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Coming Events.....

8/5	Outdoor Ed Camp (7 th & 8 th May)
12/5	Naplan – Year 7 & 9 (12 th – 15/5)
19/5	SSSSA Cross Country
20/5	Year 9 VRAP Melbourne trip (20 th – 22 nd May)
2/6	Year 7 Camp (2 nd – 5 th June)

Term Dates for 2009

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

....FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Public Meeting

Mr Graeme Worthington, College Council president, would like to thank those parents and members of our school community who attended last Monday's public meeting about future education provision in the Merbein area.

College Council

College Councillors are reminded that the next meeting is this Monday 11th May commencing at 7:30pm. The Finance Committee will meet at 7:00pm.

Open Night

The school will conduct an Open Night on Tuesday 26th May between 5:00pm and 7:00pm. The main purpose of the evening is to provide an opportunity for Grade 6 students and their parents to inspect our facilities and meet with staff and other parents. The night will feature displays of student work and also students in action in subjects such as Music, Home Economics, Science and Computer Technology. Those students required to assist on this evening will be advised in writing.

NAPLAN

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted in schools around the country on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. These tests are for year 7 and 9 students.

There is an attached information pamphlet for parents and students in years 7 and 9 that should help to explain the NAPLAN.

On the pamphlet it mentions that all year 7 and 8 students will sit 5 tests over 3 days. One of these tests on Thursday requires ALL students to have access to a calculator. Please ensure that your child has a calculator for Thursday's test. Students should also have access to a sharpener as the tests must be completed with the pencils supplied by the school.

Students have been preparing for the test in their English and Maths classes over the past few weeks.

UNIFORM

All students have been notified that the "hoodie" windcheaters are NOT permitted to be worn to school. Please support us by ensuring your child has correct uniform.

ROCK EISTEDDFOD

The students have completed 3 lunchtime practices over the past week and have shown significant improvement in this short time. We will be continuing with the Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime practices. It has still not been confirmed about the proposed practice on Sunday 24th May, but I expect there will be a practice for 4 hours on that Sunday afternoon. I will notify students as soon as the date has been confirmed.

SPORTING NEWS

In beautiful conditions, the Interhouse Cross Country was held on Friday. Well done to all students who participated. Wallakarpa on 1114 points was again the winner from Jungarin (790) and Yakkandi (766). One of the keys to their success was having the most participants, so well done. Thanks to the parents who attended and staff for their assistance.

Results are as follows:

13 years

Boys Age Group Champion - Nathan Shaw

2nd - Jayden Kitt

3rd - Joshua Hay

Girls Age Group Champion - Hannah Boseley

2nd - Lucy Boseley

3rd - Jordan Madigan

14 years

Boys Age Group Champion - Jack Wilson

2nd - Jack Arney

3rd - Daniel Shaw

Girls Age Group Champion - Tahni Skewes

2nd - Laura Robertson

3rd - Tayla Stevens

15 years

Boys Age Group Champion - Josh Rogerson

2nd - Brayden Paver

3rd - Tyler Burke

Girls Age Group Champion - Elyse Carter

2nd - Shae DeGoumois

3rd - Ashlee Matthews

17 years

Boys Age Group Champion - Matt McGinty

2nd - James Collihole

3rd - Jai Sloane

Girls Age Group Champion - Georgie Whitehead

2nd - Kate Robertson

3rd – Jasmin Hurst

The Interschool Cross Country will be held on Tuesday 19th May. The first five runners from each age group will be competing at this. Afterschool training sessions will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays until 4.30pm.
...Miss Priest



Pictured above: Wallakarpa House Captains- Ben Mitchell & Cassie Malic



Pictured above: Age group champions. Back row: Jack Wilson, Matt McGinty, Josh Rogerson, Nathan Shaw. Front row: Georgie Whitehead, Elyse Carter, Tahni Skewes, Hannah Boseley

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.



Pictured: Our ANZAC Day representatives, Kelsey Matheson and Brodie Henderson

Mr Garry Costello
PRINCIPAL