

Principals Report

BER Funding

You may have read in the newspaper earlier this week that we were not successful in round 2 of the Building the Education Revolution federal funding. I have spoken to Darren Cheesman and he assures me that we are eligible for, and should receive funding in round 3 in 4 to 6 weeks. We have already had a project manager appointed and work has begun on detailed drawings of the site and planning for services to the new building. I remain confident that we will be successful in gaining the 2 million dollar grant which will build 4 new classrooms and a Library.

Anaphylaxis awareness

We have approximately 10 students across all levels of the college who are at risk of an anaphylactic response. Most of these students are allergic to Peanuts and other nut products. For these students, exposure to minute traces of nut products can be life threatening. It is impossible to guarantee a completely nut free environment but I urge parents not to include foods in children's lunches which may contain nuts or nut by-products.

The G.A.T & Senior School Exams

It was great to see all students arriving on time and well prepared for the G.A.T. Seeing so many year 11 students sitting their first real VCE exam brought into focus the success and strong academic focus of our Senior-School. These year 11 students are all doing a year 12 subject. This provides significant benefits. Students are able to concentrate on a single year 12 subject and get valuable experience in managing work loads and exams. In addition it offers the advantage of students completing 6 year 12 subjects which helps in achieving the highest possible T.E.R. This year all students in years 10 & 11 are sitting formal exams at the end of each semester in all subjects. These exams are modelled on VCE final exams and are a further example of our commitment to the most rigorous preparation for V.C.E.

Student Play Areas

The relationships across different age groups at our college are one of its great strengths. However, to create a safe play environment some areas are set aside for specific age groups. The area outside the Prep to 4 school on Costin street including the sand pit and play equipment is allocated to Prep, 1 & 2 Students. The new play equipment near the Tennis Courts is allocated to year 3 & 6 Students. It is not unusual for students from other year levels to move through these areas or chat briefly with a friend or sibling but yard duty staff ensure that the areas remain safe and for the primary use of the nominated year level students.

John McConchie

Reminders

- Please remember that “**NO NUT PRODUCTS**” are to be brought to school or taken on excursions.
- A **NEW CANTEEN MENU and PRICE LIST** has been issued and is **effective from Friday 1st May, 2009**. It is your responsibility to make sure the correct money is placed in the Lunch Order Bag. Lunch Order Bags are available to purchase from the Canteen. Canteen days are Monday and Friday (except for the first day of any new term.)
- **Parents** need to contact the school if there are any alterations to their children’s existing arrangements for the **Buses in Term 3**.
- There have been several cases of **Head Lice reported recently**. Please report any incidents of Head Lice to the school office. Information is available for the treatment of Head Lice from the school.
- Please ensure all uniforms are clearly labelled with the student’s name. Students are reminded to take responsibility at school for their uniforms and keep them in their bags when they are not wearing them. Please check your uniforms to make sure they are labelled and belong to you.
- Many students have been absent recently due to illnesses. Please make sure you return an **absent note** with your child on their day of return to school. If possible notify **holiday absences prior** to student absence. A page of absence notes have been included in this edition.

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*****Please note there are still many reports of Head Lice-check your child’s hair.*****

Students with long hair are advised to wear it tied back or platted.

Canteen News

For anyone who hasn’t noticed Tana is about to have a baby! She will be on leave from the canteen for most of next term. In her absence Alison Winter will be coming in on Monday and Friday. We are hoping that Tana will be able to keep cooking her lasagne for us and we will keep you informed about any menu changes that we might need to make. Elisabeth will also be on leave next week and the first 2 weeks of next term. A reminder that there will be no canteen for the first Monday next term.

Liz Hanger

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Synergy Youth this week

Infuse (Grade 3-6) 5pm-6.30pm @ Youth club

Revolution (Yr 6-12) 8-9.30pm @ Youth Club

Infuse and Revolution Programs – For more information contact Youth leader Marni Briffa

Ph: 5237 1202 or Mob: 0406351838 or Email m_briffa@bigpond.net.au

Golfing News

Brendan O'Carroll Year 7 had special permission to play in the June Tournament held in Apollo Bay over the June Long weekend.....Well Done!

He came runner up with P. McIntyre (Junior) on the Wednesday in the 4BBB Stableford and also won best Junior 27 hole nett on Sunday

CONGRATULATIONS !!!!!

Dear Parent,

On Thursday, 6 August 2009 the Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) will be held for the 32nd time and we are pleased to invite all students from Years 3 to 12 to enter this world-wide competition. The AMC started in 1978 and has been run every year since then. In that time, it has become the largest single event on the Australian Education Calendar, allowing students to attempt the same tasks on the same day. It has become a truly international event, with countries throughout the Pacific and South East Asia, and even further afield taking part.

The aims of the Competition are three-fold:

1. To highlight the importance of mathematics as a curriculum subject
2. To give students an opportunity to discover talent in mathematics
3. To provide resources for the classroom and general discussion

If your child is interested make sure they get an entry form from their Mathematics teacher and return it to the school office with payment of \$5.00 by **Wednesday the 24th of June** at the latest.

If you require more information please check the website at <http://www.amt.edu.au/amcfact.html> contact your child's mathematics teacher or Bobby Bedson at the school.

ICT Update

Year 7 and Year 10 laptops.

We hope to distribute these on the first Wednesday of next term. We have received the covers and have been told that the machines will arrive this week. They will then need to be formatted prior to use. We apologise for the delay, we ordered these last term and unfortunately their arrival date has been out of our control. A reminder that parents will need to pay an upfront bond of \$200 on these machines. They will remain the property of the college and will need to be returned at the end of 2011.

Software for Privately Owned Laptops

Some students have purchased their own laptops privately. We are happy to support the use of these laptops at the college as per the mobile devices agreement, however we are unable to provide software for these machines.

If laptops are purchased without software or with software that only lasts 30 days it is up to the student to purchase their own software. **Please check when you are purchasing laptops that the software lasts longer than 30 days.**

The college uses Microsoft Office as its main word/excel/powerpoint tool. The **Office Home and Student** pack can be purchased from retailers for \$150-\$198 ask when you buy your laptop. Alternatively you can download the **OpenOffice Suite** from the internet, this is a cheaper option, the software can interchange with the real Office but it is a bit more of a hassle and it will not be exactly the same as what other students are using. Please come in to school if you need advice and listen to the TV adds relating to Tax breaks relating to student technology.

New WAPS and Moodle

Over the holidays our computer technicians will be installing new WAP's or Wireless Access Points. This should improve the wireless access throughout the College. They have also uploaded a moodle site which will allow students to access work set at school from their home.

<http://moodle.apollobayp12.vic.edu.au/>

School Website

This is now back in action! This includes calendar and watch this space for links to our sustainability action and Africa trip. A reminder that text from our college Newsheet can be found online. A full version of the Newsheet can be emailed if you provide us with an email address.

<http://www.apollobayp12.vic.edu.au>

A Big Thank-you to Our Technicians

Jon Varney, Jeffrey Richardson and Damian Meade have had an extremely busy and sometimes challenging term. Their hard work has paid off with the Yr 5-6 students enjoying learning with their laptops and the prospect of more laptops coming online next term.

Padlocks

It is essential that students storing their computers at school use a personal padlock on their lockers. All students are responsible for their own belongings. Combination padlocks are available from the office for \$10.

Liz Hanger