



NEWSLETTER

CIRCULATED FORTNIGHTLY TO INFORM PARENTS OF
SCHOOL EVENTS AND VIEWPOINTS

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Dear Parents,

FETE REPORT:

Once again the Fete was a success. Thank you to all students, staff and parents who worked so hard to ensure that our major fundraiser went off well. In particular, I would like to thank Miss Hoare for her excellent overall organisation, as well as the Parents' Club and Year Level Co-ordinators. The Fete was very well supported by parents and the wider school community. We do not have a final figure of money raised yet, but indications are that it will be similar to last year.

TRADE TRAINING CENTRE:

North Central Secondary Schools are in the process of applying for a Trade Training Centre, which, if successful, would see a state-of-the-art complex built on the site of the North Central Cluster Centre in Charlton. Funding for the complex would exceed \$10 million. Ex-Principal of Charlton P-12, Mr Phil Britton has accepted the position of being responsible for organising our submission. The Centre would cater for a range of trades, particularly those in short supply in the Australian economy at the moment. I will keep parents informed as we progress through the application and planning stages.

CONGRATULATIONS

Three of our students have achieved outstanding levels of performance which are worthy of praise.

Megan Berry, Year 11, is in the cast of *Barnum* which is a Department of Education JOINING THE CHORUS Production. This is to be performed at the Comedy Theatre in Melbourne from 11th to 19th September.

Zack May recently participated in the Australian Under 16 Football Championships, representing Country Victoria, held in Sydney. They won through to the Grand Final, which will be played at the MCG on the AFL Grand Final Day. The team was coached by Nathan Buckley.

Laura O'Reilly is representing Country Victoria in the Under 16 level hockey in Malaysia during the next School holidays. Congratulations to these three students. It is great to see them challenging themselves at a higher level. We wish them all the best.

Geoff Rigby,
PRINCIPAL

CALENDAR

August	
Mon. 10 th	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Tue. 11 th	Year 10 Parent Information Night
Tue. 18 th	Grade 6 Information Night School Council Meeting - 7.30 p.m.
Thu. 20 th	D.H.S. Drama Festival
Wed. 26 th	Book of the Year Vote and Lunch
Mon. 31 st	Year 9 Girls and Boys Day
September	
1 st to 4 th	Year 9 Community Week and VRAP
2 nd to 4 th	10B Pre Driver Education
Thu. 10 th	Music Festival
Fri. 11 th	Inter-School Golf
Mon. 14 th	Year 7 injections 11.30
14 th to 18 th	Year 10 Snow Trip

YEAR 7 NEWS

WINTER SPORTS:

Last week our students competed in a range of sporting events both in Donald and surrounding Schools. All reports of the day were very positive, and I congratulate our students for their participation and good sportsmanship. Thank you to Mr. Goode and Mr. Haddow, our Sport Organisers, as well as the staff who coached the teams and helped run the events.

Geoff Rigby, Principal

Education Maintenance Allowance.

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; **and**
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* **or** be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner **or** be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 3 (**13 July**) for the second instalment. The EMA application must be submitted to the school by **7 August 2009**.

Students turning 16 years in 2009 will be paid on a pro rata basis.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of **2009** through this School will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after **27 February 2009** and prior to or on **7 August 2009**, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

EMA application forms are available from the school office

Fete

Thanks to all Year 7 families who volunteered to provide things for the Year 7 fete activities. The day was a great success, and valuable money was raised for the school. The Year 7 students were involved in the Yabby Races, Fortune Telling, Guess the Lollies, Coin in the Bin, Mystery Balloons, Sweet Stall and Sponge Throw. I was very impressed with the way each group organized their activity and conducted themselves on the day.

Winter Sports Tuesday 5th August

All students were involved in the Winter Sports against other North Central Schools. Congratulations to all students for their participation on the day. Special congratulations to those Year 7 students (Paige Butler and Daniel Matthews) who gave sports reports at assembly.

Diaries

Please continue to monitor your child's diary each week. I noticed a decline in the careful use of diaries to record school activities and set work towards the end of last term. There should never be blank weeks in a diary. Ticking off completed tasks in the diary shows a high level of organization - it's a practice more students should develop. I will look at diaries on random days this term.

Early Completion of Set Work

If diaries are used properly, students are able to see in advance what each week holds in terms of work due. This enables them to spread the load evenly by completing some set tasks well in advance. Successful English and Maths Mate Sheets are some examples of set work that can be done well before their due date.

