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Our Vision

To create and sustain a stimulating and harmonious learning environment in which all students can experience success.

We are committed to:

- Maximising student performance.
- Expanding the range of programs and pathways.
- Enhancing student engagement, connectedness and leadership opportunities.



Absent from school?
Please ring 5825 1498

This service is an answering machine and is available 24 hours per day—7 days per week.

If your student will be absent from school please ring and leave your name, your student's name and the time and dates of the absence.

**Absence
Line
5825 1498**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT LEADER INDUCTION CEREMONY

Our 2009 student leaders were inducted at a school assembly on Wednesday this week. This is a significant event in our school calendar that was attended by all students, parents, community representatives, our College Council President Mr. Russell Hall and Greater City of Shepparton Mayor, Mr Geoff Dobson. Mayor Dobson spoke to the audience and specifically to our college leaders about the role and responsibility that comes with leadership. Student leaders spoke about their roles and ambitions for the role this year in line with our College values and the significant steps we have already made as a college community in achieving some of our goals. Congratulations to each of our student leaders and best wishes for a rewarding year ahead.

Special thanks to the parents who attended the ceremony; our parents play an important part in our college community. Thank you also to Mr. Nino Atzori (Student Development Coordinator) for his organisation of the event and to the student Jazz Ensemble for their performances at the ceremony.



The School Leaders for 2009 are:

Year 12 Leaders

Bradley Corken & Rachel Macdonald

Year 12 Assistant Leaders:

Cheyenne Keem & Leigh Hitchcock

Year 11 Leaders

Cayne Clampit, & Kierra Fordham

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 25th February
-Yr 7 Camp Howqua—departs

Thursday 26th February
- Senior Sports Day

Friday 27th February
-Yr 7 Camp Howqua—returns

Friday 6th March
- SDSSSA Cross Country

Monday 9th March
- Labour Day - (public holiday)

The Sports Captains are:

Captains

Heath

Gail Bamber
Liam Cross

Banksia

Rachel Macdonald
Patrick O'Sullivan

Boronia

Tamara Jones
Brad Stagg

Waratah

Louise Hockey
James Sullivan

Vice Captains

Erin Ferguson
Mason Argus

Rachel McCormack
Jack O'Brien

Shaylee Boyer
Joel Hunter

Sarah Casey
Brad Faulkner

SUNSMART

Parents are reminded that all students are required to wear a wide brimmed hat this term and in term four as stated in our Sunsmart Policy. Hats can be bought for \$6 from the general office or sickbay.

COLLEGE COUNCIL

In our last newsletter information regarding the role of College Council and upcoming elections was attached. I would like to thank all those who have put their hand up so far; parents play a vital role in providing leadership to our college. Please note that nomination forms must be submitted to the principal by February 20th.

BUSHFIRE APPEAL

Over the past week, students have been raising money for the bushfire appeal. Students have held barbeques, raffles and an out of uniform day. The College Canteen also donated one day's profits. The total amount raised was \$2,500. This is a fantastic effort and thanks must go to all those involved. The Principal of Marysville Primary school, Mrs Peri Dix, wanted to pass on the following thanks,

"Many thanks for the kind words and the wonderful offer of assistance. Our small community has been shattered and we are slowly beginning the steps to healing although it will be a long and painful road.

Please pass on my sincere thanks to your students for their hard work in raising funds for our school. The money will be well spent, purchasing literacy and numeracy items for classrooms".

Principal's report continued

MUSIC ORIENTATION EVENING

It was with great pleasure I welcomed a group of enthusiastic parents and students to the Year 7 Music Orientation Evening on Wednesday. We are very proud of our MSC music program which offers students an opportunity of explore and expand their musical talents. If you were unable to attend please feel free to contact the music department so that your student can have the opportunity to enrol in our newly formed Year 7 Band. Students will be advised about instrument allocation within the next week. Thanks to our music teachers Mrs. Lindy Tennant, Mrs. Leona Gibbs and Mrs. Gabrielle Ryan and congratulations to the students that performed so beautifully for the audience.

