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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 students name and the time and dates of the absence.

**Absence
Line
5825 1498**

PRINCIPALS REPORT PROVISION

As you would have read in the last newsletter and the Shepparton News, the College is engaged in Provision discussions with the three Shepparton Secondary Colleges.

Parents

All parents have been mailed out a survey to complete. We will be asking two key questions:

- What would you like to see included in any new educational structure?
- What do you believe is important that we should retain?

We will also be consulting with students over the next couple of weeks through home group to gauge their opinions.

The Guiding Principles that our discussions have been based on are as follows:

Mandatory

1. Sharing of innovative and engaging pedagogical practice
2. Clear and equitable access to pathways for all students to provide the greatest range of options
3. Schools-families-communities work together to educate and support our young people to achieve their individual potential
4. Provide and promote a safe and supportive learning environment
5. Shared accountability for student learning outcomes, pathways and well-being
6. Strategic use of resources

Desirable

1. Diversity of Shepparton population reflected in schools
2. Build the confidence and trust of the public in State education in Greater Shepparton

We are very excited by the potential of this project and our discussions so far. We look forward to your input.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

At the end of this term we will hold our Parent/Teacher interviews. After feedback from parents we have restructured our interview times to provide more access to parents and students. A copy of the student's interim report and an information sheet has been mailed out to parents prior to the interview sessions.

Thursday 17th September, 2009 from 4.30pm to 7.30pm (inclusive)
Friday 18th September, 2009 from 10.30pm to 1.00pm (inclusive)

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Parents have now completed the Parent Opinion Survey. The parents were randomly selected by the Department to complete these surveys. The overall objective of this survey is to collect data about parent opinions across the state and for individual schools across Victoria to use this information to drive further improvements. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Principal report continued.....

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 18th September

- Parent / teacher interviews 10.30am-1.00pm

TERM 4

Monday 5th October

- Term Commences

Wednesday 14th October

- Junior summer Sports Day

Thursday 15th October

-Yr 11 Outdoor Ed camp

EXCURSIONS

The end of this term will see two excursions take place. The first is our Italian excursion for some of our Italian students. Mrs Emmerson is travelling with our LOTE students, who this year are travelling with McGuire College LOTE students. The trip leaves on 13th September and will return on 1st October. We wish them all the best!

Also our annual Year 10 Central Australia Trip left on 13th September and returns on 22nd September. The following staff are supervising on the trip: Mr Buxton, Ms Saunders, Mr Anderson, Ms Cameron and Simone Nalder. This trip is always a highlight for our Year 10 students and this year will be no different.

I would like to thank all of the staff supervising on these excursions and the extra effort they put in before, during and after the event. I look forward to hearing about the trip upon their return.

INDOOR LANEWAY

The Indoor Laneway Project is an online collaborative arts project between Mooroopna Secondary College, Whitefryers College and the Arts Centre in Melbourne. Its intention is to allow regional and metropolitan secondary school students to develop digital sound and art work. Under the mentorship of an established media artist and school based digital media educators, participants remix and re-contextualise each others work and collectively assemble sound and images to explore artistic practice. Please find attached to this newsletter some more details of the project.

Special thanks must go to Mr Daryl McConnell for his hard work on the project. I encourage all community members to visit the website and have a look at the great work: <http://indoorlaneway.youthedmusic.com.au>

SUN SMART

Term 4 is a sun smart term. Whilst outside, students are expected to wear a broad brimmed hat and to use the shade areas provided. We thank parents for supporting us in enforcing this rule.

LITERACY

This year our staff are undertaking Literacy Professional Development training with the Primary schools in our Cluster. This will look at Reading, Writing and Oral Language skills training from years Prep to Year 12. Staff are attending PD sessions after school throughout the year and the work undertaken will further add to our skills training and the improvement of learning outcome for students.

This builds upon our numeracy work carried out last year with the Cluster schools last year. This work is also continuing in 2009 as we focus on:

Literacy

Numeracy

Differentiated Learning (here work is varied to suit the needs of individual students)

These three pillars of our teaching are making a significant difference to our core work as teachers.

POST COMPULSORY NEWS– 2010 COMMON CURRICULUM

Our work to develop educational and vocational pathways for post compulsory students is continuing. We are currently establishing a common timetable that will enable students to have access to course offerings across all local providers. All students should have a copy of the 2010 Course Guide which was made available to them at the beginning of Term 3. They will be asked to make final selections at the end of this term. Parents requiring any further information should contact a member of the senior school team.