Tackling at School

I am aware that a number of boys in Years 7 & 8 are engaging in games that involve

tackling during recess and lunch times. On numerous occasions, it has been pointed out to students that this is not permitted and will not be tolerated. Students who persist in engaging in these behaviours and don't heed warnings will be banned from playing on the ovals. Staff have been told to be vigilant in policing this matter. I am sure we have your support and we will continue to make every effort to stamp it out.

Important Dates for Term 3

August	
Mon. 10 th	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thu. 20 th	D.H.S. Drama Festival
September	
Thu. 10 th	Music Festival
Mon. 14 th	Year 7 injections 11.30 a.m.
Thu. 17 th	Reports posted to parents
Fri. 18 th	End of Term 3

Homework due:

- Please cut this out and stick it on your fridge. Make sure these tasks are placed in your diary.
- Tests are marked with an * asterisk
- Please note that this schedule only reflects tasks that teachers have set in advance. Other homework may be set from day to day.

Day/Date	Subject	Task
Mon. 10 th	7A Home Ec	* Home Eco test - Introduction to the Kitchen. Hand in Read the Recipe Questions.
Wed. 12/8	Science 7A & 7B French	Spelling Words Magazine article on their profile
	Geog	Working on Asia assignment in class
Maths: 7B MathsMates 4,5 due this fortnight.		
English: Successful English		
7A: due every Thursday /7B: due every Friday		
Spelling tests: 7A & 7B: due Mondays		

Kindest regards, JENNY LEISHMAN,
YEAR 7 CO-ORDINATOR
Home Phone: 5497-1206

GWM WATER YEAR 9 \$75 AWARDS

GWM Water is providing the opportunity for two Year 9 students from this School to receive a \$75 award each this year.

Entries need to make a direct link to water, influence understanding of water in the community, and be selected from one of the key learning areas as outlined in the award criteria.

For more information on the awards, and how you might receive one, visit the GWM Water website www.gwmwater.org.au and type Year 9 awards in the search box, or contact GWM Water's Community Education Co-ordinator Gillian Vanderwaal on 1300 659 961.

Year 10 Work Experience

Parents and Year 10 students are reminded that the date set aside for Work Experience this year is October 12th - 16th.

If they have not already done so, students must start making contact with employers and planning for this week. Remember there is a considerable amount of paperwork that needs to be completed before a student can begin work experience.

Please let Mrs. Gillahan know the details of your placement as soon as possible to allow for this paperwork to be done. Students may complete Work Experience outside of the Donald area, but transport, accommodation and all other expenses are the concern of parents. Please refer to the letter sent out at the end of Term 2 for further details.

Mrs. Gillahan is available to discuss possible placements if students are unsure of what they would like to do.

Music Performance

The Quambatook Tennis Club is pleased to present

The VCE Music Students from Sandringham Secondary College Performing live

At The Quambatook Memorial Hall

Saturday 15th August from 7.30pm

Admission \$10.00 family or \$5.00 single

For more information or bookings contact

John Knight on 5457 1215

Come along and support our future musicians

NEW BOOKS IN YOUR LIBRARY THIS WEEK



"Pop Princess" by Isabelle Merlin

Romantic thriller in a glamorous French setting. Australian teenager Lucie Rees is catapulted from her life in an ordinary town to a strange, exciting job in Paris as friend to ultra-famous but troubled young pop star, Arizona. But she is discovering that there are secrets and mysteries almost everywhere she looks.

"Letters to Leonardo" by Dee White

Matt starts digging for the truth after he receives a birthday card from his supposedly dead Mother, although he needs the truth, the consequences could be deadly.

"The fury in the Fire" by Henning Mankell

Sofia is expecting her third child. Her beloved Armando works in the city and comes home on Saturdays. Life is hard, but things become much worse when, one weekend, Armando does not return. This is a powerful, compelling story of love, betrayal and the courage of a young woman who finds the strength to overcome poverty and disaster. It follows Mankell's two unforgettable novels about Sofia: *Secrets in the Fire* and *Playing with Fire*.

"Goodbye Cobber, God bless you" by John Hamilton

An acclaimed account of the 3rd Light Horse Brigade's tragic charge at The Neck.

Using their letters and diaries, John follows the soldiers who fought and died in this action, from the training camps, to Egypt, then to the Peninsula, and that fatal morning.

