

Principals Report

Planning for 2010

All students from Year 9 are now involved in course selection for 2010 for the Senior College. Important decisions need to be made. Every student is developing their own unique individual learning plan. You have responsibility to make your unit choices based on your interests and pathway. Select Units that offer a challenge not those that are too easy or too hard. Discuss your choices with parents, A-Team teachers, class teachers. In deciding what to do remember this is YOUR pathway or learning plan not your friends. Make your choices on your interests and needs.

Year 7 2010

Enrolments for 2010 are currently being accepted. A number of personalized programs are being offered. A Grade 6 parent meeting was held last Wednesday night on an Accelerated Learning program. We were delighted to have a number of parents attend and ask a range of questions about the program. If further information is required please contact John Demeo at Fell-timber campus who is the AL Coordinator.

Attendance at A Teams.

A few students have not grasped the need to be regular attendees at A-Teams. Your A-Team teacher is your Advocate with the school and the rest of the staff. They argue your case and provide support. If you don't attend A-Team and your A-Team teacher does not teach you then your A-team teacher cannot be expected to negotiate on your behalf as they won't know very much about you. The A-Team teacher is to work with you over the year to help you develop your learning pathway (course selection, additional assistance, extension activities etc). Students are expected to be at school no later than 8.55am so that they can attend their A-Team meetings.

- Vern Hilditch, Principal

Assistant Principals' Report

Given the huge amount of current media coverage surrounding cyber bullying we feel that it is important to repeat an earlier newsletter report.

Please do not hesitate to investigate the website listed below with your children as these provide support, ideas and options on how to cope with this phenomenon.

Cyber Bullying

Firstly we need to remind ourselves that when our children walk out the front door of our house, we want to know who they are with, if they will be safe, where they are going and when they will be home. This should be the same when our children go online. Cyber bullying is ".....when someone repeatedly misuses their power to try to hurt, scare or exclude another person. It can be done by one person, or a group in ways that upset the student's body, peace of mind, property, reputation or social life...using electronic means." Source: Bullying Solutions. Editors McGrath & Noble 2006

To keep your child safe on the internet, here are some tips for parents and caregivers:-

KEEP TALKING TO YOUR KIDS, THERE IS NOTHING TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL OR NOT OPEN FOR DISCUSSION

- Make sure there is no response to rude or harassing emails. (Keep a record in case of further investigation)
- Advise your student/child to immediately exit any site that makes them feel uncomfortable or worried. Basic protective behaviour principles apply.
- If harassment continues....the current email account can be deleted and a new one started. The new email address should only be given to a selected few.
- If receiving harassing messages on MSN (instant messaging) - have the sender blocked.
- PC's MUST be in a common area of the house **NOT IN THE BEDROOM!**
- Parental monitoring is vital – walk past and see what your child is doing.
- If you have found inappropriate content about your child or some one in your care on a website or are informed about this situation please contact the ISP and or Police or advise the parent to do so a.s.a.p.
- Be aware approx 78% of children **WILL NOT** tell a parent/teacher if bullied or harassed online for fear that they will lose internet access!!
- Make sure that your students understand that they will not get in trouble if they tell you about a problem.
- Parents should learn about the internet with their child
- Parents should spend time online with children - learn and explore together
- Install filters and other monitoring/blocking software to minimise dangers. Parents should have up to date filtering software installed at home.
- Know the sites your child is accessing to ensure suitability. Filters ***can*** sometimes fail to protect.
- Set house rules about what information your child can put onto websites or share with others.
- Learn the lingo so that you can decipher some of the content if required.
- **ABSOLUTELY NO EXCHANGE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION!**
- Social Networking Profiles such as MySpace **MUST BE SET TO PRIVATE.**
- MSN contacts and social networking site friends should be people that your child knows in real life.
- Teach children that information on the internet is not always reliable.
- Very close supervision for young children is recommended. There should be a limit to the email correspondence/msn to be a list of friends and family that has been approved.
- Do not let young children 'google' aimlessly with no supervision.

Please note that this list is by no means exhaustive and that there is no guarantee that adherence to these tips will provide 100% protection or safety for those using the various applications of the internet.

