FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

INTERIM REPORTS AND PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT INTERVIEW BOOKINGS

The year is flying by but a particularly important part of the term involves the upcoming Parent/Teacher/Student interviews.

Please remember that we have a new online booking system for Parent/Teacher/Student interviews. Accompanying this newsletter is a step by step instruction handout on how parents can book interview times with their child’s teachers (a copy was also posted home with your child’s Interim Report).

Please note also that our Term 3 interviews will be held at the Dudley Campus on:

• Thursday September 20th
  (4.00 pm to 7.00 pm — for McBride and Dudley families)
• Friday September 21st
  (9.00 am to 2.00 pm — for Dudley Campus families only)

Normal classes will be conducted for McBride students on Friday the 21st of September and attendance is compulsory as per normal requirements The day does conclude at 2.30 pm.

WONTHAGGI SECONDARY COLLEGE
WINS TOURNAMENT OF THE MINDS

Wonthaggi Secondary College has once again achieved excellent results at the Gippsland section of Tournament of Minds. The competition, which is run each year throughout Victoria and Australasia, challenges the groups of students to solve open ended problems and to work collaboratively as a team.

This year the school entered four teams across the disciplines of ‘Language Literature’, “Maths Engineering” and “Social Science”. The four groups of seven worked on their long term problems for the first six weeks of Term 3. This meant regular after school and lunchtime meetings. As the time ran out the pressure on the students to finalise their presentations mounted and the last two weeks was a frantic rush to get things just right.

The groups presented their problems to a panel of judges on the 25th of August at the Churchill Campus of Monash University. All teams were well rehearsed and entertaining. The judges awarded the “Language Literature” and “Social Science” teams Honours and the “Maths Engineering” team was awarded First Place. The Maths Engineering team will now progress to the state finals which will be held at Latrobe University in Bundoora. Winners from the seven regions of Victoria will compete for a place in the Nationals which will be held in Perth in October. We wish them the very best in their endeavours.

Of course this would not have gone ahead without the dedication of the teachers who facilitated each group. We thank Carron Forwood and Dave Wingfield (Maths Engineering), Lesley Kaye and Nick Wilson (Language Literature), Charlene Copeland and Sally McNiece (Social Science) and Janell Willis and Nick Sibby (Language Literature).
**Important Dates for Your Calendar**

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**JLTAV Japanese Speech Competition 2012**

Our WSC Japanese students, Reshma Paulose, Ella Lausberg and Dominique Brown (Year 10), Simon Thomas, Jasmine Chambers and Madeliene Murray (Year 8) participated in the JLTAV Junior Speech Competition 2012 on Sunday August 26th at Wesley College in Melbourne. They entered in Secondary Year 7&8 Individual and Pair Divisions and Year 9&10 Individual and Pair Divisions. In each division, approximately 20 Schools and 60 students entered in the competition from all over Victoria. To begin with, competitors recited a set passage. Then, they recited a speech of their own creation or performed their own dialogue. All students performed extremely well. It was a great opportunity for the participating WSC students to watch other students’ works and to practice the target language in a practical way. Our students dedicated their lunch time and own spare time for this competition and worked very hard. Well done.

**Hockey is Back at Wonthaggi Secondary College!**

On Tuesday the 28th of August the Intermediate Boys Hockey team played Korumburra Secondary College on the new synthetic multipurpose field at the Dudley Campus. With a great pitch to play on and fantastic weather our boys stepped up to the challenge. They managed to draw their game 1-1 and send themselves into a playoff. With the scores still a drawn in overtime the match went into penalty strokes to decide the winner. It went right down to the wire and only with their last player did KSC sneak one past our goal keeper to snatch victory from Wonthaggi!

**Highlights:**
- Zac Sydenham’s ‘matrix’ like goal keeping moves
- BJ and Popies sneaky forward attack
- Jesse and Liam’s amazing leadership
- Glenn and Dylan’s solid defensive skills
- Max’s ‘I’m more skilful than Year 10’ attitude

A big thank you goes out to all the Year 8 Boys who stepped up to play the older boys, your skills were amazing!
**Health & PE Week**

This was the second year that Health and PE week was undertaken at the Dudley Campus. The aim is to encourage students to develop positive attitudes towards living healthy lifestyles for the long term. This includes exercise, healthy eating, positive relationships and emotional well being.

