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Coming Events.....

- 1/5 School Cross Country
- 7/5 Immunisations Year 7 Girls Human Papillomavirus (2nd dose) & Chicken Pox
Outdoor Ed Camp (7th & 8th May)
- 12/5 Naplan – Year 7 & 9 (12th – 15/5)
- 19/5 SSSSA Cross Country
- 20/5 Year 9 VRAP Melbourne trip (20th – 22nd May)
- 2/6 Year 7 Camp (2nd – 5th June)

Term Dates for 2009

- Term 2 - 20th April - 26th June
- Term 3 - 13th July - 18th September
- Term 4 - 5th October - 18th December

....FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Public Meeting

Members of our school community and the general public are invited to a meeting at the Merbein Secondary College Activity Centre on Monday 4th May commencing at 7:00pm. The purpose of this meeting will be to identify opportunities for all students that exist now, and in the future, to access the best possible education opportunities and outcomes. There has been considerable speculation in the media in recent times about different models of education provision for our area including a P-10 structure. These possibilities will be examined. To inform the consultation process information will be provided on aggregated data in a number of areas. The meeting will be chaired by Mr Graeme Worthington, College Council President. Public Meetings are also being conducted at Merbein, Merbein South and Merbein West Primary Schools. Details can be obtained from those schools.

ANZAC Service

Thank you to Brodie Henderson and Kelsey Matheson who represented our school so capably at the ANZAC Day service in Merbein. They participated in the march and laying of a wreath. Congratulations to Cassie Barko (vocals) and Matt Rodi (guitar) for their musical items at the service. Thanks to Mrs Worthington and Mr Menhennett for assisting our students on the day.

Cross Country

A reminder that the Cross Country will be run tomorrow, after lunch at Chaffey Park.

ROCK EISTEDDFOD NEWS

Last Sunday afternoon 60 dancers attended the first Rock Eisteddfod rehearsal for 2009.

The planning of the Eisteddfod commenced last year with Gerard Veltre and a small group of Year 8 and 9

students. This group worked out the theme, soundtrack and storyline for the Rock Eisteddfod.

The story is centred round a school girl who is being bullied by some nasty girls. There are a couple of dream sequences involving monsters and silk dancers who help the school girl gain the confidence to stand up to the bullies. The finale is a high energy dance routine with all dancers on stage joining with the school girl in a dance to celebrate with her.

Our Choreographer, Gerard Veltre, is an experienced dancer and choreographer from Melbourne. Our school first met with Gerard through the White Lion program. He has brought 2 previous performances to the district and is again bringing another 2 performances to the this year.

It is planned for Gerard to come to the school again in 3 weeks to work with our students on the Rock Eisteddfod. This is yet to be confirmed, but at this stage all dancers should keep Sunday May 24th free for dance practice.

Over the next 3 weeks our group of student dance leaders will be teaching what they have learnt from Gerard to the larger groups of dancers. These rehearsals will take place on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes at school.

Costumes

We are wondering if there are parents that might be interested in assisting with costume production. If you are interested please contact Mrs Christine Bettison or Mr Greg Rhodes at the school on 50252501.

YEAR 9 CAMP

A final reminder to Year 9 students that full payment of \$195 is due tomorrow (Friday). If this deadline cannot be met then please contact Yvonne Matotek at the College.

YEAR 10 SHIRTS

Year 10 shirts must be paid in full or a deposit made at the office tomorrow to ensure that you get a shirt.

UNIFORM

The cooler weather is just about here so we ask parents to make sure their child has the regulation College winter uniform.

Trousers: Tailored school grey or black pants or pull-ons with elastic waist or tailored fleecy black or grey pants. Tracksuit pants without stripes or logos are acceptable (**strictly no jeans**).

Jumper: Bottle green woollen jumper with V neck with College crest; or polar fleece with College crest; or bottle green windcheater with College crest.

ASX SHAREMARKET GAME

We have 2 weeks left of trading, so it is important that syndicates take a good look at their portfolio. Trading finishes on Wednesday 13th May. Syndicates DO NOT have to sell their shares at the end of the game. Their portfolio value will be calculated on the shares that they hold and the cash in hand that they have left. The top 10 syndicates as of Wednesday 29th April were:

1. V8's of Thunder \$63,746
2. Keldol Tag \$63,437
3. Gold Diggers \$63,341
4. Cross Eyed Rabbits \$62,916
5. Such is Life \$62,091
6. Mae Jimbob \$60,312
7. Brigzsty \$59,241
8. Smurfs \$57,712
9. Save the Planet \$57,545
10. The Brokers \$57,538

Don't forget that each member of the winning syndicate will receive a \$50 Coles/Myer Voucher.

Mrs Fetherston

SPORTING NEWS

Year 7/8 Boys Interschool Football Report

Beautiful conditions greeted 25 very eager boys for their Interschool Football Championships on Wednesday 22nd April. After a rushed trip to Irymple the boys started the day with their first game against Irymple.

In a close game the boys challenged Irymple right throughout the game. With scores very close at half time, the boys were unable to make use of the ball inside their forward 50 and went down 1.2.8 to Irymple's 4.5.29. Daniel Shaw got plenty of the ball around the middle of the ground and was our best player. Taylor Whitehead also found plenty of the footy and gave great drive from the half back line. Jordan Walker, despite being outsized, won the hard ball on numerous occasions and Jake Pascoe and Josh Vartuli worked really hard in the key defensive posts to keep the scores close. Geoff Hill, best known for his umpiring ability, snagged a great goal to keep us in the game.

