

Dear Parents,

HEALTH

Melbourne weather, as we all know, is up and down. On hot days students should drink plenty of water. They also need to take off their jumpers. Sr Dilisio is repeating this message without fail every day. Any student who is feeling faint should be assisted to lie down in the classroom and a student sent to the General Office who will alert our nurse. Sr Dilisio will go to class to help the student. If students have a headache it is often best to put their heads down on their arms in class, close their eyes and gently relax. Care of one's own health is of paramount importance. This advice given by Sr Dilisio and myself is to assist students to help themselves using the reserves of their own bodies.

Serious and very serious health issues are dealt with immediately. Individual plans for Anaphylaxis, Diabetes and Asthma and many other health needs have been sent to parents.

This ensures that the College is following the best methods. The cooperation between home and school is really successful. Several students who are Anaphylactic are **not** carrying their Epi-pens. Students must have the pen with them at all times. This is one example of students taking unnecessary risks. All cases are carefully documented so that every care can be given.

COMPLETION OF TERM 1

This is the second last Friday of Term 1. I want all students to review what they have achieved in the eight weeks. The diary should be properly set out – one side with the topics covered in class, the other for work not finished in class, work set by teachers and writing summaries of the knowledge they have gained. Feeling depressed and anxious is caused most often by work being left to the last minute. I want every girl to be organised, hard working and successful. There is plenty of help available. If you, as a parent, are worried by your daughter's learning, please call me.

Thank you for your help and continued support.

Yours sincerely
MISS H JACKSON
PRINCIPAL.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 23 March
Friday 26 March
Monday 12 April

Parent/Teacher Interviews (1.00pm-8.00pm)
Term 1 concludes at 3.00pm.
Term 2 commences at 8.35am

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

(You can run with the big dogs or sit on the porch and bark..)

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS:

Each Year 7 form is currently working on the decoration of their form room as part of the Form Competition. With the encouragement of their Form Teacher and Pastoral Care teacher, the girls are putting their 'stamp' on the room where they spend a considerable part of their week. I am looking forward to the judging phase of this process and will invite a panel of experts to decide the winner.

The Year 7 and Year 8 co-ordinators are again organising student of the month. Students are nominated by the Form Captain and the Deputy Form Captain. Some of the reasons given for selection are:

'Always contributes to class discussion and is always friendly towards her classmates.'

'Always focused on her work, is polite and has 100% attendance.'

'Always friendly and works hard in all classes.'

'A hard-working student who is always considerate to others and always wears a smile on her face.'

A laminated certificate is prepared for display in the form room and is then presented to the recipient for inclusion in her Achievement Folder.

February Students of the Month

Year 7 - 7A Martina Kora, 7B Raquel Rizzo, 7C Kiah Gallagher, 7D Nadunika Samaraweera, 7E Fatmanur Gacal, 7F Maree Chirico, 7G Giselle Switala, 7H Chiara LaRocca, 7I Selda Husnu, 7J Claudia DiGioia

Year 8 - 8A Ishani Bamunuarachchi, 8B Mehtap Kuzucu, 8C Amy Darmanin, 8D Jaime Carter Maggs, 8E Lauren Winbanks, 8F Sachini Premachandra, 8G Katherine Marr, 8H Candice Barclay, 8I Anastasia McInerney, 8J Jacqueline Falvo, 8K Leyla Gedikali.

The following information appeared in the bulletin recently. Year 7 parents in particular will probably be interested in the extra activities and programs offered in the College:

LEOS CLUB MEMBERS: Please come to foyer area of Miss Jackson's office at the start of recess today (Thursday 11/3). Stephanie O'Brien (President).

BELLY DANCING CLASS: With Azura will be held at lunchtime in the PAC on Wednesday 17 March. New students welcome. Come and join the fun. Ms Whittle.

COLLEGE CHOIR: Reminder to pay the excursion fee at the General Office and please attend the lunchtime rehearsal tomorrow. Ms Watkins.

LUNCHTIME CONCERT: On the veranda of the Lakehouse on the 19th March. We start at 12:35 sharp so grab your Lunch, bring your friends and come and listen to some music on the Lakehouse lawn.