**ANXIETY AND RELAXATION**

A selected group year seven’s participated in an anxiety/relaxation seminar. This helped students recognise the feelings associated with anxiety and the triggers of it. A variety of relaxation techniques were then undertaken in which students were shown how to manage their anxiety. Students were also encouraged to seek support services if they felt they needed more assistance.

**STAFF vs STUDENTS NETBALL MATCH**

In the grudge match of the year it was time for the teachers to give some back to the students. The students team was made up of Molly Bloch, Brittany Thomas, Emma Sprunt, Molly Edwards, Nikki Cengia, Oliver Bates, Cade Waters, Jake McFee and Ty Hamilton. The staff team was made up of Gemma Dellamina, Marty Chan, Jo Stoopman, Dylan Clarke, Janelle Willis, Taryn Brooke, Ross Bramley and Sindy Boyd.

The first quarter saw the students get ahead on the board, however the second and third saw the teachers hit back and lead into three quarter time. With a few dodgy umpiring calls against the teachers the students pegged the lead back. When the final whistle blew it was a DRAW. Stay tuned for more staff vs students matches to see who will win for bragging rights.

**YEAR NINE RELATIONSHIPS SEMINAR**

All year nine students participated in a positive relationships seminar conducted by the district nurses. The aim was to promote healthy relationships amongst students and provide strategies for dealing with conflict.

**CYBER SAFETY**

All year seven and year eight students participated in a cyber-safety seminar. This was aimed at safety on-line as well as the implications of cyber bullying and sexting.

**HEALTHY LUNCHES**

Students in the International Foods classes prepared healthy lunches for the students. They made muffins, fruit platters and wraps. They were easy to make and delicious.

**FOOTY COLOURS DAY**

Students were encouraged to dress up in support of their footy teams. There were lunch time activities as well as prizes for the best supporter. **The day raised $600 approx for the Beau Vernon Trust Fund.**

**Footy Day Competition Results:**

- Year 7 “Kick for the Backboard”
  - Boy Winner: Oscar Toussaint, Girl Winner: Jasmine Garry.

- Year 8 & 9 “Kick for Accuracy”
  - Winners Leigh Allamby, Natalia Porter, Darcy Tiziani.

**Best Dressed Supporter:**

Jasmine Chambers and Max Dyball

All winners will receive a soft skin AFL Ball, to be presented at the end of term assembly.

A big Thank-you to Voyage Fitness who generously sponsored this day.

**McBride Footy Theme Day**

Students at McBride also conducted an out of uniform day recently, with a footy theme, to support the Beau Vernon Trust Fund. It raised nearly $600 dollars—well done to everyone for supporting the day!
**SILENT READING AS EXTREME SPORT**

On August 29th, 41 Year 9 boys, mainly taken from the Boys' English classes took part in an excursion to the Hardrock Climbing Centre located on the corners of Swanston and Franklin Streets in the city. You may have noticed it, the climbing walls tower above the footpaths behind enormous glass panes. The climbers look tiny and frail as they ascend, reaching for handholds and straining for footholds, while tethered to a climbing buddy who stands below, carefully paying out the safety rope.

The connection between literacy skills and rock climbing isn’t immediately obvious, particularly when you consider that climbing is risky, physically challenging, and requires co-ordination. These are qualities that aren’t in big demand for, let’s say, essay writing. So, what’s the connection?

The boys have read excerpts from the book and viewed the docudrama on ‘Touching the Void’, a famous mountain climbing tale. This is the account of two Englishmen who climbed a previously unconquered route to the summit of Siula Grande, a 21000 ft peak located in the high mountains of Peru. Their plan was simple: climb light and fast. Unfortunately a terrible accident occurred. The story of their descent from the mountain has become the stuff of legend. It was hoped that by climbing the synthetic rock walls, some as high as 20 meters, the boys would experience a little of the challenge that the intrepid climbers faced.

