FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

STUDENT LEADER INVESTITURE

At WSC we value student input into the college and encourage students to fulfil a very important role in many of the decision making processes within the school. Next week will see the 2013 WSC Student Leaders formally recognised in two separate investiture ceremonies at each campus on Wednesday 27th February. The Dudley Student Leader Investiture Ceremony will be held at 10am and will be followed by the McBride ceremony at 12noon.

The Student Leadership team for 2013 is as follows;

**McBRIDE:**
- **Year 12 Student Leaders:** Hayley Pupetti, Lillian Pye-Thompson, Jake Joyce, Dean Williams.
- **Year 11 Student Representatives:** Georgia Butterfield, Avy Shawcroft, Nathan Brayley, Cody Nelson.
- **Year 10 Student Representatives:** Nikki Cengia, Tanya Milnes, Luke Michael, Stephen Wallace.

**Sports Captains:** Sophie Bolding, Abby McNish.

**Arts Captains:** Isabel Luke, Angus Wishart

**DUDLEY:**
- **Dudley Student Leaders:** Western Sparkes, Jasmine Chambers, Fergus McKittrick, Hannah McRae.

**Dudley Student Leader Executive:** Olivia Gilmour, Jade Macdermid, Alex Duyker

**Dudley Peer Support Leaders:** Jessica Tiziani, Shaun Hayes, Hannah Sparkes, Adam Busana, Elise Zanella, Riley Scapin, Skye Aldie, Brock Niessen, Chloe Cousins, Sean Michael, Eli Whitehead, Logan Brann, Grace Cadman, Emily Semple, Elise DeSantis, Dylan Wilson, Allie Nelson, Indi Raos.

**Dudley House Captains:**
- **BERRY:** Lockie Clark, Dylan Rielly, Lilly Geyle, Madison Piper. **LUKE:** Skye Aldie, Bree Stubbs, Daniel Greenhalgh, Kai Jamieson. **LOVETT:** Elise DeSantis, Eboni Senior, Adam Busana. **GARNHAM:** Hannah Sparkes, Taya Murdoch, Darrien Burrell, Alex Duyker.

YEAR 7 AND YEAR 12 CAMPS UPDATE

Over the last few weeks we have been in negotiations with the local branch of the Australian Education Union regarding the status of both the Year 7 and Year 12 camps. The AEU's current industrial action involves members not attending camps and excursions that are outside of the regular school hours. It was for this reason that the Year 12 camp was postponed from earlier this month. It is planned that the Year 12 camp will be rescheduled as soon as is practical.

The consultations with the AEU members on our staff have lead to a positive outcome for our Year 7 students with an alternative camp program currently being organised for the scheduled camp dates of Monday 4th to Wednesday 6th March. The alternative camp program will involve 3 school day trips to the Phillip Island Adventure Resort where students will participate in the same activities they would have enjoyed on an ‘overnight stay’ camp while returning in time for their school buses.

The administration of the resort are currently revising the charges for our camp and any refund will be passed on to the parents of our Year 7 students. All Year 7 students will be given more information over the next few days, including a financial statement and an itinerary.
Parents are asked to report to the General Office before entering the school yard.

A reminder to all parents of the 40km zones around school area’s. Police will be patrolling.

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

**FEBRUARY:**
- Tuesday 26th - Inter-School Swimming
- - Humanities Business Survey Excursion
- - Malcolm Beasley Year 10
- Wednesday 27th - Year 12 RYDA Driver Safety workshop
- - School council meeting 5.30pm @ Dudley Campus
- Tuesday 12th March - Year 12 Chemistry Purple Hen Winery Excursion
- Wed 20th March - Textile Tour Excursion Year 10-12
- Mon 25th March - Museum Visual Perception Exhibition Excursion
- - Year 11
- Tuesday 26th March - Top Screen Excursion Year 12

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**SEALS Program**

The College had 16 Grade 6 students from Wonthaggi Primary School involved in beach safety, surf awareness and learning basic surf skills. The students were coached by Adrian Sorati who was assisted by the Year 10 VET Surfing class at McBride. All students were able to improve their skills and improve awareness in the surf after the session and had a great time in doing so. Sessions in the SEALs Program will continue to run throughout the term with various local primary schools.
**BUS PASSES**

Please note that once again this year we continue to have very limited spare seating available on our buses and are not able to accommodate requests for bus passes. As a result parents, carers and students should consider other transport options. Requests of an urgent nature should be applied for in advance of the day through our Bus Coordinator, Robert Aitken, who is based at the McBride Campus. Regular bus travellers will continue to utilise the service as normal.

