FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

The term is flying by! As you can see from this newsletter there have been many positive events that our students have been involved in recently!

FINISHING SEMESTER 1

It is particularly important at this time that students capitalise on the time remaining in Semester 1 classes to finish of any required work. A strong finish to the semester will not only bring the best possible results in the Semester 1 reports, but also provide the ideal start for Semester 2. Please note also that while McBride students commence Semester 2 on Monday June 18th (two weeks before the term break), Dudley students do not commence their Semester 2 classes until after the mid-year holidays (Monday July 16th).

COLLEGE UNIFORM

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we are asking for support from home with regards to the issue of uniform. We understand that the cold weather can make completing laundry challenging at times and ask that a note be supplied in those circumstances. Please note however that “hoodies”, black pants and non-uniform jackets are not approved uniform items.

NAPLAN

Thank you to everyone involved in the organization of the tests last week.

Throughout the 3 day testing period attendance was consistent for the Year 7’s and although the Year 9’s dropped off slightly, student behaviour was exemplary overall. Coordinators were proud of our students.
IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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ATTENDANCE

INTERMEDIATE BAND FESTIVAL – CERBERUS NAVAL BASE

Very well done to all of the students who participated in the SGSMP Intermediate Band Festival at the Cerberus naval base. The event not only developed students’ playing but also provided them with a taste of what it would be like to be a professional musician in the Australian Defence Force. The two focus pieces of *The Best of Glee* and *Ironclad* were workshopped under the direction of the Navy musicians and then performed on stage as part of a massed band that consisted of about 120 musicians. What a sound!!
There were a couple of announcements in the recent State Budget that will significantly affect families eligible for EMA and School Start bonus.

**SCHOOL START BONUS**
The $300 School Start Bonus available to eligible parents of students starting prep and Year 7 has been abolished. There will be no School Start bonus in 2013.

**EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)**
From next year the EMA payment will be reduced. The fine details have not been released yet so all we can tell you at this stage is what we know.

In 2012 the EMA was $470, $235 of this was paid directly to the school and $235 was paid to the Parent. In 2013 the school EMA payment $235 has been scrapped and the Parent payment of $235 will be increased by between $15 and $82 depending on the year level of the student. This is effectively a reduction of between $153 and $220 per student.

At this stage we have not been informed of any changes to the EMA procedures for 2013 but we expect there will be some changes. Any changes may have an impact on some of the services that the school offers such as book-selling day, EMA credit arrangements against school books & uniforms.

If EMA procedure changes do impact on any of the schools services you will be advised in future newsletters.

**SCHOOL KIDS BONUS PAYMENT**
In the recent Federal Budget the Government announced a lump sum payment of up to $820 per child to families entitled to Family Tax Benefit A. This payment will replace the Education Tax Refund from 2013. If approved by Parliament, payment of the bonus will begin to roll out in June 2012.

This will be a great opportunity for many people to pay off all their outstanding school charges.

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**YEAR 10 INFORMATION EVENING**

**YEAR 10 INFORMATION EVENING AT DEAKIN UNIVERSITY** – Start to plan your VCE, university and career options. Find out about Deakin courses, hear speakers talk about their professions, meet students and enjoy pizza!

Where/When: Melbourne (Burwood) campus Tues 5 June; Warrnambool campus Wednesday 6 June; Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus Tuesday 12 June; Register: www.deakin.edu.au/future-students (go to Upcoming Events)

**YEAR 10 INDEPENDENCE DAY** – You can support your independent educational decisions by spending time discovering a world of possibilities at Monash University. This event will give Year 10 students a chance to discover their options at Monash and life at university. When: Wed 4 July; Information (shortly) at www.monash.edu.au/study/options/schools/events.html.

**PARENT INFORMATION EVENING AT MONASH** – Parents of Year 11/12s can attend this event to find out about the VTAC application process, scholarships and fees, course options and graduate outcomes (held at Albury, Caulfield and Geelong). Register interest: www.monash.edu.au/parent.

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**UniExperience**

Thursday 12 — Friday 13 July 2012
University of Melbourne, Parkville campus

**WHAT IS UNIEXPERIENCE?**

UniExperience gives Year 11 students from Victoria’s rural and border regions the opportunity to come on-campus and experience university life first-hand.