TERM 4 PLANNING

Next term I will be on Long Service Leave.

Mrs Emmerson will be Acting Principal. Thanks to Mrs Emmerson and Mr Bolton for their support; they'll both do a great job!

Ms Gass will be Acting Assistant Principal for Term 4.

Mr Tozer (our 10 – 12 Sub School Coordinator) has been appointed as Assistant Principal at Numurkah SC; congratulations to Paul, he'll do a great job. Mrs Bentley and Mrs Funston are the new Yr 10 – 12 team.

COLLEGE PRODUCTION– THE WIZARD OF OZ

The College Production was an outstanding success and everyone involved is to be congratulated. Feedback from the community has been very positive and just shows the amount of talented students we have in the school



*Mr Gary Fletcher
Principal*



**Help fight heart disease
and diabetes. Say yes.**

Door knockers will soon ask local residents to take part in a groundbreaking heart and diabetes research project. If you are eligible to take part, please say yes – the Victorian Government needs 4000 volunteers.

Further information: www.bakeridi.edu.au

Staff Profiles

Name :Darryl McConnell

Background: Grew up in this area – worked for a number of years in the bare boat charter business as well as employment services.

Year started at MSC: 6 years ago

Faculty: Art

Subjects taught: Photography - Media - Multi media - VCAL



Teaching Interests: To provide students with the opportunity to work with professional practicing Artists.

Interest /Hobbies: Climbing with friends and family, especially developing new climbing areas and first assents. I also work on my own photography and video art.

Name : Terry Tremellen

Background: I grew up in Shepparton and attended a few local schools. Zeerust PS, Gowrie St, ST Brendens, St Colemans and then Shepparton High School.

I returned to Shepparton, after University to teach present day McGuire. I taught there for 33 years which is still a record for the school.

I am married to Judy and we have four grown up children . One is a teacher.

Year started at MSC: I have been on/ off here at Mooroopna since 2005. I have always felt that I owe the school a lot. I was diagnosed with cancer in 2006 and the students and staff gave me so much support. I am certain such support helped me through. I continue to enjoy the company and support of the school community.

Faculty: I teach in the English faculty

Subjects taught I have taught History and Politics

Teaching Interests: I have always had an interest in film as text. I also enjoy being a Year level Co-ordinator.

Interest /Hobbies: My great love was greyhound racing but now all my holidays and spare time is spent taking groups of people overseas. This year I have been to China and Vietnam. I also visited Japan, Malaysia and Thailand. I also enjoy cheering on Collingwood each week.



Family Accounts

EMA for Semester two has now been credited to family accounts.

Thank you to those families who have been working to finalise their students accounts. As we are now in the process of finalizing our accounts for 2009, we wish to remind parents that payment would now be appreciated on outstanding accounts.

Payments can be paid at the general office, by credit card over the telephone, paid directly into our bank account or BPAY Many families are now taking advantage of Internet Banking Transfers and BPAY.

Details for Internet payments are as follows,

BSB: 033-254 Account # 317543

Reference Code: Use your family code from statement

If you are paying a particular expense i.e.; Camp Payment we suggest you email the school when you make the payment to advise which expense you have paid.

Lyn Ward
Finance Manager

8E Amusement Park



Miss Cameron's Year 8E Science class has spent the last 5 weeks designing and constructing their Amusement Park. Each student had to make a Gift Shop, a Toilet Block or a Food Stall;

then in groups of 2-4, they made a ride. Altogether there were 2 Rollercoaster's, a Ferris wheel, a Bumper Car rink, a Giant Drop, a Carousel and 2 Ship-based rides.

Amazingly, they were all made with 6 big bags of paddle-pop sticks, lots of glue and a few extra materials, such as straws, string and wire, to make them function. There was a lot of frustration and a lot of rebuilding, but eventually we finished successfully. It turned out to be an amazing theme park. 8E are the first class to ever do this activity and we're sure it will be done many more times by other jealous Year 8 classes!

By Shannara Sutton and Hannah Wilson 8E



Career News

Are you interested in an electrical career? 370 degrees group are now administering the pre-selection assessment on behalf of NECA. The test is highly regarded by employers, as it provides one common assessment of all candidates in Victoria. Successful results can greatly enhance the opportunity for keen candidates to undertake an electrical apprenticeship. The assessment is not difficult. It is set at year 10 level. An average level of English Comprehension and Mathematics should assist candidates to successfully complete the test. Students can go to www.neca.asn.au, click on VIC and then go to Apprenticeship Pre-selection to find out more, try the free sample test and register on-line.