ID CARDS: ID Cards will be issued to all Yr 7 students on Tuesday 16th March. Please make sure that you have your \$10 with you during class time. Mrs Sheppard and Mrs Samartzis

BAND REHEARSAL is on lunchtime Monday in N1. All players required, percussionists included. **IMPORTANT NOTICE:** If you learn with MR. HALES, MS. WATKINS or MR. MATTHEWS and you aren't a beginner, **YOU ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND BAND REHEARSALS every MONDAY.** This is your return commitment to the school for providing very affordable music tuition. Mr. Matthews.

Yr 7 MUSICAL THEATRE GROUP: Interested students please meet Ms Watkins at recess in N2. Ms Watkins.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE. Congratulations to these students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2010.

YEAR 7 - Pauline Koutroulis 7 E, Christelle Carreon 7H, Soumaya Fernando 7H, Katie Hoang 7H.

YEAR 8 - Duoa Al-Kaisi 8B, Emily Dobrovaski 8B, Sophie Warren 8K, Elham Yassin 8H.

Well done! Please come to the library to see Mrs Sheppard or Mrs Samartzis.

ART POSTER COMPETITION FOR 2010: Students who are interested in designing the Art Posters for this year's Art Show 2010 come to a meeting this Friday 19 March in C14 at 1.00pm. Students can work in groups or as individuals. There will be prizes for the winner. Have a go!!! Mrs O'Keefe/Ms Hablethwaite.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB: There will be a meeting for students interested in being involved in the Photography Club this year. The meeting will be held on Thursday at 12.50pm in C7. Please be prompt as the meeting will not go too long. Mr Crimi.

CHESS CLUB: There will be a meeting for any students interested in playing in a school chess competition and/or representing the College in inter-school chess. You do not need to know how to play chess to join the chess club – we will teach you! We especially want Year 7 students to get involved. The meeting will be at 12.50pm on Wednesday in C7. Mr Crimi.

YOUNG LEADERS FORUM: A meeting at lunchtime Thursday 18 March in C10 at 12.45pm. Cristina Tedesco – Young Leaders Prefect.

MS J CAMPIONE (HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL)

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS:

Students and parents need to be aware of the 7-10 Redemption Policy that currently operates at the College. A **Notice of Failure to Submit Work** or a **Notice of Overdue Work** is issued when a student does not complete an assessment task. It is an official notification from the College to the parent of a student who is at risk of not passing. Depending on the circumstances, a new date might be negotiated by the teacher or a final deadline set with a penalty of receiving a grade no higher than E.

When a form is issued by a teacher it is signed by the student. It is then **the student's responsibility** to take the white form home for her parents to see and sign. This form must be returned to the teacher once it is signed and the student must also complete the assessment task according to the instructions provided. **If a student does not follow these procedures she is at risk of failing the subject** and her promotion at the end of the year could be at risk.

Poor attendance is often the reason why many students fail to complete their assessment tasks and are then issued these notices. Students are expected to attend every day unless they are genuinely ill. **A minimum of 90% attendance is required for students to be eligible for promotion at the end of the year.**

On Tuesday the 23 March the College will be conducting parent teacher interviews between 1.00pm and 8.00pm with a staggered tea break for teachers. Your daughter will be given an appointment sheet to record interview times with her teachers. Please take this opportunity to meet your daughter's teachers and discuss her progress. We look forward to seeing you on the night.

MR B FORRISTAL (HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL).

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS:

I would like to inform parents that, after a very long and restful break, I have returned to my position as Head of Senior School. I would like to thank the rest of the Senior School Team and Sue Rizzo for their great work in ensuring a smooth start to the year for all Senior School students.

Senior School assessment tasks have been running smoothly so far this year. I would just like to remind parents that students must only be absent for an assessment task if they are ill to the extent they are able to obtain a medical certificate from a doctor or are involved in a College activity.

If students are absent from a school for an assessment task and a medical certificate is not obtained the score for that assessment task will be zero.

This rule is to ensure that no student attempts to gain extra study time to prepare for an assessment task. The VCE is based on ranking and it is the College's responsibility to ensure that all students have an equal opportunity to do well in their assessment tasks.