PARENTS' CLUB REPORT

Thank you to all parents who found the time to help the Parents' Club at the Fete. Your support for the Show Bags/LuckyDip/Cake/Produce and Plant Stalls was most grateful, so as to be available to our generous community who support the Donald High School Fete every year to help us raise valuable funds for our students.

To those parents who undertook the extra tasks, your work made 'The Great Result', with every activity running smoothly. The Fete is a great annual High School activity, where all can be involved, and can contribute to assist the Donald High School provide excellent educational facilities for our future students.

The support of St. Mary's and Donald Primary Schools is always welcome and very valued. 294 sausages were served to our Primary School students in 15 minutes. Well done everyone.

A final figure is not yet available, but nonetheless a very successful fete.

Robyn Bibby, President

WINTER SPORTS - 29TH JULY, 2009

Senior Girls Badminton

Last Wednesday, 6 senior girls - Christine, Skye, Jenna, Lisa, Catherine and myself - left for Charlton ready for a badminton filled day. We had three teams competing in a nine round long round robin. Each game was to be nine minutes long and the day's winners would be the team who won the most games.

Donald 1, Christine and Skye, won one game 25:19 against St. Arnaud.

Donald 2, Jenna and myself, also won one game 25:16 against St. Arnaud.

Donald 3, Lisa and Catherine, won 2 games 22:20 against Wedderburn and 25:11 against Donald 1.

The worst loss of the day, unfortunately, was Donald 2, Jenna and myself. We lost to Wedderburn 11:42! But they were wearing shirts that read **Wedderburn Badminton Club!**

We would just like to thank the organisers of the day, Ms. Perkal and all of the other teams who competed.

Ashlee Griemink

SENIOR BOYS' BADMINTON

The Senior Badminton team consisted of Joe Sheridan, Regan Dunstan, Aldridge De Silva, Sean Walsh, Will McConville, Jake McKenzie, Thomas Whiteford, Luke McConville and myself. St. Arnaud won the competition on the day. All in all a good day was had by all, and thank you to Mr. Goode for your inspiring coaching, and Dale Basset for driving the bus.

Jim McLoughlan

SENIOR BOYS SOCCER IN BOORT

Last Wednesday two football teams pretty much turned into two soccer teams to take on arrivals at the Boort soccer field. On the trip over the music wasn't what we would call good or motivating music, so we had to come up with another motivation to keep all of us boys occupied and ready for a day's soccer. We arrived at Boort knowing that in the second game, Donald Blue would play Donald Maroon, causing great tension between the two groups, not to mention between blue coach Mr. Cashin and maroon coach Mr. Whitfield. Donald Maroon had a win in their first game against Boort with Donald Blue losing to Wycheproof. The second game was Donald Blue against Donald Maroon, with Blue winning after some new rules had been created. But overall, Donald Blue, by far the better team won 3 out of 4 of their games, and Donald Maroon won 2 out of 4 games. Goals were shared between all, with many viable for the highlights reel. The bus trip back was with the same music, causing the boys up the back to return to their game. Thanks to Mr. Cashin and Mr. Whitfield for coaching the two teams.

Ryan Leeder

SENIOR GIRLS' SOCCER

Two Donald teams set out, each wanting to have the glory of winning the ultimate winter competition of the fearsome Female Soccer. Both Year 11 and Year 12 teams (plus Laura and Tayla) put their war paint on and walked out to spitting cold weather to destroy each other. Both teams were undefeated all day playing rough Boort, aggressive St. Arnaud, soft Wedderburn and push-over Charlton. Highlights were Olivia getting winded, Alex Downes' exceptional goals, Laura kicking more heads than balls, Sarah slipping every chance she got in her rainbow toesocks, Rowie strong in the forward line, Hannah and Nicole amazing in goals, and Blair kicking the goal on the siren to get them into the grand final.

Finally it came, The GRAND FINAL MATCH. Donald Vs Donald. After a rough, muddy and vicious game, with lots of blood, sweat and tears, the siren blasted with the score of two goals each. All the other teams watched intensely on the side line to see the match go down to penalty kicks. WE did not receive the match report so we cannot confirm the scores, but we would assume the Year 11's won. BUT the Year 11's were spotted at the Early Bird drowning their sorrows in gravy and crying into the chip buckets.

Thanks to Mr. Leishman and Miss Swan for coaching and buying us food.