Prepared by:- Susan McLean - Senior Constable 23323
Victoria Police Cyber Safety Project

Useful Cybersafety information websites:-

www.cybersmartkids.com.au

www.netalert.com.au

(The above are Australian Websites)

www.NetSmartz.org

www.netsafe.org.nz

www.CyberTipline.org

www.iSafe.org

www.Internet101.ca

www.Netmom.com

www.cyberbullying.org

www.GetNetWise.org

www.reachout.com.au

www.inspire.org.au

www.actnow.com.au

Cyber-bullying & Cyber-safety


Cyber bullying in the online world is on the increase, both in homes and at schools and involves multimedia, computers and mobile phones. In Australia the issue of cyber bullying is emerging as a major issue confronting the safety and wellbeing of students and the wider community. Amid growing concern about the damaging effect on children and adolescents being targeted by abusive text messages, emails and degrading digital photographs the West Australian Government has allocated \$400,000.00 to a five-year study into cyber-bullying. Although technology provides numerous benefits to young people, email, texting, chat rooms, mobile phones, mobile phone cameras and web sites can and are being used by young people to bully their peers. Cyber bullying can be more pervasive than traditional forms of bullying because nasty or embarrassing messages can be sent to numerous people at a time, increasing victim's humiliation and sense of isolation. The use of video technologies can be particularly worrying as situations may be set up to humiliate someone, subsequently filmed and the video widely distributed. Victims often do not tell their parents due to fears of losing their mobile phones or internet access. Internet access can also result in children being vulnerable to being targeted by people you would normally protect them from.

As a student or a parent of a student who attends the College if you experience any form of bullying you need to speak to your A-Team teacher or Year Level Team Leader, explain what has happened and plan the strategies to manage the bullying. This may include a restorative meeting or agreements, contract, discussions with families, documenting incidents, supervised programs and so on.

- Alyson Miller and Suzanne Rogers, Assistant Principals

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For more information, or if you would like to perform on one of these dates, contact City of Wodonga Youth Services team on (02) 8022 9700.



What's Happening in My Class

History Mysteries

What really happened?

Does our Freelance Journalist, Shona Halliday, shed new light into this mystery from the 80's?

See her gritty no pulled punches approach to writing below.

- Mr R. Davidson.

The Yellow Newspaper The Azaria Chamberlain Case

21/7/09

Azaria Chamberlain story:

Azaria Chantel Loren Chamberlain was a nine-week-old Australian baby who disappeared on the night of 17 August 1980 on a camping trip to Ayers Rock with her family.

Azaria's parents, Lindy and Michael Chamberlain reported that she had been taken from their tent by a wild dingo. On the night of 17 August, Lindy Chamberlain raised the alarm



that a dingo had just been seen leaving the family tent and that Azaria, who had been sleeping in her bassinette, was missing. Three hundred people formed a human chain during the night and searched the sand dunes near the campsite, but Azaria was never found.

One week later, a tourist from the State of Victoria, Wally Goodwin, discovered Azaria's heavily blood-stained jumpsuit, singlet, booties and nappy near a dingo lair.

Goodwin was later to state that when he found the clothing, he did not touch it, but called a police officer. The officer immediately handled the jumpsuit, pulling out the singlet and booties that were still inside it. When Goodwin expressed concern that the evidence should not be handled, the officer put the booties and singlet back into the jumpsuit and contacted a superior officer.



The cause of Azaria's disappearance has not been officially determined. The last and final official inquest listed the cause of her death as "undetermined." Her body has never been found, only various items of blood-stained clothing. The Chamberlains, who were originally convicted, have been officially exonerated by the Court and eventually received some financial compensation. It is estimated that their legal fees exceeded five million Australian Dollars.

I believe that, the mother Lindy Chamberlain killed her baby girl Azaria Chamberlain because as if a dingo could get a baby out of a bassinette and take the baby's clothes off without tearing the baby's clothes. The clothes looked like they were cut by scissors and dingoes can't use scissors.



Reported by Shona Halliday

Art and Technology

Feedback Concert

On the 17th of July the Huon Year 9



Music class and the Huon Guitar ensemble played at Feedback which is a performance platform for young music artists in this region. Our groups performed five pieces and experienced a rousing reception from the audience. This was a great opportunity for our students to showcase their mu-

sical abilities to a wider audience and experience performances by other local artists. Holly Winkler and Sam Brennan also sang solos on the evening. Feedback is an initiative set up by the Wodonga Council and is run once a month in Wodonga Arts Space on a Friday night.

Thankyou to those students and parents who helped set and pack up the equipment on the evening.

