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DATES TO REMEMBER

July

27th - 29th - Yr 11 Outdoor Ed Ski Trip

28th - School Council - MSC - 7:30pm

31st - Art and Craft Show

August

2nd - Art and Craft Show

Parents' Club future meeting dates

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The new administration building work has commenced, with work this week focussing on the foundations. This has resulted in the entire school being subjected to the shakes and rattles, but we all know a few minor inconveniences now are worth it in the long run. A reminder to parents that are visiting the school to park in Alfred street outside bus hours and walk down Short street to access the main office.

STAFFING

I would like to welcome Eric Herst to our College. Eric comes to our College with a rich and varied life experience and an expertise in teaching English. Eric will be taking over from Hugh Berryman- Brook, who has accepted a full time position in Western Australia. I would like to thank Hugh for his efforts this year, and wish him the best for his future.

SWINE FLU

As you would be aware, Victoria is now in a modified 'sustain' phase of its plan to manage the impact of H1N1 Influenza (Human Swine Flu) in our community.

This means that only children confirmed by a doctor as having the virus will be quarantined. Those sharing a house with a confirmed case will not be required to enter quarantine, unless they too are confirmed as having the virus.

Classes who may have been in contact with a confirmed case will no longer be quarantined, and schools will no longer be partially or fully closed.

Students who are feeling unwell should remain at home and not attend school. Students and families with flu-like symptoms are advised to seek medical attention and limit their contact with others.

If your child becomes ill at school, we will contact you immediately and ask you to arrange to collect your child. Please make sure that we have your up-to-date contact details.

It should be remembered, however, that the virus has so far been mild and can be compared to our normal winter flu.

Good general hygiene remains the best defence against the flu and families should continue to ensure children regularly washing their hands and cover their nose and mouth if sneezing and coughing. This practice is being reinforced with your children while at school.

If you have any specific concerns:

- Visit www.health.vic.gov.au
- Call the **Swine Influenza Hotline on 180 2007**
- Call **Nurse-on-Call on 1300 606 024** - for expert health information (freecall 24 hours, 7 days)
- Visit **your doctor (GP)** - if you have an influenza-like illness (fever, cough and fatigue).

The Department of Human Services is also continuing to ask parents of children returning from USA, Canada, Japan, Mexico and Panama to voluntarily keep their children home for seven (7) days from arrival back in Australia. This is a further precautionary measure to assist in managing the further spread of the virus.

CAREER EXPO

The Career and Subject Expo was held on Wednesday 22nd. It was great to see so many parents and students attending and asking lots of questions to the many and varied exhibitors. I would like to congratulate Karen Burgess on putting together such a great resource for our students.

PARENT'S CLUB

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the Parent's Club once again, which is a small and dedicated group of parents putting in a lot of hard work into raising funds for our building project funds. Last weekend they ran the Rodney Vincent comedy night and raised over \$2000 for our College. The next event is the Art & Craft show, which will be held next weekend. Please support your students and the hard working Parent's Club by coming yourself, and bringing some extras along as well.

INTERACTIVE WHITE BOARDS

As part of the Federal Government Building Education Revolution funding we have had installed 17 Smart Boards this week. Teachers use these Smart Boards by connecting their laptop to the board and running the lesson electronically. This enables teachers to have far

greater flexibility with the type of lesson delivered and increases student interactivity.

CHANGES TO STUDENT INFORMATION

As a school with over 500 families we realize that many of these families will change contact details during their child's stay with us. It is obviously extremely important to keep these details as up to date as possible to allow information to be mailed home and to also be able to contact parents/guardians or emergency contacts as quickly as possible. Please contact the main office via phone or in person to make the necessary updates to your contact details. Changes of legal significance, such as a change of guardianship or a change of name, will need to be confirmed in writing. Please feel free to contact me regarding this or other issues on 51471790.

Andrew McIntosh
Principal

EMA - SEMESTER 2

EMA Applications for Semester 2 close on 7th August. Forms are available at the school office. If you received EMA for Semester 1 you do not need to apply for Semester 2. You must hold a Health Care Card current for the start of Term 3 (13th July) to be eligible. New Families who are eligible to receive EMA please fill in a new application form available from the Main Office.