Megan Berry

SENIOR MIXED HOCKEY PLAYED IN ST. ARNAUD

The Donald team consisted of Stephanie Borden, Melinda McEwen, Ethan Egan, Jade Barling, Andrew Falla, Jake Postlethwaite, Declan O'Shea, Teagan Stuchbery, Alexander Bouchier, Callum Baker, Georgia Bird and Trent Allen.

After a quick warm-up, we took on arch rivals St. Arnaud. Donald started with the pass which saw us dominating the first half. With good passing and controlling of the ball, Donald won a few corners, but were unable to convert.

Then Trent Allen hit the ball hard into the D, which clipped Jade's stick and went into the goal. Donald had scored. Yet we still put the pressure on with Declan, Georgia, Alexander and Teagan playing the ball well down the field. In the second half, good defending from Steph and Mel made sure that our goalie Ethan didn't get a touch. Donald won 1 to 0.

The second game saw Donald take on Charlton. Again Donald dominated, and with great hockey skills, Donald converted their first goal through quick passing from Trent to Alexander to Teagan who put it into the goal.

In the second half, Charlton pushed hard, but the great defenders Callum and Andrew kept Charlton scoreless. Donald scored again, making it a 2 - 0 win.

The last game would determine the winner between Donald and Boort. The game started with Boort dominating play and seeing our goalie Ethan get his first touches of the day. Georgia, Alexander and Declan again ran the ball down the middle well, but were unable to convert. In the second half, Boort scored and saw them merge as winners. We all had a great time, and would like to thank Mrs. McConville for driving and coaching, and Mrs. Hose for umpiring.

Trent Allen

SENIOR GIRLS' NETBALL

The Senior Girls' Netball team headed off to Charlton with coach Miss O'Brien. When we arrived, we were 45 minutes early, so we sat and tried to keep warm. The first game came, and it was against Wycheproof. With the rain coming down and the weather being extremely cold, all of the girls were reluctant to take off our jumpers and trackies. But the game started and in the first few minutes Bek had already fallen over, giving the team a bit of a scare, but luckily she was ok. We were down at half time, but came back to draw it with 15 all. Our second game was against Boort. With them all being Year 12s, and a lot bigger than us, the girls did very well, going down by just 7 goals. In our final game we played Charlton. The weather had now cleared up and it was a lot nicer conditions. As the game started, they got off to a bit of a lead, but by the end of the game, the Donald girls fought back only to lose by 8. Overall it was a great day. Thanks to Miss O'Brien.

Ashlee Jeffery

JUNIOR BOYS FOOTBALL SPORTS REPORT

Game 1 - Donald Vs Boort. Score 5.1 to 1.0

The first game was against Boort and we established our first win for the day by 25 points. The Donald boys were dominating for the majority of the game, due to a very young opposition and excellent quick movement of the ball.

Game 2 - Donald Vs St. Arnaud. Score: 3.3 to 4.2

The second game we lost to St. Arnaud by 5 points. Due to a slow start and St. Arnaud having a quick running side, the Donald Boys before half time only managed to score one goal to St. Arnaud's three. However, we came out firing in the second half and came home with a burst, unfortunately coming up short by only five points. The best players were Trent, Caleb, Nathan, Scott and Brandon.

Game 3 - Donald Vs Wedderburn. Score 3.0 to 1.2

The third game against Wedderburn was one of our better games, winning by 10 points. We established a clear dominance over the game at the start, and maintained this form to claim the second win for the day. The best players were Brayden, Darby, Daniel and Brandon.

Game 4 - Donald Vs Wycheproof/Pyramid Hill. Score: 4.2 to 5.2

The fourth and final game of the day we lost by 6 points to Wycheproof/Pyramid Hill. It was a hard-hitting first half, and the opposition managed to establish a clear lead by 4 goals before half time. But as the game wore on, we began to play some good football and eventually dominated over the whole ground. Unfortunately we left our run too late and pulled up short by one goal. The best players were Daniel, Caleb, Nathan and Scott. Overall we won two games and lost two games. We would like to thank Mr. Wyatt for coaching us, and Anne Maree Wright for driving the bus.

Jackson Hogan

JUNIOR SOCCER SPORTS REPORT

The Junior Boys Soccer Sports team arrived in Charlton with plenty of time to spare! We took the opportunity to practise our ball skills and check out who the dangerous players were amongst the opposition. First up, we played St Arnaud who we defeated by 3 goals. Jack Onley's three goals score proved too much for St. Arnaud while Levi Borden and Matthew Fritsch made sure no-one scored. Daniel Atkins loved to do his famous sliding tackles and went down with a bad knee in the call of duty.