- Julie Taylor



With One Work Arts Project:

A group of our creative Year 7 art students will be finalising their art works for the 'With One Work' project, which they commenced during term two. The project is a collaboration between Benalla Art Gallery, Hume Region Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and a number of regional schools. Our students have developed a range of collaborative and individual art works in response to a 'Roman Through Australia' theme and the mosaic 'Le Marriage d'Ad-

mete'. Selected works will be exhibited at the Benalla Art Gallery later in the year. The art works completed to date are a diverse and inspiring collection, and include drawings, linocuts, ceramic sculptures and paintings.



(above) Roman Column - small group work ceramic pieces Bianca Porter 7A + Jayde-Amy Norton 7C (two students who worked on constructing the artwork)



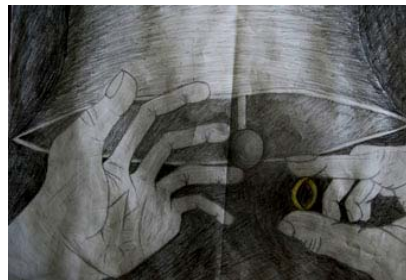
Year 8 Metals and Plastics - Bridge Building

The past two weeks in Mr James' Metal & Plastics, we have started a project on making bridges. We have watched a few videos about bridge making competitions. At the moment we are all in groups of around four or five students, and we are designing and making bridges and whoever has the strongest bridge gets to go to Melbourne for a bridge building competition at Science Works in August. We have learned about each different type of bridges such as suspension bridges, beam bridges and truss bridges. We have all drawn up scale drawings and have cut pieces of balsa wood to the right size, then we'll



glue them altogether and which ever bridge holds the most weight will win!

- Mikaela Craven



Wade Antone 7E – Marriage of Admete - pencil drawing

(Below) Roman inspired linocut – Josh Jensen 7E + Hayden Ennis 7E



Portrait Pastel Drawings – Year 7 Arts Molly Peterson 7F – Portrait of Kelsey



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Year 8 fashion and textiles

Week 3 and already the ladies in Fashion and Textiles have completed their first task of making a pin cushion. The girls are really proud of their efforts and enjoy being able to use something they have made for themselves. Chloe was quick off the mark and in the photo you can see the results of her second project, a stuffed toy. Chloe has achieved a lot in three weeks by having a positive attitude and giving it a go. Well done to all the girls for helping to create a positive attitude in the classroom and working hard.



- Ms Julie Kelly, Year 8 fashion and textiles



Sport News

Year 7/8 Boys Netball

Last Thursday 23rd July Zac Barter, Seamus Quinn, Lee Hyatt, Tyson Neander, Beau Styles, Wade Knights, Liam McKay and Mason Prospero went to the Year 7/8 Netball Eastern Zone Competition at Kelly Park. The day started with morning tea at McDonalds then we all walked down to the netball courts. We warmed up with a couple of different drills and a half court match. Our first game was against Corryong. We won 34 to 4. Then we had a bye so we continued to practice for the next game. The second game was against Yea and we won 39 to 5. This meant that we won the whole competition and we get to compete at the next level, State competition on the 4th September. We all got a medal and a team flag for winning. Then we walked back to McDonalds where Miss Paton (coach) bought us all an ice cream. Between now and September we are going to train hard and we look forward to winning at State. Our positions are:

- GS – Seamus Quinn
- GA – Liam McKay
- WA – Beau Styles
- C – Tyson Neander
- WD – Zac Barter / Mason Prospero
- GD – Wade Knights
- GK – Lee Hyatt

By Zac Barter and Seamus Quinn



State Cross Country Championships

Eight students represented the College at the State Cross – Country championships last Friday 24th July. All students completed the 3000m course in excellent times. This was a wonderful opportunity for them and we wish them well in future running events. Thank-you to the parents who assisted with transporting students to Bundoora.

- Kellie Evans
- Luke Hawkins
- Jacob Scott
- Ryley Duncan
- Kaitlyn Zurek
- Laura- Meg Collins
- Tallulah Gossett
- Alana Hurnen



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Dates to Remember

Dates for 2009	Activity
Wednesday 12 August	VCE, VET, VCAL Information Night, WSSC, Galvin Hall 7pm

Canteen Roster - Felltimber

Monday, August 10	Katrina Dawes
Tuesday, August 11	Dot Wallace
Wednesday, August 12	Helen Deegan
Thursday, August 13	Dot Wallace
Friday, August 14	Marg Quine

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