MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Students, Parents and Staff,

General Assembly

The School held a General Assembly last Friday, hosted by our School Captains, Ricki-Lee Peck and Joe McLean. Ricki-Lee and Joe reported on issues that had been discussed by the Student Leadership team, before handing over to the Principal, Harvey Wood. Mr. Wood spoke about the 100th Anniversary of Gallipoli ceremony that he had attended with Ricki-Lee and Joe and of the pine tree presented to the school by the Federal member for Aston, Mr Alan Tudge. This tree was grown from seeds that could be traced back to the original Lone Pine, located on the Gallipoli Peninsula. Mr. Wood then invited students to join him and our School Captains as they planted the pine in the school grounds. A plaque was also presented to the school and this will be used to mark the site for future generations.

Naplan Testing

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy that we call NAPLAN, was held last week for all Year 7, 9 and Accelerated Year 10 students. These are nationwide tests, the results from which are used by parents, teachers, students and Principals to improve student learning, Parents will receive their child’s NAPLAN report later in the year (most likely in Term 3) and this will describe your child’s particular skills in Reading, Writing and Language Conventions and Numeracy. The report also indicates how your child performed in relation to the national minimal standards. I would like to thank Mr. Russell James, Ms Kathryn Middleton and all those staff who were involved in the smooth running of the tests and also to our students who conducted themselves appropriately.

Music Captains

Our 2015 Music Captains, Ashleigh Rowe and Jackson Webb were introduced to the school on Monday. They will have the responsibility of being the public face of our music program as it continues to grow into an important part of our Performing Arts Academy pathway. Our best wishes go to Ashleigh and Jackson.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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Semester One Fundraiser

The School is once again participating in the Community Raffle organised by Ferntree Gully Nissan. Letters and tickets have been sent to our Year 7 and 8 families inviting their participation in this event. The prize is an Nissan sedan and I would love one of our families to win the car. The school benefits by keeping all the proceeds raised which is then used by the PCA and School Council to benefit our students.

Parents and School Community Working Bee
Saturday 20th June 10am – 12pm
(weather permitting)

We are looking forward to assistance with:

- Weeding & mulching of garden beds
- Wall painting eg: The VCE Common Room
- Line painting of handball & basketball courts
- Pressure washing building
- Waste Removal (volunteers with tip truck and bobcat needed!)

Please contact Paul McLeish, Facilities Manager, on 9758 5022 if you can assist in any way with this event. It will be a productive way of meeting others in our school community as well as helping your children and collecting some free firewood.

Russell Poulier
Assistant Principal

Financial Assistance – Information for Parents

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date
You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
CSEF Application Form

School REF ID 7823

Parent/legal guardian details
Surname______________________________________________
First name____________________________________________
Address______________________________________________
Town/suburb___________________________________________ State ______ Postcode_____
Contact number________________________________________

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)
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☐ Foster parent* OR ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to ensure the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (the department) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:
- the department will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to the DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid until I withdraw it by contacting the school or the department.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from the department and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- some personal information may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services, for the purpose of evaluation and monitoring of concession card services.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child’s school.

Signature of applicant________________________________________ Date _____ / _____ / _____