Our second game of the day was against Charlton who we defeated by 2 goals. Spencer Bowles was putting his body on the line against the much bigger and stronger Charlton. Seb McConville putting his all in while being in defence, not letting anything pass him. We proved to be the deserving winners!

After a short break for lunch to fuel and hydrate our systems, we faced Wycheproof, who had been undefeated for the entire day. This was a great game but Donald were unable to score when they had the opportunities. Daniel Mathews gave all he had and produced some great play, but luck just wasn't on our side.

Our final game, which was against Boort, was a great match despite the opposition scoring the first goal in the first 5 minutes of both halves. Donald had some scoring attempts but were unable to produce a good goal. Clarence Barlow was incredibly strong in the air with all his head butts. Master Goalie, Jordan May dived at every opportunity he got when there was a shot at goal, but they were just out of his reach.

It was a great effort from all the boys, and we would like to express our appreciation to Mr. Ruwoldt for coaching us and Miss Hoare for cheering us on all day long!

JUNIOR GIRLS' BADMINTON

On Wednesday, 29th July, a group of girls went to compete against other Junior Badminton players. They were Sarah Postlethwaite, Katrina Heslop, Cassandra Taylor, Chloe Wilson, Allesha Connell, Emily McLennan, Kiahn Powell and Jenna Allen. The day ran smoothly with each pair winning at least one game. The overall winner was Charlton. We would like to thank Miss Brown for organising the team, and encouraging us all the way.

Kiahn Powell / Katrina Heslop

JUNIOR BOYS' BADMINTON

On 29th July, Justin Fiasco, Jeremy Goode and I travelled to St. Arnaud with Mrs. Battersby to compete in the Junior Boys Badminton competition at the St. Arnaud Stadium. We played other boys our age from Pyramid Hill, St. Arnaud and Charlton. We were split up into pairs to play other teams. Justin was teamed up with a Charlton student, called the Charlton 4, and Jeremy and I were put into a pair as Donald 1. It was tough competition, since most of the competitors played badminton on a weekly basis.

There were about 12 pairs playing in the competition, and all played each other in a Round Robin Competition. Justin and his partner won 1 match and Jeremy and I won 3. The final was between Charlton and St. Arnaud. Overall it was a fun day, and the competition was great.

James Heslop

JUNIOR A NETBALL

Our first game of the day was against Wycheproof. We played a good game, and came out with a win. Our next game was against Pyramid Hill. We switched the team around a bit and still played well. I don't think the score reflected how well we went. After a break, we were back on the court playing Charlton. We played another good game, but Charlton were just too good. Next we played Wedderburn. It was a closer game than most of the others, but they came through with the win in the end. Our last game of the day was our final 5th place versus 6th. We again defeated Wycheproof. It was good to end on a high note. Overall it was a great day, and I was very proud of how we played as a team and individually.

Paige Butler

JUNIOR B NETBALL

For the winter sports, Junior B Netball team went to St. Arnaud to play. Our first game was against St. Arnaud. Miss Farnham got us all ready. We warmed up, and our game started. In our team, there was Rebecca Postlethwaite, Eliza Goode, Stacey Dunstan, Teagan Anderson, Kara Harberger, Shannon Jeffery and myself.

In the first quarter we all played extremely well. St. Arnaud were in the lead. By the third quarter we were exhausted but we continued to play well. In the end, St. Arnaud won 52 to 4. We were proud with our end result because we were playing against Under 16 age group. Miss Farnham was a great coach, and she helped us a lot. We played a fantastic game.

Next we played Wedderburn. Even though St. Arnaud had beaten us by over 50 goals, we were confident we would win this one. We lead through the whole game, and it was a whole team effort. The final score was 38 to 3.

Thanks to Miss Farnham for being our Coach and cheer squad on the sidelines, and Mrs. McConville for driving the bus to St. Arnaud.

Celeste O'Shannessy

JUNIOR GIRLS' SOCCER

Donald defeated St. Arnaud 3 to 0. Best players Chelsea Leeder, Kelly Sheather, Angie Clark.