MIDDLE YEARS NEWS

STEP TO THE FUTURE CONFERENCE IN MELBOURNE

50 students from years 7, 8 and 9 will be attending the annual Step to the Future Conference in Melbourne on Monday, July 27th with Ms Dowling, Ms Biddenbach and Bu Smith. Parents are reminded of the following matters -

- Time - departing Maffra SC at 6.00am. Returning by about 6.30pm.
- Food and money - bring sufficient food for lunch and snacks for the bus as well as a drink or money to buy food at the conference (It is generally more expensive).
- Uniform - full uniform - no exceptions
- Heyfield Post Office pick up at 6.20am. and drop off. .

Have fun and we look forward to hearing about it at the next Middle Years assembly.

YEAR 7 MELBOURNE HUMANITIES EXCURSION

All Year 7 students should now have received an information and permission form for the Humanities excursion to Melbourne on Tuesday 28th August. This trip is open to all year 7 students. Students will be visiting the impressive 'A Day in Pompeii' Exhibition at the Melbourne Museum and viewing a film on the Mysteries of Egypt at IMAX. The excursion allows students to witness real examples of Greek, Roman

and Egyptian artefacts relevant to the Year 7 Humanities and Art courses.

The cost of the excursion is \$40. There are several places remaining but permission form and money need to be paid to the General Office by Monday, 27th August.

- Time - departing Maffra SC at 7.30am. Returning by about 6pm.
- Food and money - bring sufficient food for lunch and snacks for the bus as well as a drink.
- Uniform - full uniform - no exceptions
- Heyfield Post Office pick up at 7.45am. and drop off .

YEAR 8 CROSS- AGE TUTORING

After a very successful term assisting students at St.Mary's and Maffra Primary Schools, all students have elected to continue with Cross Age Tutoring. Students were given their timetables last week.

YEAR 8 PROJECT WHITE WATER

Again this term we are running Project White Water. This is a more 'hands on' approach to learning where selected Year 8 students will be working with a tradesman on small motors on Mondays for half day sessions. They will also be participating in outdoor experiences such as teambuilding and facing the challenges of the outdoors. This program will continue term four with another group of students.

YEAR 8 PROJECT eXtreme WATER

In an attempt to extend and challenge our talented Year 8 students we have offered a number of nominated students the opportunity to participate in a program where they will focus on a nominated project. Students will be working in small groups under the supervision of a mentor. They will also be participating in outdoor experiences such as teambuilding and facing the challenges of the outdoors.

PEER SUPPORT

The following Year 10 students who have been selected for the Peer Support Program this term Maddy Schilg, Emily Geddes, Rhiannon Mackintosh and Ellen Ribolli. These students will be working with year 7A and 7B students in Health classes as well as another class where they feel they have a particular strength. The aim of this program is to foster relationships between our senior students and our year 7 students

CYBER BULLYING INFORMATION SESSION

With all the recent publicity pertaining to the effect of cyber bullying on young people, it was a little disappointing to see such a small number of parents attend our cyber bullying information session with Jo Lomas from the Community Police Unit.

Jo delivered a very important message to those people who did attend and I would encourage parents to take advantage of any further sessions we have on such important issues.

UNIFORM

Most of our students at Maffra Secondary College take pride in their appearance and wear their uniform well. Our expectation is that students will attend the College in full school uniform. To assist students with this process there will be a swap shop in the Middle Years building where students in non regulation jumpers, shoes and other items, must borrow the correct uniform for the day and return any items before going home. School jackets are the only jackets permitted over school jumpers. There will no longer be any excuse to be out of uniform! Please note that students are not to wear jewellery other than studs or sleepers and a watch. Additional items will be confiscated and returned at the end of the week by the coordinators.

YEAR 8 DANCE UNIT

All year 8 students have been given a letter outlining dates, times and cost of the dance unit. Please ask your child if they have not handed this information to you.

