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DATES TO REMEMBER

July

31st - Art and Craft Show

August

2nd - Art and Craft Show

7th - Yr 11 health Excursion

10th - Gippsland Winter Sport

16th -18th - VCAL camp

Parents' Club future meeting dates

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Staffing

It is with great pleasure I welcome Val Greenway back from a break. Val will be working in Year 8 English and Year 7 Drama, as well as providing support in the resource centre.

School Review.

This week the College received a report on the review of the College by our reviewer John Coulson. John presented the report to both staff and the College Council. There were a number of areas highlighted and recommendations made. The report will now form the basis for the development of the Strategic Plan which will drive the College over the next four years. From here we will form a steering committee to write the Strategic Plan. Part of the brief for this committee is to consult with the community, with students and with parents, so later in the term there will be the chance for your input.

Art Show

This weekend we will hold a celebration of local art and craft works in our new Middle Years Precinct. A range of contributors, from professional artists to primary school students, will display a vast array of work. Come and enjoy a wine and cheese tasting as you view the talents of our Art community. Some of the Art work is for sale. Visitors are able to vote for the best Art work in certain categories. The Art show is open from 7 till 9pm on Friday evening, and Sunday from 12 till 3pm.

Career Expo

Last week we held the annual Career Information and Expo night. This year was easily the best attended yet with the vast majority of parents of students in years 9 and 10 attending an information session, and then taking advantage of the night to find out about subjects, courses and careers. Individual counselling of students in 9 and 10 has been occurring this week regarding what courses they should look at for next year and beyond. After the well attended information nights we have been very pleased to have large numbers of parents come to the course advice sessions with their child. Having this partnership of student, parent and school will help ensure the best outcome for our students in the future.

A large amount of time and energy has gone into organising and thanks go to Karen Burgess, the Later years team and to all the staff contributing to the course counselling sessions.

Andrew McIntosh
Principal

MIDDLE YEARS

Year 7 Ancient Civilisations Excursion

On the 28th July, 90 year 7 students went on a Humanities trip to Melbourne.

At 7.30am our buses departed from the school. When we got to Melbourne we went to IMAX. We watched the 'Mysteries of Egypt'. For lunch we went to the park across the road (Exhibition Gardens). We got into groups to go to the Museum. We got an educational experience by going through the 'A Day in Pompeii' exhibition. To finish the day off we went for a walk through China town. All together the day was fantastic.

Jamie Lees and Jake Middap - 7B

For many of the students this was the first visit to either venue.

It was fantastic to see all students behaving well and taking an active interest in their learning.

Sue Clancy



eXeL Interviews

As a follow up to the Later Years Expo last Wednesday, the eXeL team (headed by Loueen Smith and Claire Couling), LaShay Tricker and Leanne Healy have been busy over the past 3 days interviewing students, along with their parents in many cases. eXeL students have been provided with invaluable course counselling for their Later Years subject selections for 2010. It has been absolutely fantastic to see the number of parents accompanying their children to these interviews and the manner in which the students have responded positively to this very important transition into Later Years.

Interschool Sport

Over the next few weeks there are quite a few interschool sports taking place. Responsibility slips will be distributed and it is important that they are returned promptly.

August 3rd - VCE girls basketball - Traralgon

August 5th - Year 8 boys and girls football - Traralgon (tentative)

August 10th - Inter girls and VCE boys Badminton - Traralgon

August 11th - All Netball and year 7 boys and year 8 girls badminton - Traralgon

August 12th - Year 7 girls soccer - Morwell

August 14th - East Gippsland Athletics - Bairnsdale

August 25th - Touch Football - Sale

VRAP:

As part of a Government initiative in exposing country students to the Arts, the VRAP 9 Program (funded by the government) is running again this year. Year 9 students from Maffra Secondary College have been invited to enjoy a full on Arts Experience for an entire day in Melbourne on **Friday 14th August!** Buses will leave Maffra SC at 7:30am and return at approx. 6:00pm.

Taste of TAFE:

The local TAFE College is once again offering our Year 9 students the opportunity to visit their campus in Fulham to find out more about the courses they have chosen for 2009. It has been scheduled for Friday 7th August from 9.30am to 12noon. See Mrs Hudson for further details.

Sue Clancy, Middle Years Sub-School Leader

ALPINE SCHOOL FOR LEADERSHIP - 2010

Maffra Secondary College is fortunate enough to be involved in the Alpine School for Student Leadership again for next year. Six places have been offered for students to attend the Snowy River campus at Marlo in Term One, 2010. The School for Student Leadership is a Victorian Department of Education initiative offering a unique residential education experience for Year 9 students. Students will spend nine weeks at the Snowy

River campus in Marlo, experiencing a range of outdoor education activities with a mixture of students from other schools around the State. The curriculum also focuses on personal development and team learning projects. Students will form a local team which will work on a Community Learning Project (CLP) focussing on an area of need in the local community. Students will select a project, plan, promote and implement their ideas as a group with some help from their liaison teacher.