Donald defeated Wedderburn 4 to 1. Best players Jacinta Sheridan, Rachel McLoughlan and myself

Donald lost to Boort 0 to 3. Decider for the finals. Best players: Kate Stuchbery, Angie Clark, Tessa McCahon and Renee McEwen.

Thank you to Mr. Potter for being the Umpire and Coach, and Mrs. Leishman for cheering us on.

Kate Stuchbery

VSSSA CROSS COUNTRY 2009

Approximately ten athletes from the North Central Cluster of Schools competed in the VSSSA Cross Country finals held at Bundoora a fortnight ago. This is a huge achievement for all involved and recognises the ability and perseverance of both the runners and their families to simply get to this level.

From Donald High School's perspective, this is the first time for many years that it has been represented at the State Finals. Jake Sheridan (15 years) finished thirty fourth out of a field of ninety. His time of just under eleven minutes for the 3000 metres course was clearly his best performance and reflected good preparation. Jack Onley (13 years) finished sixty ninth out of ninety six in what was a great learning experience for him.

Hopefully, these successes may inspire other students to push themselves to a higher level in future years. Cross Country running is a real test of endurance and a great character builder. Congratulations to all other runners from this area.

AUSIMM

Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy

Australian Student Mineral Ventures - Southern Regions

Australian Student Mineral Ventures (ASMV) scheme is a series of prestigious vacation programs presented annually throughout Australia. These Ventures introduce High School students (Years 10, 11 & 12) to many pathways available within the minerals industry through mine and plant visits, geological excursions, lectures, and exposure to scientific and technical approaches being used by industry as well as an opportunity to meet key industry personnel.

The Southern ASMV is hosted by the University of Ballarat, 9th - 20th January, 2010. The cost per student is \$385 payable after selection. Financial hardship should not deter students from applying as other sources of funding may be available to assist in facilitation attendance.

Selection Criteria:

Up to 40 students will be selected for each region, and applicants may be interviewed. A student wishing to apply should be:

- An Australian Citizen or permanent Australian Resident;
- Completing Year 10, 11 or 12;
- 15 Years or older as of 1 January, 2010.

ASMVs are very competitive, and selection of participants is based on a number of criteria including:

- excellence in scholastic achievement;
- demonstrated interest in Science, Engineering or the minerals industry, and;
- good communication skills and personal presentation.

The program is quite intense, so students should be in good health.

See Miss O'Brien if you are interested for an application form. Deadline is 25th September, 2009.

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from

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Performing live

At The Quambatook Memorial Hall
Saturday 15th August from 7.30pm
Admission \$10.00 family or \$5.00 single

For more information or bookings
contact

John Knight on 5457 1215
Come along and support our future
musicians

CBCA Book of the Year

There are only two weeks to our
Book of the Year luncheon. Could
all readers finalise their reading
and get their vote sheets back to
Mrs Russell please.



East Wimmera
Health Service

BREASTSCREEN

Free Bus trip to Birchip mobile Breastscreen
Monday, August 17th will be leaving Donald
Hospital car park at 9.15 a.m. and to returning at
3 p.m.

All women over 40 are eligible for free breast
screen. To ensure your place, please contact
EWHS Community Health Nurse Kerry Wood by
phoning 54786213 as soon as possible.

**Becoming an au pair in the USA is a
great GAP year option** for anyone who
enjoys caring for children and wants to
spend a year working overseas.

If interested, contact Tricia Wright
Country Program Manager
Cultural Care Au Pair

Level 2, 9-13 Young Street

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Visit us at www.culturalcare.com.au

Year Ten Snow Camp - Take 1

Six students and Miss Swan headed off to the Bogong Outdoor Education Centre for a fun-filled week in the last week of Term 3. The students that attended were Catherine Falla, Lisa Cheng, Georgia Bird, Kelsey Jess, Tayla Burke and Rebekah Borden. The girls had a fantastic week and really enjoyed the skiing and making lots of new friends from the other Schools. Thanks to the girls for being so much fun. It was a great week and the girls were so eager to learn new things and to meet new people. Their attitude and enthusiasm for every aspect of the Bogong experience was a real credit to them. Thanks girls.

Miss Swan

The Snow - by Lisa Cheng and Catherine Falla

We commenced our journey bright and early at the peachy time of 4:30 a.m., gearing up to endure the six hour bus ride to the snow, although to our disappointment there was no actual snow where we were staying.

