FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

REMINDER: PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT INTERVIEWS

As per our information in the last newsletter, please remember that due to current union work bans, many of our staff will not be completing interim reports this term. Staff who have completed interim reports will have this information at the parent/teacher/student interviews.

As a result of this attendance at the interviews is particularly important on this occasion so that staff can provide feedback to students and their families. Students are strongly encouraged to attend with their parents /carers.

Parent/teacher/student interviews:

Wednesday 27th March - 4-6pm
Thursday 28th March - 9.00am -2.20pm (no formal classes)

Instructions for booking appointments are included on the last page of this newsletter but please contact the school should you require any assistance.

WSC SEALS PROGRAM

Over the past 5 weeks our school has run a “Learn to Surf” activity for Grade 6 students from local primary schools. Around 200 Grade 6 students have participated. The activity has been conducted by surf coaches Adrian Sorati and Eli Curry with assistance from Brennan Reusch, and his Year 10 VET Surfing students.

The activity with primary school students is just one part of the WSC SEALS (Surf Education And Life Saving) program. Our school was successful in obtaining a $50 000 grant to conduct this activity which expands our already extensive range of activities and programs available to students. Feedback from Grade 6 students showed that they thoroughly enjoyed being involved. Learning to surf with the help of our Year 10 students was a highlight for them. Our VET Surfing students all have Surf Rescue Certificates. As part of their course they are undertaking their Level 1 Surf Coach / Instructor Certificate – so as well as being an enjoyable and rewarding activity it was also an important part of their own learning.

We plan to continue the program in term 4.
**IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

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**OUTSTANDING SUBJECT LEVIES**

Just a reminder to all parents who have children doing any subjects that incur a subject levy that payment for Semester one is due before 28 March. Subject levies are used to purchase ingredients for cooking, pay for buses and life saving fees as well as outside tutors. If these levies are not paid then we are at risk of not having sufficient funds to run the subject. If your child is doing a Practical cooking class, Advance Program, an Outdoor Education subject, Creative Photography, PASE or is receiving Music tuition this current semester, please ensure the associated subject levy is paid by the end of term.

**SHAVE FOR A CURE**

"Friday 15th March, Shave for a Cure Day, saw an astounding achievement by the staff and students at McBride Campus. Cody Nelson and David Manniche were brave enough to shave their hair. Fellow students, Rafaela Carmo and Bayley Lyttle and staff members Mel Tschiderer and Jo Reader joined in with a close shave. Not only are these people applauded for their contribution to raising awareness of blood cancer, but also all of the McBride Campus for raising a generous $1,153 for the Leukaemia Foundation. Hayley Pupetti, Student Leader"
YEAR 7 COORDINATORS REPORT

It has been a busy first term for our new Year 7 students and their teachers. I am very pleased with how students have settled into secondary school life and am impressed with their positive attitudes and friendliness.

Activities this term have included Camp at Phillip Island, swimming and athletic house events and the ever popular Year 7 Dodge ball competition. I encourage students to continue to participate in the many and varied extra curricular activities on offer, who knows you may make a new friend or learn a new skill.

Being organised is a big part of success at secondary school, well organised students are less stressed and settle in to classes better. Reminders to keep students organised in Term 2
- Make sure students are prepared with the correct books and equipment for classes
- Label all equipment with students name and home group
- Student diary's should come home and be checked daily and be used to record homework and communications with teachers
- Locker keys should be on a named keychain or lanyard
- Know your timetable, bring sports gear on correct days

Parent input and communication is appreciated and encouraged, if at any time you have questions or concerns about your child's progress or wellbeing please contact Emma Harris at the Dudley Campus.

Have a safe and happy holiday break with your families and friends.

YEAR 7 GIDEONS VIST

Gideon's Australia will be visiting WSC Year 7 students on Monday 15th April. The Gideon's are an interdenominational association of business men who are members of Protestant churches who distribute Bibles to students in their first year of secondary school.

If you do not wish for your child to participate in this visit please phone the Dudley general office before

HEADLICE

Head lice have been reported to the school - please check, and if necessary, treat your family for head lice. There is no need to treat everyone if no head lice are found but you need to look for the head lice.

If you find head lice in your family please tell anyone who has had head to head contact with the family member.

Accurate information on treatment and control of head lice can be found at www.health.vic.gov.au

WSC INFORMATION NIGHTS 2013 FOR CURRENT GRADE 6 PARENTS

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All information evenings are held from 6.30—7.30pm
Maths at Dudley

Numeracy Support for Parents

The development of your child’s numeracy skills is a vital part of their education. Parents often feel helpless when their secondary aged children struggle with maths and number skills.

During Parent Teacher interviews Glenn Sullivan will be available for any parents who would like support in methods they can use at home to help their children develop strong Number skills.

He will be available to discuss with you topics such as; Helping your child with their Multiplication Tables, use of the Textbook at home, the Maths Homework program, Mathletics and other related areas. If you bring a memory stick he can provide you with some excellent computer resources.

Sessions with Mr. Sullivan can be booked on-line in the same way that you book your normal classroom teacher interviews.

Numeracy Help at Lunchtimes

Can your child list all of the factors of 72? Can they work out 0.15 x 0.3? Can they work out 15% of 200? Can they calculate three quarters minus one fifth?

If you answered NO to any of those questions OR if your child needs a calculator to work them out then they NEED to work to develop better NUMBER Skills!

So every lunchtime during the month of March Mr Sullivan will be in room 34 running a program to help YOUR CHILD to BUILD BETTER Number skills.

They can turn up on whatever days best suit them OR they can come every day.

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 TUESDAY LUNCHTIME AND WEDNESDAY AFTERSCHOOL (DUDLEY STUDENTS WELCOME WEDNESDAY’S)

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED!
YEAR 7 CAMP
Community Announcements

FOR SALE

The school has five 20 year old woodwork benches we wish to sell. They are sturdy and in fair condition for a 20 year old bench. They are without vices. Price is $110 each. They will go to the first 5 buyers to ring the business Manager on 56713706.

The Uncle Bob’s Club of Wonthaggi is hosting a door to door collection on Good Friday for the Royal Children’s Hospital
Friday 29th March 2013
Wonthaggi Fire Brigade Headquarters
Watt St, Wonthaggi
9am
For further details please call 0488026435
Dear Parents/Carers,

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held at the Dudley Campus from 4.00pm – 6.00pm on Wednesday 27th March and from 9.00am – 2.20pm on Thursday 28th March (Student Free Day).
We have changed our parent/teacher booking procedures and you can now book interviews at times that suit your family best.
Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

BOOKINGS OPEN FRIDAY 8th March at 4.00pm
BOOKINGS CLOSE MONDAY 25th March at 9.00am

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au
Enter THIS school event code.

When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately.
You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

BOOKINGS OPEN FRIDAY 8th MARCH.

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 Tuesday 12th March 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. Parents are asked to please only make one booking per teacher even if your child has that teacher for more than one subject. 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 online booking. If you get time, click on the “contact us” button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school’s name and suburb. Alternatively, you may give feedback to the school office.