Dear Parents,

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS:
Many parents took the opportunity to discuss their child’s progress with teachers, and the night ran very smoothly. Thank you to Mr Cashin for his excellent organisation of the night.

YEAR 10 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT - 11th August:
Mr. Leishman and Mrs. Gillahan ran a very successful evening to inform parents and students of the subject selection process, and the range of subjects and programs on offer next year. Mrs. Kate Clark of WorkCo also ran through the opportunities for School Based Apprenticeships. Thank you to these people who participated in the Night.

GRADE 6 INFORMATION NIGHT:
Mrs. Leishman organised a well-attended meeting of parents of our Year 7 students of 2010 on Tuesday night. Mr. Cashin provided a snapshot of the excellent features of our School, and teachers of Year 7 helped in a guided tour of the School. Thank you to all involved in the night.

STUDENT ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY:
We received the results on-line last week, and the student responses were overwhelmingly positive. These were discussed at School Council on Tuesday night. I am very pleased that our students have such a high opinion of our school, as it helps foster a positive working relationship with staff.

CONGRATULATIONS:
Georgia Bird and Laura O’Reilly have been selected to represent Country Victoria in the under 16 Hockey in Malaysia during the next School holidays. Ethan Powell participated in the Kool Skools Music Program in the last School holidays, which also involved spending a few days in a recording studio. Aaron Wright won a portable DVD player provided by the North Central LLEN for his excellent responses to a competition connected with the Careers Expo which all Year 10 attended.

Geoff Rigby,
PRINCIPAL

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PARENT OPINION SURVEYS:
These surveys will be posted to randomly selected parents today. The Department of Education only allows parents five days to complete the survey, so we would appreciate it if all surveys could be completed and returned by Friday next week. The School does not open the returned surveys. They are sent away for analysis.

FIT TO DRIVE:
Yesterday our Year 11 students attended a day designed to complement the pre-driver education they participated in last year. The day was run by Police, and 150 district students attended. Thanks to Miss Hoare and Mr. Ruwoldt who accompanied students to Charlton.

CASEY TONKIN RESEARCH:
One of our ex-students, Casey Tonkin, is undertaking a Masters Degree in Psychology, and has requested School support to allow students in Years 7-12 to undertake a survey which could lead to the production of relevant and informative brochures on depression and mental health. I am happy to support Casey in her endeavour, as the cause is a very worthy one. Parents of students under 18 will be asked to sign a consent form for their child to participate. I urge parents to support Casey and allow their child to undertake the survey.

BER UPDATE:
Work has started on the footings for our new covered outdoor learning area over the basketball court. I know the Physical Education teachers are very excited about the new structure, which will provide much needed protection from the elements for outdoor classes. Thanks to Peter Russell, Gary Dunstan and Roger Smith who removed the basketball and netball structures in preparation for the building works.

GET WELL SOON:
Mrs. Laird will not be at School for the remainder of this term, and we wish her a speedy recovery. We are fortunate to have the services of Mrs. Goldsberry, who has taken on extra responsibilities in the Office, and Mrs. Baker, who has been our relief worker.

Geoff Rigby,
PRINCIPAL

YEAR 7 NEWS

There are four weeks to go to the end of Term 3. As happened at the end of Term 1, tick the box reports will be mailed home. The final day of Term 3 is Friday, 18th September. Students will be dismissed at 2.30 p.m. on this day. Working up to these reports, traditionally the last couple of weeks is a very busy time for Year 7 students. It is therefore important all students use their diaries effectively and remain organised for the remaining weeks.

Diaries
This Term I have not been checking diaries on a regular basis, but have been doing random checks. It is important that students develop a responsibility for their own learning. My experiences are that organised, hard-working students usually achieve higher standards than disorganised students who haven’t developed good work habits - even if they are naturally quite clever. Although we are in Term 3, I still think it is very important to keep monitoring and developing the students’ organisational skills. By checking your child’s diary, you are ensuring that the diary is used in the correct manner, and you will be getting an
idea of how they are coping with their organisational skills. All these little things may help in the big picture. Each week students should be writing things in their diary, like homework and coming events.