It is also vital that students attend school every day to maximize their chances of excellent VCE results. Statistics show that students with an attendance of over 95% over Years 11 and 12 average a much higher ENTER score than students below 90 to 95%. An attendance rate of 95% equates to one days absence per month!

Parents and students will be able to gain feedback on student progress so far this year at the Parent-Teacher interviews to be held next Tuesday. I urge all parents to make every effort to speak to your daughter's teachers to discuss any potential problems and gain some insight on how your daughter may achieve to the best of her ability in all subjects.

MR V CRIMI (HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL).

MUSIC NEWS:

"VCE Music Seminar" Linda and Anita Leembruggen attended a VCE Music Seminar on Sunday 7th March at Melbourne High School in South Yarra. Dr Anne Lierse presented an excellent lecture, followed by a most helpful question time. VCE music students of 2009 then presented some beautiful performances, featuring singing, piano and flute. Students and staff attended the Seminar which was organised by the Victorian Music Teachers' Association (VMTA). We all enjoyed the afternoon and recommend VCE music students attend such seminars to further enhance their studies. **Ms Watkins College Choir, Singing/Woodwind Teacher.**

MUSIC PREFECTS REPORT. 2010 is set to be a fantastic year for music. Linda Leembrugen and I have been chosen to help run the Music Program. The College Production is going to be brilliant this year, Mr Elliott has written and directed this once again and the auditions for singers have been completed and finalised. The College will also hold the Annual Gala Concert at the Clock tower in October. This year's theme is 'The Classics' and all of the music students are choosing songs to perform. Linda and I are very proud to have this role and look forward to a great year for the Music Program. **Paige Webster & Linda Leembrugen—Music Prefects.**

LIBRARY NEWS:

- On Tuesday, Year 7 students who had paid their \$10 received their ID cards. It is important that all other Year 7s pay for their cards and collect them before the end of term. In Term 2, the girls will need their cards with them to borrow and to use our library computers at lunchtimes.
- All students from all year levels must have ID cards to use the library next term. New ID cards can be bought at the library at recesses or lunchtimes throughout the week. The cost of a new card is \$10.
- Please take the time to look at the display boards and cabinets in the Link Corridor when you are at the school for Parent-Teacher night. You will find an appetising Australian Women's Food History display, featuring written pieces by students and staff plus plenty of memorabilia. There will also be a display relating to 'A Little Piece of Paco', a magazine of student creative work published by the Writers Workshop group each term. I think you'll agree that we have some very talented students in this college.

MISS GRIFFIN (INFORMATION SERVICES COORDINATOR).

CAREERS OFFICE NEWS:

- 2 Day Introductory Hairdressing Course- During school holidays at Pivot Point Hairdressing Academy in the city. Cost is \$90. Contact 96701200 or www.pivot-point.edu.au for info.
- Years 11 and 12- Australian Catholic Uni are holding sessions during school holidays to try out their courses (visual arts/design, nursing and business) for a day. See www.acu.edu.au/universityexperience
- Try a Trade- Years 7 to 12 students have the opportunity to accompany Mr. Stirling on an excursion where they will try out a number of different trades (i.e. hairdressing, cooking, building) during the day. Interested students need to register their name with Mr. Stirling in the Careers Office.

MR. T. STIRLING VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR

UNIFORM CHANGEOVER DATE:

Students may either wear FULL SUMMER or FULL WINTER UNIFORM. All students are required to be in **full winter uniform by Monday 3 May**. **Blazers are compulsory all year.**

During this changeover period, please make sure your daughter wears the uniform that is most suited to the daily weather forecast.

Please take this time to make sure your daughter's winter uniform is in a clean and tidy state, especially hems on trousers and skirts are in good repair and an appropriate length!

MRS L STARY (ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL).

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

TUESDAY 23 MARCH

COFFEE SHOP



**OPEN FROM 2.00PM – 5.00PM
AT
PASCOES RESTAURANT IN B CORRIDOR**

HOT BEVERAGES – \$2.50

We serve a variety of hot tea and coffee

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.