AUSTRALIAN BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP



Congratulations must go to Ebony Thatcher and Josh Warren (pictured) who participated in the Australian Bowls Championship being held in Mooroopna and Shepparton. Ebony and Josh began their campaigns yesterday at Mooroopna and performed brilliantly.



YEAR 7 CAMP

Next week sees our year 7 camp at Camp Howqua. This is a key part of our Year 7 program and this year will see all Year 7 students attending the camp together. For further details please read the information provided in the Junior School report. A reminder to parents that Camp Howqua will need to be paid prior to the students attending unless a prior arrangement has been made with the Finance Department. If EMA is being used to cover some of the cost, please contact Chantal to confirm this process. If you are unsure of how much is remaining on your child's camp, please do not hesitate to contact Chantal on 58252344.

ABSENCES/CONTACT DETAILS

If your student has a planned absence or appointment coming up, you may ring the Absence Line (58251498 – available 24 hours) in advance. Also, please advise us of any updated contact information - Change of Contact Details forms are available at the student window.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

A reminder to parents who currently hold a Pension or Health Care Card, that you may be eligible to receive EMA for each of your children under the age of 16. If you hold a valid card, and have not yet filled in an application form and given us a copy of your card for our records, you will need to do so by the end of February. We are unable to process late applications. Forms are available from the general office.

SCHOOL INJURIES AND INSURANCE

Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Most medical costs will be refundable by Medicare. If you are a member of an ambulance or health insurance fund, you may also be able to claim transport or other expenses from the fund. The Department of Education, Employment and Early Childhood Development does not hold accident insurance for school students.

Is other insurance cover available? Yes.

The Department is aware of two insurers, JUA Underwriting Agency Pty Ltd and Willis Australia Ltd, which provide accident insurance policies for students. These policies provide specific benefits for students who are injured in accidents for a reasonably low cost. Other insurers may also do so.

Mr Gary Fletcher

Staff Profiles

Name : Liz Booth

Background: I was born in Mooroopna and went to school at Wanganui, where I later returned as a teacher. That was quite amusing as many teachers who taught me were still there. Actually some still are! However, they are all beginning to retire now.

Year started at MSC: I started teaching here at MSC a few weeks ago when Mr Fletcher was looking for an English teacher to replace Mr Hicks. I am so glad to be here because MSC is such a great school with excellent facilities for students. I live in Mooroopna with my husband and family so it's fabulous to teach in the same town.

Faculty: Languages

Subjects taught: I am teaching Year 8, 9 and 11 English and am so impressed by the other English teachers. Everyone willingly shares ideas and resources and our office is a very pleasant place to work.

Teaching Interests: I really enjoy teaching English and Literature because I love reading. The experience of "stepping inside" a book and "living" in that world is so special. I also love teaching Mathematics because problem solving is so exciting.

Interest /Hobbies: I enjoy making my own jewellery because it's not only relaxing but is very useful for birthday gifts for my family. I love playing chess and solving cryptic crosswords.



Name : Lyn Ward

Background: Born and bred on a farm in South Australia. Attended Booleroo Centre Primary and High School. Lived in New Zealand for 20 years where I married a Kiwi and had 2 children 17 & 13yrs. I have lived in Shepparton for the past 8 years.

Year started at MSC: 2008

Position Held: Finance Manager

Interest /Hobbies:

Travelling, cooking, gardening, sport and catching up with friends. I'm kept very busy with the children's sporting commitments.



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Year 12 Jumper: A small team led by David Gladman and Maddie Brian organised the design of our top for this year. They have been sizing students over the last week and now are ready for deposits to be taken. A deposit of \$40 is now being taken for the 2009 Yr12 top. It can be paid to the General Office.