Sue Clancy, Middle Years Coordinator

CAREER NEWS

- Sat 1 Aug - **Monash Uni** (Berwick, Gippsland, Parkville and Peninsula campuses)
- Sun 2 Aug - **Monash Uni** (Caulfield and Clayton campuses)
- Sun 9 Aug - **Deakin Uni** (Geelong); **RMIT Uni/TAFE**; **Gordon TAFE**; **Victoria Uni/TAFE** (Footscray); **William Angliss TAFE**
- Sat 15 Aug - **Holmesglen TAFE**
- Sun 16 Aug - **Aust Catholic Uni** (Melbourne); **Deakin Uni** (Warrnambool); **La Trobe 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)

EXPO NEWS!! What a night!! On Wednesday night hundreds of parents and students attended the college to explore course options for the coming year. This included students from years 9 to 12 - talking to subject teachers from the college, TAFEs, Universities, Apprenticeship Groups, Traineeship providers and local volunteer and emergency services.

Thank you to all the students and parents who made the effort to attend. The majority of year 9 and 10 families came along to our information session and then moved into the gym to explore course options. Unfortunately the weather was a little unkind, and parking was a premium with the building works going on, but most people battled through to get here - thank you!!

A huge thanks also to the staff and community members who gave up their time to set up and attend the EXPO. The Maffra CFA provided a truck and lighting outside the gym, which was much needed on a dark and stormy night! The following students also gave up their time to assist throughout the evening: Matt Coridas, Ben Zmijewski, Megan Raine, Jasmine Lina, Justin Carrolan, Ryan Wheeler, Alex Coleman, Reece Hetherton, Ella Anderson, Chris Francis and Danielle Payne. Well done to everyone... we look forward to another big event next year!!

HOW DO I GET THE MOST OUT OF OPEN DAYS? Try the following:

- Collect an Open Day **timetable** beforehand - from careers room or university/TAFE websites (eg www.monash.edu.au/openday). Often lectures/information sessions are held on Open Days - be there at the correct time.
- Allow **sufficient time** for your visit; two hours or so would be wise.
- Speak to **staff** about courses that interest you. Write your **questions** beforehand.
- Speak to **students** studying courses that interest you to get their perspective.
- Collect **information/brochures**.
- Does the course that interests you offer **industry placements** or work experience?
- Are there **international study** opportunities with your course?
- Consider **transport** issues; is the campus you are considering accessible from where you live? How long will it take to travel there? Will you need accommodation?
- Check out the **environment** where you will be studying; would you be happy studying there for three or four years?
- Consider the **facilities** offered for your course compared with other institutions.
- Consider visiting a **country campus** on Open Day, especially if you are concerned that you might not obtain a high enough ENTER for a metropolitan campus. ENTER's required for country universities/campuses are generally lower. They also often offer more personal assistance, accommodation on site, and a different lifestyle which will suit some students.
- Be aware that if you plan to apply for a course involving an **interview/folio presentation** as part of the application process (eg design courses) you may well be asked what you found of interest about the course at Open Day. Attendance is vital.

YEAR 10 STUDENTS PLANNING FOR 2010 -

The 'Herald Sun' and 'Age' will have Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) **Tertiary Entry Supplements** in their **Monday 27 July** editions, including lists of prerequisites for courses in 2012 at TAFE's, universities and independent colleges, and lots of other information. A great resource.

CAREERS EXPO AT EASTLAND – For any in the eastern suburbs, this careers expo is a chance to meet university, TAFE, defence force, employer group, group training, etc., staff. **When:** 6-8.30pm, Tues 28 July; **Where:** Eastland Shopping Centre.

WANT TO GET INTO INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY? Then go to the ICT & Careers Expo. From film, to finance to pharmaceuticals, employers are looking for people with the right ICT skills. Technology is everywhere, and so are careers in Information and Communications Technology. **When:** 10am – 3pm, Sat 1 Aug; **Where:** Melbourne High School, South Yarra; **Information/tickets** (free): www.ictweek.vitta.org.au.

WANT TO BE A DIETITIAN? Monash University is the only Victorian uni offering the **Bachelor of Nutrition and Dietetics**. However, students who complete Deakin University's **Bachelor of Food Science and Nutrition** with relevant elective subjects or the **Bachelor of Health Sciences** with major studies in food studies and nutrition, plus relevant elective units will be eligible to apply for entry into the 18-month Master of Dietetics at Deakin, providing another way of qualifying to be a dietitian (see www.deakin.edu.au/hmnbs; also www.daa.asn.au).

