MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Students, Parents and Staff,

A warm welcome to 2015 at Fairhills. Last Wednesday, staff spent the day planning and preparing for their classes. On Thursday students met with their Home Group Tutors in Year Level Assemblies at the start of the day then, by 9.15 they were all working in their first period class. Everything went smoothly throughout the day. Thank you to the staff for being so well organised and thank you to students for being cooperative and friendly.

This is the first Newsletter for the year. If the school has your email address you should automatically receive an email advising that the latest newsletter is now available on the website and provides a link to it. It is also available to view on Compass. The Newsletter is produced every second Monday. For the small number (less than 20) of families that don’t have email at home, your student can collect a printed copy from the General Office every second Tuesday morning. You will notice that the format is designed to make it easy to read on-line and is usually limited to two pages so that you don’t have too much to read. Sometimes the newsletter will have links to other documents if you wish to access additional information.

A reminder that we have asked parents for the payment of subject fees, at all year levels, to be finalised by 6th February - or for parents to have made arrangements to pay by instalments. If you have not yet done this, please do so as soon as possible.

Harvey Wood
Principal

Listed below are the relevant Year Level Leaders. If you have any issues you would like to discuss regarding your student’s education these staff members will be happy to assist you.

YEAR LEVEL COORDINATORS 2015

Year 7 - Asha Vazirani
Year 8 - Sharon Teesdale
Year 9 - Triana Meagher
Year 10 - Julie Cox
Year 11 - Leanne Henderson
Year 12 - Silvana La Leggia
2015 SUBJECT CONTRIBUTIONS UPDATE
Thank you to all those families who have paid their students’ subject contributions or made payment arrangements. These contributions are used to purchase extra curriculum resources that enrich the classroom activities and enhance the education of our students.
The first credit card instalments are being processed on Monday, 16th February. Please notify the office before then if your circumstances have changed and you need to alter the date for your payment. I would like to remind those who have agreed to make instalments by BPay that they are also due on Monday, 16th February. Please contact me if you wish to discuss payment options.

Irene Smith
Office Manager

STUDENT ABSENCES – ABSENCE HOTLINE 9758 5060
Parents are requested to ring the school on the schools Absence Hotline if your child will be absent or late due to illness or for any other reason. Please leave a message outlining the reason for the absence and if known and the length of time your child will be away. The roll is marked every period electronically. We would appreciate it if parents could notify the school of absences in the morning. However if you are unable to do so, the absence line is operational 24hrs a day, 7 days a week for your convenience.

SCHOOL DIARIES
Are now available from the school office. The cost is $15 for both the junior and senior diaries. School diaries are compulsory for all students.

COMPASS AND LAPTOP UPDATES
Year 7 laptops will be distributed to students on Thursday 12th February at an information evening, commencing at 7pm in C block. Log in details for the Compass portal will be distributed to year 7 Parents that evening. Parents will receive a letter about this evening soon. Year 10 students and new students to Fairhills will be notified when they are able to collect their new laptops from the IT office. Parents of students who have started at Fairhills this year (not in year 7) will receive their Compass log in details in the mail.

KNOX CITY COUNCIL 2015 IMMUNISATION PROGRAM FOR YEARS 7, 8, 9 & 10
Immunisation forms have been sent home with your Student, these forms are required to be returned to School by 13th February 2015 so they can be collected by a representative from the Council. If your Student did not receive a form, spare forms are available from the Office. The commencement date for the Immunisation Program is 10th March 2015 and will involve Year 7 and Year 10. If you have any question please contact Jodi on 9758 5022.

MYKI CONCESSION TICKETS INFORMATION
Proof of concession entitlement
All students aged 17 years and over, or those requiring a half yearly or yearly Student Pass (regardless of age), are required to obtain a 2015 Victorian Public Transport (VPT) Student Concession Card as proof of their concession entitlement. Application details are found by clicking on this link.
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