Due to the success of the program at Maffra and around the State, numbers are limited. Maffra is able to send six students - three females and three males to the Snowy River campus. A selection process at school needs to be conducted this term so the team can be chosen and work on the CLP can begin. Students stay at the camp for nine weeks, with only minimal contact with friends and family in that time. The cost for each student is \$1000, and is to be paid by the family.

Interested students will need to complete a Selection Criteria form and undergo an interview in order to be selected for the school. This is a fantastic opportunity for capable and enthusiastic students to expand their schooling experience.

Any current Year 8 students who are interested in being involved in the Alpine School are asked to fill out a Selection Criteria form from Miss Dover. Interviews will be conducted as soon as possible so Mr Montague can be involved.

Parents and students are encouraged to investigate the Alpine School websites for more information:
<http://www.alpineschool.vic.edu.au/> and
<http://www.snowyriver.vic.edu.au/>

VICTORIAN LEGAL AID

Child Support Legal Advice will no longer be making personal visits to the Bairnsdale and Sale locations. These areas will still be assisted by a video conference or over the telephone. Appointments can be made on any of the outreach days by ringing 03 92690120 or 1800677402. This change is due to the low number of appointments we have received from these areas. The service will still visit on the third Wednesday of each month to Morwell if clients want to travel to this location.

REMINDER
ART AND CRAFT SHOW
TONIGHT - 7pm to 9pm
Wine and Cheese evening
BBQ and Afternoon tea Sunday
12pm - 3.30pm

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)

YEAR 12 PARENTS AND STUDENTS!! *This Monday August the 4th there will be a VTAC (Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre) briefing held at St Mary's Hall in Sale. This will begin at 7pm sharp. VTAC staff will be there to explain the application process to students and parents. Over the course of this term careers staff will be assisting Year 12 students through this process.*

COURSE COUNSELLING UPDATE!!! Course counselling for students currently in Years 9 and 10 is well underway. Once your student has made subject selections for 2010, they will bring home a sheet to have signed by their parent or guardian. Please take the time to discuss your child's plans for 2010 and beyond. Course selections for students in Year 11 will begin next week.

OPEN DAY AT MONASH UNIVERSITY GIPPSLAND - This Saturday the 1st of August. There are some new courses at Monash Gippsland so it's a great idea

OPEN DAY AT MEOURNE UNIVERSITY - Melbourne University has created a **registration section on their website** which will generate a customised itinerary for your Open Day visit. The page is available at www.openday.unimelb.edu.au.

WANT TO WORK IN ADVERTISING? RMIT Careers Day will provide a realistic, up-to-date overview of the industry and employment opportunities. Find out about branding and strategy, creative advertising, production and study options. **When:** 10am-3.30pm, Sat 22 August; **Where:** RMIT Building 108, Level 9, Lecture Theatre 16, 239 Bourke St, Melbourne; **Cost:** \$55 (incl refreshments and light lunch); **Info:** Jenny Tserkezidis; jenny.tserkezidis@rmit.edu.au, ph 9925 5658; **Registration forms** in careers room; www.rmit.edu.au/bus/events/careers/ad.

INTERESTED IN PUBLIC RELATIONS? RMIT is holding a careers day for anyone interested in PR. Find out about consultancy, corporate PR, new media,

event management and study options. **When:** 10am-3.30pm, Sat 5 Sept; **Where:** RMIT Bld 108, Level 9, Lecture Theatre 16, 239 Bourke St, Melbourne; **Cost:** \$55 incl. refreshments and light lunch; **Info:** Jenny Tserkezidis, ph 9925 5658, jenny.tserkezidis@rmit.edu.au; www.rmit.edu.au/bus/events/careers/pr; **Registration forms** in Careers Room.

MEDICINE - UNIVERSITIES OF NEWCASTLE AND NEW ENGLAND Many medicine applicants apply for interstate universities as well as in their own state. Your state of residence doesn't give priority for a place. The **Bachelor of Medicine - Joint Medical Program (JMP)** is offered by the Universities of Newcastle and of New England in NSW (candidates select the site at which they prefer to enrol). The application process includes an on-line direct university application which must be submitted by **5.00pm on 30 Sept, 2009** (applications open in August). For details see www.newcastle.edu.au/jmp/enrolments/applicationprocess.html.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2010 - Universities and TAFE's offer scholarships to assist students. Monash has published '**Coursework Scholarships 2010 Guide**'. You can collect a copy from the careers room or access information at www.monash.edu/access.