When we arrived at Bogong with Hopetoun S.C., we found after our debriefing that there were also Whittlesea students there as well. We got our snow gear for downhill and cross country skiing and were pumped to hit the slopes the next morning.

The next day we prepared ourselves for cross country skiing and began learning the basic skills to get us going/stopping. Not one student was left standing! All in all the first day skiing was educational and a *little* rough but left us eager for the next day. This was later destroyed when we watched a downhill skiing film showcasing the many stacks and tumbles of pro skiers on steep slopes.

The next day we found downhill skiing to be twice as good and twice as fast. So it was every group's preference when it came down to choosing the activity for the rest of the week.

We would like to thank Miss Swan for doing an ace job supervising us, and the camp was one we will never forget!

THE REX THEATRE, CHARLTON UPCOMING FILMS

Transformers - Revenge of the Fallen - Sat 8th 8 pm, Sun 9th 2 pm, Tue 11 Aug 8 pm
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood prince - Sat 15th 8 pm, Sun 16th 2 pm, Tue 18th Aug 8 pm
The Hangover - Sat 22nd 8 pm, Sun 23rd 2 pm, Tue 25th Aug 8 pm
My Life in Ruins - Sat 29th 8 pm, Sun 30th Aug 2 pm, Tue 1st Sept 8 pm
Samson & Delilah - Sat 5th 8 pm, Sun 6th 2 pm, Tue 8th Sept 8 pm

Australia's Vanishing Frogs

14 - 20 December, 2009

5 - 11 January, 2010

Forests of the Watagan Mountains Wollemi and Barrington National Parks, NSW

Imagine spending a week in an amazing place with students from all over Australia helping to find out solutions for a sustainable environment. Working with leading scientists as part of an important research team, you will be trained in all aspects of scientific field work. You will spotlight tree frogs at midnight in Wollemi National Park. Not only will you gain hands-on scientific experience, you will learn leadership skills and practical applications of Science.

Frogs are an important species because they indicate that an ecosystem is functioning properly. In the last 20 years nine species of frogs have become extinct.

You will monitor six endangered frog species by working mainly at night when frogs are active. Teams will survey streams and use a spotlight to catch frogs. You will observe their behaviour, record their calls and analyse data.

This project is a BUSH CAMPING experience. All food, accommodation and transport and fully funded. You must be between the ages of 16 - 18 years old.

PLEASE SEE MISS O'BRIEN FOR AN APPLICATION FORM!

Application forms to be returned to Miss O'Brien by **Tuesday 18th August**. No late entries will be accepted.

FINALLY - 'SMITHY' DVDs for SALE

The 'SMITHY' play has finally been turned into a DVD. If you would like to purchase a DVD of the major school play in 2008, please fill in the slip below and give to Miss O'Brien with payment. DVDs are a low \$2 each, so get your copy NOW! If you would like a copy in VHS format, please see Miss Walsh.

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SMITHY DVD

Name of student to send DVD home with: _____

I would like to purchase _____ (Quantity) 'SMITHY' DVDs.

Amount: \$ _____

Please return form to Miss O'Brien

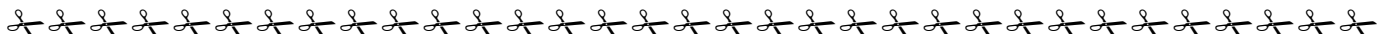
Barnum Performance

We are considering taking a busload of students to the production of Barnum being performed in Melbourne in September. As you may be aware, one of our Year 11 students, Megan Berry, is involved in this production, as are many other secondary school students. This is a fantastic opportunity to see a production of this calibre on the stage in Melbourne. We are hoping to secure tickets to the matinee performance on **Friday September 18**, the last day of term. It is anticipated that this would cost, providing we have a full busload, \$50-\$60 per student. This would cover entry and transport. The matinee performance commences at 11.00 a.m. and will finish at 1.30 p.m.

At this stage, we would like to know if there are enough students interested in attending this performance. We need approximately 50 students to make this trip viable. We **may** also be able to offer seats to parents if space is available. Please also indicate if you would be interested in attending. **In order to organise this event, we need to know your intentions by Monday, August 10.**

Please return the form below if your child is interested.

If you have any queries, contact Karyn Goode at Donald High School for more information.



My child/children are interested in

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attending the matinee performance of Barnum on Friday, September 18. We understand that the cost of this excursion may vary from the approximate figure quoted.

I,am also interested in attending if seats are available.

Signed Date