The two-day program demystifies the university experience by giving you the chance to stay at our Parkville campus and take part in a range of sessions covering all aspects of tertiary study.

**THE PROGRAM:**

- On-campus accommodation and meals at one of the University’s residential colleges
- Guided campus tours
- Detailed information on Monash’s courses
- Sessions and workshops covering the transition to university, student support services, accommodation options, scholarships, study skills and exam tips
- Social activities and the opportunity to meet peers and current university students.

**REGISTER ONLINE**

Complete the online application form via: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/uninext.

Applications close: Friday 22 June 2012.

Note: Places are limited. Selection will be based on your reasons for wanting to participate as outlined in your application.

**COST**

$100.00 (including GST) covers all meals, overnight accommodation and all materials relating to the program.

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**MANAGED INDIVIDUAL PATHWAYS**

This week Year 9 Pathways presentations have started to take place in the Flexible Learning Centre. All Year 9 students will be bringing their folders home as there is a parent/cater section that needs to be completed at home. After this section is completed, students need to return their folder to Ms Kathy Moore or the General Office at school as we will be doing other tasks which need to be included in their folders.
TERM 2 SPORTS UPDATE

Senior Girls Football
Under the watch of a new coach with fresh ideas, the Senior Girls team has undergone a transformation. Many of last year’s group have moved on and the current team is now inundated with youthful vigour. Some experienced heads remain to lead the way however, and the leadership of Chloe McRae, Ebony Dwyer and Ruby Cantieni has been an important factor as the 2012 campaign got underway.

The South Gippsland title has been a one-horse race in recent times with WSC being too strong for their opposition. So it proved again with two commanding performances from our girls against Leongatha and Mirboo North. The girls played a great team game and their desire to win was plain for all to see.

With a simple but effective game plan WSC dominated both matches. A pattern of play soon developed – Caitlin Vick or Ebony Dwyer won the ruck, our on-balls (namely Loretta Chumbley, Chloe McRae and Alesha Kelly) won the clearance, and the ball remained in our forward line until we managed to slot a goal.

Maddi Dunlop, Georgia Butterfield and Sophie Bolding provided great dash whenever they worked into space and they continually sent the ball inside the attacking 50 metre arc. Several onlookers made comparisons between Sophie and Cyril Rioli such was her elusiveness, agility and poise with the ball. Our backline girls were good on the rare occasion the ball came their way and Ruby Cantieni and Dom Wilson were dominant up forward in Game 2, both collecting a couple of goals.

In fact all of the girls contributed to the strong performance with none of them beaten by their opponents. They were all willing to win the contested footy and tackle hard and were a credit to their school in their overall approach. With 3 or 4 inclusions for the next round, the team should continue to be a formidable opponent for those that await.

Results
WSC 5. 7. 37 LSC 1. 1. 7
WSC 8. 6. 54 MNSC 0. 0. 0

SENIOR BOYS FOOTBALL
WSC were attempting to continue their dominance at this early stage of the championships. Missing several key names, the squad was nevertheless strong and evenly balanced.

Our first match was against traditional rival Leongatha, WSC attacked the contest with vigour from the opening stages. Kurt Thomas was explosive in the ruck, giving first use of the leather to a talented on-ball brigade including Jye Read, Leki Asa Leausa and Aidan Dowie. They were ably supported by tireless runners Tim Landells and Steven Scott. It was one-way traffic early and this dominance was translated to the scoreboard once the forwards started kicking straight.

Read was playing as if he had a point to prove, continually setting up the play with poise and clever decision making. Jarrod Membrey and Aloysio Ferreira repelled several Leongatha attacks during the first half, with both providing great run from the defensive 50. WSC gradually wore down their opponents and with Jacob Dakin, Dale Crawford and Eli Richards dominating up forward, we ran out comfortable winners.

Game 2 was an even more one-sided affair with a strong WSC team effort overwhelming the hapless Burra boys. A ten goal victory was notable for the following incidents:

- Leki impersonating a Rugby League player with strong running and bone-crunching ‘don’t argues’...he inspired his teammates with three tries...
- Dakin’s strong marking. He had earlier been schooled on the art of ‘goal kicking from impossible angles’ by his coach...
- Aloysio’s attacking back pocket play resulted in him getting on the scoresheet...
- Kyle Salama unable to come off the interchange bench after half time because he was asleep... it was one of those games.
- The boys displayed excellent organisation and commitment on the day, well done.
- Greater challenges await...