Mrs Oster Careers Co-ordinator

Senior School News

Yr 12: Students should be either finished their Unit 4 courses or very close to finalising these and beginning revision for the exams. All students should have a personal copy of their exam timetables. Exam timetables can also be found in the 2009 Exam Navigator and on the VCAA web site. All families should receive a mail out before or in the first week of the holidays. This mail out will contain information regarding the final Year 12 Assembly (October 23), the Valedictory Dinner (Nov 20) and arrangements for the finish of school for Yr 12's (last classes October 22nd). Contact Mr Mills if you do not receive this information.

Swinburne Walk 'n' Talk for VCE students - Find out what Swinburne has to offer at one of their Walk 'n' Talk programs during the September school holidays. Hawthorn campus: Friday 25 September 2pm – 4pm Croydon campus: Tuesday 29 September 2pm – 4pm. For more information, please contact Lana Ricciutelli – Ircciutelli@swin.edu.au or visit www.swinburne.edu.au

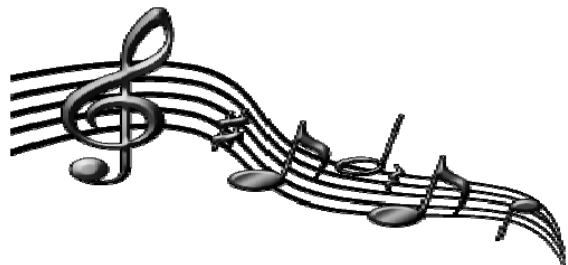
Scholarships at Swinburne Are you aware of all the Swinburne scholarship opportunities available to you? Find out all you need to know at www.future.swinburne.edu.au/scholarships/ · Ask-a-Grad lets students and parents find out what Swinburne is like from the people who know best – their graduates and current students. But it all wraps up on Tuesday 29 September, so make sure you visit: www.swinburne.edu.au/askagrad New 2010 RMIT Scholarship brochure is now available. The brochure can be accessed directly via the following link <http://mams.rmit.edu.au/3mwr6lgt11.pdf> From 2010, RMIT will be awarding Academic Achievement Scholarships to high performing Year 12 students. The academic based scholarship recognises and rewards academically talented students who can demonstrate outstanding levels of achievement in their Year 12 results.

The RMIT Achievement Scholarship will provide successful students with \$6,000 per year for the duration of their program. To be eligible for this scholarship students must apply through VTAC before Friday 30 October 2009.

Yr 10 and 11 Melbourne University is running a VCE Summer School. The program is run by high achieving university students. It provides mentoring to VCE students in their final years to help them excel in their studies in 2010. The two week program consists of tutorials for the students individual subjects, activities, workshops and seminars. See Mr Mills for a brochure.

Music News

A big thankyou goes to Jacquie Liversidge and Rachel Salter for their wonderful performance at the HUB AGM on last Thursday the 10th. Well done to all the students who performed at the music department Celebration Concert on Wednesday night.



Good Shepherd Buying Service

The Buying Service is a free state wide telephone service assisting Pension/Health Care Card holders and various non-profit community groups to obtain lower prices on household goods and health appliances. In utilising an established and trusted network of traders, the Buying Service is able to negotiate discounted prices on a range of items which include fridges, washing machines, TVs, furniture, beds and other select appliances.

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A Night Out at Barooga Sports Club

You are invited to a night out at
the Barooga Sports club!
Night out includes main course
meal and return bus trip.

Lots of games
and prizes to be
won on the night!

\$20pp

Friday 16th October

Bus departing;

- ◆ Homewood Drive @ 6:00pm
- ◆ Shepp Library @ 6:15pm

A Fundraiser for the music department 2010

From Grade 6 to Year 7



The Changes Ahead for You and Your Adolescent

*An information sharing evening for parents and carers
Facilitated by Michelle Trudgen and Meredith Plunkett*

- The difference between the primary and secondary school experience
- Working together with your secondary school
- The developmental tasks of being an adolescent
- Seeking help and support for your adolescent

When: Wednesday 14th October, 2009
Time: 7.00 – 8.30pm
Venue: Westside Performing Arts Centre
Echuca Road. Mooroopna

Parents of all Grade 6 students from all schools are invited to attend

Light refreshments and an opportunity to ask questions will be provided
No charge for this important opportunity

Bookings are essential

RSVP by 13/10/09 To:

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Goulburn Valley Community Health Service
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