Dear Parents,

YEAR 11 WORK EXPERIENCE - BALLARAT

Last week our Year 11's undertook a week of work experience in Ballarat and all reports have been very positive. I congratulate our students on the way they participated in the work experience program and for their co-operation with teachers. Thanks to Miss O'Brien, Mr Leishman, Mrs Goode and Ms Perkal for accompanying the students.

NAPLAN

This week our Years 7 and 9 students are sitting for the NAPLAN – Literacy, Reading and Maths. Thank you to Mrs Leishman for her efficient organisation.

ROOM 10 UPGRADE

Work on the room is going well. The furniture has been ordered and the carpet is being laid this week. The multi-purpose nature of the new room will provide another comfortable classroom to cater for single or combined classes, as well as doubling as a school hall.

YEAR 12 EXAMS

These will be held from June 8-10 in some subjects. I urge students to study hard for these and exam preparation should already have commenced.

GEOFF RIGBY, PRINCIPAL

CALENDAR

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PARENTS OF BUS TRAVELLERS

Our bus operators have asked that parents be on time in the afternoons to pick up their children. Small children cannot be left on the highway on their own and is unfair on other bus travellers and parents waiting for their children to be held up.
**NAPLAN TESTING** - National Assessment Program in Language and Numeracy

These tests were conducted on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 11th, 12th and 13th May. Results will be sent out to parents as soon as they become available. These results provide information for parents and teachers about a child’s performance in English and Maths.

All students in Years 7 and 9 at Donald High School have sat the tests during this week. Students involved all received an information brochure and letter explaining the tests.

**House Cross Country**

The Inter-House Cross Country will be held on Thursday, 20th May. I hope some training is taking place. Year 7’s will do a 3 km course along the Richardson River, past the Football oval, down Elizabeth Street, and finishing on the Goff Letts Oval. Students who finish in the top 10 of the Junior category will then be selected to represent the School at the Inter-School event the following week, Wednesday, 26th May.

**Pastoral Care**

Bullying can involve behaviour such as isolating other students, put-downs, spreading rumours, or it may be of a more physical nature. In both Pastoral Care and in Year Level Assembly, I have expressed to the students that this type of behaviour will not be tolerated at Donald High School, and every effort will be made to support the victim. We have a strict anti-bullying policy, and people who engage in this form of activity can expect to be caught and dealt with according to the policy. As I have consistently mentioned to the class, every student has the right to feel comfortable at School. You don’t have to be best friends with all class members, but you must not go out of your way to put others down. We have also been looking at different ways of expressing anger and appropriate ways of behaving in class. Hopefully you, as parents, can support the School in our endeavours to improve in these areas by having discussions about these topics at home. Thankfully, so far, the Year 7 group appears to have been working together as a cohesive unit. Well done.

**Study Techniques**

With Topic Tests again beginning to appear on the Work Schedule, now is a good time to revise a few simple points about Study Technique: *Testing is an important and regular part of assessment at Secondary School and students need to develop a systematic approach to studying for tests that they find successful.* Too often, students satisfy themselves that they have ‘studied’ for a test when all they have done is read over the relevant section in their workbook.

To give you some idea how to help your child approach tests, I suggest the following study tips:

1. Read over the section of your workbook that the test will be based on (this is as far as a lot of students ever go)
2. Make brief notes in point-form or draw up lists of key names or words
3. Have someone at home ask questions from your workbook
4. Go back over workbook and study notes, concentrating on areas where lack of knowledge or understanding was apparent
5. Retesting at home until weaknesses are overcome
When these processes have been followed through, then you can honestly say you have studied. ‘Studying’ certainly goes a lot further than reading over notes in the isolation of your bedroom, or in front of the television. Even the preparation for weekly spelling tests should follow this routine.

School Photos
Proofs of school photos should have arrived home. Check your child’s school bag if you haven’t seen it. Included with the proofs are the order forms. All order forms and payment should be sent direct to the photographer in the envelope provided. Ordered photos will then be sent back to the School for distribution when processed.