BE IN THE KNOW WITH DEAKIN AND MONASH - During year 11 and 12 students can 'stay in the know' with Deakin and Monash Universities by subscribing to their VCE Newsletters. Hear about courses, careers, scholarships, etc. Register to receive them at future-students@deakin.edu.au and www.monash.edu.au/enews.

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SCIENCE NEWS

EXCURSION: Chemistry with a Bang - The Science of EXPLOSIONS!

For Science Week this year we have the opportunity to take some senior students to the Powerworks complex in Morwell to experience a lecture with a difference. The 75min lecture will be given by Dr John Reid, an explosives expert from Thales Australia. Students will learn about a whole range of high energy reactions and EXPLOSIONS. The event has promised to be exciting and thought-provoking. The excursion aims to inspire a love of and fascination of Science.

Powerworks have provided FREE transport to Morwell so there will be no cost to students. The excursion will be held on the 19th August leaving school at 12pm and returning at 3pm.

There are only 35 places available and Science teachers will be asked to nominate students from their classes.



Expressions of interest from Year 10 or 11 students are welcome so if you are interested in attending this excursion tell your Science teacher or place your name down with Miss Dover in the Science Office before August 9th.

National Science Week runs from 15th – 23rd August.

PARENTS CLUB

Street Stall

Parents Club would like to thank all the parents who kindly baked and donated goods for the Street Stall last Friday. The stall raised \$480 on the day. Thank you also to the parents who organised and ran the stall on the day.

Art & Craft Show

Tonight from 7 – 9 pm is our Wine and Cheese evening and on Sunday from 12 -3.30 is our BBQ and Afternoon tea. We have three Primary Schools, Maffra, Airly and Stratford Grade 5 & 6 students who have entered art work and we have over two hundred entries from our own students, teachers and local community. So please come along and enjoy all the wonderful Art and Craft on show. It will also give you the opportunity to see our new Middle Years precinct and catch up with all the new things happening at the school. Entry - Gold coin donation.



WINTER SPORTS REPORTS

Year 8 Boys Soccer

On the 22nd of July the Year 8 Boys soccer teams played two games against Sale and Bairnsdale. In the first game the team was defeated by Sale 4-0 but were especially competitive in the first half. The best players were Brandon Svanjika, Mark Trewin and Ethan Webster. In the second game the team again fought hard but were defeated 3-0 by Bairnsdale. The best players in this game were Thom McIntosh, Pat Gordon, Jackson Armitage and Chantelle Svanjika. The team displayed excellent sportsmanship during the day and should be congratulated on their efforts.

Year 7 Boys Soccer

The Year 7 Boys played three games against Sale, Lakes Entrance and Bairnsdale on the 22nd of July. In the first match the team won a comfortable 6-1 over Bairnsdale which included some sensational goals by the team. In the second match the boys weren't as lucky as went down 1-0 to a determined Lakes Entrance team. Maffra needed to defeat Sale in the final match to have any chance of progressing but went down in a hard fought match 3-1. The better players on the day were Tyler Minchin, Jordan Stubbes, Macklyn Raine and Darcy Howe. The team should be commended for the excellent efforts on the day.

Year 8 Boys Football

On Wednesday 30th July, the Year 8 Boys played there 3rd Round match against Lowanna College of Moe. The team started very strongly kicking 5 goals to 1 in the first quarter. During the second term Maffra extended their lead to 5 goals at half time. The second half saw a strong fight back from Lowanna and they closed the gap to 3 goals. The final quarter became a battle of fitness with Maffra holding on the win by 4 goals. The team showed terrific spirit during the match and deserved the hard fought win in a match where both teams should be congratulated. A big thank you also to Danny Butcher for coaching and Jordan Rosewarne, Matt Simonds and Robbie Stevenson for assisting on the day.

Final Score: Maffra: 12.12. 84

Lowanna: 8.12. 60

Best: Channing, Carr, Woodland, Dinsdale

Goals: Channing 3, Lemon 3, Dinsdale 2, Woodland, Dignan, Harrington, Carr

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Maffra Junior Fire Brigade Fundraiser at the Maffra Fire Station

**The Chefs Tool Box Cooking Show
Sunday August 9th 2009 Arrive 11:15 Starts
11:30am**

**\$20- includes Glass a wine, light lunch,
Door Prize ticket
and \$5- voucher for Chef's Tool Box
Ring Pauline Trewin 5145 1559**