Events of the past two weeks
The past few weeks have been particularly busy for the Year 7 students. As well as coping with their usual timetabled classes and workload, they have also been involved in the following:

- Maths Competition
- English Competition
- House Plays

Before the end of Term, there is the opportunity to get involved in the Music Festival (10th September) and the Interschool Golf (11th September).

Physical Education SEPEP (Table Tennis) Unit
Year 7s have commenced their SEPEP unit in Physical Education. This involves all students being part of a team, and within that team each member has a specific role. There is also a Homework Schedule for each of the next 4 weeks. None of these homework tasks is very onerous or time-consuming. If homework is not completed, students will not be allowed to compete in that week’s competition. Tasks are due each Tuesday for 7B and Wednesday for 7A.

SEPEP stands for Sport Education in Physical Education Program and is a great stimulus for teamwork and co-operation. Ask your child how the program is going between now and the end of Term.

Inter-School Winter Sport
It was fantastic to see that all Year 7 students were involved in the Winter Sports day against other North Central Cluster Schools. The Year 7’s acquitted themselves very well, and it was very pleasing to see the level of enthusiasm they applied to their particular sport. Just a reminder that students shouldn’t be wearing visible jewellery. Earrings for boys and girls should be plain sleepers/hoops.

Important Dates for Term 3

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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.

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Maths: 7 MathsMates 6 tomorrow, 7 & 8 following Fridays.

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

THE REX THEATRE, CHARLTON
UPCOMING FILMS

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
**CBCA Book of the Year**
**WEDNESDAY, 26TH AUGUST**

There is only one week to our Book of the Year luncheon. Could all readers finalise their reading and get their vote sheets back to Mrs. Russell by Monday 24th August or sooner please.

**NEW BOOKS IN YOUR LIBRARY THIS WEEK**

“*Ratface and Snake-eyes*” by Mark Svendse
Larrikin, Snake-eyes and the gang don’t shirk at the offer of money for pythons, but trying to expose a full-on smuggling operation was not what they expected.

“The Agency by Y. S. Lee: A Spy in the House”
In 1858 Mary Quinn was rescued from the gallows only to begin a double-life working for the Agency.

“If I stay” by Gayle Forman
Readers must cope with the tragic events in this novel after a deadly car crash changes the course of Mia’s life forever. Life and death are the only two choices presented to her.

*Bite of the Mango* by Mariatu Kamara
A harrowing yet hopeful account of the atrocities 12 year old Mariatu suffered at the hands of rebel soldiers in Sierra Leone and her struggle to keep herself and her son alive.

**SEPEP REPORT**

If you didn’t already know, the Year 7 classes have been playing table tennis for the last few weeks. The teams are the Short Heads, the Pro’s, The Bang-Bangs and the All Stars. These teams have been battling to knock the top team off their pedestal. Mr. R. has taught us the rules in full detail so that by the end of our lessons we are just about bursting with information.

Some exceptional players have been Daniel Griemink with his determination to win, Larissa Newall with her outstanding effort, and Jack Onley for his numerous wins and returns. There have also been themes for each week. There was Clubs (hockey, football and netball) where most people supported Donald, except for a certain person who turned up in the Rupanyup colours. There was also loud colours week where people turned up in MAD things.

Lisa Falla

**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](http://www.gwmwater.org.au) and type Year 9 awards in the search box, or contact GWM Water’s Community Education Coordinator Gillian Vanderwaal on 1300 659 961.
PARENTS' CLUB REPORT

Thank you to Graeme Leishman, Sue Gillahan and Kate Clark for giving their time to inform Year 10 students and their parents on the many pathways in education at the information evening.

The Agricultural Society has again given the Donald High School the opportunity to hold a raffle on the Friday night of the Donald Show (9th October). It was a huge success last year, so the Parents’ Club have decided to do it again this year. It will be the same format as last year, for example, Years 7 and 8 to provide kitchen items, Years 9 and 10 bathroom and laundry items, and Years 11 and 12 garden items.

