

Principals Report

• Parent Teacher Night

Parent teacher interviews will be held on the 10th of September between 3 and 6pm. Due to new regulations from the Dept of Education & early childhood development we are not permitted to release students from school for the afternoon to facilitate longer interviews. Therefore we will be shortening recess & lunch time to facilitate a 2:30 pm finish whilst still providing 300 instructional minutes in the day. I am disappointed that we cannot continue with the model introduced last year but the direction from the Barwon South West Regional office is explicit. Elsewhere in this issue are the specific arrangements for the day, please take this opportunity to meet with as many of your child's teachers as possible.

• Year 9 Bright Trip

This week our year 9 group is staying in Bright working with students from Bright P-12 College. This trip was set up by Darren Gill in association with staff from Bright and is a fantastic addition to our year 9 program which focuses on personal growth and leadership development. Next year we will be hosting students from Bright here, this relationship with a kindred college and community adds significantly to the diversity and richness of our year 9 program.

• Literacy Week

This weeks Literacy Week activities have been a spectacular success. Lee Kelly has worked with a core team of staff including, Alison Verboon, Belinda Conning, Jenny Bryant and Rachel Farrant (student teacher). The activities they organised culminated in a fantastic assembly yesterday celebrating the work of our students in creative writing, poetry and photo stories. Congratulations to all students who worked so enthusiastically and all staff for supporting Literacy Week.

• Parent Opinion survey

Parent opinion surveys have been posted home to 40 families randomly selected. If you are one of those please take the time to complete and return the survey as instructed. The results of the survey form part of our annual report and help the college council and leadership team to improve our communication with parents. Your opinion is valued.

• Uniform in Term 4

In term 4 our new uniform policy will take effect. Following is a list of the uniform items appropriate in each sub-school. Students may continue to wear their current uniform items until they need to be replaced

Prep to Year 4:

- Green Polo Shirt (short or long sleeved) with College Logo
- Navy/Green Fleecy Bomber Jacket with College Logo
- Navy Pants
- Navy Girls Boot Leg Pants
- School Dress Blue and white check
- Navy Shorts & Skorts

Year 5-12:

- Hooded Navy Windcheater with College Logo
- Navy Fleece Jacket
- Black or Navy Blue leggings or tights worn under school dress or skirt
- Navy V-Necked wool jumper
- Bomber Jacket with College Logo
- School Tartan Skirt (navy emerald)
- School summer dress navy white emerald check
- Navy or White Polo Top with College Logo
- Trousers or shorts, plain Navy Blue or Black.
- Specific exclusions include, Track suit pants,
- Y12 top

Prep to Year 12

- Shoes must cover the foot completely and offer proper support. Appropriate footwear with non marking soles must be worn for PE & Sport classes.
- Specific exclusions include,
 - Ugg boots, moccasins, high heels, high legged boots, gum boots, thongs.
- Jewellery should be kept to a minimum and must be safe.
- Make-up should be kept to a minimum
- Hats with a peak or brim must be worn outside during terms 1 & 4. The hat must offer protection from the sun. Hats bearing offensive words or symbols are not acceptable. Hats or hoods must not be worn in class

John McConchie

Principal

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

Over the last 6 weeks grade 5 & 6 C boys have visited the ambulance station on Monday afternoons during their block class. The paramedics have done a wonderful job in teaching the students about emergency response & the equipment. It has been hands-on and very practical. The boys have participated eagerly each lesson. I congratulate these boys on their enthusiasm and participation throughout the program.

The next rotation of block class will see another 5 & 6 group attend the program.

From Miss V 😊

Victorian Netball Championships

Apollo Bay P-12 College recently competed in the Victorian Netball Championships at The State Netball Centre Royal Park. We sent 5 teams and included girls from Lavers Hill and Lorne. The teams had mixed success but all involved had a great day. We would like to thank the Apollo Bay Netball Club for organising umpires and coaching assistance. We need to provide umpires in order to compete. In particular we would like to thank and really appreciate your help, Vicki Hannah, Jacki Carroll, Tammy McFarlane and Stacy Wilson. Kath Speirs also went above the call of duty by umpiring as well as coaching and driving the bus!!

Liz Hanger

Talking Tactics Together

Our Grade 6 students having been involved in Talking Tactics sessions over the past month with our school nurse Kim. Talking Tactics is a drug and alcohol education program that focuses on harm minimisation strategies.

On Monday night the grade sixes shared all the activities that they have been involved in with their parents, teachers and some grade five students.