Year 11 Fast-trackers and Yr 12 Students: The Secrets to VCE Success - Unlocked in Mastering the VCE. Learn how thousands of past students obtained perfect 50 Study Scores! Learn how students struggling in Year 11 secured positions in Medicine and Law! FREE Notes and Lectures Benefit from in-depth instruction in select topics that will form an important component of the examinations. Lectures are available in Unit 1 Chemistry & Mathematical Methods as well as Unit 3 Biology, Chemistry, English/ESL, Further Mathematics, Mathematical Methods (CAS & non CAS), Physics and Specialist Mathematics. Dates: Sunday 22nd February, Saturday 28th February & Sunday 1st March 2009 Venue: The University of Melbourne Vacancies Are Strictly Limited. See Mr Mills for details or go to www.tsfx.com.au

Private Study: The Senior School team is attempting to promote the best possible results in the VCE years. To assist in this we believe private study must be used efficiently by all students. Students in Year 11 have Private Study sessions during the week and on Wednesday afternoons - they are allowed to leave the school during the Wednesday afternoon session if a permission form has been completed. Year 12 have private studies spread over the week but are only allowed to leave the school in the afternoons when they have a private study. Year 12s must attend school for all morning sessions. To leave the school, students in Yr 11 and 12 must have filled out a permission form. The date for the return of this form is now well overdue. If this form is not returned students are not allowed to leave school at all.

CAREER NEWS

MEET MELBOURNE IN SHEPPARTON Tuesday 3 March 2009
INFORMATION SESSION FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES Tuesday 3 March 2009, 6.30pm-8pm
 School of Rural Health The University of Melbourne 49 Graham Street, Shepparton Victoria. Meet Melbourne is a great opportunity to take a closer look at the study options available at the University of Melbourne. **FIND OUT ABOUT:** Access Melbourne, the University combined special entry and access scholarships scheme. Our distinctive 'Melbourne Model' education system. Undergraduate courses and pathways into Melbourne graduate programs. Admissions, entry requirements and pre-requisites for our courses. Scholarships Career and graduate outcomes. Transition issues and Student Support services. Accommodation, options, Overseas exchange opportunities. How to become involved with the university while still at school. **DISCLAIMER.** The information in this publication was correct at the time of printing. The University reserves the right to make changes as appropriate. As details may change, you are encouraged to visit the University's web site or contact the University of Melbourne Information Centre to obtain the latest information. **PUBLISHER** Authorised by: General Manager, Future Students Undergraduate Published by: Office of Admissions CRICOS Provider Code: 00116K ©Copyright the University of Melbourne, February 2009 **MORE INFORMATION** For For further details, please contact toll free 1800 801 662 (within Australia) www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/meetmelbourne **REGISTRATION** Places are limited, please register your attendance at: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/meetmelbourne

Mrs Irene Lia-Oster
Careers Co-ordinator

Opportunity for current Y11 Students ROTARY MURRAY DARLING SCHOOLS OF FRESHWATER RESEARCH 2009



The main purpose of the Rotary School is to enable students who live in and around the Murray-Darling Basin to experience activities that are inherent in the fields of freshwater research, conservation and environment. The School has attracted students from secondary schools in New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and the ACT. Approximately 380 students have participated in the School since 1996.

Year 11 students are eligible to apply and the school will run from 14 – 19th April 2009.

The students work in teams for five days. One of the aims of the School is to introduce students to the process of scientific investigation and the role that research plays in living in a sustainable environment. By combining problem solving activities with intensive support and advice from staff from the three institutions, the students gain a realistic and fun introduction to freshwater ecology, conservation and the environment.

Students, working with staff and mentors will undergo field trips, lectures and demonstrations at a number of locations. Participants will work at the outdoor research site of the MDFRC, at Wonga Wetlands, near the River Murray, which is operated by the City of Albury, as well as visiting the Norske Skog paper mill which utilises up to 55% recycled fibre and recycles around 160,000 tonnes of old newspapers and magazines each year.

Interested students are encouraged to see Miss Gass for an application form.

For more information, go to <http://www.mdfrc.org.au/students/rotary/index.htm>

MSC Swimming Sports Carnival 2009.



The Swimming Sports Carnival was held on Thursday 12th, February at the Raymond West Swimming Pool in Shepparton. Many students came dressed up in their house colours to show some house spirit and have a bit of fun with their friends. The day began with a fashion parade which involved each house getting together and marching around the pool chanting house songs. Soon after, the days swimming program began and it was great to see most of the lanes filled with kids having a go at the various strokes.

