MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPALS

I am glad to report that the school program has got underway smoothly, and that staff and students have settled into the school’s academic program. My thanks go to the school community for working hard to make this possible.

School Photos – The official school photos were taken on Friday 8th February. If a student was absent on this day, the photographers have agreed to return on Tuesday 12th February to take the remaining photos.

Year 12 Conference – Our Year 12 will attended a two day conference at the Burwood Campus of Deakin University as part of their preparation for what will be a very busy and demanding year. A host of speakers will cover a variety of topics from study techniques to relaxation programs. I hope our Year 12 students find the sessions beneficial.

Parent Car Park – This is a special request to those parents who use the Parent Car Park to take great care when dropping off or collecting their children. We also ask for patience from drivers as there are peak times which can slow down your passage through the area. Please observe the following:

1. Avoid delaying traffic turning into the school by stopping in the middle of the roadway to drop off your child. Attempt to find a safe position to park.
2. Take great care when reversing or pulling out from a parking position and be mindful for pedestrians.
3. Do not turn right into Scoresby Road at the Parent car park exit. Not only is this an offence, it can further delay the passage of traffic through the car park.

Staff Driveway - There are a number of students using the staff driveway to walk into the school. I am also aware of some parents who are also using this driveway to drop off their children before and after school. The staff driveway is only to be used by staff. I could ask parents to drop off their children in the parent car park and students to enter the school via the student footpaths. I appreciate your assistance to ensure the safety of our students.

Diaries/School Planners
A reminder to parents and students that school planners are compulsory for students in Years 7–12. Students in Years 7 – 9 are required to have an Empower Planner while students in Years 10 – 12 are to have a Senior Planner. Presently, they can be purchased from the General Office at a cost of $15.

Student Absences
Parents are reminded of the importance of students attending school as regularly as possible. When a student is absent, parents are encouraged to contact the school on the Student Hotline – 9758 5060 – before 9:00am. The Hotline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It is important the school is notified on the day or before the student’s absence. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Uniform - I’d like to express my thanks to the members of the school community who continue to support our uniform policy. A neat uniform fosters a positive school spirit, pride in the students’ personal appearance and conveys a positive impression to the school community. The majority of school uniform items have the school logo on them including: college grey school shorts, school jumper and windcheater, white polo and dress shirts, college grey girls’ slacks, college grey boys’ trousers, black school bag and school jacket. **Students are reminded that the only hats allowed are plain black school baseball caps.** The sport top is only to be worn with the sports uniform and not with the summer dress.

Students who are out of uniform are required to carry a note. Notes are to be used on a short-term basis, and are to be used for no longer than one week.

A full range of school items is supplied by Buxwear-Frimley Uniforms. Stock is available from our on-campus uniform shop located in R4. The shop is open on **Wednesdays from 12.00 – 4.00pm**. Buxwear-Frimley can be contacted on 9792 0424. Uniform vouchers are available to families who are experiencing financial hardship. Vouchers are available from Ms. Dean.

K. Dean  Associate Principal
EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE – (EMA)

Parents who hold an eligible concession card from Centrelink should apply for EMA prior to the closing date of February 28. Application forms were included in the student package but are available, on request, from the General Office.

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

Year 7
Julie Cox
Year 8
Asha Vazirani
Year 7 and 8
Ariela Nucci
Year 9
Robyn Grunberg
Year 10
Leanne Henderson
Year 11
Susie Beasley
Year 12
Silvana La Leggia

Knox Mobile Blood Service Visit

WHERE: Function Room 4, Knox Civic Centre, 511 Burwood Hwy, Wantirna South
WHEN: February 22, 9:30 – 3:30pm
To secure your appointment Call 13 14 95 or Email dpallen@redcrossblood.org.au

Victorian School of Languages
Enrolment in Language classes For Students in the Maroondah Region

The Victorian School of Languages (VSL) is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Government school service. They assist all Government, Catholic and Independent schools in the State with the provision of languages. There is a VSL campus at Croydon Maroondah College, Croydon Road Croydon offering Chinese, Chin Hakha, Falam, ZXomi and Karen from Year 1-12, Saturday morning from 9am – 12.20pm.

For more information and enrolment please go to www.vsl.vic.edu.au/enrol/
Please contact Area Manager Ms. Antonella Cicero by email antonellac@vsl.vic.edu.au if you require further assistance

2013 OPPY BIKE RIDE
FREE FUN FOR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

The Oppy Bike Ride is a family friendly ride for all levels of cyclists. Choose from any of three routes: 14km, 25km or 36km – Exploring Knox’s great bike paths.
Date: Sunday 3 March 2013
Time: 10am – 4pm
Where: Across three routes in Knox’s suburbs.
For more information and to register, log on to: www.knox.vic.gov.au/oppy

SECONDHAND BOOKS FOR SALE

- Jump Start, 2nd Edition, Yrs 7-8 Health + Phys Ed $45
- Science Dimensions, Homework Book 2 and Science Dimensions, 2 Essential Learning $60
- A Bridge to Wisemans Cove $10
- Maths Quest 8 for Victoria $40
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