In the second game Daniel Shaw again racked up possessions and was once again our best player. At half time the scores were level and the boys fought hard to stay in touch with Chaffey. Josh Vartuli again showed a great deal of talent, this time at Centre Half Forward. Matthew Rix was excellent in the ruck and Jack Wilson repelled many attacks. Unfortunately, Chaffey kicked a late goal and eventually won CSC 3.5.23 to MSC 2.2.14. Goals were kicked by Kaine Mazza who celebrated in style and Daniel Shaw.

The third game was even tighter with Red Cliffs beating our boys by a point. RCSC 2.1.13 to MSC 2.0.12. The scores represented how close the game was, once again our boys just struggled to finish off the work done by the backline and midfield once the ball got into our forward 50. Jake Pascoe and Daniel Shaw kicked the goals this time. Taylor Whitehead was our best player despite starting on the bench. Again Daniel Shaw had many touches, Dylan Saunders showed his skills well and Jordan Appleby laid many tackles and won his share of the footy.

In the final game, against eventual winners St. Josephs, one team played in the spirit of "school footy" and the other played for sheep stations. Unfortunately, the Merbein boys were on the receiving end of an old fashioned flogging. Our boys tried hard, but were simply not good enough against a very strong, skilful, disciplined and smart group of young men. The goals kept coming and the scorers put their pens down after the first half that saw the score 7.4.46 to nil.

The boys should be congratulated on the way they played during the day. Their behaviour and sportsmanship was excellent and whilst the results didn't go our way, I'm sure the boys enjoyed their day. A big thanks must go out to Sean Peterson and Joey Redman who helped out during the day, performing a variety of roles including runner, water boys, umpires and scorers.

Interschool Hockey Report

Interschool hockey was held on Monday in conditions that proved to be four seasons in one day. The junior boys and girls teams copped it the hardest, playing in the pouring rain and cold conditions. But what a job they did. The junior girls team consisted of Emma Allinson, Hannah and Lucy Boseley, Sharlee Burge, Danielle Collucio, Jemma Forrester, Caitlin Lever, Nikki and Zoe Martin, Kate McCourt, Amelia McInnes, Laura Robertson and Olivia Young. They battled well in a tight match against Chaffey, with the lead changing several times until Chaffey took the points 3-2. A fantastic effort from girls who have barely or never picked up a stick before.

Best players were: Laura Robertson, Hannah Boseley and Olivia Young.

Lachlan Kelly, Trent Branson, Tyler Costa, Mitchell Rogerson, Travis Anderson, Jake Chant, Luke McSwain, Fraizer Mulder, Jai Bildstein, Taylor Whitehead, Josh Tonkin and Zac Stanborough made up the junior boys team. They played one game against Chaffey and lost 0-6, which didn't reflect the competitiveness of the game. The persistence and determination of the boys to keep at it was great to see.

The experienced intermediate girl's team of Brittany and Cassie Barko, Elyse Carter, Maddie Carter, Amy Collihole, Jessica Ferguson, Cazna Harrison, Ashleigh Knight, Cassie Malic, Mikki Peake, Kate Robertson, Lucy Young and Georgie Whitehead played two games against Irymple and St Josephs. The skill and strong team play of the girls was far too good winning 5-0 and 4-0 respectively.

The intermediate boy's team was made up of Aaron Bell, Aiden Blow, Jarrod Lever, Liam McElhinney, Sam Diwell, Ben Mitchell, Brayden Cook, Dane Costa, Ben Beasy, Lachie Logan, Matt McGinty and Declan Burt. Despite having limited experience, they worked hard and applied their knowledge from other sports to hockey. Their efforts paid off and they won the last game against Chaffey and came in second overall.

It was a pleasure to spend the day with these students. Well done!

.....Miss Priest and Mrs Dawson



Baseball Results

On Tuesday 28th April the Year 7/8 Baseball side headed for Bendigo to play in the Northern Zone Finals. We stayed at the Golden Nugget Tourist Park which had very nice rooms. The next day at 9am we headed for the ground. When we got there we knew that we were only going to play one team, 'Bendigo'. The game was full of fun and exciting moments. In the end we were just too good for Bendigo winning the game 22 to 5.

The best players on the day were Sam Razis, Jordan McBain, Fraizer Mulber, Jarrod Simmons and Tom Holcroft. We all had fun but we ere glad when we got back to Merbein.

Thanks to Mr Petrie, Mr Strathairn and Shirley for their help and encouragement on the day.

...Josh Vartuli

THE LAKE SCHOOL - TRIVIA NIGHT

The Lake School will hold a Trivia Night on Friday 8th May at the Merbein Secondary College Activity Centre from 7pm. The cost is \$10 per person (adults only). BYO supper and drinks can be purchased from the venue at great prices. Come along and enjoy great entertainment with chances to win door prizes and other fantastic prizes. Everyone is welcome to make a table or there is an extras list to make up tables.

To book your table please contact the school on 5023 3468.

UMPIRE NEEDED

A netball umpire is needed for the Lakers Primary School Netball Team to umpire at Mansell Reserve competition at either 11.15am or 12.20pm each Saturday. (Must have completed an umpiring course). First game is this Saturday 2nd May. If anyone is interested then please contact Brenda Stevens on 0427 502465.

Mr Garry Costello
PRINCIPAL