MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPALS

Welcome to the second newsletter of the year.

Recent Events – The Year 12s completed their two day Conference at Deakin University, Burwood, all staff that attended, confirmed the high standard of endeavour shown by our students and of the excellence of the program.

My thanks to all those staff that presented and supported the program, but in particular to Silvana La Leggia for ensuring the success of this vital part of the Year 12 curriculum.

The school photographs have now been taken and should be available for distribution by the end of Term one or the start of Term two. Parents with any inquiries should contact Academy Photography directly on 1800 816 224. Thank you to all families for the understanding shown over the delayed distribution of the order forms.

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 of 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. Could I 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.
Congratulations to the following Students who have been appointed to leadership positions with the School Community

Senior – Amy Rishworth and Suraj Singh
Junior – Diane Schelov and Anthony Lo
Community Development – Jonathon Skorik and Chandler Mullen
Sport – Kellie Arscott
Social Justice – Michael Dunlop and Carlos Meliegroti
Performing Arts - Kristen Battisson and Florence Cowl
International – Manish Timilsina
VCAL Leader – Anton Valenta

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.

VIOLIN LESSONS
Erica the violin teacher has a vacancy for a violin student with a school violin available for hire. Please see Erica on a Monday or Tuesday or contact Mr Croucher the Music Director during the week for more information.

The Languages Department is desperately seeking a host family for our incoming German assistant. Lena Kohlhaase is 22. Her interests are:
- playing (Beach-) Volleyball, running, playing soccer, dancing
- playing piano and guitar
- interested in photography and editing photos
- meeting friends, going to the cinema
The host family would be paid $70 to cover costs of hosting Lena.
This is an awesome chance for your family to get to know a German person, and improve everyone’s German speaking skills.
If you are interested please call Jessica Winstone Languages Coordinator on 9758 5022.

IMMUNISATIONS - Thursday 21st March
Year 7 boys and girls, Year 9 boys, Year 10 boys and girls
Forms are due back on Tuesday 5th March
All of the above students should have received immunisation permission forms. If not please collect a form from the general office.

Fit u Now Personal Training
LADIES ONLY; Small Group Fitness
Yawarra Primary School
(Darwin Rd, Boronia)
Tues/Thurs 9:15am
For more info & to register,
Call Leonie 0414 679 024
leonie@funpt.com.au
www.facebook.com/FitUNowPT

Spacers and Schools/Preschools: Reminder for Parents & Carers
Schools/preschools in Victoria have been informed by The Asthma Foundation of Victoria about new guidelines regarding the use of spacers for children with asthma. Spacers are essential equipment when following Asthma First Aid best practice, however schools/preschools will no longer be able to wash, sterilise and re-use spacers from their asthma emergency kits when assisting students with asthma symptoms. Asthma first aid kits should only ever be used as a back-up for when a student does not have their own spacer available, if it is a first asthma attack or the cause of breathing difficulty is unknown. Some schools/preschools may implement a policy where parents/carers are responsible for the cost of the spacer if one must be used from the asthma emergency kit.
Even if your child has mild asthma, it is essential that their medication and spacer is always a available to school/preschool staff. Please make sure your child always brings a spacer with them to school, or has one that stays at school.