Work due over the next fortnight
• Please cut this out and stick it on your fridge
• 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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<td>Gods &amp; Goddesses assignment. Have a week in class then to be completed at home.</td>
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<td>Mon. 17/5</td>
<td>7A &amp; 7B Maths</td>
<td>Maths Mate 5 due Homework assignment due.</td>
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<td>Wed. 19/5</td>
<td>7B Home Eco</td>
<td>Design a Muffin prac. Muffin packaging due</td>
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Maths: Maths Mates due each Friday.
English: English Rules exercises:
7A: due every Tuesday /7B: due every Monday
*Spelling tests: 7A: due Tuesdays
7B: due Mondays

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

40th WIMMERA BANDS GROUP MUSIC SCHOOL 2010.
The Wimmera Bands Group is holding its annual music school during the July school holidays. Enrolments from interested brass, percussion, string and woodwind players are currently being accepted.

Concise Information:
Where: Mildura
Cost: $140 (covers tuition, workbooks, morning tea, afternoon tea & lunch.)
Venue: Mildura Senior Secondary College Deakin Ave Mildura
Billets: available
Hosts: Mildura & District Brass Band.
Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website www.wbgmusicschool.com.au or from Mrs Battersby.

The Wimmera Bands Group Music School celebrates its 40th music school this year so come along and help us mark this momentous occasion.

A celebration dinner is being held THIS SATURDAY May 15th 2010 at the St Arnaud Sporting Club. All past, present and future staff, students and friends of the WBG are invited to attend. Tickets are still available from Peter & Jane Battersby (54951780)
NEW BOOKS IN YOUR LIBRARY THIS WEEK

Breathing Underwater by Julia Green
Back living with her Grandparents on the Island where the accident occurred Freya’s dreams return to her brother Joe.

The Dragon Pool by Eva Ibbotson
Boarding school is not quite what Tally expected and their first field trip leads them into an extraordinary adventures.

A girl like me by Penny Matthews
Set at the turn of the twentieth century back dropped by the Australian bush this book is based on the true story of Bertha Schippan. This is a heartbreaking story of friendship, romance and violence.

Somme Mud by Private Edward Lynch; Edited by Will Davies
First pencilled by Private Lynch in the late 1920’s this novel helps us to understand the psyche and emotions of the players caught in the battles of war.

CAMP STREET PARKING

We have been asked to remind parents about the need to follow the parking restrictions signs at the front of the school. The narrow street with buses passing cars can create serious problems with illegally parked cars.

EDUCATION WEEK AT NCCC
16 – 22 May

As part of Education Week, the North Central Cluster Centre in Charlton is holding an Open Week for parents wishing to come along and witness the programs their sons/daughters are involved in. Parents are encouraged to visit on the day their student/s attend, joining the class to witness the work undertaken and talk with the classroom teachers about the programs and future opportunities for their child. We look forward to seeing you.

Opening times start at 10 o’clock each day and conclude at 2.45 pm. Parents can attend any time within that period.

For further information or special arrangements contact Mr. Ken Round, Cluster Centre Co-ordinator. 549711280.

Birchip Racing Club in conjunction with the Horsham Arts Council Inc. presents

“Kindly Keep It Covered”
A Fast, Furious and Frantic Farce written by Dave Freeman and Directed by Rick Walker.

Saturday May 22nd
Birchip Memorial Hall.

Time: Bar opens at 6.30, Show starts at 8.00 pm
Supper – Bring your own food
Drinks – Supplied at bar prices
Cost – $20 per head
Tickets – phone Bern 0428 230165
STRICKLY NO BYO.
'Little Stars'
Major Drama Production @ Donald High School for 2010

There is less than 3 weeks now until the play and rehearsals are well under way. 'Little Stars' rehearsal times for the final few weeks are listed below. ALL CAST members must attend these rehearsals. If you are unable to make a rehearsal please tell Mrs Battersby beforehand.

