A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The start of the new year has provided us with the opportunity to improve our school’s newsletter. I invite you all to read the first newsletter in our new format to be published at the end of each month. The purpose of school newsletters is to provide the opportunity to reflect over the news, events and celebrations of the college as well as communicating vital information across all aspects of our school community.

I wish everyone a safe and relaxing Easter and Term One break.

John Mitsinikos
College Principal

TERM ONE REPORTS

Term One reports will be available from 3pm Friday 31st March via the Compass Parent Portal.

A notification has been sent to families through Compass to advise them that this report will not mailed home.

If you require your portal log in details, please contact the General Office.

OPEN NIGHT

The College's Open Night was a huge success with over 250 people in attendance. Our guests were given a brief welcome by the Principal, followed by an hour long tour visiting all areas of the school. The feedback from families was extremely positive as they gained a sense of our very positive and inclusive school community. We would like to thank the students who worked with teachers to produced excellent displays.

TERM 2 KEY DATES

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STUDY HALL

Study Hall is a support program where students can use the Library after school to complete homework, study or complete Learning Tasks. Teachers from across each Learning Area are rostered to provide support and assistance. Access to computers and printing is also available.

Study Hall is held after school between 3.20 and 4.20pm.

Term 2 Study Hall Dates

May
2nd, 3rd, 10th, 11th, 17th, 23rd, 25th, 30th and 31st

June
8th, 20th and 21st

YR. 7 CAMP

86 excited Year 7s and 7 enthusiastic teachers attended the Summit Camp in Trafalgar. What followed were three days of high energy activities that included rock wall climbing, giant swing, flying fox, sky bridge, and a monster challenge race that involved a lot of laughter and a lot of mud. Many new friendships were formed and students, and teachers had the opportunity to get to know each other better and get involved in activities together.

Megan Fitzgerald
Yr. 7 Coordinator

BELL TIMES

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TERM 2 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thursday 20th April
12:30pm-7:30pm

Bookings are now open to parents via the Compass Parent Portal. If you require your log in details please contact the general office and they will be able to assist you.

Please be reminded that this is a student free day
**YR 8 CAMP**

Year 8 students will be attending Campaspe Downs Camp site in August. The camp will be a four day, three night adventure style camp. Students will participate in activities such as abseiling, archery, flying fox, giant swing, canoeing, raft building, low ropes and a night of bush camping.

We anticipate the price to be approximately $350 and we will endeavour to keep this price as low as possible.

A $100 deposit will be required in early Term 2 to secure your child’s spot on the camp.

Please contact Tom Cullum for more information.

Expression of interest form can be found at the General Office.

**STUDENT ATTENDANCE**

To report an absence or extended leave call 9743 9211

Option 1

All absences require a call or a signed note from a parent/carer to inform the College prior to sms messages going home at 10am.

Students that attend medical appointments are to bring a copy of their medical cert to the Attendance Officer to process and rectify the absence.

If your child is having extended leave from the college due to family holidays, guardians/parents need to contact the college and supply a note with dates the student will be absent from the college, this then gives the classroom teacher an opportunity to supply the student with school work.

College Attendance Policy:


**PARENT REPRESENTATIVES WANTED**

Our College School Wide Positive Behaviour team is looking for 2 College Community members to join the team. If you are interested or would like to know more information, please contact Tegan Aquilina on 9743-9211

**PIE FOR Π**

Every year Pi is celebrated around the world on March 14. To honour this special number, Kurunjang Secondary College runs the Annual Pi for a Pie challenge. Students practice remembering the decimal places of Pi and test their skills with a teacher checking their progress. Students who recite Pi to at least 25 decimal places from memory receive a voucher to redeem their free pie next Wednesday. This year there has been strong competition again between students as to who would remember the most decimal places of Pi and win a trophy. Jack Okely 9A, recited a huge 319 decimal places of Pi from memory. Jhanice Victuelles also from 9A, recited 208 decimal places! Pi is a special number because it is irrational, non-terminating and non-repeating. The digits of Pi are still being discovered! Congratulations to all staff and students who took part and joined in the spirit of International Pi Day.

Lou Bentley- Numeracy Leading Teacher
ABORIGINAL INCURSION

Year 7 students (with the assistance of VET students) participated in the inaugural Aboriginal For A Day Incursion in order to develop a greater understanding and appreciation of Indigenous culture. Students spent the day participating in various group activities including learning several traditional aboriginal dances, creating artwork, and listening to an Aboriginal elder who detailed his life experiences as a member of the Stolen Generation and the prejudice faced by Indigenous Australians. The day concluded with students participating in dances and reflecting on what they had gained from their participation. It was a wonderful event, with all students and staff leaving with a greater appreciation and understanding of one of the oldest and diverse cultures in the world.

COLLEGE UNIFORM

The uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instills recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school.

The Uniform Shop is located at the front of the school and is open every Thursday in Term 2 from 8am-9am and 2:30pm to 5pm. They can be contacted on 9746 6865 during opening hours.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

It has been another successful Kurunjang Swimming Carnival, with many students participating in swimming and fun novelty events, earning points for their houses. After a close points race, it was Jarra (blue) House that broke through as our winners for the day. It was a great day for students who broke Kurunjang swimming records, which included; Will Murray and Brodie Matthews. The following students; Will Murray, Brodie Matthews and Joanna Denou have gone through to represent Kurunjang Secondary College in the WMR Secondary Swimming 2017 event.

Suzi Grozdanovska
Sport Coordinator
MELTON
YOUNG CARERS GROUP

When:
The group meets Wednesday afternoons during school terms from 4:30pm-6:30pm. A timetable will be provided for families.

Outings to movies, fun city and restaurants are organised on a regular basis. Other activities include cooking and crafts. Full day activities are also run during the school holidays.

Where:
48 Unitt St, Melton VIC 3337

Come along, meet new people, and join in with the fun activities!

For more information, please contact:
Melissa Sweedman @ Cohealth Centre on 9448 5503 or 0475 839 991
Semiha Gundogan @ MacKillop Family Services on 8746 0500

The program is funded by Carers Vic Respite Connections.