Results
Wonthaggi SC 6. 8. 44 Wonthaggi SC 13. 10. 88
Leongatha SC 1. 3. 9 Korumburra SC 3. 2. 20

Best Players: Tim Landells, Jye Read, Steven Scott, Dale Crawford, Jarrod Membrey, Kurt Thomas
**Junior Girls Football**

It was a very successful day at the Leongatha Velodrome for our Junior Girls Football team last Wednesday. The first match against LSC set the pace for the day with our girls winning 60 – 1. The second match against MNSC resulted in a similar score of 54 – 0. Well done to the girls for their persistence at the ball and their excellent tackling and marking skills. B.O.G went to both Molly Edwards and Hannah McRae. Emma Sprunt and Nat Porter also deserve a special mention for their efforts. Bring on the next round in Traralgon!

**Who Cares?**

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**Theories Abound - Answers Are Rare!**

Ever noticed that your teenager develops selective deafness whenever you call out, “Wake up!” in the morning? You are not alone!

Theories about why teenagers seem to sleep more in the mornings abound. At first glance this might seem like a small issue, but Australian parents rate it as one of their biggest and most frustrating.

A seasoned expert and parent, Mr Williams from Worah, puts it down to all the growing they do. Maybe they just need more sleep, and since they are mauling they won’t go to sleep earlier so they stay up later and sleep in later. Or maybe they just have better dreams than anyone else and can’t bear to tear themselves away.

Either way, it’s a frightening thought, shrugged Mr Williams.

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**15 Ways to Wake Your Teenager**

1. Play your old records at full blast.
2. Invite their friends over for breakfast.
3. Get a dog to jump on their bed.
4. Get a larger and scarier animal to jump on their bed.
5. Scream “Get up! Get up!” in their ear and out and until you have a cardboard tube. Place tape recorder outside their door and creep away.
6. Ice packs.
7. Ticking.
8. Turn up the radios.
9. Have the family breakfast in their bedroom.
10. Remove their bed and replace it with a hummock that can be lowered easily.
11. Snack into their bedrooms and change the time so that it appears as if they are hours late for school (sleep-off thing).
12. Impose a fine for every minute you are running late.
13. Remove the blankets.
14. Enter into the room and start an interesting conversation about anything and don’t stop until they get up.
15. Just give up and let them face the consequences of not getting up.

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**Weather**

- The outlook for today is some early morning obstinacy in relation to getting out of bed.
- Storm clouds should pass, providing a calm and sunny day.
- A short thunderburst around homework time should be expected. Take shelter.

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**Magic Cooked Breakfast in Bed Show**

An hour of nonsense had turned everything I was so frustrated. He wouldn’t get up, wouldn’t get out of bed, and every morning I was the same old bottle.

Eventually I realised that only one of us felt that getting out of bed on time was important – and it wasn’t him. So I started cooking great breakfasts and bringing them to him. It went against all of my principles, but it worked!
Community Announcements

Badminton players aged 8 to 15 have the chance to win $50. The first player to reach 500 points will win the $50. If two players reach 500 points a play-off will take place. Points are obtained by helping set up, umpiring and winning games. A maximum of four games per week. Competition will start on Thursday 17th May and will be every Thursday 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. at the Wonthaggi Leisure Centre. Cost $4 per week.

Earn & Learn

Simply start collecting stickers at the checkout of your local Woolworths supermarket until July 22nd and send them into either Campus at the General Office. There’ll be one sticker for every $10 spent, excluding purchases of liquor, smoking/tobacco products and gift cards. Once completed, simply drop the sticker card into a collection box, either at your school or at your local Woolworths.

Calling all young artists

If you’re a budding artist between the ages of 12 to 25 in the Bass Coast Shire area here’s your chance to enter the 2012 Youth Art Show Wonthaggi Town Hall 25th June – 27th June

HURRY
Entries close 25th of May

For more information Ph Allison Fry 0419009994
Or email : allison.fry@ucgipps.org.au

Free Community Meal:
Every Monday night (except school & public holidays) from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. St George’s Anglican Church, Cnr McBride Ave & Hagelthorn St, Wonthaggi.
Brought to you by the Wonthaggi & Inverloch Anglican Church.