

Principals Report 24/7/09

Year 7 & 10 Computers

Finally after 6 months of waiting our Netbooks and Lap Tops for years 7 & 10 have been rolled out to students. Consequently all year 5, 6, 7 & 10 students are now equipped with an individual computer. Over the next 2 years we will continue to purchase machines for other year levels so that by 2011 every student in the Middle & Senior Schools will have either a Netbook or Lap Top. Our experience to date with years 5 & 6 is that students embrace the new technology very quickly and use it productively to enhance their learning.

Staff Changes

Welcome to Lizzy McLaughlin who is taking Glenda Whelan's class during term 3. Glenda has taken some of her long service leave and is travelling in Europe. During her absence Ingrid Band has been appointed as Student Management leader for the Prep to year 4. Brian Dwyer has returned for a limited number of hours per week and we welcome Bree Rampal who is working across the year levels. Bree is an ex student of the college and it is great to have her bright and positive personality on board.

Senior Sub-School

Please remember the VTAC information session on the 4th of August at 7pm in T2. This is critical information for all year 12 students. Thanks to the Lyons Club for their contribution to the year 12 driving lessons. It is greatly appreciated. Thanks also to the local businesses who are hosting our V.E.T. students on work placement. Your support is essential to the delivery of vocational education and highly valued by the students. Congratulations to Harry Burns-Fabb who recently received a Victorian Premiers Award for achieving a perfect score in a VCE subject. Harry completed year 12 here last year and scored 50 out of 50 in Outdoor Education.

Middle School

We have been lucky enough to be accepted in the Picasso Cows Project. The project is sponsored by Jaydee Events which aims to promote dairy foods as part of a healthy diet. The fun part is that we receive a life size fibreglass cow for our Year 5 & 6 students to paint and decorate. I'm not sure where we will display it but it sounds like great fun.

John McConchie

Principal

| Date: | Event: |
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| 27/7 Mon | RACV Talk P-6 All Day |
| 28/7 Tue | Years 5 – 9 assembly 9.15 am |
| 31/7 Fri | Lorne – girls netball Years 7 – 12 Talking tactics Year 6 |
| 3/8 Mon | Finance meeting 8 am |
| 4/8 Tue | VTAC night year 12 at 7 pm |
| 11/8 Tue | College Council 7 pm |
| 12/8 Wed | Melbourne - Girls netball excursion years 6 – 12 P – 4 assembly 9.15 am |
| 17/08 Mon | Literacy Week (Includes writing competition) Year 9 camp to Bright |

August.... is a happening month for literacy lovers

Literacy week.... with the spelling competition and team writing events

Writing competition..... open to all students in Years P-12. Entries must be in by August 10th

Warm Winter Words.....Sunday August 16th

Warm Winter Words presents well known botanist, experienced gardener, Penny Woodward + prolific author, Meme Mc Donald at the Krambruk Room.

Aireys Festival of Words Saturday August 15th

This is a free festival sponsored by the Bendigo Bank and the Geelong Regional Library.

Children's Authors:

Alison Lester writer of *Magic Beach, Imagine, Are We There Yet?* Etc fame

Robert Ingpen one of Australia's most successful illustrators

Maureen McCarthy writer of *Flash Jack, Queen Kat, Carmel and St Jude* etc

If you want more information check out the website www.aireysinlet.com.au

Combination Locks for Student Lockers

These can be purchased from the school office for \$10. All students should ensure their lockers are secured to guard against theft.

Parents and Visitors Entering the School

A reminder that all parents and visitors entering the school during class times, should go through the front office. If you wish to discuss an issue with a teacher please phone the office for an appointment.

Education Maintenance Allowance

The second **EMA** Instalment is due to be paid by the end of August. Forms are at the office if you didn't fill one out for the first Instalment or if your circumstances have changed. You Health care card must be valid as of **13th July 2009** to qualify and forms have to be in the office by **7th August**.

MEDIA RELEASE

Applications open for FReeZA Push Start - Battle of the Bands

Young musicians should start tuning up for the 2009 FReeZA Push Start - Battle of the Bands.

Applications have opened for this year's gig, where district bands will compete for a place in the regional Push Start final, plus cash prizes.

Events Officer Vicki Jeffrey said this was a chance for local bands to get their name up in lights.

This year's battle will take place at COPACC on August 28.

"Battle of the Bands is an opportunity for upcoming bands to get great exposure and on-stage experience," she said.

Vicki said Colac was this year hosting the Push Start regional final in October, presenting a huge opportunity to district bands.

“The winner of FReeZA Push Start - Battle of the Bands will compete against the region’s best in the Push Start final, in front of a local crowd,” she said.

“We’re competing for a home-crowd advantage in the Push Start final this year, so the stakes are higher than ever.”

If your band wants to be part of the battle, call into the Colac Otway Shire offices in Colac or Apollo Bay to collect an application form.

Alternatively, you can visit the website at www.colacotway.vic.gov.au or call Vicki Jeffrey on 0400 890 471.

The 2009 FReeZA Push Start - Battle of the Bands on August 28 will kick off at 6:30pm and is an all ages, fully supervised gig with a drug, alcohol and smoke-free policy with no pass-outs. This event is sponsored by FReeZA and The Push as part of the Department of Planning and Community Development.

Applications close on July 17.

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