Throughout the day numerous records were broken in the pool. These include the following:

- Sam Mackenna**- 200m Ind Medley 15 yrs
- 50m Backstroke 15 yrs
- 50m Butterfly 15 yrs

James Milne- 50m Freestyle 16 yrs

Rhys McKenzie- 50 m Breaststroke 12-13 yrs

Waratah Freestyle relay team- 14 yrs Freestyle relay

At the conclusion of the day the champions for each age group was announced. These students all had outstanding performances, often winning a majority of their events.

The following are our 2009 Age Group Champions:

- 12-13 yrs Female**- Tiarna Steel
- 12- 13 yrs Male**- Matthew Cann
- 14 yrs Female**- Sharne Milne
- 14 yrs Male**- Aaron Macadam
- 15 yrs Female**- Billie Watson
- 15 yrs Male**- Sam Mackenna
- 16 yrs Female**- Tamara Whittaker
- 16 yrs Male**- James Milne
- 17 yrs Female**- Stephanie Berner
- 17 yrs Male**- Brogen Gledhill
- 18- 20 yrs Female**- Rachel Macdonald
- 18- 20 yrs Male**- Jack O'Brien

The winning team for the 2009 Swimming Sports was Waratah with a total points tally of 667.5 points! Banksia took second place by a slim margin of five points. Heath took out 3rd place whilst Boronia came in last place, after many years of



domination.

Many thanks to all teachers and students who came along and got involved- a great day was had by all.

Simone NalderSports Trainee

2009 SCHOOL PHOTOS

The School Photos were taken on Tuesday 10th February (last week). The production of the School photos is well underway and it is anticipated that they will arrive in approximately three weeks. There were a number of students and some staff who were absent on the Photo day. We have not as yet been informed as to whether there will be a follow up Photo Day for these people. Parents and students will be notified if there are any future arrangements to complete photos. For any further information regarding the photos contact Mrs. Emmerson at the College.

2009 YEAR 11 DEBUTANTE

Year 11 girls who registered to do their Deb this year will receive a letter next week informing them of a Parent/Debutante/Partner meeting that will be held in the first week of March (date to be confirmed). This meeting is compulsory for each Debutante, partner and an accompanying adult, to attend. It is important that all families are fully informed of the requirements and arrangements for the 2009 Deb. Ball. It is anticipated that the meeting will take approximately one hour.

If you have any queries please contact Mrs.Emmerson at the College.

SENIOR SCHOOL RUGBY TOPS/POLARTEC ORDERS

A copy of the 2009 College Uniform policy outlining the Senior Student Winter uniform was mailed to all families at the end of last year. Senior students (Year 10 – 12) can wear the navy blue Polartec jacket or the College Rugby Top in winter and wet weather. It is advised that students order these winter items now as the orders will be placed in two weeks and delivery will start at the end of next week. Students will receive an order form outlining the sizes and costs of both the Polartec Jacket and Rugby Top. If there are any further queries regarding the College uniform contact Mrs. Emmerson on 58252344.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Australian air force Cadets (AAFC) Wants you

Are you male or female and aged between 13 and 18 year of age? Would you like to improve your leadership skills, confidence and teamwork abilities?

Australian Air force Cadets provides young adults with the opportunity to experience life in the Air Force and enables members to participate in activities such as flying , bushcraft, firearms safety training and even the opportunity to go on an International Air Cadet Exchange. For further information please call Karen Clampit 0439770602

Mooroopna Junior football Club Registration Night

Registration night for U/14 and U/16 players, will be held at the Parson's Cricket Pavillion at the Mooroopna Recreation Reserve on Wednesday 25/2/09, from 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm. Cost is \$75 per player, with a \$10 reduction for each extra player from the same family. Family memberships for the Mooroopna Football Netball Club will also be available for an extra \$50. Further information can be obtained from Keiran Cross on 0417101721 or Grant Wilson on 0423021585.

*******CANTEEN HELPERS REQUIRED*******

We desperately need canteen helpers on the following days:

- Wednesday 26th February
- Wednesday 4th March

No experience necessary, if you are able to offer any assistance please call Rhonda on 58252344