MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPALS

(1) WELCOME BACK – TERM 2
On behalf of all staff at Fairhills High School welcome back to our families to the start for this term. Term 2 is not only longer than the last, but is an incredibly busy, demanding one for our teachers and our students. Senior students will have exams in June and assessments for Semester One will be completed by the end of this term. Further progress checks will be provided in the form of “AT Risk” reports for those students falling behind so an effective conversation can be had between parents and our teachers.
Added to this process is the NAPLAN testing period which will take place between the 14th and 16th May 2013. This will involve students in Years Seven and Nine.
We look forward to working with you all to ensuring the success of all our students.

(2) PRESENTATION BALL 2013
Our senior students and their partners are looking forward to this significant social event, to be held on Saturday 27th April 2013. Over five hundred people will be in attendance as family and friends support the forty couples who will be presented to the official party.
I would like to acknowledge the work of Ms Suzie Beasley and her team for all the time consuming preparations that have gone into making this a successful occasion.

(3) OPEN NIGHT 2013
Our school will hold its Open Night on Thursday, 2nd May 2013. We invite all families considering a placement at Fairhills for 2014 to attend and speak to the relevant staff.
We also ask our current families to let friends or neighbours considering a Year 7 placement in 2014, know of the event.

(4) BOX HILL INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR
Fairhills High School student, Sarah Marie Adams, was awarded Box Hill Institute’s Pre-Apprentice of the Year at an award ceremony at Fountains Restaurant on March 27.
Sarah completed her Certificate II in Automotive Studies and was nominated for her outstanding skills and commitment.
Sarah says that she always been interested in fixing things, but it was an epiphany at a friend’s house that started her interest in automotive.
“I was at a friend’s house and he was working on a car, and I just thought it was so awesome to be able to fix it. It was a moment where I thought to myself, I’d really love to do that!”
After completing a TAFE- taster course, Sarah’s mind was made up.
“I’ve had people laugh at me when I’ve told them I want to be a mechanic, but since doing the course here at Box Hill Institute, I have the attitude that I’m just going to do what I want to do and if people have a problem with that, then that is their problem not mine.”
Sarah’s work ethic has impressed her peers and teachers, even winning the ‘fastest person to change a tyre’ competition within class.
“I’ve worked pretty hard, and I have very high standards. I’m not doing automotive because I think it is ‘cool’ I’m really serious about it as a career. Coming to Box Hill Institute has made me feel like I can be who I am.”

(5) STUDENT FREE DAY – FRIDAY 26 APRIL 2013
The school will hold its first Professional Learning Day for this year on FRIDAY 26 APRIL 2013. Our staff will continue their important work on improvements to the teaching and learning program. In accordance with Department policy, we ask parents to keep students at home on the day. If this is a problem to any parent, please phone the General Office, we may be able to help.

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, the length of time your child will be away.

Children’s Health FREE Information Evening
Tuesday 7th May 2013 7pm - 8pm
You will have the chance to meet our specialist team including: dentist, audiologist, speech pathologist and urgent care doctors. Each expert will present information relating to your child’s health as well as have the opportunity to ask questions in forum format or one on one following the session.

Register Today! Email: mehv@ekera.com.au Phone: 9839 3300
Light refreshments and show bags for every attendee. Call us today for more information

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