**EMA REMINDER - APPLICATIONS CLOSE FEBRUARY 28, 2013**

Just a reminder to all eligible parents that you can still claim an EMA ($300 for year 7 students & $250 for year 8 and above). EMA is payable to eligible parents of students up to 16 years of age to assist with the cost of school books, uniforms, camps, excursions, school charges…… To receive your EMA you must complete an EMA application and lodge it at the school **BEFORE February 28th 2013**. Late applications cannot be accepted. To be eligible to claim an EMA you must meet one of the following criteria:

- Holder of a Health Care Card valid as at 29th January 2013
- Holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card valid as at 29th January 2013
- Holder of a Pensioner Concession Card valid as at 29th January 2013
- A foster parent (documentation confirming status required)

**EMA APPLICATIONS CLOSE FEB 28, 2013 - we can not take applications after this date.**

*Stephen Plumb - Business Manager*

**DUDLEY STUDENT DROP OFFS & PICK UP**

The Dudley Campus is not well set up for large volumes of traffic and this is why we ask parents to please keep their cars out of the school grounds at the busy drop-off and pick-up times. We are very mindful of student safety and this will assist in the smooth operation of the College.

We would also request parents to please report to the General Office if they unexpectedly need to pick up their children at the end of the school day. Lately we have had a number of awkward situations with parents wandering through the students at the bus loop looking for their children. If you park at the front of the school and report to the general office, we will call your child to the office to meet you.

Our preference is to only call students to the office at the end of the day so as to not disrupt classes. Wherever possible could you please hold off collecting your child until 3.30pm.

Thank you for your support in these matters.

**NEED TO CATCH UP ON HOMEWORK ?**

Any Dudley students who need to catch up on homework, Mr Allan will be in Room 7 every Wednesday lunchtimes and after school every Monday. At McBride, lunchtime assistance is available with Miss Tschiderer in Room 24 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
**DUDLEY LOCKERS**

A change in staff roles in 2013 has resulted in staff not being available to co-ordinate Dudley locker keys. We are therefore moving to a system where students will be made more responsible for their own keys, however Year 7 students will be supported by their Peer Support Leaders in taking responsibility for their keys.

Students will still be able to get spare keys if they require them but once they have collected it, that key is their responsibility. Where possible staff will try to keep one key spare at all times.

If students lose a key it is now their responsibility to get spare keys cut themselves. They will need to make sure that any spares they get cut also have the number of their key stamped onto their new key.

If students lose all of their keys they will be required to pay to replace that lock before they will be allocated a new lock from the school. We do not want students buying their own locks as some locks are not tamper proof and we would like all student locks to be on the one system to make co-ordination of locker allocations easier.

If you have any queries or concerns please contact Ross Bramley (Dudley Campus Principal) on 56720900.

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**MATHS AT DUDLEY**

**Improve your Numeracy skills**

*Every lunchtime* during the month of March

Mr Sullivan will be running a Numeracy help session in Room 34.

Skill building will include the following areas:

- Times tables
- Positive & Negative numbers
- Decimal operations
- Working with fractions
- Ratios
- Number Patterns
- Percentages
- Powers
- Homework skills

Attendance at these sessions are entirely optional BUT if you want to build your Maths skills then this is an excellent opportunity to do so!

-No calculators allowed!!!!!!

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**Help your child improve their numeracy skills at home!**

**PARENT INFORMATION SESSION**

Monday March 4th at 7pm
Dudley Flexible Learning Centre

In today’s world having good number skills is a vital criterion to success in the workplace.

This information session will discuss methods that you can use at home to help your child build strong number skills.

We will also discuss the school-parent relationship with respect to the Maths homework program.

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**YEAR 10 MATHEMATICS - 10B - G.**

All students should now have their own copy of Maths Quest 10 + 10A text OR e-book. It is required for every class, and to provide your child with the best opportunity in Maths this year please ensure they have a copy. A scientific calculator is also required.

There are some brand new texts and second hand calculators at the school for purchase. Please contact Ms Tschiderer at McBride.
LUKE RULES THE SWIMMING POOL
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wonthaggi Power Football Club
Under 11 & Under 13's Training
Wednesday nights: 4:30 to 5:45pm
(Commencing: Wed, 27th February 2013)

Coaches: Brett Forsyth (Under 13's) Darren Brown (Under 11's)
New members most welcome!
For further details please phone: Brett Forsyth on 0409 962 747 (U13)
or Darren on 0418 379 301 (U11)

Inverloch Kongwak Football Club
U13’s & U11’s Training
Commencing Wednesday 6th March 2013
4.30pm to 6.00pm
Coaches U13’s Craig Reid & U11’s Phil Benson
All new players welcome
Please contact Craig Reid on 0448481400 for further information

Wonthaggi & District Netball Association
2013 SATURDAY COMPETITION
All Grades from NetSetGo to Open.
Season commences Saturday April 20th for 15 weeks.
Registration Nights: Wednesday March 6th and Wednesday March 13th,
4-5pm at Wonthaggi Netball Courts.
Registration forms also available at Cargill’s Sports Store, Wonthaggi.
Enquiries Anna 0407 822 694
Netball meeting 7pm Monday 18th February at Wonthaggi Courts,
parent help is essential (coaching and umpiring), all welcome.