We are asking parents to support their children by providing an item for the appropriate Year level. It does not have to be expensive, so watch the specials between now and the end of term, and use your imagination. Some examples of items donated last year included: a vegetable peeler, spices, tea towel, canned food, dishwashing detergent, tissues, bath soap, face washer, baby powder, toothpaste, washing powder, bin liners, disinfectant, pegs, coat hangers, plastic rake, gardening gloves, mulch, seedlings and pots. I hope this gives you some ideas.

Also 5 raffle tickets will be given to families in the near future to sell. If each family could try and sell these tickets it would be greatly appreciated. It is extremely hard to find the time, plus personnel, to sit in the street, so this way everyone is sharing the load. Hopefully you will be able to sell to family, friends or neighbours.

FOR SALE

A quantity of second-hand cricket net wire and posts.
   These can be viewed at School.
   If interested, please make an offer.

WANTED – 500 LITRE WATER TANK

The School is seeking to borrow a 500 litre water tank to use to cart water on the Year 9 Canoe Camp in November. The tank would be placed on the back of a ute to supply thirsty paddlers. If you could lend the School a tank or know who could, please contact Trevor Whitfield at School.
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.
**Australian Brain Bee Challenge - Victorian State Final Program**  
**Tuesday, 16 June 2009**

**PRIZE RECEIVED - ZEISS MICROSCOPE**

On Tuesday, 16th June at 6.00 a.m. four Year 10 students made their way to Melbourne to compete in the Australian Brain Bee Challenge Victorian State finals. Congratulations to Callum Baker, Luke Clark, Ashlee Griemink and Declan O'Shea for an exceptional performance in Round 2 (State Final). As a team, Callum Baker, Luke Clark, Ashlee Griemink and Declan O'Shea managed to be one of three teams to make it into the finals after the preliminary team final. THEY WON! 1st prize was a fantastic microscope for the School.

The school has received the ZEISS microscope on behalf of the performance of Callum, Luke, Ashlee and Declan. These four students should be very proud of their achievement and were the first students to use the microscope.

S.O'Brien

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**National Science Week - Astronomy: Space without Limits**

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All students are welcome to attend. Each session starts at 1.30pm. The Group Quiz activity will start at 1.25pm.

Each day this week there is a Quiz Question featuring on the Daily Bulletin.

Monday's question was? What is the theme of the 2009 National Science Week?

ANSWER: Astronomy: Space without Limits

Tuesday's question was: Is there any water on the planet Mercury?

ANSWER: Yes (frozen)

Wednesday's question was:

Who was the first to notice that Jupiter had moons in its orbit?

ANSWER: Galileo Galilei

TODAY'S QUESTION:

Does the Moon orbit the Earth from east to west or from west to east?

On Tuesday the students made film canister rockets powered on AlkaSelzer tablets and water. They also got to investigate water rockets.

S.O'Brien
“Consumer Affairs Victoria will be visiting your town”

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**Consumer Affairs Victoria invites you to:**

**A Free Community Sausage Sizzle**

Friday, August 28, from 11.30 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

The Mall Area, Wood Street, DONALD

Staff will be available for an informal chat, provide advice and distribute information.

Bendigo Regional Office
60 Mitchell Street, Bendigo

WORKCO Apprenticeship and Traineeship Vacancies

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For further details on any of these positions, please check the notice board outside the office.
**Energy Breakthrough Challenge News**

In the last few weeks the RACV Energy Breakthrough Challenge team have been asking local businesses for sponsorship or donations. So far TPOS Fabrications, Donald Steel and The Buloke Times have kindly sponsored our group. It would be great if we could get more support, so any interested businesses could contact Mrs. Battersby at the School. We will promote your business on our bike, our website and in the Newsletter and local paper.

On Thursday, 6\(^{th}\) August we held a casual clothes day with the theme ‘favourite team’ which raised $160. This all goes towards getting us to the Challenge in Maryborough in November. $300 has been raised to date, but more fundraising is necessary.

Mrs. O’Shea came and spoke to us about nutrition and advised us on the right sort of foods to be eating in the lead-up to and during the Challenge. Mr. Haddow is going to help us work out a training program to ensure that we are fit and ready to compete in the 24-hour event.