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Coming Events.....

Thurs 13/8 -Interhouse Athletic Carnival
Mon 24/8 -Work Experience for Year 10's (24/8 to 4/9)
Thurs 27/8 -Rock Eisteddfod
Tues 8/9 -SSSSA Athletics

Term Dates for 2009

Term 3 - 13th July - 18th September
Term 4 - 5th October - 18th December

....FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Athletics Carnival – Thursday 13th August

Our school Athletics Carnival will be held next Thursday 13th August at the Aero Ovals. As a result next Thursday school will be transferred from our normal site to the Aero Ovals.

An Information Notice about the arrangements for the Athletics Carnival is attached to this Newsletter.

College Council

College Councillors are reminded that next week's meeting will now take place on **Tuesday 11th August starting at 7:00pm**. The Finance Committee will meet at 6:30pm. Mr Graeme Robertson (Assistant Regional Director – Facilities) will join us at 8:00pm to discuss issues about the site for the new P-10 school.

The BEAT 2009

Our school will again have a strong representation at this year's BEAT performances on Tuesday 18th August and Wednesday 19th August. Our school rock band *Supertonic* will be performing on both nights. Mrs Dunbar's 9/10 Dance class from first semester will perform on the Tuesday evening and Miss Priest's 9/10 first semester Dance class will perform on the Wednesday evening. We also have Cailean Westhead, Ben Fitzpatrick, Jarrod Lever and Max Rau performing as part of the 'Combined Schools Percussion Ensemble' on both nights. Our students will not be involved in the matinee performances.

Tickets are on sale from the Arts Centre. Parents are advised that tickets usually sell very quickly. Call the Arts Centre Box office on 50188330 or the Visitor Information Centre on 50188376. Prices are \$14 Adult, \$7 Concession, Pensioners and Children. Family (2 adults / 2 children) tickets are \$33 with each additional child \$3.50.

JEANS FOR GENES DAY

In support of Jeans for Genes Day 2009 students may wear jeans this Friday 7th August (**tomorrow**). Students **MUST** still wear the correct college shirt, jumper and shoes. The SRC request a gold coin donation from any

student wearing jeans. This will be collected during form assembly by SRC members.

VICTORIAN PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Many students have been avidly reading a wide range of novels and it has been fun to watch the way they have been sharing their reading experiences and recommending titles to their friends.

However the 2009 Premier's Reading Challenge is drawing to a close.

To finalise the 'paper work' students need to have their paper record of the titles they have read signed by a parent. The list then needs to be brought to the Library where they can be added to the computer and verified by the Librarian onto the Reading Challenge data base before the 18th of August.

Please encourage your child to submit their paper reading record by the above date.

INTERSCHOOL NETBALL RESULTS

Junior Netball Report

On Tuesday 28th July, six teams of girls from year 7-10 took part in the Inter-school Netball competition at Mansell Reserve. All of our teams experienced some success, with our Junior girls division 2 team winning their section of the competition by going through undefeated for the day.

The division 1 Junior girls team had a great day winning three of six games and finishing third on percentage. Each game played was very close, particularly against strong teams like Irymple and St Joes. All girls played very well for the day with the energetic defence of Mikaela Saunders and Jordan Madigan a highlight of the day. Laura Robertson and Georgia Guest controlled the ball through the centre of the court, while Claire Collihole and Hannah Wright provided excellent back-up in defence. Olivia Young and Brea Meyer shot accurately all day.

The division 2 Junior girls also had a very successful day, managing to stay undefeated throughout the 6 games that they played. Maddie Matthews and Holly Mazza shot very accurately, rewarding the efforts of their very consistent defenders in Bree Henkel and Lucy and Hannah Boseley. Sharlee Burge and pocket rockets, Dana Haynes and Kira Haig, were fantastic through the centre court.

The division 3 Junior girls had a consistent day winning one game and drawing another. Defence was a highlight for this team, with Danielle Coluccio and Stevie Bone trying hard all day. Maddison Kane was a welcome addition to the goal circle late in the day, while Caitlin Lever, Chanelle Davy and Carina Spangenberg all

worked hard, often playing their non-preferred position. Madeleine Gardner, Alicia Pezzaniti and Teisha Pay all played well through the centre court.

The senior girls also had a hard fought out day. The division 1 girls won four of the six games finishing third overall, only losing by 1 to Irymple who finished on top. All girls played hard especially when placed in positions they don't normally play. Defence end played strongly with Brooke Lindsay, Dana Haig and Lucy Young intercepting well, centre court Rachael Costello, Stef Johns, Bek Adair and Sam Fullgrabe provided excellent drive into the shooters Ashleigh Flentjar and Amy Collihole who scored consistently all day.

The division 2 senior girls gelled well and coached themselves to a fantastic effort, finishing second overall. Steph Pitt and Kaidee Kitt moved well in the ring with accurate shooting, while defence consisted of Kelsey Matheson, Laura Maher and Ashleigh Knight showing her defensive skills. Rotation of Shanice Kuchel, Tayla Stevens and Michaela O'Rourke provided great drives from defence into the attack end to provide the wins.

Division 3 senior girls had a fun packed day. Breanna Hall, Blair Russel, Tegan Kemp and Katie Burt rotated through the goal circle, while Amy Ryczel, Maddie Alessi and Cassie Malic worked the ball evenly through the centre court. Tegan Bell, Sophie Wakefield and Ainslee Wandell battled hard against some very tall shooters from opposition teams. The girls finished with one win and one draw for the day.

A huge thank you to Katelyn Robertson and Nicole Hood who umpired all day and did a fantastic job.

Congratulations to all girls who participated on the day!



Pictured: Junior Girls Division 2 team, (back) Kira Haig, Sharlee Burge, Holly Mazza, Maddie Matthews, Hannah Boseley, Bree Henkel
(front) Dana Haynes & Lucy Boseley

ROCK EISTEDDFOD NEWS

Rehearsals

Gerard Veltre will be attending rehearsals again at Merbein SC on Sunday 16th August. Rehearsals will start at **2pm** and conclude at **5pm**.

ALL DANCERS and BACKSTAGE crew must attend.

A two hour rehearsal will also be held during school hours on Monday 17th August.



CAKE DECORATING

There are some fabulous cakes being produced in the Cake Decorating class at the moment and pictured below is Maddie Alessi's excellent effort.



MERBEIN CENTENARY

A reminder to the College community that the Merbein Centenary will take place from Friday 14th to Sunday 23rd August.

For further information please go to www.merbeincenatary.com.au

Mr Garry Costello
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