs to be well prepared so that students can make informed choices about their future.

### INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN MUSIC??

FREEZACENTRAL WORKSHOP DATES 2009:

BAIRNSDALE: Tue June 2, 5.00-7.45pm @ St. Mary's Parish Hall, 23 Pyke Street, Bairnsdale, for people aged 15-25. FReeZACentral is an initiative of Victoria Rocks by the Victorian State Government, presented by The Push and Mushroom Marketing. Parental permission forms required for participants under the age of 18. To register for the workshops, or for more information on FReeZACentral, visit [www.freezacentral.vic.gov.au](http://www.freezacentral.vic.gov.au) or phone 03 9380 1277.

### SCHOOL LEAVERS: TAFE FEES UPDATE -

The Victorian Government has announced changes to TAFE education under the **Jobs for Your Future: Skills for Victoria** reforms, taking effect from 1 July, 2009. Changes coincide with the Commonwealth government decision to allow TAFE students to access a **loan scheme** similar to the Higher Education FEE-HELP scheme. It is expected that the **VET FEE-HELP scheme** will allow students in some TAFE programs (including diplomas and advanced diplomas) to defer payment of fees. Students who **commenced their program before 1 July 2009** will **continue** under the existing fee structure till they complete their studies, withdraw, or until the deadline of December 2012. Fees for **students enrolling from 1 July, 2009** will vary according to the **level of qualification** in which they enrol. Courses will be offered at the following levels: **foundation, skills creation (Cert's 1 & 11), apprenticeships and traineeships, skills building (Cert's 111 & 1V) and skills deepening (diplomas and advanced diplomas)**. It is expected that fees for skills building courses will be about \$1,000pa in 2010 and about \$2,000pa for skills deepening courses.

**INTERESTED IN AVIATION?** The Young Eagles program, an initiative of the Royal Victorian Aero Club, introduces young people to the world of aviation. It provides a meaningful flight experience for students aged 12-17 who see their future in aviation. Spend a Sunday morning at Moorabbin Airport and experience a free 20-30 minute scenic flight around Melbourne. For information and an application form go to [www.rvac.com.au/young-eagles](http://www.rvac.com.au/young-eagles). In addition, several organisations sponsor three Mobil Aviation Scholarships. They are open to those aged 17 to 25. Application forms are only available in person from the Royal Victorian Aero Club, First Avenue, Moorabbin Airport, Mentone (ph 9580 0088) or Coldstream Airfield, Killara Rd, Coldstream (ph 9739 1406); Info: [www.flyingtraining.com.au](http://www.flyingtraining.com.au); Applications close 31 July.

**NEED HELP WITH YOUR FOLIO?** La Trobe Uni is offering an intensive but enjoyable two-day folio preparation program for 11 & 12 students wishing to enter university. On completion you will have the skills required to build an impressive professional portfolio, and be able to approach a university pre-selection interview with confidence. The workshop targets studio arts, fine art, media studies and graphic communication students. **When:** 29-30 June; **Where:** La Trobe Uni, Bendigo campus; **Cost:** \$165 (incl Monday lunch & dinner, Tues breakfast and lunch and accommodation at Koolamurt Scout Camp, Retreat Rd, Spring Gully and transport from there to La Trobe); **Application form:** [www.latrobe.edu.au/visualarts/folioworkshop/](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/visualarts/folioworkshop/).

**UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE NEWS -** Implementation of the Melbourne Model curriculum redesign continues in 2010 with a choice of one of six new generation degrees (arts, biomedicine, commerce,

environments, music and science), one of the continuing degrees (agriculture, dance, dramatic art, environmental horticulture, film and & TV, fine art, music performance, music theatre and production) or the last intake for arts (media and communication), engineering, oral health and vet science (non-school leavers only). Physiotherapy, dental science and optometry had their last intakes this year. More info: [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/ugrad/](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/ugrad/).

Students wanting to read news and information go to: [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/school/aust.html](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/school/aust.html).

*Karen Burgess*

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### **AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITY**

Latrobe Design is a publishing and multimedia business providing print media and multimedia design and development services. We are located in Morwell, close to the railway station.

We have some openings for high school students who wish secure employment as an ASBA (Australian School Based Apprentice) and gain a qualification in multimedia which contributes to their school qualifications; both VCE and VCAL. The position involves a 1 day a week placement with the company.

Interviews for these positions will be held in June, for a July/August commencement. See Ms Healey to pick up a Position Information document and an Expression of Interest sheet.

Congratulations to Year 11 student, Danielle Payne who has been invited to attend the UBS Finance Academy 2009 which will be run at Macquarie University, NSW from 13-17 July.

The 5 day academy offers students an opportunity to explore and learn about a wide range of career opportunities in finance. Danielle is one of 50 students chosen from public schools in ACT, NSW and Victoria. The all expenses paid residential course involves a creative mix of theory, industry exposure, field visits, team work and fun.

This is a fantastic example of our students taking up opportunities available to them. Both Danielle and Glenn Lees have worked very closely with our Pathways Coordinator, Leanne Healey to explore their options and have responded to very short timelines to apply for these scholarships. I'm sure that the students will agree that the end result was worth the couple of night's hard work.



