

Principal's Report

Talking Tactics

Last Monday night Year 6 students gave our "Talking Tactics" presentation. This program introduced students and parents to drug and alcohol issues. The students enthusiastically ran the program and then served up a great supper of soup and muffins. Thanks to Kim, Alison and Belinda for their organisation.

Parent Forum: Small and Snotty to Tall and Spotty

This forum will be held at the Surf Club on September 14, the last Monday night of term. The forum will address risk taking behaviour and communication with adolescents. It is targeted at parents of students in years 7-10 however anyone is welcome to attend. The presenters are from the Barwon Adolescent Task Force (BATForce) and the program has been organised in conjunction with Otway Health. Additional information has been sent out with the interim reports.

Excursions, Sleepovers and Other!

The Year 2 Sleepover is on tonight so there are a few teachers cleaning up their desks in case there is a staff room disco raid!!

Literacy Week winners travelled to the Melbourne Writers Festival to see writers such as Morris Gleitzman and John Boyne. Our Year 11 and 12 students saw Shaun Tan and a panel of writers including a past School Council President, Bruce Pascoe.

At this moment our Year 5-6 students are completing an online laptop evaluation involving a general survey and maths and English questions.

The term continues to be busy with basketball and PE excursions over the next two weeks and a Music Jam on the last Wednesday of term!!

Thank you to those parents who have returned their parent opinion surveys. These were sent to 40 randomly selected families. All survey information is confidential. If you have not yet returned your survey please return it to the office as your input is important to us.

A reminder that our updated uniform policy will take effect in term 4. The office has plentiful supplies ready for next term.

Liz Hanger

Assistant Principal



Combined Band Workshop Wednesday 19th August 2009

Last Wednesday 7 instrumental students from Yr 3-7 Apollo Bay College participated in a combined schools band workshop day from 9.30- 7.15pm at **Heathmont East Primary School** in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne.

There were over 90 students at the workshop from Mt Eliza North PS, Balcombe Consolidated SC, HEPS and Apollo Bay P-12 College.

Unfortunately not all our new students to our instrumental program could attend as the difficulty of work required of them is varied depending on the instrument they play but the selected few had a terrific day-

They learnt 7 new theme songs from the movies...

Jurassic Park

Dances With Wolves

Forrest Gump

Indiana Jones

An American Tail

Chariots of Fire

and many oldies..including Cabaret, Star Wars and the Flintstones and of course the favourite **SPIDER PIG** from the Simpsons!!

Throughout the day the students participated in whole band rehearsals, tutorial sectionals, a school performance and then after a busy day a BBQ dinner. The day concluded with an evening concert to parents and friends which filled the performing Arts Facility.

What a very exciting and exhausting day of music making we had together with the fabulous Mr Tom Harris conductor from Mt Eliza North PS.

Many thanks go to the wonderful support I had on the day from the host school HEPS Mrs Austin, Mr Deith and Eimie and from Apollo Bay team-Mrs Maria McQuinn and Mrs Liz O'Carroll who stayed with our students for the day, helping and transporting the students back to the bay....Thankyou for giving up your personal time out of school hours to support this big day out; you all helped to make the day such a success.

Finally my biggest thanks go to the wonderful students in the band...you played well and you were all terrific...hope there wasn't too many sore mouths and fingers from all the blowing and playing!!! Well done I hope you enjoyed your first 'Big Band' experience!

CONGRATULATIONS

Kathryn Doherty
Music/Instrumental Teacher

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 Monday 13th July, 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.

*****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.

Parent /Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Thursday 10th September 3-6pm. School will be finishing at 2.30pm and buses will be departing at 2.30pm that day. Appointments can be made at the school office for students in Years P-6. Students in year 7-12 will have an individual booking sheet. Students in Years 5-12 will receive an interim report one week prior to the interviews. Please note that we are reverting back to the old system in accordance with the Department of Education Guidelines. *This will be a normal school day for students other than finishing at 2.30pm.*

Any further enquiries please contact Liz Hanger

Computer News

The College is in the process of setting up a new learning platform for students which will enable students to access class worksheets, calendars, timetables etc from home. This can be accessed at <http://moodle.apollobayp12.vic.edu.au> . Student timetables are currently available on the site.

A text only version of the College News Sheet can be found on the Schools webpage www.apollobayp12.vic.edu.au