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SCHOLARSHIPS – The Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme offers scholarships for the start of the 2010 academic year (up to \$15,000 p.a. for full time study) for students studying in the **health field at university and TAFE**. See: www.rcna.org.au for details/applications.

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MUSIC NOTES

Hi all. Just a reminder that all music instrumental timetables have been available since the beginning of term and all students should now have a copy. If not, please obtain one from the music room.

A reminder: in regards to the school's music ensembles. If a student has reached a suitable level of musical ability and the music staff feel the student is ready, it is expected that the student will commit to one of the relevant music ensembles. Although this has only been verbally communicated to students in the past, most took on this expectation as a given. Due to some lacklustre attendances, I wish to remind students of this commitment, especially in regards to the Concert Band. Concert Band rehearsals begin at 7:30 am on Fridays. Please be punctual.

One last thing. If music fees have not yet been paid please make payment to the office as soon as possible.

Paul Van Eekelen

WE ARE PROUD OF THEM

Congratulations to Kaine Allen and James Huts for qualifying and playing in the Division 1 team for U15 Schoolboys Gippsland Power over the Holidays. The team won the VLine Cup which means they took out the Vic Country Championship winning all three games played in the first week of the break. Kaine was named in the Vline Cup rep team and he is also named in the U15 Vic Country Team.

WINTER SPORT

BADMINTON

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the East Gippsland round of inter school badminton at Sale and Maffra Secondary Colleges on Friday 17th July.

All students played well and their behaviour was impeccable.

The following teams will progress to the Gippsland Round on Tuesday 11th Aug - year 7 boys and year 8 girls with the intermediate girls and VCE boys playing in Traralgon on Monday 10th August

A big 'well done' to the year 7 and VCE girls as well as our year 8 and intermediate boys who were runners up.

Thank you to Mrs Evans who trained the Intermediate and VCE teams.

YEAR 7 GIRLS NETBALL

Friday 17th July saw the netball teams head to Sale to compete in the first round of Inter-School Netball. The two Year 7 girls teams had trained hard and were ready to play!

The A team, consisting of Allie, Cailen, Olivia, Jemma, Brianna, Jordy and Phoebe, got off to a brilliant start defeating Sale by 25 goals! The girls had a very similar margin in their next win of Bairnsdale. Awesome effort girls!

The B team were equally impressive in their two games against Lakes Entrance and Bairnsdale! A tight first game against Bairnsdale saw the girls win by only 2 goals. The girls stepped it up against Lakes and won by 10 goals. The players in the team were Maddy, Krystianna, Britt, Keely, Marni, Tayla and Grace.

There were stars all over the court in both teams and the girls led by example by sticking together, training regularly, warming up and keeping their area tidy on the day! An impressive effort girls!

SOCCER REPORT

Congratulations to the intermediate girls and boys soccer teams who played on July the 17th and 22nd respectively. The girl's Intermediate side gave their best in each of their three games and despite showing great speed and skill they were narrowly defeated in each of their games. The Intermediate boys showed plenty of promise in their games against Bairnsdale, Sale and Mallacoota and gave everything to be only just beaten despite have more shots on target than

their opposition. At the end of the day both teams returned to Maffra secondary happy with their efforts and keen to continue their rivalries next year.

PARENTS CLUB

Parents Club would like to thank everyone who attended the Rodney Vincent show last Saturday night. Rodney was very entertaining. We would like to thank Lucy and Ron Graham for organising several tables and providing prizes for the night. The night was very successful raising a grand total of \$2000.



Art and Craft Show - next weekend. This will give families a great opportunity to come and have a look at our new Middle Years precinct and the many changes underway at the College, while enjoying student and local artist work that will be exhibited and on sale over the two days. Please see attached flyer for more details.

Art Raffle will be drawn on the Sunday the 2nd of August and all tickets need to be returned to the main office by **Friday the 31st July**. For your chance to win an original painting by our very own talented teacher Angi Thomas, 2nd Wine & Cheese hamper and 3rd Art & Craft basket. Tickets \$1.

