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Coming Events.....

- 29/10 Outdoor Ed Camp (29th - 30th Oct)
- 3/11 Melbourne Cup Day public holiday
- 9/11 Advance Camp (9th - 12th Nov)
Adelaide Year 9 Leadership Trip (9th - 10th Nov)
- 24/11 State Basketball Final in Melbourne - Year 7/8 Boys
Year 9/10 Performance Night @ MSC
- 26/11 Music Fest for Instrumental students @ Senior College
Year 10 Maths exam
- 27/11 Year 10 English exam
- 30/11 Year 8 Surf Camp (30th Nov - 4th Dec)
- 1/12 Orientation Day for Grade 6 students
Orientation Day for Year 10 students to Senior College
- 3/12 Year 10 Graduation Evening
- 10/12 Presentation Night
- 16/12 Reports issued at 3.20pm
- 18/12 Clean up / last day of school year.

Term Dates for 2010

- Term 1 1st February - 26th March
- Term 2 12th April - 25th June
- Term 3 12th July - 17th September
- Term 4 4th October - 17th December

....FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Melbourne Cup Holiday

Parents are advised that the school will be closed on Tuesday 3rd November as it is a public holiday. It is important to note that the police and officials from the Mildura Race Club have indicated that this year there will be a crack-down on underage drinking at the Mildura Races.

Grade 6 Students and Parents Information Evening

We will be holding an Information Evening for parents and Year 7 students for 2010 in the Activity Centre on Tuesday 17th November from 7:00 to 8:00pm. Information will be provided on the second year of the student Netbook Program as well as information about booklists, uniforms, the School Start Bonus and Orientation Day on Tuesday 1st December. We will also be explaining that our Transition Program will not be affected by the setting up of the new P-10 school. All Grade 6 students who have enrolled at our school for 2010 will receive an individual invitation to attend this Information Evening.

NB: Attached to today's newsletter is the College's Mobile Phone Policy. Please take the time to read this.

YEAR 8 SURF CAMP

A reminder to all Year 8 students participating in the Surf Camp to return their medical permission forms and finalise payment as soon as possible.

MOBILE SKATE PARK - FOR SALE BY TENDER

The College is selling the Mobile Skate Park by tender. This consists of 8 ramps and 3 grinding rails which will be sold as a complete unit. If anyone would like to view the Skate Park please contact the office.

Tenders will be accepted up until 4pm, Friday 6th November. For any enquiries please contact Tim Rix.

SPEAK OFF

Last Wednesday, 21st October the Inter-College Speak Off was held at the TAFE Main Lecture Theatre. There were a large number of local schools competing on the day. These included Irymple S.C., The Lutheran College, Ouyen, Robinvale, Red Cliffs and Merbein. The day was a great success for our school in particular. Merbein had a student placed in the top two in every year level.

Year 7 - Bree Henkel - 2nd

Year 8 - Jessica Cavallaro - 2nd

Year 9 - Michaela Raggatt - 1st

Year 10 - Brodie Henderson - 1st.

Tegan Kemp also competed for Merbein and presented very well. Merbein is definitely developing a name for itself in the area of Public Speaking. Congratulations to all our students.

SPORTING NEWS

State Athletics Results

On Tuesday a group of 4 very enthusiastic students, Mady and Lachlan Carter, Georgie Whitehead and Matt McGinty, 2 parents and I travelled to Melbourne for the State Athletics Championships at Olympic Park.

Mady competed in the 16 years Shot Putt. She was required to have 3 throws. After her first throw she was placed fourth, with some work to do. Her next throw was a little better, however she was still fourth. It took Mady her third and final throw to steal the bronze medal by 30 cm. She threw 10.45m, only about a metre behind both first and second place, who are both members of Team Vic. Well done Mady!

Our next competitors were Georgie and Matt in the 800m. Georgie ran a great race; however the pace was quite quick. Georgie recorded a personal best time of 2mins 32secs, and finished in 6th place. Georgie also competed in the 1500 m event. She ran a great race and finished in 6th place, in a time of 5 mins 25secs.

Matt ran a fantastic 800m race and after the first lap was right in the mix. By the middle of the second lap he had fallen off the pace. Matt finished a credible 7th, recording a time of 2mins 15secs. This was a fantastic time considering the winner ran the 800m in 2mins 03secs!

Lachlan was our next competitor in the 13 years Javelin. After a couple of warm up throws, Lachlan was ready to throw his best. Lachlan's first throw looked great, howeverFOUL, it bellyflopped into the grass. The second throw looked promising and even stuck in the ground, but then it came again.....FOUL, this time it had landed outside of the throwing zone. We were all hoping that Lachlan's final throw would count, and luckily it did! He threw extremely well, throwing a distance of around 28 metres. This was a great effort considering he was throwing a 600gram Javelin and not the usual 400 gram Javelin. Lachlan finished in 7th place, a fantastic effort at his first State Championships. Congratulations Mady on placing third in the State, an absolutely fantastic effort! Well done to Lachlan, Georgie and Matt for their tremendous efforts on the day. You have done Merbein Secondary College, Sunraysia and yourselves proud! Well done!

...Mrs Haylew Brewel.



Mady in action!



Mady with her bronze medal.

LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS CAKES

The College has a number of Lions Club Christmas cakes for sale. They can be purchased for \$13 each from the College office and all moneys raised go to a worthy cause.

LOST

Loved children's pets – 10 year old Bassett Hound that answers to 'Danny' and a 12 month old female tortoiseshell cat called 'Milly' wearing a pink collar & bell. They went missing from Fifth Street and Channel Road area on Monday.

If you have sighted these pets, please phone 5025 3797 or 0408 253797.

NICHOLS POINT COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Nichols Point PS Country Carnival is being held on November 6th 5.30-9.30 p.m. There are many stalls and attractions for all family members from jumping castles, mini golf, a haunted house to a Harley and Hot Rod car display, entertainment from our band, students and tae kwon do. The night finishes with a fantastic fireworks display (which we are told is always better than the one at the show). All types of food and refreshments are available – BBQ, hot dogs, baked potatoes, hot chips, donuts, coffee/tea and cupcakes, snow cones, soft drinks etc. This is a community event and everyone is most welcome.

Mr Garry Costello
PRINCIPAL