Well done Maddy Schilg, who was proactive in organising her own work experience placement at Girlfriend Magazine in Sydney. She spent a rewarding week learning about journalism and meeting

all the team!! She is featured in this month's edition (above).

### **VCAL PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORTS.**

During **Exam Week**, the VCAL Students will be **expected** to be at school on **Wednesday June 11th** for Session 1 so that they can present their completed Projects.

### **TAFE STUDENTS**

All TAFE students (Newborough, Fulham & Drome Rd campuses) & their parents- are advised that there is NO TAFE on JUNE11th due to the GAT being on that day.

Students enrolled in SECOND Year of the following VET courses need to undertake the GAT on Thursday June 11th: **VET Equine Industry; VET Community Services; VET Multimedia & VET Engineering.**

Thank you- Ms Hudson

### **EMA**

**Cheques are now available for collection from the Main office**

### **CENTREPAY**

Maffra Secondary College has been approved by Centrelink to accept payments by Centrepay.

Centrepay is a direct bill-paying service offered free to customers receiving payments from Centrelink. Through Centrepay customers can choose to pay bills by having an amount regularly deducted from their Centrelink payment and paid directly to Maffra Secondary College on their behalf.

The College has set a minimum payment of \$20 per fortnight due to the fact that the College will be charged a processing fee for each payment.

If you are interested in paying your College account using your Centrelink payment, we have application forms at the front office of the College.

### **PARENTS CLUB**

**REMINDER - CHANGE OF DATE - next meeting will be Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the Middle Years Precinct.**

This week Parents Club sent out in the mail our coming events, listed below are just some reminders of dates:

Slice Drive return by	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June
Rodney Vincent	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> July tickets on sale for \$20 a head before 1 <sup>st</sup> July
Art Raffle return by	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> July
Art Show	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> July & Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August

Personalised Pavers Return money and form to main office.

*Please add these dates to your calendar.* Please help support these fundraisers by inviting family and friends to the events and showing them the special offers we have available.

### DEB BALL

Students have now received the Deb photo book from school, orders need to be placed direct to Reflections in Sale. A formal named group photo can also be ordered for \$24 dollars.

## SPORTS REPORTS

### SENIOR BOYS FOOTBALL

On Wednesday our VCE boys' football team made the short trip to Morrison Street to compete in the East Gippsland football championships. The boys were drawn to play against old adversaries, Sale & Bairnsdale secondary colleges, and performed extremely well in both games to record two resounding wins. Skipper Edward Carr, led from the front and was well supported by the rest of the team. Strong individual performances were recorded by the likes of Joel Dinsdale, Tom Tudor and Lewis Bolton to name a few, whilst Daniel Bedggood 7, Sam Bedggood 3, Shaun Humphreys 2 and Dylan Sutherland 2 were all multiple goal kickers. The backline also worked tirelessly throughout the day to repel many of the attacks that were made by the opposition. Congratulations to all the boys on the character they displayed in representing the school and their performance; they now move onto the next stage of competition – the Gippsland championships. Final scores were as follows:

**Maffra SC 13 10 78 def Sale SC 2 3 15**

Best players: E.Carr, S.Humphreys, L.Bolton, D.Burnett, S.Bedggood

Goals: D.Bedggood 3, S.Bedggood 2, D.Sutherland 2, S.Humphreys 1, E.Carr 1, L.Bolton 1, T.Porter 1, B.Donahoe 1, J.White 1

**Maffra SC 6 6 42 def Bairnsdale SC 5 4 34**

Best players: D.Bedggood, J.Dinsdale, T.Anderson, D.Sutherland, T.Tudor, A.Coleman

Goals: D.Bedggood 4, S.Bedggood 1, S.Humphreys 1  
-Ryan Evans, coach

### HOUSE ATHLETICS SPORTS RESULTS

**Congratulations to all students for a successful Athletic Carnival**

Students from across the school participated in the annual House Athletic Carnival on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of May. It was pleasing to see the majority of students participating on the day. The weather was nice and it was good to see the high level of team spirit on the day. It was close between the houses through out the carnival, with only 6 points separating two teams

coming into the last few field and track events, with of Avon (Blue) house coming out on top for the day.

Avon (Blue)	1616 points
Freestone (green)	1521 points
Thomson (Gold)	1216 points
Macalister (Red)	1121 points

Congratulations Avon house that makes it a double this year, winning both the swimming and the Athletic Carnivals

Well done to all our age group champions  
Age Champions from the Athletic Carnival are  
**Under 13**

Brittney Gray, Ian Melrose

**Under 14**

JemmaDorward, Jacob Bennett

**Under 15**

Abbey Gray, Nicholas Dinsdale

**Under 16**

Jessica Bedggood, Kaine Allen

**Under 17**

Nicola Duffield, Danny Butcher

**Under 21**

Jess Clark, Edward Carr

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



HEYFIELD OUTREACH

*Exciting Opportunity!*

An opportunity exists for people eligible under the Parents Returning to Earning program to undertake *Certificate I in Information Technology in Heyfield*. This course covers Word, Excel, PowerPoint & more & is excellent for anyone wanting to return to work. Funding will cover all tuition fees & may cover other associated costs. Course commencing June/July so call me as soon as possible to check eligibility & register!

Anne Hellyer

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