Tuesday (after school)
18th May (Memorial Hall)
25th May (Memorial Hall)

Thursdays (Lunchtime – Eliminated contestants ONLY)
Sunday Afternoon (2:00pm and 5:00pm)

Please note there will be a full rehearsal on the following Sunday afternoons at the Memorial Hall:
16th May (Memorial Hall)
23rd May (Memorial Hall)

It is VERY IMPORTANT for all cast to attend.

Thursday 27th May 2010 (Memorial Hall)
Dress Rehearsal (am)
Matinee Performance (1.30pm)

Friday 28th May Performance 7.30pm (Memorial Hall)
Saturday 29th May Performance 7.30pm (Memorial Hall)

PLEASE NOTE:
The change of date for the dress rehearsal and matinee.

Due to a clash with the interschool cross-country we have decided to hold the dress rehearsal and matinee on Thursday 27th May 2010. I apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

TICKETS

Tickets are on sale now they are available from the school office (Phone 54971205) or they will be available at the door.

Cost: $5 STUDENT, $10 ADULT & $20 FAMILY
WORKCO Apprenticeship and Traineeship Vacancies

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Any interested students can obtain further information regarding these vacancies from the Office.

Attached is a flyer for the Kerang Come N Try Day on Sunday May 16th 2010 commencing at 10.30am at the Kerang Lawn Tennis Club. It is a great opportunity to come along and try out many different physical activities for no cost at all and you could win some great prizes such as a Malvern Star bike and helmet, the latest iPod, Sporting shoes of your choice to the value of $150, Outdoor chairs, umbrella, esky on wheels, Curves membership and club memberships/lesson 10 @ $50 each. There is also a FREE BBQ lunch including salads and cold drink. It will be a great family day out for all ages and abilities.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

Year 10 Work Experience will be held during the week 13th to 17th September this year. This is the last week of term three.

This is the first opportunity for students to complete Work Experience in our two-year program. Traditionally, Year 10 Work Experience is completed in Donald with Year 11 Work Experience taking place in Ballarat. The Year 10 Work Experience week has been undertaken with local employers but as student’s interests have expanded, so has their desire to look outside of Donald. I encourage you to discuss this with your child as all accommodation and travel arrangements are to be organized by parents and students.

It is important for students to begin thinking about the area they wish to work in and to start making arrangements to secure their placement. The end of term three will come around very quickly.

To give this experience more meaning I encourage students to make all contacts themselves. This gives them ‘ownership’ of the week and a sense of satisfaction at having set it up, even though the first phone call may be a little unnerving. Students are more than welcome to make these calls from school and I will be there to assist if required.

Students who are not yet able to decide on an area of work or a venue can have a chat with myself for ideas at any time.

Once the student has contacted an employer and the arrangement has been made, the compulsory paperwork can be completed and forwarded to the employer, and then to parents and students to sign.

If you have any queries regarding this program please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Regards,

Mrs. Sue Gillahan
Year 10 Work Experience Co-Ordinator
Donald High School.
TESTme provides testing for sexually transmitted infections (STIs) through phone or web cam consultations with a nurse or doctor working at Melbourne Sexual Health Centre (MSHC).

TESTme is for Rural Victorian’s who:

- live more than 150kms from Melbourne
- are worried that they may have a STI.

If you have had unprotected sex – sex without a condom – you could have an STI. You can’t always tell you have an STI because often there are no symptoms. The trouble with STIs is that if they are not treated they can lead to other health problems such as pain or problems having a baby later on.

Because it is easy to get tested and treated for most STIs, it is a great idea to look after your health if you are worried.

To arrange an appointment please phone the free number on 1800 739 836 to talk to the TESTme Sexual Health Nurse.

During this phone call you can both decide whether the service is right for you.

If TESTme is suitable, an appointment time will be made so that you can have a consultation with a nurse or doctor either over the phone or by using a webcam.

The great thing about this is that TESTme is FREE! Some blood tests and treatments may incur a charge.

Visit www.testme.org.au for more information

Take Care

Arnna
Secondary School Nurse