There were prize winners across four categories: The Hardrock Spider Monkey Award for best climber on the day awarded to Jarred Argent; The Hardrock Belay Buddy Award for best climbing buddy awarded to Joe Magro; The Hardrock Dude award for the best looking rock climber awarded to Ben Caille; The Hardrock English prize awarded for the best reading whilst rock climbing awarded to Ben Atherton.

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**YEAR 10 MATHEMATICS 2013**

With the introduction of the Australian Curriculum, unfortunately all students studying Level A or B Maths in Year 10 next year will be required to purchase a new textbook. (which will be on the booklist.) This will mean that second-hand copies are not available in 2013 but students will be able to sell to students studying this course in 2014.

It is important for students to capitilise on their start in Year 10 next year by bringing their textbook, calculator and workbook to all classes to maximise the successful study of the course.

For any enquiries about Mathematics at McBride, please contact Ms Tschiderer. (Maths KLD Leader)

**BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY**

What do the following characters all have in common: The Mad Hatter, Cruella de Vil, Alice in Wonderland, Pikachu, Where’s Wally, Mini Mouse, Dorian Gray, Little Red Riding Hood and The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas? They are all book characters and they were all here at Dudley helping us celebrate Children's Book Week, Australia’s most prestigious children’s book awards. There were also Dalmatians, a ninja and a smurf and a range of Mr Men and Little Misses. Not only were our students allowed to come dressed up as a book character, but many were rewarded for their efforts, winning a variety of prizes including books, chocolates or canteen vouchers. Once again it was a fun day at Dudley with a serious educational message, and that was to celebrate books and keep on reading.'
**Book Week**

![Image of various book week costume ideas]

**Year 10 Careers Expo**

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Season alterations to summer/winter dates
By-laws available for changes at AGM only
Committee positions available
All welcome – come along and get involved

Wonthaggi Workmens Cricket Club

U/14’s Training

Wonthaggi Workmen’s Cricket Club welcomes all new and current U/14 Cricketers to start the 2012 season. Our first Training session will commence Wednesday 12th September at 4.30pm.
Our home ground is located at McMahon Reserve (Cameron Street Wonthaggi).
Please bring what Cricket Gear you have, and Wear a white shirt if possible.
For more Information contact Under 14’s coach: Steve Brann on 0429001396.

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Invitation to Try

Join the region’s best up and coming swimmers
This Region’s only Affiliated Pathway to District, State & National Levels.

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Wonthaggi North Primary School

Celebrating

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Years of Education

In Wonthaggi

Friday 19th October 2012 – Big Night Out
At the Wonthaggi Club
Saturday 20th October 2012 – Celebrations at the school
Starting at 1pm – Roll call, school tours, keeping time capsule,
Photo display, cake cutting and afternoon tea.
Wontagy North Primary School 100yr Celebration.

The Inverloch Community House is hosting two information sessions delivered by Psychologist Terry Gilford on ‘Understanding your Teenage Girl’ on 11th September and ‘Understanding your Teenage Boy’ on the 18th September. Both sessions start at 7pm. For bookings and enquiries phone Genevieve on 56742444 Cost: $10 single $15 couple
Dear Parents/Carers,

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held at the Dudley Campus from 4.00pm – 7.00pm on Thursday 20th September and from 9.00am – 2.00pm on Friday 21st September (Dudley Student Free Day).

McBride staff will not be available on the Friday as McBride classes will run as normal on that day.

We have changed our parent/teacher booking procedures and you can now book interviews at times that best suit YOUR FAMILY.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

BOOKINGS OPEN TODAY (FRIDAY 7th SEPTEMBER)
BOOKINGS CLOSE TUESDAY 18th SEPTEMBER at 9.00am

For parents/carers that don't have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend's house or on their phones, bookings may be made at the school office from Monday 10th September onwards. Parents may also send a note to school with the approximate times they require, or phone the school on 5672 0900 (Dudley) or 5671 3700 (McBride). Interviews are strictly 10 minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date should contact the school directly on: 5672 0900 (Dudley) or 5671 3700 (McBride).

We would love to hear what you think about the online booking system, if you wish please give feedback to the school office.