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Coming Events.....

Thurs 28/7 -Interschool Netball & Soccer
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

College Council

There will be a special meeting of the full College Council at 7pm on Monday 27th July and sub-committees will follow.

State Cross Country

Our school will be represented by 7 students at the State Cross Country Championships in Bundoora (Melbourne) tomorrow. Hannah Boseley will compete in the 13yrs Girls (3km) and Rachael Brade in the 15yrs Girls (3km) events. Our 16yrs Girls (3km) team consists of Georgie Whitehead, Kate Robertson, Jasmin Hurst, Elyse Carter and Tahni Skewes. Georgie, Kate and Elyse were part of a team which won the State title last year. All of these students have been training very hard for a number of months and we wish them well.

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. Our students will not be involved in the matinee performances.

Tickets go on sale on Wednesday 6th August.

\$14 Adult

\$7 Concession, pensioners & children

\$33 Family (2 adults / 2 children) extra child \$3.50

\$3.50 Matinee tickets

All Schools Cross Country

Last Saturday Georgie Whitehead (Year 10) and Rachael Brade (Year 9) represented our school at the All Schools State Cross Country Championships in Melbourne. Both girls did very well at this elite level of competition using it as a lead up to tomorrow's Championships. Rachael has only been running competitively for a couple of months and should be very proud of her achievements.

ROCK EISTEDDFOD NEWS

Important information regarding the performance date.

Please note that the performance date has been changed by the Rock Eisteddfod organisers in Adelaide. The previous date given was Friday 28th August. The performance has been moved to Thursday 27th August. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Parents and family wishing to purchase tickets for the Rock Eisteddfod performance in Adelaide (at the Entertainment Centre) should call the school soon, to give an indication of the number of tickets required. Tickets will then be available through the front office. **Please note that the ticket price has been reduced from \$49 to \$35.**

Some information about the benefits of participation in the Rock eisteddfod.

What students Gain

Rock Eisteddfod Challenge® is more than just an 8 minute performance; it is a learning process that make it possible for students to achieve a broad range of benefits:

- Life skills
- Communication skills
- The ability to work as part of a team
- Problem solving skills
- Motivation to be responsible with their health and maintain a 100% drug and alcohol free lifestyle
- Self confidence
- The belief that 'they can do it'.

Rehearsals

Gerard Veltre will be coming to Merbein SC on Sunday 2nd August. It is planned there will be rehearsals held for much of that day as well as some smaller group rehearsals during school on Monday 3rd August. ALL DANCERS and BACKSTAGE crew must attend.

INTERSCHOOL NETBALL

Interschool netball will be held on Tuesday 28th July at Mansell reserve from 9am – 2pm. We would gratefully appreciate any assistance from parents who have some spare time. We particularly need umpires for the day. Please contact Liz Rankin or Jane Priest at the College if you are able to help us out.

LIBRARY NEWS

Last semester while attending the Principals Conference in Melbourne, Mr Costello won an LCD television for the school in the Principal's raffle! He decided that it

should be installed in the Library where it can be used by all of the students across the school.

The television was installed on Monday morning. It is able to receive programs from the free to air stations as well as the educational channels from Austar. Teachers will also be able to display videos and data from their laptops. The TV is visible from the couch area of the Library and already students have enjoyed watching programs from Animal Planet and the like.

WHAT'S YOUR MESSAGE – CYBER SAFETY

On the 25th of March, Shaylee Trinci, Jessica Tisler, Oscar Curran, Cameron Tilley and Pia Davis went with Miss Davis to the St. Joseph's College Stadium to learn about the effects of cyber bullying. As part of the day we were invited to take a part in a cyber bullying media program to plan, write and produce a movie based on the effects of cyber bullying. We came up with a storyboard, and started to think about how our project was going to turn out. Then after lots of hard work we started casting the actors. This is when we added Kyle Knight, Shannon Deale, Tom Holcroft and Abigail Malycha who are very enthusiastic in front of the camera. Shay and Daniel took on the hard role of directing the film, which gave the group an idea of what the film industry would be like. Pia helped with dubbing for the animated section of the film while Oscar, Abigail, Cameron and Jessica gave us great ideas and helped a lot with the behind the scenes work.

Although it took a long time and lots of effort and determination, we are extremely proud of the end result. We would like to thank Miss Davis for all her help and support she has given us over the past 5 months.

...Daniel Lakatos and Shaylee Trinci

CHAFFEY AGED CARE VISIT

Over the holiday break students from the Aged Care program participated in the "Biggest Morning Tea" at Chaffey Aged Care, to raise funds for cancer. The theme of the day was weddings from the early 1900's. Most of the wedding dresses displayed in a fashion parade had been worn by residents on their wedding day. The event raised around \$500.



Pictured is Kady Schottler modelling one of the gowns.

TAFE OPEN WEEK 2009

Sunraysia Institute of TAFE will hold their Open Week from 3rd August to 9th August from 10am – 3pm each day at the Mildura Campus.

Monday – sustainable business

Tuesday – sustainable food production and living

Wednesday – sustainability of self

Thursday – sustainable efficient energy

Friday – sustainable construction

Saturday – arts folio workshop

Sunday – information expo

For further information please go to www.sunitafe.edu.au

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